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Personal from the Editor



The next issue of the *GEM* will have a new editor. Because the time I had available would not allow me to efficiently care for the problems involved with mailing lists and subscriptions, I found it necessary to resign as editor. I have enjoyed putting the *GEM* together the past two years and have had the privilege of becoming acquainted with a few people as they regularly sent in news and materials for our state magazine.

Now that I will no longer be editing the *GEM*, I can say some things that need to be said without them seeming to be personal or selfish. As I write this, I have no idea who the new editor shall be, but will hold the *GEM* materials until I know the name and address.

May I make some suggestions which will help both you and the new editor. First, everyone who so faithfully sent in information, news, Sunday school averages, etc. continue to send them in. Many others who do not, should. If people attended and supported church and church activities like the majority of pastors helped with news and information for the *GEM*, I could guess the

outline of next Sunday's sermon. Less than one-fourth of Missouri Free Will Baptist churches ever sent in anything.

Remember the publishing deadline is the 15th of the month. The editor should have your material by the 15th. If it comes in later it will probably not get included. If it is definitely dated it may have to be left out of the next issue because the date is already passed or it is so old. Some people have become very upset with me and stopped sending in materials for this reason. Do keep in mind that materials sent in by September 15 will be for publication in the October issue. This is a monthly publication and does not work like a weekly home-town newspaper.

Second, when writing about your subscription for any reason, please include your CP No. It is a part of your name label. If you have a personal subscription include the MONTH designation. I have almost completed an alphabetical file of subscribers, but before it was begun, there was positively no way to check on a name. I know many have had to test their Christian love and patience in this area. I have

appreciated the patience of those who were patient, and understood the impatience of others.

Third, please watch the addresses to which you mail various things. They were listed earlier in the *GEM* but I shall include them again. Some people are still mailing material to the Mt. Pleasant address in St. Louis. It has not been the *GEM* address for a long time. Mailing to the wrong address always costs time and often costs money as well. The following are addresses you will want to have available to use.

Anything related to the *GEM*:

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CHURCHES

PEOPLE

and

EVENTS

July was a month for breaking records at the Fellowship Church, Flat River. Their average attendance of 303 exceeded last year's by 125. It also broke their all-time record of 292 set in April, 1966. This is outstanding, but especially so, when it was done in July, a month when Sunday School attendance is supposed to be down. We join with Pastor Ken Doggett in saying, "Praise the Lord."

Rev. Billy Joe Gentry, Jones Chapel Church, Stella, has just finished a week long revival at the First Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas. The "Show-Me State Quartet" provided special music for the Saturday night services. A good revival was reported. Currently Rev. Gentry is in an open-air crusade at the Bethel Community Church, Anderson. It will continue through the month of August. Special singing groups added to the services nightly.

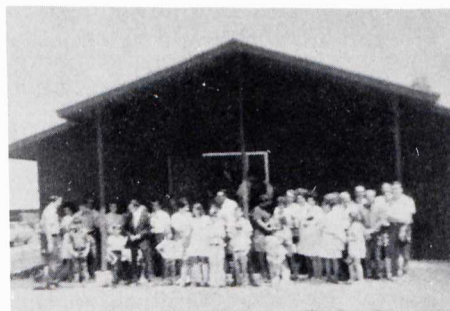
"Praise the Lord," is the shout of the newly begun work in East Bonne Terre. First services were held in a private home on May 19 and the work is now in temporary housing while a building fund grows to provide for a permanent location. Rev. Don Umfleet is leading the work. I'm sure Missouri Free Will Baptists will join in their praises and add our prayers to theirs that God will bless as they serve in that community.

Rev. Daniel E. Martin announces his call into the field of evangelism. He has held revivals with

souls being saved and men being dedicated to the work of the



Lord, an important part of the work of the church in these last days. If you would be interested in contacting Brother Martin for services at your church you may write: Rev. Daniel E. Martin; 3719 Three Oaks Drive; Bridgeton, Mo. 63044, or call either 739-5131 or 426-5560 in Area Code 314.



I stand amazed is all I can say as I stand in the driveway and look at two of the most beautiful acres of land in South Springfield, a beautiful education-chapel building, and one church bus. All of this God has given to us within one year.

