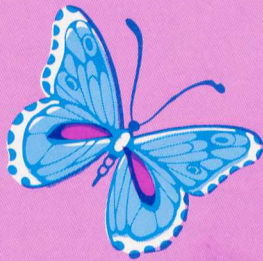


FREE WILL BAPTIST

MAY, 1972

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Personal from the Editor



THE fascination of the starry skies has fired the interest of man in every age of world history. The Egyptians, more than 3,000 years before Christ was born, established their calendar by watching for the day on which Sothis, the Dog Star, appeared on the eastern horizon at daybreak and the Babylonian astronomers and astrologers were known far and wide in the days of David and Solomon. The over-powering grandeur of the heavens has led many to believe that the stars, the sun, and the moon, were themselves gods, and we find the worship of the heavenly bodies prominent in all ancient religions.

The Psalmist was also interested in these things, and he makes frequent mention of them in his Psalms. But David found in them more than a strange fascination. To him they were not gods, but rather means by which God revealed His majesty and glory to men. "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork." To him they were an incentive to praise and a source of comfort.

A shepherd in David's day had some

exciting and dangerous moments. David killed a lion and a bear in defending his sheep. But there were also many boring hours, during which all was quiet, and there was time for serious reflection and thought. On such a quiet evening David must frequently have sat down and searched the heavens and tried to comprehend the mysteries he saw there.

Modern scientific instruments and investigation, including Russian and U.S. space shots, have revealed much more about the heavens than the ancients ever hoped to know. We have learned that the sun is the center around which the universe revolves. Though the sun may seem small in comparison to the earth, the theory has been voiced that it is more than a million times as large as the earth, and that it weighs about 400,000 times as much. Again it is assumed that if we could travel by plane at the rate of 300 miles per hour from the earth to the sun, we would not reach it until about 1991, because about 93 million miles separate these two bodies. Be all this as it may—God is there, and His powerful hands guides the sun in its orbit with absolute accu-

racy.

Scientists do not pretend that all their figures of this kind are accurate, but they serve to give us some idea of the vastness of the universe in which we live. Our human minds are not capable of understanding such astronomical figures, yet we know that God's presence extends to the remotest corner of His universe, that all this came into being at His command, that His wisdom designed it and His infinite power still upholds it. David refers to the moon and the stars as "the work of Thy fingers,"—playthings in the hands of God. How great is the wisdom and power and majesty of our God!

By contrast, how small is man! David felt the impact of that contrast as he looked up into the skies, and he said, "When I consider Thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which Thou hast ordained, what is man that Thou art mindful of him?"

If the story ended here, man would be left without comfort and without hope. But God has revealed in His Word an even more wonderful aspect of His greatness—the unlimited resources of His love for men. The earth on which we live is one of the smallest of the bodies which God has created, and even on this earth we are from one point of view relatively unimportant. To make matters worse, we daily sin against God and heap guilt upon ourselves. We are too often lax in doing the things which God would have us do and over-active in doing what He has prohibited. What right have we to expect any considera-

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CHURCHES PEOPLE and EVENTS

Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, pastor of Merl's Chapel Church and former Editor of the *GEM* passed from labor to reward, March 4, after an illness of five days. He was 54 years old. Brother Jeffreys was converted in 1935 at the Mt. Olive Church, Greenfield, and was licensed to preach, December 8, 1940, with ordination of December 29, 1946. He was a World War II veteran. Brother Jeffreys is survived by five children, his wife Opel, his parents Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jeffreys, three brothers, and two sisters. Funeral services were held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Monett, conducted by Rev. Tommy Day, Springdale, Arkansas and Rev. James McAllister, pastor of the church. "Known unto God are all his works."



The First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley dedicated its new bus following a morning worship service. Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sutton and son Garry Lee, Everett Usery, and Clarence Burton, Pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Sutton gave a sizeable gift toward the cost of the bus in

memory of Mrs. Marie Sutton. Marie was a member of the Berkeley Church. Everett Usery is one of the drivers. Clarence Burton, the pastor states, "The new bus has a capacity of fifty-four. Our goal is to fill it as well as the one we now have for the glory of God."

