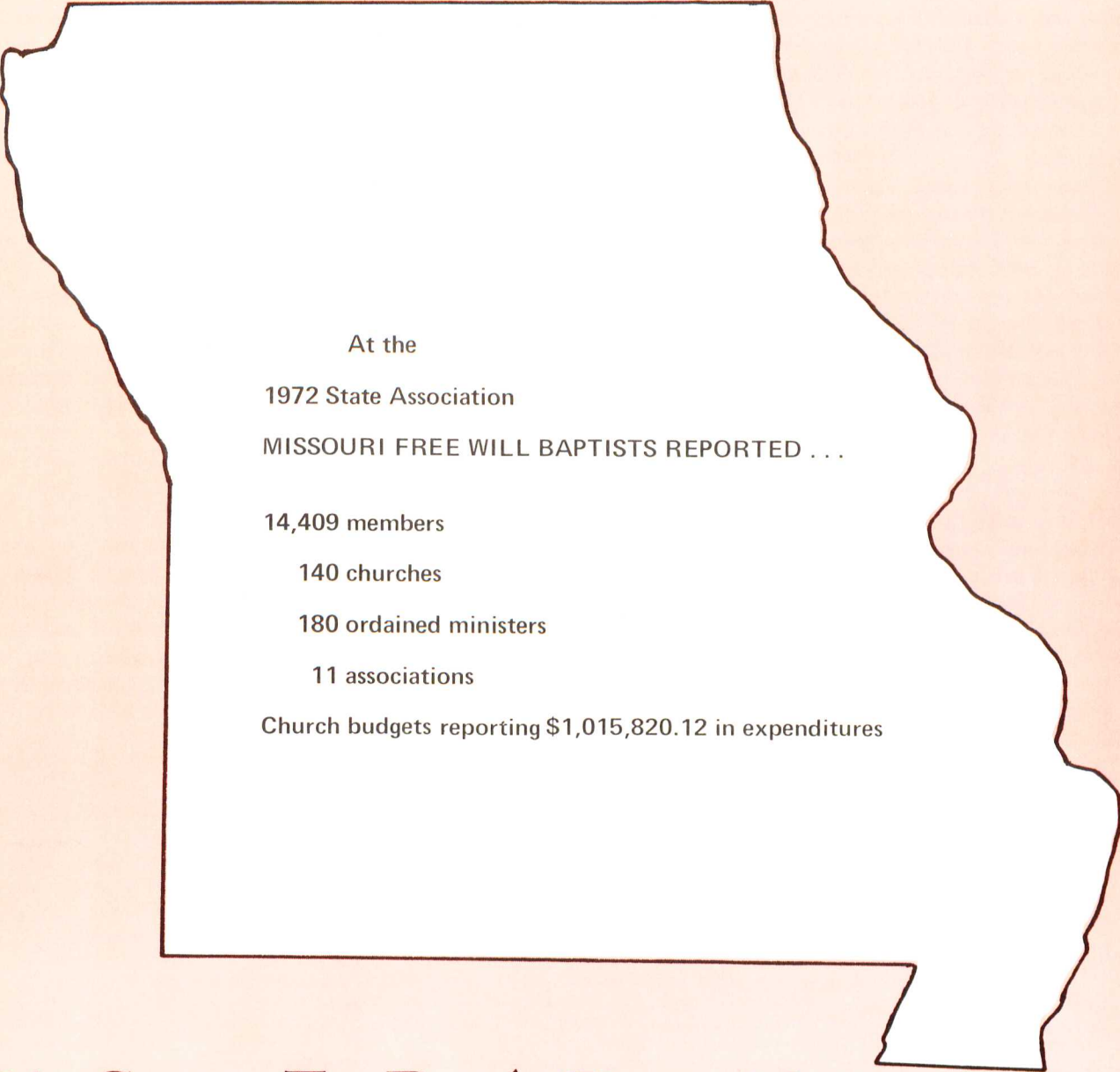


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MISSOURI FREE WILL BAPTISTS REPORTED . . .