In a recent yearly report from our Treasurer revealed a \$22,000.00 income with \$16,000 of this being tithes and offerings. From the beginning, our missions giving has been good.

We can seat 160 and have 8 classes inside by using temporary walls. We had a tremendous opening day in our new building with 107 in services, 5 saved and 3 rededicated.

The church furniture (organ, piano, carpet, pews, folding chairs, refrigerator, clock) were all gifts donated. The parking lot, and

church bus were purchased with special gifts.

We are now in a building fund program to raise \$4,000.00 to pay off an existing loan so we can begin the second phase of a three phase program. Last week we had 2,500.00 of this amount given or promised. Our attendance has gone from 32 the first Sunday to over 100.

What could a pastor say, but "I stand amazed." "It is not by power, nor by might, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts."

Pray for South Fremont and its continued ministry in this growing community. We are the only fundamental, Bible believing church in this part of Springfield with thousands of new homes and hundreds more under construction.

By the time you read this our second building will be started.

Bill Adkisson, Pastor
South Fremont
Free Will Baptist Church

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Missouri Youth Camp:
Rev. Frank Giunta, Treasurer
Missouri State Youth Camp Board
1317 Moreland Avenue
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101
Phone: (314) 635-8248

Orders for Sunday School Materials and other Bibles and Books:

Lebanon Bible and Book Store
P.O. Box 645
Lebanon, Missouri 65536
Phone: (417) 532-9516

News for Woman's Auxiliary "Woman's Page":

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Joplin, Missouri 64801
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Arnold, Missouri 63010
Phone: (314) 296-9242

My prayers and best wishes go with the GEM and its readers.

Free Will Baptist Pastors

Charter Plane And Ship

For Holy Land Tour!

Approximately fifty (50) Free Will Baptist Ministers and others are cooperating in a never to be forgotten project of a tour to the Holy Land and also to go over much of the territory visited by the Apostle Paul on his missionary journeys. Rev. Raymond Riggs, Tour Director, Host and Co-ordinator of the trip reports that an air of expectancy exists as Hosts plan to recruit members from their communities and congregations to accompany them on this "Journey of a Lifetime."

The full price of the trip from New York is six hundred and ninety-nine dollars. (\$699.00) Departure from the states will take the group direct to the island of Cyprus, where they will board a

luxury passenger ship which will be our hotel for the nine days we will be traveling.

Five countries will be visited: Cyprus, Israel, Lebanon, Syria and Turkey. The ship concept of travel will enable the tour members to unpack and relax eliminating long delays at airports. They will return each night to the ship and the vessel will take them from port to port along the Mediterranean. During the day tours will be made in luxury air-conditioned motor coaches over territory that will certainly increase one's education, deepen his faith and spirituality.

One of the highlights of the tour will be Special Evangelistic Services on board ship each night with Rev. Jack Paramore as Evangelist and the Ministers' Quartet

from the state of Oklahoma along with other special singers providing special music. This is indeed an opportunity of a lifetime!

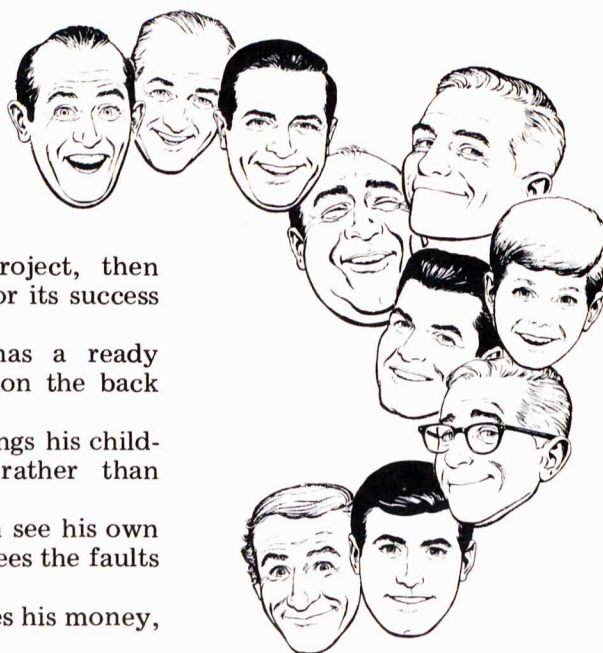
There is still room for other ministers to join as Host and by recruiting five paying passengers, your passage would be free. Attached is a list of the names of the men who are serving as Hosts. For further information regarding this tremendous trip contact Co-ordinator, Rev. Raymond Riggs, 3028 Elmhurst, Royal Oak, Michigan, 48073 or a Host in your locale who has been booked for this Charter Cruise.