Victory Church, Avondale, celebrated Heritage Sunday and Old Fashioned Day, March 19. The occasion marked the 192nd anniversary of Free Will Baptists. Worshipers dressed in old fashioned clothing including long dresses and bonnets for the women with bow ties, spats, and bib overalls for the men. The occasion concluded with fellowship and fruit cobbles of many kinds.



The nineteenth annual Home Coming for Fourth Church, St. Louis was Sunday, April 16. The church had its beginning March 8, 1953. Since it was the fourth church established in the St. Louis area it became known as the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church. The church was organized with the consent and help of the Berke-

ley Church with Rev. Bill Turnbough coming from the Berkeley Church to serve as its first pastor.

Numerous rededications, a score of new believers, and twenty additions to the church were only the outward manifestations of the moving of the Spirit of God in recent revival services at the Trinity Church. The Gospel was presented in music and message and the Holy Spirit convicted, convinced and called men unto Himself. The revival was a factor in changing the course and the destiny of many lives. Easter Sunday night services was followed by a baptism service with fifteen following their Lord in baptism.

Missionary Bobby Poole (Brazil) was the evangelist for a three day revival, March 17-19, at the Olivet Church in Marshall. The spirit of the Lord was present in each service. A basket dinner was enjoyed in the church basement followed by a baptismal service in which eleven were baptized. Brother Poole showed slides of the missionary work in Brazil during the C.T.S. hour and was presented with a missionary check for \$250.00.

Fourth Church, St. Louis, reports a spirit of revival with souls being saved in regular services. Rev. Malcolm Fry of the National C.T.S. Headquarters was in the Fourth Church for a C.T.S. Workshop March 6-7. Several of the St. Louis churches participated in this workshop.

The attendance at the Salem Church is gradually rising and serves as a visible evidence of the work God is doing there. The church hosted a Fellowship Service for the Viburnum Church as penalty for losing in a recent Sunday School Contest. The general consensus was that loosing was made easier by the Christian fellowship enjoyed by the 74 present.

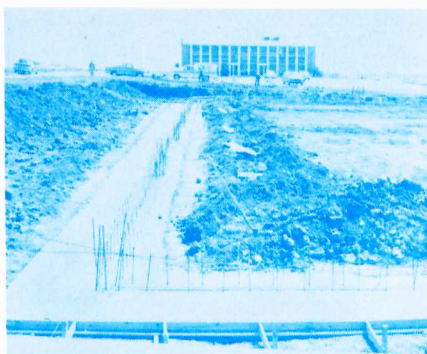
Rev. James Crawford recently resigned as pastor of the Marshfield Church to follow the leadership of God in starting a new work in Fordland. After considerable work to put a rented building in acceptable shape a first meeting was held Tuesday, March 28. This Prayer Meeting service was attended by 26. Easter Sunday there were 12 in the morning service with an evening attendance of 16. Brother Crawford requests our prayers and our help in sending him names of persons in Fordland area who he might contact. Send names of contacts to Rev. James Crawford, Rt. 2, Niangua, Mo. 65713.



Pictured above are the King (Randy Thompson) and Queen (Sherry Klingsmith) who reigned over the young people's Valentine Party at the Victory Church. One hundred seventeen dollars were given to help support the Youth Center in Sappora, Japan. Tacos, fellowship and games made a most enjoyable party time.

NOTICE!!!!

Teen Youth Camp meets June 18 thru 23 with Pre-Teen Camp June 25 thru 30. Start now making plans to attend. Parents and Pastors you can be a great help in making such plans. Why not add your encouragement in this direction. Lives are changed and problems worked out at Camp. It may be just what your young people need. You may need it too, so why not plan to serve as a sponsor or worker from your church this year??? Many adults have found great blessing in this service. Oh, yes, they also get a great spiritual lift.



NEW CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

A solid foundation is needed for a substantial building and the foundation for the new activities building at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, Oklahoma gives every appearance of being solid enough to support what is needed. This \$250,000.00 building will contain a gymnasium, cafeteria, library complex and class rooms. Financed by gifts and pledges, the new building will add greatly to the attractiveness of this 37 acre campus as well as add to the convenience and availability of classes and new programs being instituted by the college.



A part of the group enjoying the meal and ceremony honoring Brother and Sister Reeves at the Youth Camp.