- 14,409 members
- 140 churches
- 180 ordained ministers
- 11 associations

Church budgets reporting \$1,015,820.12 in expenditures

**It's Great To Be A Part Of
Missouri Free Will Baptists**

Personal from the Editor



HELLO. My name is Andy Lay. I am your new GEM editor. Whoever said that it was not much work editing the GEM was misled. I have spent the last three weeks getting oriented to this job, but there is still a lot I do not know, and a whole lot more that I am uncertain about. I pledge to you that I will do my best, however, and with your prayers and patience and support I trust the GEM will be a paper that we can all be proud of.

I have spent quite a bit of time thinking about the purpose of the GEM. I believe we need to have the purpose clearly in mind before we can do any job well. As I see it, there are at least three purposes for the GEM: 1) promotion, 2) information, 3) inspiration.

By PROMOTION I mean that the GEM has as one of its functions to promote the cooperative efforts of Free Will Baptists in the state of Missouri. There are many areas of the work of the Great Commission that we can do more effectively in cooperation with other churches in our denomination than we can alone. Our state youth camp and state home mission work are two examples. Many churches are not as involved in these ministries as they could be, so I hope the GEM will serve as a constant encouragement to them to support

these areas of our state work. I believe the GEM also has a responsibility to promote our regional and national projects, *as they relate to Missouri*. I do not intend to make GEM a repeat of the information you can read in *Heartbeat*, *Missiongrams*, *Free Will Baptist Bible College Bulletin*, *Hillsdale College Newsletter* or *Contact*, but rather promote the regional and national ministries specifically from Missouri's point of view. All of the above publications I listed, with the exception of *Contact*, are free for the asking, so all the members of your church should be receiving them already. If they are not, send your church's mailing list to *Heartbeat* at P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202, *Missiongrams*, same address, *Free Will Baptist Bible College Bulletin* at 3606 West End Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37205, and *Hillsdale FWB College Newsletter* at P. O. Box 343, Moore, Oklahoma 73060.

By INFORMATION I mean that the GEM has as another of its purposes to publish news of activities in Free Will Baptist churches in our state, and news of Missouri Free Will Baptists serving around the world. It is obvious that I cannot publish news that I do not know about, and at the present time the GEM budget will not permit my traveling over

the state to report on happenings, so if I publish the news from your area, YOU are going to have to mail it to me. Let me say a word about reporting news. Keep it factual. See that your article answers the questions: what? who? where? why? and how? Keep the news pertinent to the readers across the state who may have never heard of your church or the people you are writing about. Do not send me minutes of meetings. It is not interesting to tell the names of all the hymns sung at your meeting, and the names of everyone who prayed and brought special music. Report the highlights, and please be patient with me if I have to edit your article somewhat to make it fill the space available. I realize there has been some problem in the past getting news in the GEM while it is still news. I have discussed this with our printer, and he assures me that he will get the GEM into your home no later than 20 days after he receives my material. If you will be prompt in getting me your church's news by no later than the 15th of each month, I will be prompt with my material to the printer, and we will eliminate unnecessary delay.

By INSPIRATION I mean that the GEM also offers its readers the service

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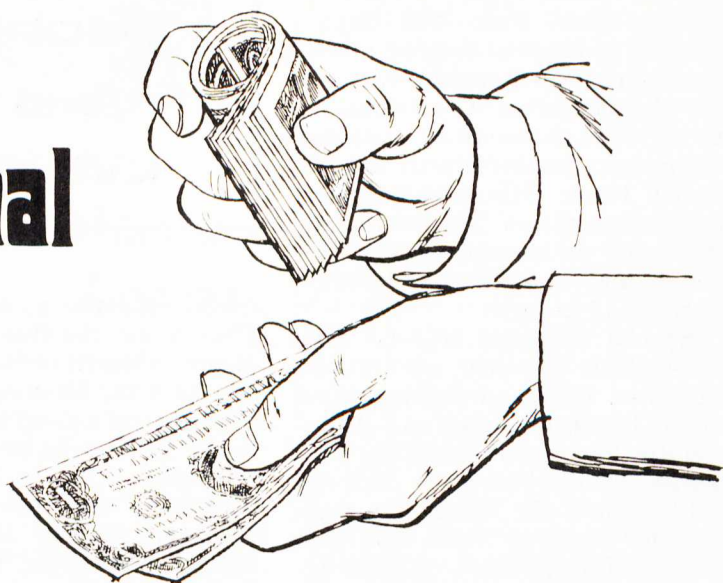
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HOW EASY it is to become so involved in raising our church budget along with the special funds for the new pews, the new organ, carpeting for the aisles, or air conditioning for the educational wing that we neglect the support of denominational agencies who are looking solely to us as Free Will Baptist Churches for their support. This is similar to the individual member of the Free Will Baptist church who argues that he cannot afford to tithe his income to his church because he simply does not have enough left over after he pays the mortgage payment, the car payment, the utility bills, the doctor and hospital bills, and other incidental expenses. We tell the individual Christian if he will just put the Lord first, and pay his tithes before he starts thinking about his other bills, that the Lord will see to it that all his needs are supplied. That, of course, is sound Biblical interpretation and Christians of all ages have found it to be true in their lives. What some church leaders do not know is that the same principle works in local church finances.