Now is the time to make your plans for a tremendous vacation with a purpose! The departure date is March 19, 1973. Send for full particulars soon.

Ten Most Wanted Men

1. The man who tries to be the right example to every child rather than talk about it.
2. The man who has a passion to help rather than a passion to be helped.
3. The man who is willing to say, "I was wrong. I'm sorry."
4. The man who will look at temptation squarely and say, "No."
5. The man who puts God's business above any other.
6. The man who throws himself

- totally into a project, then gives the credit for its success to his helpers.
7. The man who has a ready smile and a pat on the back for others.
8. The man who brings his children to church rather than sending them.
9. The man who can see his own faults before he sees the faults of others.
10. The man who gives his money, time and talent.



Special Trust Funds

A Trust Fund is a means whereby churches or denominational agencies may invest money for an excellent return with the privilege of withdrawing any or all of the money on ninety days' notice. These Trust Funds earn the same rate of interest as the funds of participants in the Retirement Plan.

The initial deposit may be in any amount and future deposits may be made at any time but are not required to keep the account active.

A modest service fee of one-half of one percent is charged at each deposit. This amounts to fifty cents per hundred dollars. Here are some examples of how a special Trust Fund can benefit you:

- Building Fund Money. Use the Trust Fund as you would a savings account in a regular bank.

- Reserve Funds. Some churches and all denominational agencies have money set aside for emergency needs. Put these funds to work for the Lord until you need them.

- Parsonage Money. Some churches are selling the parsonage and giving the pastor a housing allowance. In this Trust Fund, arrangements can be made to receive the earnings in cash. This could pay a large portion of the housing allowance and still leave the principal intact. For example, if a church had \$20,000 in a Trust Fund, and the fund earned an average of eight and one-half percent, the church would receive an average of \$141 each month.

Bond Sinking Fund. Some churches act as their own paying agent. The sinking fund payments could be placed in a Trust Fund.

Write for a copy of the Trust Agreement. Let your funds work for our denomination.

Write to:
Department of Retirement and Insurance
Herman L. Hersey, Director
P. O. Box 1088
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

It's budget time again! Most of our churches will be adopting a new budget soon.

Include the Board of Retirement and Insurance in your denominational giving next year.

This Board replaced the former Board of Superannuation of the National Association. Regular giving from your church is essential to effectively continue our ministry. Our department ministers through our retirement plan to 73 missionaries, 27 laymen employed by denominational agencies and 104 pastors. We are also helping 65 families to purchase bonds in their church building program through our installment buying plan. We are handling the life insurance for 122 policyholders and 100 families participate in our cancer care plan. Soon we will begin a ministry to the aging.

Offerings are needed to meet the expense of continuing these services, maintaining an office and promoting the program. Some churches have already included us in their denominational giving. Why not include this newest department in your church budget? Our mailing address is Department of Retirement and Insurance, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.



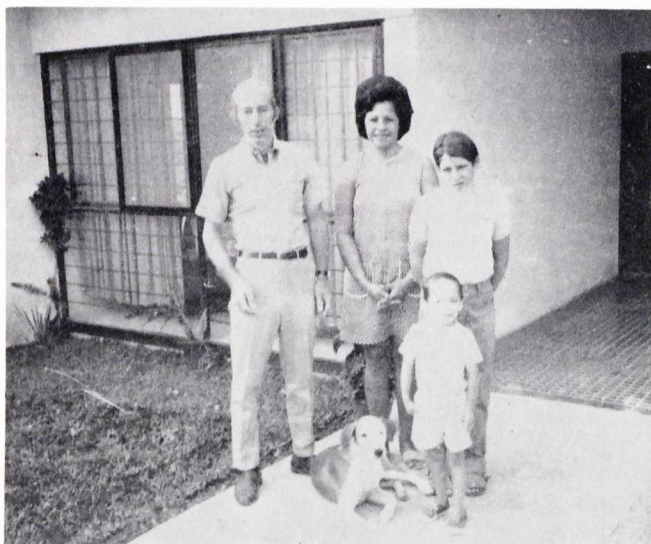
SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES, 1971-72