Approximately 150 people met at the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp for the evening meal, Saturday, April 8, to honor Brother and Sister Reeves for their outstanding contribution to the denominational work of the state through the 26 years of devoted and unselfish service as resident camp Superintendent. It would be impossible to evaluate the work they have done or the eternal effect it has had on the lives of so many young people

and sponsors as they came to camp over these past many years. It can unquestionably be said that the camp exists today because of their dedication to the purpose of a youth camp. The work day was described by the camp board as successful.



Brother and Sister Reeves with Youth Camp Board Chairman, Rev. Glenn Murray.

MARCH 1972 REPORT FOR YOUTH CAMP

Accounts Receivable	
Bethel	10.00
Black Oak	10.00
Cabool	10.00
Grant Ave.	2.50
Grant Ave.	30.00
Grant Ave.	2.50
Hannon	15.50
Hannon	12.00
F.D. Johnson	10.00
1st Lebanon	30.00
Missouri Coop	221.43
1st, Mt. Grove	10.00
1st, Mt. Grove	10.00
New Home	20.49
New Rock Springs	5.00
New Rock Springs	4.50
Olivet	10.00
Telephone calls	3.64
Rock Chapel	10.00
Verdella Baptist	10.00
Waynesville	2.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Total	\$455.56
Balance Brought Fwd...	\$ 613.96
Accounts Receivable	455.56
Sub Total	\$1069.52
Less Accounts Payable	300.22
Balance on hand	\$ 709.30

Frank Giunta, Treasurer
Missouri Free Will Baptist
Youth Camp
1317 Moreland
Jefferson City, Mo. 65101



THE NEED FOR FORGETFULNESS

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-14

We often hear folks complain about their inability to remember names and so forth. But one must learn to concentrate.

We are told by those who study the mind that nothing is ever completely forgotten. The things DONE, SAID, HEARD, OR SEEN, stay stored away in our unconsciousness. I guess that is the reason the Devil comes out in some every once in awhile. We need to give heed to what we feed our minds.

Memory can be a great blessing to us. There are many things we should remember: the goodness and faithfulness of God, the kindness of others, the truths that make life worth living, the warnings of God and man, and the decisions that have lifted our life closer to God.

There is also the evil side of memory. It can be a devil to defeat and destroy us now and in the future. There are some things it would be wise for us to forget.

SOME NEED TO FORGET PAST SUCCESSES. Man has a natural tendency to want to rest upon his laurels, past successes. Like the Pharisee of Luke 18:11, 12 we try to tell God just how good we are and do not remember that our righteousness is as filthy rags before God.

We should be grateful of past blessings and achievements, but

we must beware lest we find ourselves looking backward instead of forward. Read Mark 8:36, 37. Paul reminded Timothy in 1 Tim. 6:7 "For we brought nothing into this world and it is certain we can carry nothing out."

Paul had many achievements for which he could be proud and grateful verses 4-6. Yet he did not count himself as having perfectly and completely achieved destiny. We don't in this life!

SOME NEED TO FORGET PAST FAILURES. Not all of us have been successful. Some have made miserable failures of personal life, family life, business life, spiritual service. Pride, selfishness, and ambition can defeat us. Peter disappointed his Lord, he was terribly disappointed with Himself. He experienced forgiveness from the Lord, he was wise and forgave himself. This enabled him to become the great preacher of Pentecost. Jonah was a great disappointment to God yet God gave him another chance—Nineveh repented because of His preaching.

God's promise is ours: Phil. 4:19, A believer is: a child of God, a partaker of Divine nature, has been translated out of Kingdom of darkness into Kingdom of God's Son, has been forgiven all trespasses for Christ sake and makes us set together in heavenly places in Christ.

ALL OF US NEED TO FORGET PAST GRIEVANCES. Matt. 5:23, 24, John 13:35. Do you forget or keep a list of past resentments? Do you plan to lug all of your old grudges into this year? Will you continue to cultivate a quarrel with your relatives? Are you and the wife or husband carrying on a running battle? Do you have some gripe with your parents? Are you angry with God because your life is not all you hoped it would be?

DO NOT HARBOR GRUDGES Matt. 18:21, 22. If you would face this week this year with Hope for success you **MUST FORGIVE AND FORGET PAST GRIEVANCES.** "In malice, be as children."