Take the example of the church who was operating on an \$18,000 a year budget and just barely making ends meet, by the time they paid their full time pastor, the building payments, utilities, literature bills, parsonage and utilities, and the other little bills that just seemed to keep the treasury drained all the time. The church I am referring to decided to step out on faith, and begin sending 2½% of their general fund offerings to outside causes immediately, then increase the outside giving by 2½% each quarter until at least 10% of the church's income was spent for missions, Christian education, and other denominational works. At the same business meeting where this plan was adopted, the church voted to instruct the treasurer

to pay these outside-the-church commitments first, then pay the other bills as he was able. To just about everyone's surprise, 10% of that church's general fund offerings were soon being sent out to extend the kingdom of Christ outside their local community, and the treasury still seemed to retain about the same balance.

Not long after the 10% mark had been reached by this particular church, they decided to have a missionary conference. Hearts melted as the missionary told of the needs in his part of the world that could be met, if Christians would give to send him there. The Spirit moved upon this same congregation, and they individually pledged \$80.00 per month to his support. When this amount began to come in and be channeled through the church treasury, the church discovered that they were now giving about 15% of their total income to various phases of denominational missions.

When budget preparing time came again, less than two years after the decision to start giving something to outside causes, the treasurer reported that the church had had a 42% increase in church income over the previous year, and that without a significant increase in attendance or membership.

God honors the church as well as the individual who tithes its income to world-wide missions. Let's not tie the hands of denominational boards and institutions by failing to undergird them with our financial support. They look to us as churches just as the churches look to their members for their support.

If you doubt that it really works this way, just talk to anybody at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Joplin, Missouri, whose story is told above. We know it does!

EVANGELISM CONFERENCE AT MONETT

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, located at 107 Sycamore, will host the first National Evangelism Conference to be held in the state of Missouri, under the sponsorship of the National Home Missions Board of our denomination. The conference will begin on Monday night, October 9 and conclude Wednesday, October 11 at noon.

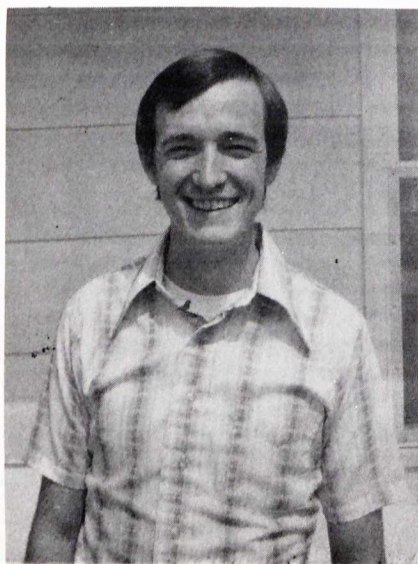
Special speakers will be Reverend Bob Shockey of Dothan, Alabama; Reverend Johnny Land of St. Louis, Missouri; and Reverend Roy Thomas of Nashville, Tennessee. The conference will be built around the theme "Increasing Our Number" and will give ideas and inspiration on how attendance in our churches can be increased.

The music will be directed by Reverend Andy Lay, with special music presented by the Missionnaires, the Messengers, the McAllister Family, and Bob Sharry. There will be no fee for attending. Motels are available at reasonable rates for out-of-townners.

Churches are encouraged to send their pastors and at least one layman to this conference.