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
Central							120	128	135	120	119	115	
Copper Mines	95	100	90	91	96	91	81	89	92	102	87		
Cuba							77	81	76	85	90	93	95
DeSoto	91	100	90	91	114	105	100	115	142	133	125	125	123
Farmington	112				122						125		
Fellowship						192	203	217	271	187	275	266	303
Fredericktown	115	130	139	145	137	152		153		194			
Fourth	93	111	102	125	113	125	112	122	148	151	126	123	
Happy Hill							77	81	76	85	83		
Lebanon, First	127	144	189	189	152	150	137	150	186	153	163	164	136
Mine LaMotte	47	35	40	39	41	45	35	43	58	56	43	40	
Myrtle				57	56	57	48	55	56	61	57	58	
Parkview	98	103	95	105	95	93	86	94	94	100	92	87	84
Salem	34	39	39	40	44	43	44	46	42	41	39	35	
Trinity	192	146	181	215	186	190	169	178	227	197	204	181	162
Victory	97	105	111	117	105	97	110	125	130	136	120	126	110
West Plains	126	130	149	150	148	151	137	141		151	149	140	
Willow Springs	100	99	98	97	96	104	88	103	103	125	99		
Leadington							111	115	125	114	112	105	105

SUMMER Mission Trip



Nineteen of us, sponsors and young people, from ten different churches stop for group picture just before boarding the Rock Chapel Church bus for Mexico.



Ken Johnson and his family—including the dog—take time out for a picture in front of the house where they live. Brother Ken supervises the work in the Monterrey area.

IT WAS MID AFTERNOON before all was loaded and ready to start the long trip south to Mexico. This was the sixth annual trip sponsored by the Rock Chapel Church for their young people and other youth who wished to go. We were excited because Mexico and summer-time mission work was a new experience for us all. Just before loading up and heading out, Brother Cliff Bowman led us as we paused to ask God's blessing on the trip—a safe trip, that we who were going would be a blessing and be used of the Lord, that the trip would be trouble free, and that God would be with those we left behind. The complete and specific answer to this prayer has proved what we already felt: It was within God's will that we should go. We traveled over three thousand miles, lived and worked two weeks in Mexico without any bus trouble or serious sickness.

We were going to be summer-time missionaries, but we also expected to see many things. Our sight-seeing started—though slightly hindered by rain—at our first night's camp in the Buffalo River Camp Ground in Arkansas. The second day out we stopped in Little Rock to see the Capitol, Art Museum, Museum of Natural History, and the Restored Territorial Capitol and Historical Buildings. One traveler remarked as we left that he had had quite enough history for one day. The third day out the only stop was the San Jacinto Historical Monument and the Battleship Texas. The monument marks the place of the final battle with Mexico when Texas won her independence. We drove on that night to Pharr, Texas, our take-off point for Mexico.

Our crossing into Mexico was uneventful, which of course is good. Our first week in Mexico was spent in Monterrey. We arrived there, after leaving that morning to go through customs at 4:00 a.m. for breakfast. Brothers Bob Nosker and Phil Brown were our helpers across the border and Brother Ken Johnson was our host and director while in Monterrey. They are all affiliated with the Eleventh Hour Missionary Crusade, Inc. with whom we worked and were sponsored in Mexico. While in Monterrey we enjoyed a great variety of experiences. We built a block wall, did some electrical work, dug some drainage ditches on the mission property, helped in one Vacation Bible School, sang and gave testimonies in services almost every night, and passed out tracts at the market and near the mission property where we were housed while there. Our Missionary friends also showed us some places of interest in the city and took us on a trip into the mountains to see the beautiful Horse Tail Falls. One of our most interesting experiences was our trip to "market." Here we passed out 2500 tracts in the course of the week and had the privilege of buying some authentic Mexican items for souvenirs. Another highlight was our trip to San Miguel where we sang in the plaza before singing in the evening service held in the home of a Christian—we thought of the early Church as Paul made his missionary

journeys—and witnessed four souls saved. Though we knew the long hours of witnessing and working by the missionaries had more to do with them coming to Christ than our part in the service, we still rejoiced that God allowed us to be witness to His Spirit at work.