WE NEED TO FORGET OUR FEARS . . . Do you fear tomorrow? Do you fear failure? Do you fear death and eternity? Psa. 23. The way to **FORGETFULNESS** is by the path of **FORGIVENESS.** Jesus reminds us "I am the way the truth and the life" The way out of the wilderness of sin, the way through an uncertain tomorrow, He is the way into the family of God.

Borrowed from *The Sower* of the Fellowship Church, Flat River. Thank you Pastor Ken Doggett.



The annual District C.T.S. Rally and Competition of the Mission Association was hosted, Saturday, April 15, by the Rock Chapel Church.

Competition was very active in all areas, making the double elimination schedule fill most of the day.



Youth A



Fourteen well-prepared Sword Drillers: Mark Brawley, David and Larry Fortney, Dianne and Julie Hodges from Grant Avenue, Springfield; Pamela Hurtt, LaSchelle Upshaw, Tommy Walker, Deven and Scott Wood from Mtn. Grove, First; David Housley and Rusty Shepherd from Rock Chapel, and Becky McCully from Pleasant Grove.

were narrowed down to six finalists



to be narrowed down to the winners (left to right) Tommy Walker (3rd), with sponsors Carl and Bonnie Prock; Larry Fortney (2nd), with sponsors Mr. and Mrs. David Bagwell; and Becky McCully (1st), with sponsors Rev. and Mrs. Gene McCully.





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As usual Tic-Tac-Toe was the stiffest competition. Winners were: Mtn. Grove (3rd) (Back row l to r) Keith Kutz, Robin Hurtt, Joe Hurtt (sponsor), Karla Phelps, and Melinda Dean; Pleasant Home (2nd) (Front row l to r) Mrs. Joe Williams (Sponsor) Daniel Harvey and Mark Macomber, (the editor must apologize, he doesn't know the boys well enough to identify them and his notes are inadequate) Lutha Taylor, and Dottie Rich; Rock Chapel (1st) Sherry Shepherd, Linda Moore, David Housley, Mike Housley with sponsors Lola Dennis and Wanda Smith.



The only Declamation contestant was Sandy Carmon in the Herald's level pictured here between the Rock Chapel Herald's sponsors Lola Dennis and Wanda Smith.



Only three Bible Bowl Teams were in competition: Pleasant Grove (2nd) (Back row l to r) Gene Taylor, Mr. Clinton Rich (Sponsor), Dressie Macomber, Carol Rich, Joan Rich; Rock Chapel (3rd) (First row l to r) Shelby Housley (sponsor), Marilyn Dennis, Rick Wood and Tommy Wood were not available for the picture; Pleasant Grove (1st) Lessa and Cindy Cravens with Mr. and Mrs. Cravens (sponsors).



There was time in the afternoon for some recreation and an early evening weiner roast. Pictured here Mission Association C.T.S. Board chairman Rev. Bud Hill and board member Rev. Gene McCully with several weiner roasters. The day concluded with a hay ride that was dampened only slightly by an April shower.

MISSIONS NEWS

Nashville, Tennessee—Reverend J. Reford Wilson, General Director of the Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, 1134 Murfreesboro Road, Nashville, left here April 5 en route to France, India and Japan.

He will be aiding missionaries in France on church organization and future plans.

In India he will aid the missionaries in deciding a course of action for the future in the light of present conflicts. This is expected to be particularly difficult planning due to the unstable situation.

In Japan Mr. Wilson will review the mission projects in Tokyo and Sapporo. He will be especially interested in the work done by the Good News Team, a group of Free

Will Baptist Bible College students who have worked in Japan since January of this year.

Mr. Wilson will return to the United States on May 12.

PRAISE

Jim Combs reports the first converts have been won to the Lord in the area of Tubarao, Santa Catarina, Brazil. Missionaries have been working here since last summer.

Eddie and Sandra Payne arrived safely in the Ivory Coast on March 11 and are hard at work again in Doropo.

The first Free Will Baptist Church in France will be officially organized April 9, 1972. Missionary Dan Merkh began this work just four years ago.

Frank Cousineau writes that several young people have accepted the Lord in Nassian, Ivory Coast. They have opened preaching points in several new villages and are encouraged by the response of the Africans.