GARY FRY JOINS MOUNTAIN GROVE STAFF

The Reverend Gary Fry has recently assumed duties as Minister of Youth and Education at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Mountain Grove. His duties in-



CHURCHES PEOPLE and EVENTS

clude supervision of the Junior Church and the Bus Ministry. The Junior Church ministry, a new endeavor for Mountain Grove, has experienced a good deal of success in the few weeks of its operation. Boys and girls ages 6 through 12 have their own services at 11:00 A.M. each Sunday, and are becoming more involved in the church program with a service designed and directed for them. Reverend Lynn Wood, pastor of the Mountain Grove Church, reports that the Junior Church is presently averaging about 50.

Brother Fry, a 1972 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, is married to the former Cynthia Allen from North Carolina. He will be preaching for a Youth Revival at the Mountain Grove church October 22 through 25.

CHURCH LIBRARY ADDED AT OLIVET CHURCH IN MARSHALL

The congregation at the Olivet Church in Marshall is busily occupied with a new project: adding a church library. For the purpose of strengthening the spiritual mind and helping Christians grow in the Lord, the library is considered a valuable asset to the church. A reading committee has been appointed to screen the books being donated, to be sure that each volume measures up to the church's Biblical standards of good literature. One recent gift to the library was a new, complete set of Bible Story Books for children. "Now therefore, our God we thank thee and praise thy glorious name." (1 Chronicles 29:13)

SEPTEMBER MINISTER'S RETREAT A SUCCESS

About 40 ministers from across the state converged on the Youth Camp site near Niangua September 11 through 13. Dr. Robert Picirilli of Nashville, Tennessee was the guest speaker. Ministers attending reported a very profitable time spent in discussion of such subjects as "The Preacher and Hospital Visitation," "The Preacher and Revival Planning," and "The Preacher and His Leisure Time." Dr. Picirilli brought a gen-



erous portion of the "meat of the Word," most of which will no doubt find its way into many of the pulpits of the pastors attending the retreat.

RECORD ENROLLMENT AT HILLSDALE

The fifth academic year on the campus of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Oklahoma opened with a record 112 students enrolling, eight of which listed Missouri as their home state. This year also opened with its first class of third year students on campus. The third year program designated "Ministerial Internship" is a unique program of pastoral preparation which combines an intensive study of God's Word with a practical application of "on the job" experience.

Timothy Eaton, a second year ministerial student from Joplin, Missouri was elected student body president at Hillsdale. Tim served the Capitol Hill FWB Church in Oklahoma City as youth minister

his last semester at Hillsdale. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Eaton, a deacon in the First FWB Church of Joplin.

THANKS A LOT, EDDIE

Our State Association lost one of the best editors who has ever worked with the GEM, when Brother Eddie Altis resigned prior to the state association. When Brother Eddie assumed the editorship of the paper the GEM account was several hundred dollars in the red. It should be common knowledge that Brother Eddie returned his salary check for several months until the books balanced in the black. He also donated a fine filing cabinet that was much needed for the GEM office, and improved the book-keeping system.

Had his personal schedule of pastoring the Rock Chapel FWB Church and being a professor of library science at Southwest Missouri State College not kept him so busy, he would, no doubt, still be our editor. Nevertheless the GEM will never outlive the influence he had upon it for his two years as editor.

Hats off to a great preacher, a great editor, a great prof! . . . and pray for his successor—ME.

FREE WILL BAPTISTS IN IOWA IN THE 1800'S?

Brother Leland Horton, a former Missouri pastor, has sent the GEM office some material concerning a Free Will Baptist Association that existed in the state of Iowa in the late 1800's and up until the merger in 1911. History records that this association sent Loduska Wirick from their area as a missionary to Japan about 1900. Another old record indicates that there must have been some full time pastorates, as one pastor was paid \$400.00 one year. A Brother Frank Phillips of Olin, Iowa still remembers the merger. For more information on FWB history in this area contact, Rev. Leland Horton, 3048 Bellevue Avenue, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722.