The service at San Mateo was also of significance to our group as some of them testified to a rededication to Christ and we all experienced a closeness of the Spirit.

Our next week was spent working in Banco. It was a small village about 12 miles below the border. Here we worked in the mornings with crafts sent down by the young people who attended the Rock Chapel Vacation Bible School this summer. We could not teach because of a language barrier, but we could show them how to make the craft items—not without some problems due to language, however. We also hung a door in the church and put six gallons of paint on it. Our sight-seeing while working with the Banco Church was a picnic trip to the Gulf of Mexico.

The most meaningful part of the trip was the people we met: Brother Bob Nasker, who had the unfortunate experience of being our guardian supervisor the entire trip, and his wife, Pat, who cooked all those wonderful meals we ate while working at Banco; Ken Johnson who was supervisor of the work in the Monterrey area and shared with us his burden for the work there and the needs, and his wife, Virginia, who kept us fed while we worked at Monterrey; Climente Jimenez who supervises the work of the Banco area and his wife Eneida who amazed us as she taught in the Vacation Bible School in Spanish; and Juanito and his family who served the Banco Church as native pastor. We were sorry that we could not speak Spanish so we could have had a better fellowship with the native workers. Then, we met many Mexican children who lived in the area where we worked on the Mission property besides the Mexican Christians with whom we could only shake hands and feel our kinship through Christ.

The trip home gave us ample time to see some places of interest in Texas. In San Antonio we saw the Alamo, the Riverfront restoration, and HemisFair Plaza; visited the state Capitol in Austin and the Lyndon B. Johnson Library and Museum on the University of Texas, Austin, campus; and then Six Flags Over Texas. We were happy that our Sunday schedule allowed for us to stop in Little Rock to visit morning services in the Capitol City Free Will Baptist Church where Rev. Johnny Postlewaite is pastor. That time of spiritual quietness and worship made the day go much better for most of us.

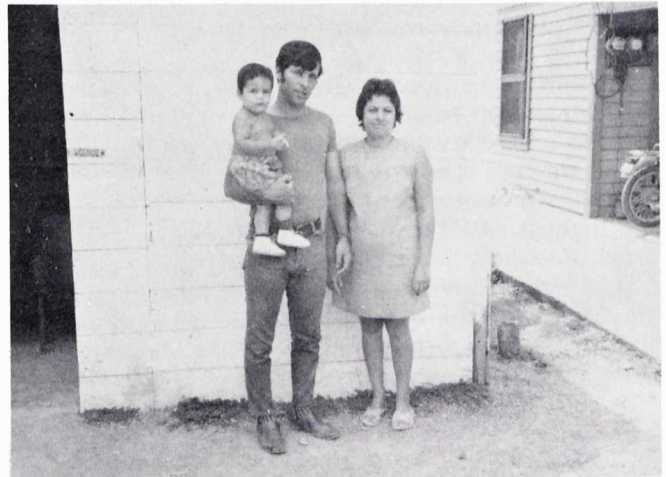
The 1972 group sponsors were happy to have people from First Free Will Baptist Church, Mountain Grove; Olivett Church, Marshall; First Baptist Church, Summersville; First Christian Church, Iberia; First Baptist Church, Lebanon; United Methodist Church, Cabool; First Assembly of God, Marshall; Calvary Temple, Springfield; United

Methodist Church, join with those of us from Rock Chapel on our trip to Mexico.

Immediate plans have not been made for a trip next year, but if the Lord tarries and it is felt within His will, we shall probably continue the tradition.



Juanito, the native pastor of the Banco Church, with his wife and daughter stand in the doorway to the Banco chapel.



Gabriel, the native minister of the Monterrey area, his wife Victoria, and their son Noe pause beside the entrance to the Monterrey chapel.



One of the work details taking time out for a little rest and a picture.



God Has A Plan For Every Life.

The fact that God has a plan for every life is one of the most practical and inspiring subjects to be found in the Bible. When that plan is discovered and followed, it brings greater happiness and success than could be achieved in any other way.