PRAY

Tom Willey, Jr. requests prayer for two young men, Danny and

Tauro. They are seeking the Lord's guidance concerning attending the Bible Institute in Panama.

Jean Paul, a Rennes university student working on his doctorate in psychology, has been talking with Joe Haas about the Lord. Pray that the Holy Spirit will convict him and he will accept Christ as his Saviour.

General Director J. Reford Wilson left April 5 on a journey that will take him to France, India and Japan. He is traveling alone and desires our prayer support for safe travel, good health and an effective ministry.

Larry and Priscilla Inscoe are nearing the end of their Missionary Internship training and will soon begin itinerary to raise the financial support needed for them to go to Panama.

Have you heard "Tell It Again"? No, it is not a new Rock Musical. It is better than that. It is a long playing record by the Missionaries Quartet (Rev. Jim McAllister, Rev. Dale Skiles, Rev. Bud Hill, and Rev. Frank Giunta). The record is yours for a \$5.00 contribution to the Missouri

Missionaries Bobby Poole (Brazil) and Lonnie Palmer (Africa) and Missionary appointee to Africa Jerry Pinkerton held services in a week long Missionary Conference sponsored by the Sonlight Missionary Conference. The final service was held Sunday afternoon, April 23, at the Rock Chapel Church. Challenges given by the missionaries and the beautiful special music by the quartet of the First Church, Mtn. Grove combined to make a spiritually uplifting service that presented the thrust of Missions. A final accounting of cash offerings amounted to \$1267.66 to be divided equally among the Missionaries participating.

Bobby Poole



Lonnie Palmer



Jerry Pinkerton



Home Mission Board Loan Fund. The record is worth the contribution price even if you weren't helping to establish churches through which the *true* gospel of Jesus Christ is presented. You may send your \$5.00 contribution for the Loan Fund to Rev. Lawrence Thompson, 3416 N. Bellefontaine, Kansas City, Mo. 64117 and request the record, or you may give your contribution to any member of the quartet and get your record. You will enjoy listening to the twelve selections included.

BRO. FRANK WRITES:

What a thrill it has been to watch the Lord bless the efforts here at Jefferson City. This past month has been so full that it's hard to find a place to begin. Our attendance more than doubled during the month (we had a 140% gain). There were some 26 decisions (most of them adults, and most 1st time). We finally got our pews, and our bus ministry increased to an approximate average of 35. All of this is conclusive proof of the truth of God's Word in Psalm 126:5, 6, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

We certainly appreciate each of you who have been prayer partners with us in this ministry. Let me urge you to continue to pray that God will give wisdom to lead the Church on to greater heights.

Missouri contributions to Foreign Missions for March, 1972 was \$5,639.74.

National Home Missions and Church Extension giving from Missouri for the month of March, 1972 was \$1,021.76. This makes a total of \$2,947.06 given in 1972 leaving \$14,052.94 as our quota yet to be met.

Missouri State Home Mission Giving Feb. 5th - March 5th, 1972

O.D. Matthews	7.00
Willow Springs Church	13.00
Grace Church	25.00
Parkview Church	35.00
New Home Church	20.00
Rock Chapel Church	20.00
South Side Church	18.00
First Church Waynesville	4.00
Mine LaMotte Church	10.00
Berkeley Church	10.00
First Church Joplin	42.52
Thayer Church	52.75
Hannon Church	47.72
Faith E. Lovelace	5.00
Mrs. Stella Mowry	4.00
Salem Church	20.00
Olivet Church	110.00
Farmington Church	95.50
Kirksville Church	1.00
First Ch. St. Joseph	9.24
Myrtle Church	15.00
Victory Church	111.40
Fellowship Church	55.00
Low Ground Church	5.00
Northeast Association	68.60
Hurryville Church	30.00
First Church Monett	26.00
Parkview Church	37.00
Harmony Church	7.99
First Church Flat River	22.00
First Church DeSoto	20.00
Belvoir Women's Aux., N.C.	33.00
Coppermines Church	7.00
Mona Chrisman	1.00
Cooperative Receipts - Feb.	869.75
	<u>\$1,858.47</u>

Designated gifts for Jefferson City Loan Fund:

Belton Church	14.00
First Ch. Waynesville	32.00
St. Francois Co. Qtly. Mtg.	75.00
Genevieve Weiss	10.00
Happy Hill Church	15.00
	<u>\$146.00</u>

Total giving for month \$2,004.47

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Missouri State Home Mission Giving March 5 - April 5, 1972

Mine LaMotte Church	10.00
Fae Davis	25.00
Hannon Church	74.93
First Ch. Joplin	33.00
Thayer Church	15.75
Oklahoma State Assoc.	5.00
Mona Chrisman	1.00
Belvoir Woman's Aux. N.C.	2.00
Pleasant Ridge Young People	20.00
Stella Mowry	2.00
Faith E. Lovelace	5.00
First Ch. Pocahontas, Ark.	5.00
First Ch. Mtn. Grove	90.99
First Ch. St. Jopseh	11.93
Copper Mines Church	20.00
First Ch. West Plains	40.00
New Rock Springs Church	19.50
First Ch. Waynesville	2.00
Low Ground Church	5.00
Willow Springs Church	13.00
Calvary Church	6.25
New Home Church	20.00
Victory Church	211.54
Rock Chapel Church	20.00
Leadington Church	73.96
First Ch. O'Fallon	5.00
Cuba Church	8.00
Myrtle Church	11.21
Fourth Church	49.00
Fellowship Church	63.00
Olivet Church	65.00
South Side Church	5.00
First Church DeSoto	20.00
First Church Mtn. Grove	60.51
Union Light Church	33.00
Parkview Church	24.00
Salem Church	10.00
Cooperative Receipts	1122.98
	<u>\$2209.55</u>

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tion from Him? Yet in spite of this, He has chosen us to be the highest of all His creatures, chosen us to be recipients of his love and mercy. Whatever He has created, He made for the service of man. For us He sent His son into the world to suffer and die and rise again that we might have the blessing of heaven through faith in His blood. Man is *not* small and insignificant; he is the greatest, most important, and most highly blessed of all God's creatures.

If all this is true, several things follow quite naturally:

If God's power is without limit, and if He looks upon us as being so important to Him that He was ready to sacrifice His Son for our redemption, then we may be sure that nothing ever will do us any real harm. No matter where the call of duty may lead us, God will be there to satisfy all our needs, to answer our prayers when we call upon Him, to give us protection in danger, wisdom as the need demands, and to provide us with the necessities of life.

On the other hand, we may also be certain that whatever experiences God sends us, even though they may not seem pleasant at the moment, can only be intended for our good; for God will not permit evil to strike those whom He

bought with such a price. His perfect power can avert all evil from us or change it to our good.

If you are ever in doubt about His ability to care for you, look about you and see the things He has made and let them remind you of the greatness of His majesty and power. If you are ever tempted to doubt that He cares for you, look into His Word and see the cross of Calvary there and let it remind you of the greatness of His love for you. Jesus Christ—the son of God, true God Himself—lived, suffered, and died, so that believing you might have forgiveness of sins, and eternal life. Truly, "all things (must) work together for good to them that love God."

Borrowed from the Broadway Chimes of the Broadway United Methodist Church, Springfield

THIS IS MY CHURCH

This is my church. It is composed of people like me. We make it what it is.

I want it to be a church that is a lamp to the path of pilgrims, leading them to Christ the Sav-

ior. It will, if I am.

It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I will help fill them. It will do a great work, if I work. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all these things that I want my church to be.

A NEW DAY

... is dawning in evangelism. Evangelism has had its' knocks. In some denominations it is a bad word. Some have tried to outgrow the idea. However, the Spirit of God is moving. People are sharing their faith and their experience in grace who would have never thought of this before. Religious life is becoming something to enjoy—that warms our hearts—that we get excited about. People are sharing their faith because they want to and because they have something to tell about. This is evangelism at its best, unstructured, not programed and not promoted. It takes place because one person or a group of persons become concerned about a person.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES, 1971-72