Promotional Secretary's Corner

WE ENJOYED an old fashioned family type camp meeting August 2-4, held at Missouri State Camp, Niangua, Missouri. Special messengers preaching were Rev. Ben Scott, Little Rock, Arkansas; layman-pastor Trymon Messer of First Free Will Baptist Church, Salina, Kansas, and Pastor J. D. O'Donnell of Grant Avenue, Springfield, Missouri. The Morlan Family group from Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church near Purdy, Missouri rendered the special singing each evening. All in all this was a good, spiritual, uplifting meeting. However, the attendance was smaller than we hoped for.

Sunday evening August 6 I filled the pulpit for Pastor Rehkop in Grace Church. Sunday morning Pastor Rehkop baptized an elderly couple following the service, before making a trip to the Ozarks.

I attended the Indian Creek Association August 8-9 hosted by the Joplin Church. Rev. Bill Jones delivered the gospel messages for the entire association. They ordained Rev. Don Davis, pastor of the Purdy Church and one deacon from Neosho Church. Time was given for our Missouri Cooperative Program too.

Mission Association assembled August 10-11 with the Willow Springs Church. Ministers preaching were Rev. Hill, Horton, Smyers, Helsley, and a visiting General Baptist minister, Allen Ledbetter. Most of their twenty eight churches were represented, plus one new congregation in Springfield was received by petitionary letter. They gave plenty of time for our Missouri Cooperative and Promotional program. Three

Quarterly meetings composing Southeast Missouri Association convened with Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Bridgeton, Missouri Saturday August 12 with good representation from each district. Rev. Sasser preached the Gospel message at 11:00 A.M. I gave the cooperative program Saturday morning.

I visited the Russell Blvd. Church Sunday evening August 13 to encourage Pastor Hastings and the church in the Lord. They are still winning souls for the Lord. Please remember both pastor and congregation in prayer.

Friday night August 18 Rev. Darrell Starnes delivered the sermon in Laclede County Association and Rev. Joe Fulkerson preached Saturday at 11:00 A.M. They met with New Home Church. Brother Beatty gave the cooperative program to which they gave a cash offering.

Sunday morning August 20 I visited Rev. Gene Terry's new work in north Springfield, Missouri. I gave encouraging remarks to the Sunday School and Church. They are doing real well for only one month of service. Sunday evening I delivered the sermon at South Fremont Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield. Pastor Adkisson and the church are winning souls to the Lord, and enrolling them in the church. They have finished the first unit of their new sanctuary too.

Missouri State Association enjoyed a wonderful meeting August 21-24. Good business sessions, good singing, good preaching and speakers. Beginning with the Sunday service Mrs. Barbara Haas, Olena McLain and Mrs. Umbelina each spoke to the Woman's Auxiliary. Ministers preaching were Cliff Bowman, Dale Skiles, Jim McLain, Gene Waddell, and Roger Harwell.

We exceeded our goal in cooperative giving last year and reached \$66,863.49, thanks to 88 participating churches. Brethren, let's go forward for the proposed budget of \$70,000 for 1972-73. We received \$5,273.09 in August. Therefore, we are off to a good start.

MISSIONS NEWS

PINKERTONS ARRIVE IN SWITZERLAND

Only five months ago Jerry Pinkerton was informed that his and his family's departure for language study in Switzerland would be delayed from this summer until late winter, because of the lack of funds in their missionary account. This was not only disturbing to the Pinkerton family, but to their many friends in their home state of Missouri as well. At youth camp, the last week of June, a plan was born whereby Missouri Free Will Baptists would be challenged to rally behind the Pinkertons and raise their needed support so they could be in Switzerland for the beginning of the school year.

In the Wednesday night service of the State Association, Brother Cliff Bowman, chairman of the State Home Mission Board, presented Brother Reford Wilson, director of FWB Foreign Missions, a check for more than \$2,500, raised as a result of the extra drive made in Missouri for the Pinkerton Account. This amount was sufficient for the Pinkertons to depart for Switzerland on schedule.

A recent letter addressed to the GEM family from Brother Henry Van Kluyve, Director of Deputation for the Foreign Missions Department, contains this thank you from the Foreign Missions Department: "Speaking on behalf of our entire foreign missions staff, both home and abroad, I want to commend the pastors and churches of Missouri for the splendid way in which they responded to the needs of the Jerry Pinkerton family. They departed Nashville for

Switzerland on August 28. Their departure could not have been a reality had not Missouri rallied behind them. And, I know that the Lord will pour out some unusual blessings in the days and months to come because of this involvement by the people of your state."