The World knows nothing of the God-planned life. God has made us; He knows our capacities, our weaknesses, our innermost longings and aspirations. He has a divine blue print for each of us.

God promises to give us the desires of our hearts if we meet the simple conditions set forth in His Word (Psa. 37:4).

According to reason, God has a plan for every Christian.

Everywhere we look in the universe, we find intelligent planning.

When we remember that we are the highest of God's earthly creatures, destined for a place in the future even above the angels, we are forced to the conclusion that God must have a special work for us to do during our time on earth.

GOD'S PLAN IS TAUGHT IN THE BIBLE.

His plan is personal.

God's plan is for believers.

God's plan is wonderfully detailed.

God's program is continuous.

God's program is definite and specific.

God's plan allows for special counsel and wisdom.

God's plan is sure to be profitable. God's plan is always good.

Obedying God's plan brings assurance.

"These things have I written . . .
That ye may know" 1 John 5:13



MISSIONS NEWS

PRAISE

Emma Ruth Willey continues to improve following major surgery in June.

Bill Fulcher reports much growth in the Agua Buena church in Panama. Souls are being saved and attendance records are being broken almost every Sunday.

Jimmy Aldridge sends news of their first Moslem convert in Bondoukou. Also, the Ivory Coast annual association licensed their sixth national preacher recently.

PRAY

Bobby and Geneva Poole arrived safely in Brazil and are seeking the Lord's guidance concerning the area in which He would have them work.

The necessary papers for Jim and Vickie Sturgill to enter Brazil have still not arrived. If the Sturgills are to begin language school this term, they must depart within the next couple of weeks. Pray that God would open doors and eliminate the "red tape" that they might soon be on their way.

Missionaries, board members and home office staff will gather August 7-11 at Free Will Baptist Bible College for the annual retreat. Pray for decisions that must be made and that a good spirit of fellowship would prevail.

The Free Will Baptist congregation in Rennes, France is without a pastor until Joe Haas returns in September. Pray that they would remain true and that God would strengthen their faith during this time.

Pray for Carlisle and Marie Hanna and family as they are left with sole responsibility for the

work in North India while the Cronks are home on furlough.

Bobby Aycock requests prayer for two young men who have shown interest in learning about the Lord. One is from a strong Catholic background. Also, pray for another young man who recently accepted the Lord in the service in Barbacena.

The Lonnie Palmer family will return to the Ivory Coast in mid-August, and the Fred Herseys are to go back to Japan in late August. Pray for travel safety for these missionaries.

Pray for the five new appointees who begin Missionary Internship the end of this month.

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION GIVING: July 5 — August 5, 1972

Faith E. Lovelace	5.00
Copper Mines	14.00
New Home	40.00
Belton	20.00
Leadington	8.00
Rock Chapel	20.00
New Rock Springs	22.52
Mine LaMotte	10.00
First, O'Fallon	5.00
Fellowship	116.00
First, Joplin	84.16
Myrtle	10.75
First, DeSoto	15.00
First, Mtn. Grove	32.63
First, Flat River	54.58
Hannon	49.40
First, Waynesville	3.00
N.E. Association	97.00
Mo. Woman's Aux.	329.79
Salem	10.00
First, Farmington	5.00
First, St. Joseph	31.27
First, Monett	25.00
South Side	5.00
Fourth	12.00
First, West Plains	20.00
Hazel Creek	5.00
Parkview	15.00
St. Francois Qtly.	25.00
Victory	70.09
Low Ground	5.00
Calvary	8.00
Coop. — July	1,276.91
Total	\$2,450.10

Secretary-Treasurer
(Rev.) Lawrence Thompson
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Missouri exceeded her quota to Free Will Baptist Bible College giving last year and is now on the way to accomplishing the same in 1972-73. June-July, 1972 giving was \$3,034.49 and exceeded the same period of last year by \$1,079.56.

F.W.B.B.C. NEWS

Anyone Need A Project?

As Free Will Baptist Bible College's new Activities Building progresses, Director of Development Jack Paramore is looking for ways to pay for the structure when it is completed. One method that has met a good response from Free Will Baptists in the past has been

to divide the big project into many smaller projects that could be adopted by churches and other smaller groups.