	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Central											120	128	
Copper Mines	91	99	95	91	95	100	90	91					
DeSoto	79	91	85	84	91	100	106	125	114	105	100	115	
Farmington		143	117	119	112				122				
Fellowship										192	203	217	271
Fredericktown	136	151	147	139	115	130	139	145	137	152		153	
Fourth											112	122	148
Lebanon, First	150	162	139	177	127	144	189	189	152	150	137	150	186
Monett, First	188	183	161	163	166	181	211	211	188	201			
Mine LaMotte	41	52	37	37	47	35	40	39	41	45	35	43	58
Myrtle								57	56	57	48	55	56
Parkview	121	127	104	96	98	103	99	105	95	93	86	94	94
Salem	53	48	46	40	34	39	39	40	44	43	44	46	42
Springfield, First				199	184	207	213	196	202				
Thayer					131	133	132	133	136	139			
Trinity	211	196	170	159	192	146	181	215	186	190	169	178	227
Victory	137	106			97	105	111	117	105	97	110	125	130
West Plains, First		139	128	134	126	130	149	150	148	151	137	141	157
Willow Springs	90	103	96	97	100	99	98	97	96	104	88		

Woman's Page

Not "IF" but "HOW"

When Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15) He did not leave the possibility open to dedicated followers to choose whether or not they would be involved in carrying out this commission. One cannot truly call himself a follower of Jesus Christ and not be involved somehow in carrying out this so very important last command.

If there is any room for choice in the matter it is only in the "how" we will be involved. Obviously only a few Christians can go to the relatively remote areas we call "mission fields." If you are in the place of God's choosing for you, you are in your "MISSION FIELD." You are responsible to "make disciples" of the people around you where you are, and to "teach them to observe all things" Christ commanded.

One of the most effective lay-woman witnesses I know is one whose home is always open to young people with problems. They know they are always welcome to stay for the next meal, or even spend the night if the occasion calls for it. The Christian woman's ministry is listening mostly, but prayerfully counselling and greatly influencing the decisions her "parishioners" are making. Scores of young people, now grown up, some on the mission field, now call her blessed.

How are you carrying out the great commission? Look around ladies. There are opportunities unlimited."



Summer Opportunities

Youth Camp June 18-23
Youth Camp June 25-30
National Association July 10-13
Fort Worth, Texas
State Association Aug. 21-23
Grant Ave. Springfield
Vacation Bible School in your local church
Five Day Clubs at your home or local parts

REPORT TIME is here . . . Don't forget to mail your reports to the proper State officers . . . Our State project offerings for Mom Willey to Hazel Hutsell, 534 W. North, Mt. Grove, Mo. 65711.

Surprise in Heaven

I dreamt death came, the other night
And Heaven's gate swung wide.
An angel with halo bright
Ushered me inside.

And there. To my astonishment,
Stood folks I'd judged and labeled;
As "quite unfit;" "of little worth"
and "spiritually disabled."

Indignant words rose to my lips,
But never were set free.
For every face showed stunned surprise
Not one expected ME."



Now it came to pass that a certain parishioner invited his pastor to lunch at a popular restaurant. The waiter was very efficient, and the food was good. As they rose to depart, the pastor observed that his host laid some coins under the edge of the plate. The waiter who stood by smiled happily which meant that the tip was satisfactory.

Now, with such customs all are familiar, and this parable enters not into the merits and demerits of tipping. But the pastor began to meditate. Well, he knew that the usual tip must be at least ten percent (a tithe), lest the waiter turn against you. Then it came to him that few people so honor their God as they do their waiter. For they give unto the waiter the tithe, but they give unto their God whatsoever they can spare. Verily does man fear his waiter more than he fears God? And does he love God less than he loves the waiter? Truly a man and his money are beyond understanding."

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Editor's P.S.: Rev. and Sister Lay have been blessed with a new son.

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

HILLSDALE Free Will Baptist College choir with Ted Wilbanks, choir director, held two services in St. Louis Churches March 5. Sunday morning they sang at Trinity Church, Bridgeton, and were at the South Side Church for evening services. They presented two very fine services and a soul was saved in each service.

Sunday morning, March 12, to encourage Pastor Roy Dedman and the Richwoods Church, I visited them and delivered the morning sermon. The spiritual condition of the church is good. Sunday evening I delivered the sermon in the DeSoto Church. Pastor Charles Miller reports several souls being saved in their regular services. One man was saved Sunday night. Brother Miller baptized one recent convert following the evening service. DeSoto church is a good example of a soul-winning, cooperative giving church.