From Switzerland, the Pinkertons recently wrote: "Thrilled, excited, amazed, beautiful are some of the words that have crossed our lips recently. With the Lord's help and yours we are in Switzerland. Thanks again for what you have done for us. If any of you get an urge to write, our address is: Jerry Pinkerton, Institute Emmaus, 1806 St Legier, Switzerland."

STATE HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT BY CHAIRMAN, CLIFF BOWMAN

Greetings friends, in the name of Christ Jesus who bore our sins in His own body on the tree. It is with great joy and thanksgiving that we submit this report from your state home missions department.

Pastor Mark Vandivort and the Columbia Mission reported a new record in attendance of 57 and the Lord has opened a door through which they were able to borrow the much needed funds to erect a new sanctuary.

Brother Frank Giunta and the Jefferson City Mission report continued victory in the Lord. Their bus ministry is very effective and souls have been saved recently.

Brother Robert Sharry, pastor of the Aurora Mission reports new doors being opened. A new FWB family from Salina, Kansas, Brother and Sister Corbett have moved to Aurora to teach in the school system. They will be a great help to the work there.

Brother Vernon Maggart reports that several FWB families have moved away from the St. Joseph church but they have been able to win some new folk who are taking real interest in God's work.

Brother Dennis Bowman reports recent victories at Independence. Attendance has been from

the upper 30's to the mid 40's. Souls have been saved and recently a couple of new families have begun tithing. The Independence Mission has also started a bus route.

We are taking this opportunity to introduce THE PERPETUAL LOAN FUND to all who are not yet acquainted with it. Most people are not acquainted with the problems facing every new work. We believe we have the solution to one of the biggest problems which is financing the first unit building program. It is in most cases impossible to acquire conventional financing for a new mission congregation. We have established what will be known hereafter as THE PERPETUAL LOAN FUND. We are giving every Missouri FWB an opportunity to share in this ministry. All contributions given into this loan fund will be used for first unit buildings only and all repayments and interest will return into this fund to be used for another first unit building. We hope to be able to loan up to \$10,000.00 to new works for this purpose and then as soon as their building is up they will be able to get a conventional loan and repay the loan fund so another mission can use it.

Two means are being utilized to raise money for the PERPETUAL LOAN FUND. 1) The Missionaires Quartet, consisting of Brothers Jim McAllister, Dale Skiles, Bud Hill and Frank Giunta have made a long play record album entitled, "Tell It Again." They gave the Missouri State Home Mission Board 1,000 of these records to be sold for \$5.00 each, with all profits to go into this loan fund. You may obtain a copy of this record by sending \$5.00 to Missouri State Home Missions, c/o Rev. Lawrence Thompson, 3416 North Bellefontaine, Kansas City, Missouri 64117, and requesting the record. 2) Rev. James Stovall of Marshall is working on itinerate presenting the PERPETUAL LOAN FUND. If you would like to have Brother Stovall come to your church, send a request to Brother Cliff Bowman, 625 North O'Dell, Marshall, Missouri 65340,

who is in charge of the itinerate schedule.

We take this opportunity to thank all who have already given to this fund. Several have given sizeable amounts. The largest check received was from Sister Lucille Beatty who presented us with a check for \$1,000.00. We praise the Lord for every church and individual who so quickly and generously responded to our plea for funds for the Pinkerton Account. Again, we express our appreciation to all who share the burden for Home Missions by praying for us and giving that we might establish new works. Keep us in your prayers and in your budget. "For we are labourers together with God . . ." 1 Corinthians 3:9.

Yours for Missions in Christ,
Missouri State Home Mission Board
Cliff Bowman, Chairman



Rev. James Stovall

THE FULCHERS WRITE

Dear Christian Friends:

Once again we thank you for your prayers for our family and our work here in Panama. And we want to encourage you to continue praying daily for us. Faithful, earnest prayer in our behalf is the greatest thing you could do for us.