Already the Activities Building has been largely underwritten as a project. The North Carolina State Association voted in July to raise \$350,000 to construct the basic building. FWBBC alumni have a

\$70,000 project underway to pay for the pool and the space it will occupy in the building. But Paramore stresses that there is still much to be done before the building can be fully underwritten.

Among the projects currently available are:

1. Sidewalk paving . . . \$1,220.00
2. Lockers, 60 units each
accommodating six
students \$ 125.00 each
3. Bleachers \$5,200.00
4. Stage \$1,500.00

Any group adopting one of the above projects should contact the Bible College so that no one else will be working on the same project. More information is available from the Office of Development.

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS, JULY, 1972

Alton	\$ 10.00
Pleasant Hill	10.00
Byrd	10.00
Myrtle	176.56
Independence	88.00
Victory	238.21
Olivett	120.00
Lebanon, First	365.73
Number One	26.85
New Rock Springs	34.90
Grant Avenue	236.29
Mine LaMotte	14.92
Gray Summits	17.40
South Side	207.64
Pleasant Ridge	21.35
Salem	20.00
Mtn. Grove	500.40
Aurora Mission	19.64
O'Bethel	17.00
Farmington	15.12
Flat River, First	597.82
Mill Creek	116.43
Hurryville	65.54
Grace	341.22
Houston	93.00
Belton	72.00
Thayer	55.32
Marshfield	21.53
Aulsbury Chapel	112.42
Cuba	130.78
Happy Home	10.00
Carterville	15.51
Leadington	158.34
Bethel, Eldorado Springs	47.62
Pleasant Home	53.99
Rock Chapel	19.25
Union	60.00
Mtn. Valley	93.82
Mtn. Valley	122.18
Hannon	84.80
Verdella	33.87
St. Joseph, First	24.80
Berkeley	343.89
Waynesville	105.56

Monett	200.15
Martinsville	100.00
Copper Mines	60.00
Columbia	43.36
Lebanon, Second	5.00
Richwoods	159.21
Union Grove	140.00
Fourth	222.70
Granby	42.21
Hickory Grove	19.92
Freeman Chapel	86.56
Bethel, Festus	40.00
Victory	238.21
East Bonne Terre Mission	40.00
Grace	368.82
Mine LaMotte	16.39
New Home	38.71
South Side	193.00
Cedar Ridge	44.41
designated 10%	4.93
Total Receipts	\$7,193.84

Disbursements, July, 1972

17.75% Missouri Missions	\$1,276.91
16.00% Promotional Dept.	1,151.01
04.00% General Fund	287.75
04.00% Book Store	287.75
03.50% Youth Camp	251.77
01.00% S.S. and C.T.S.	71.94
00.25% Superannuation	17.99
05.50% GEM	395.66
52.00% 8 Mo. Depts.	\$3,740.78
03.00% Hillsdale College	215.82
00.50% Theological Com.	35.97
00.50% Layman's Bd.	35.97
01.50% R.E.A.P.	107.91
03.00% C.T.S.	215.82
07.00% Church Extension	503.58
09.50% Executive Dept.	683.41
10.00% F.W.B.B.C.	\$719.38
less designated	4.93
13.00% Foreign Missions	\$935.20
plus designated	4.93
45.00% 8 National Depts.	\$3,237.24
100.00% Disbursed	\$7,193.84



From The Pastor's Study

As we approach the beginning of the Fall season, the plaintive cry of Jeremiah keeps running through my mind as I view the unreached thousands within a few miles of our church. "The summer is over, the harvest is ended, and we are not saved." The immense opportunities for numerical and spiritual growth are enough to stagger the very imagination of what we believe God can do if we will cooperate with Him.

One of the past mistakes in the evangelism program of our church has been that it was thought of as a special enlargement campaign or a revival effort, then in a little while settle down to our daily routine. It is imperative that our church develop a ministry of evangelism that is a daily, weekly, monthly event in the life of our church. A real passion for souls will send us forth into the fields that are white unto harvest, using every available means, exerting every effort in order that some will hear and believe and live. Let us pray that God will lay the burden of personal evangelism upon our hearts and give us a concern for the souls of men until we cry out with a cry not unlike John Knox's: "Give me America or I die."