Paul Ketteman, Free Will Baptist Bible College public relations director, and David Randlett, choir director, along with thirty-six choir members brought three fine services in St. Louis area churches Sunday, March 19. The morning service was at Grace Church, the afternoon service was at Gateway Church, with the evening service at Berkeley Church. The attendance was excellent and the response to the gospel challenge in these services was good, especially among the youth of each congregation.

Saturday, March 25, the Ministers and Deacons of Cave Springs Association assembled with Shiloh

Church for a time of fellowship and Bible study. Myrtle Church's new pastor, Ernie Hale, and Jesse Dunkin shared the 11:00 a.m. preaching hour. Pastor Russell Johnson and the church served a good dinner following the service. Shiloh Church has taken on new life. Several have been saved and joined the church lately. They have furnished their sanctuary with nice new pews along with other improvements in their building. Brother Beatty gave the promotional program. I delight to witness some fruits of righteousness springing forth in a former pastorate. I always encourage churches to join in the world wide ministry of the Word of God through the Cooperative Plan of support.

Sunday morning, March 26, I was privileged to share the gospel message with the Koshkonong Church and Pastor Combs. Brother Combs is recuperating from heart surgery. He is able to attend services, but unable to assume full charge in preaching. Koshkonong Church continues to have an in-gathering into their membership in the past three months. Sunday evening I delivered the message for the Communion Service in the Thayer Church. Every Christian present participated in the Lord's Supper.

Commendations to fifty-seven churches sending cooperative funds to bring the March receipts to a record \$6,326.64. Total receipts at the end of eight months are \$43,669.31, making us approximately 73% of the way to our projected yearly goal.

Cooperative Receipts, March 1972

Hannon	\$138.87
Hickory Grove	12.46
Gray Summits	15.00
Number One	29.68
Salem	20.00
Belton	100.00
Independence	28.10
Grace	248.03
Houston	116.00
Mine LaMotte	18.17
Garfield	22.18
Gateway	34.00
Pleasant Ridge	16.75
Marshfield	23.38
Viburnum	82.74
Berkeley	319.10
Black Oak	30.00
Thayer	71.84
Olivett	110.00
Grant Avenue	230.84
Central	510.00
Mtn. Grove, First	528.38
Columbia	25.39
Monett, First	194.17
DeSoto	263.00
Granby	7.68
Lebanon, First	385.90
Rock Chapel	18.48
Pleasant Hill (Cave Springs)	10.00
Byrd (Cave Springs)	10.00
Union	120.00
Happy Home	23.18
Copper Mines	65.00
Leadinton	207.60
St. Joseph, First	23.86
Victory	211.15
New Rock Springs	31.90
Waynesville	319.44
Twin Oaks	100.00
Cabool	104.52
Fourth	187.49
Fellowship	50.00
Farmington	238.85
Bethel (Madison)	18.46
Union Light	49.62
New Harmony Sunday School	23.58
Bethel, Festus	40.00
Pleasant Grove	22.12
Parkview	50.00
West Plains, First	111.00
Hickory Grove	20.00
Myrtle	163.67
Mtn. Grove, First	252.16
South Side	163.00
Mine LaMotte	23.00
New Rock Springs	27.00
Cedar Ridge	53.73
plus designated	5.97
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$6,326.64

March Disbursements	
17.75% Missouri Missions	\$1,122.98
16.00% Promotional Dept.	1,012.26
04.00% General fund	253.07
04.00% Book Store	253.07
03.50% Youth Camp	221.43
01.00% S.S. and C.T.S.	63.27
00.25% Superannuation	15.82
05.50% GEM	347.97
52.00% 8 Missouri Depts.	\$3,289.87
03.00% Hillsdale College	189.80
00.50% Theological Com.	31.63
00.50% Layman's Bd.	31.63
01.50% R.E.A.P.	94.90
03.00% C.T.S.	189.80
07.00% Church Extension	442.86
09.50% Executive Dept.	601.03
10.00% F.W.B.B.C.	632.66
less designated	5.97
13.00% Foreign Missions	822.46
plus designated	5.97
45.00% 8 National Depts.	\$2,846.97
100.00% Total disbursements	\$6,326.64