The Lord has been blessing in the work during these past few

months. Our building in Agua Buena is nearing completion. It has been a lot of hard work for just a few. Bill has had a sore back several times, and both he and Billy have learned a lot about construction work during these past few months. We hope to have the building finished by the first of September. It is looking very nice, and everyone is very proud of it. It is such a blessing to have plenty of room, especially for our Sunday School classes. We have borrowed money from the Willey Memorial Fund to build. The people of the church will pay this back as they are able with their offerings and special drives.

Our Sunday School attendance has steadily increased. We are now having in the 90's each week, and have had over 100 twice recently. We now have eight Sunday School classes. Bill has started a teacher training course on Tuesday nights. Attendance has also increased in our evening services. We are presently having about 50 every week. Recently we have had several decisions, for which we praise the Lord. We have seen a real spiritual growth in the lives of several. There is a tremendous challenge here in this community. There are so many people right around the church and off back in the hills that need to be reached for the Lord. Pray for us as we witness to them, and as we train our Christians to witness to their own people.

In San Juan we continue to have a Saturday evening service.

We recently made new benches for the church and this is a big help. We are having in the 50's there each week. The majority are still children. However, we do have 2 men, 2 ladies, and a few young people who are attending. Glenda teaches a flannelgraph lesson each week. But we are planning soon to start having a preaching service in this area.

Our family is all well. The three boys start back into school next week. So we will soon be back into the old routine. Susan and Michael are growing fast. Very soon we will be without any babies. We were reminded recently how fast time marches on when we celebrated our 15th wedding anniversary.

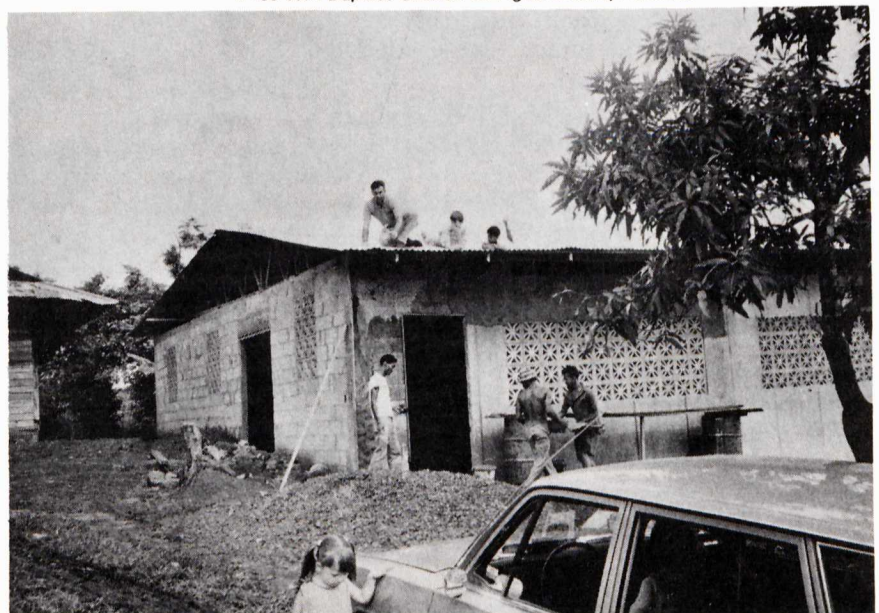
Contributions to our account were down quite a bit this past month. We have such high living expenses here in Panama that we will soon find our account in the "red" if the giving does not improve. Therefore we ask you to prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you to do concerning our work here. And let us once again thank you so very much for what you have done. We appreciate every offering we received from each individual, church, or group. We look to the Lord who has always been faithful in the past to continue to supply our every need.

May God richly bless you is our prayer. Let us hear from you. We are interested in your work too.

In Christ,

(signed) Bill and Glenda Fulcher

Free Will Baptist Church in Agua Buena, Panama



REVISED VERSION OF

Little Red Riding Hood

Once upon a time there was a country that was founded by God-fearing men who had principles. This was a land where men had certain rights given to them by their Creator. When man broke the law, he gave up these rights and was punished. We are now living in a land where law-breakers are rioting in prison because their rights have been violated.

The story of the modern little Red Riding Hood can show what has happened to this wonderful country.