MEDITATIONS. . .

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

. . . the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the humble, to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to captives and release to those in prison;
to proclaim a year of the Lord's favour and a day of the vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn,
to give them garlands instead of ashes, oil of gladness instead of mourners' tears, a garment of splendour for the heavy heart.
They shall be called Trees of Righteousness, planted by the Lord for his glory.

—Isaiah 61:1-3 (NEB)

A sorrow that's shared is but half a trouble, but a joy that's shared is a joy made double.

—John Ray

Grief can take care of itself, but to get the full value for joy you must have someone to divide it with.

—Mark Twain

There is sweet joy which comes to us through sorrow.

—C.H. Spurgeon

SELF DELUSION

Deeper and deeper
within myself,
Withdrawn
I tend to be,
Finding less
and less of myself
Worth my company.

—Walter D. King



"OUR THEME"



OUR MISSIONARIES PRESENT



OUR GIFTS TO THE PINKERTONS



OUR FIELD WORKER AND BANQUET SPEAKER



PRAISE THE LORD . . . Last year our state auxiliaries had a 55% increase in giving. Let's keep up the good work this year. HOW SAD . . . that many of our auxiliaries didn't get their reports in on time. Let's get them in this year . . . TREASURERS to Hazel Hutsell, 534 West North, Mt. Grove, Mo. 65711, SECRETARIES to JoAnn Wood, Box 464, Mt. Grove, Mo. 65711. FEBRUARY will be designated as State Home Missions month with special offerings going to the Loan Fund. Our goal is \$1,000. RETREAT . . . May 7-8 at the State Youth Camp in Niangua, Mo. STATE PROJECT . . . The McLains say: "LEAVE THE DRIVING TO US, JUST GIVE US A MICRO BUS." We need at least \$1,500 to help them purchase this \$5,000 bus.



IF YOU CAN THINK OF NOTHING TO GIVE THANKS FOR, YOU HAVE A VERY POOR MEMORY.

PROMOTIONAL
SECRETARY'S CORNER



SATURDAY, July 1, the Cave Springs Quarterly meeting assembled with Norman Church. Each of their twenty-one churches were represented with letters and delegates. Ministers sharing the eleven o'clock preaching hour were Rev. Ogdén and Clark Stephens. Moderator Gowers gave time for our Missouri Cooperative program Saturday morning. Rev. Adrain is the pastor of the Norman Church. Brother Beatty pastored this church early in his ministry. We witnessed many souls saved in those early days in the Norman community. Recently they paneled the interior of their church and put in new pews. They did a fine job hosting the Quarterly Meeting.

Sunday evening, July 2, I filled

the pulpit in the Thayer Church for the one service between the out-going pastor, Jerry Fields, and the in-coming pastor, Harvey Hill. We enjoyed a real good service.

In route to the National Association in Fort Worth, Texas, Pastor Rehkop, Sasser, and I stopped Sunday evening to visit a former Missouri pastor, Frank Johnson and their church in Claremore, Oklahoma. I was privileged to bring the evening sermon. The church is growing under the leadership of Pastor Johnson. He reports several have been saved and baptized since the first of the year. They have a large well equipped Sanctuary and a two-story educational annex. They also have a good bus ministry going.

July 20 my elder brother Char-

ley passed away and was laid to rest in the Thayer Cemetery Sunday, July 23. Thank you from all of our families to everyone everywhere for your prayers and expressions of kindness in this time of bereavement.

Saturday, July 11, I attended a brief time in the Cave Springs yearly Association held with the State Line Free Will Baptist Church. I gave the Cooperative Program and commendations to the participating churches and earnestly solicited the remainder to join rank. Rev. M. Ehrhardt and Harvey Hill shared the gospel message in the 11:00 a.m. preaching hour. We welcome Pastor Hill back into Missouri State Association again.

In response to an invitation from Pastor Don Umfleet and the East Bonne Terre Free Will Baptist Mission, I preached there Sunday evening, July 30. They adopted the Cooperative Plan.

Three churches adopted the Cooperative plan in July to make a July total of \$7,193.84. Our twelve month's Cooperative giving was \$66,863.49. Thanks to the 86 participating churches.