"Once upon a time, in a far-away country, there lived a little girl called little Red Riding Hood. One day her mother asked her to take a basket of fruit to her grandmother who had been ill and lived alone in a cottage in the forest. It happened there was a wolf lurking in the bushes and overheard the conversation. He decided to take a short cut to grandmother's house and get the goodies for himself. The wolf killed the grandmother, then dressed in her nightgown and jumped into bed to await the little girl.

"When she arrived, he made several nasty suggestions and then tried to grab her. By this time the child was very frightened and ran screaming from the cottage. A woodcutter, working nearby, heard her cries and rushed to the rescue. He killed the wolf with his ax, thereby saving Red Riding Hood's life. All the townspeople hurried to the scene and proclaimed the woodcutter a hero.

"But at the inquest several facts

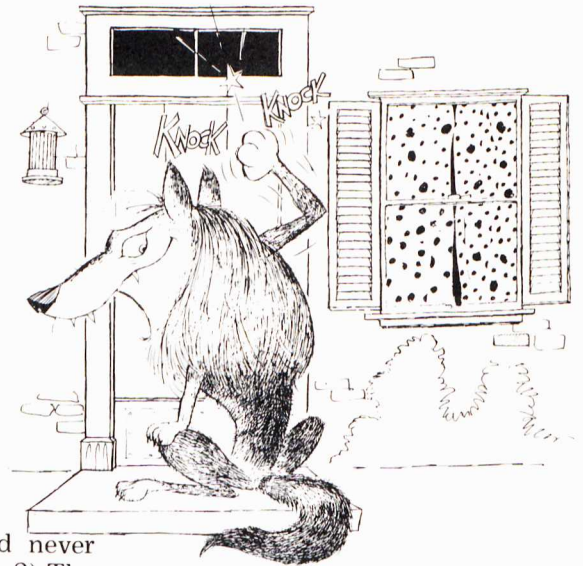
emerged: 1) The wolf had never been advised of his rights. 2) The woodcutter had made no warning swings before striking the fatal blow. 3) The Civil Liberties Union stressed the point that, although the act of eating grandmother was in bad taste, the wolf was only 'doing his thing' and thus didn't deserve the death penalty. 4) The SDS contended that the killing of the grandmother should be considered self defense since she was over 30 and, therefore, couldn't be taken seriously because the wolf was trying to make love, not war.

"On the basis of these considerations, it was decided there was no valid basis for charges against the wolf. Moreover, the woodcutter was indicted for unaggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Several nights later, the woodcutter's cottage burned to the ground.

"One year from the date of the 'incident at grandma's,' her cottage was made a shrine for the wolf who had bled and died there. All the village officials spoke at the dedication but it was Red Riding Hood who gave the most touching tribute. She said that, while she had been selfishly grateful for the woodcutter's intervention, she realized in retrospect that he had over-reacted. As she knelt and placed a wreath in honor of the brave wolf, there wasn't a dry eye in the forest."

—by Rep. Ed Eshleman (R.-Pa.)

—copied from *The Evangel*,
July-August, 1972



WHO, ME?

I need to be forgiven, Lord
So many times a day
So often do I slip and fall
Be merciful, I pray!
And help me not to be critical
When other's faults I see;
For so many times, my Lord,
The same faults are in me.

—copied

THEY WHO?

Whenever a problem arises the spectator asks, "Why don't THEY do something?" THEY can't help make the much needed calls, You can! THEY can't give your church good leadership, YOU can! THEY are not responsible for the condition of the class, YOU are! Every successful revival, every effectual prayer meeting, every vital personal witness, every effective calling group, in fact every worthwhile church function begins with a need, a vision, turned into reality by someone alive, responsible and innovative. To the silent majority who sit back and by their inaction ask, "Why don't THEY do something?" we reply, "WHY DON'T YOU???????"

—copied from the
HERALD OF HOLINESS

AUGUST COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

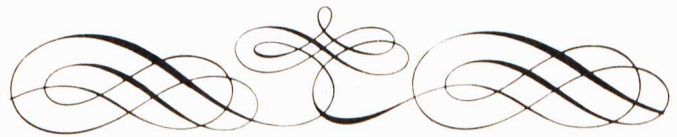
Beacon	\$255.32
South Side	16.00
Hurryville	85.50
Capitol City	103.99
Aurora	24.60
Fellowship	50.00
Willow Springs	120.94
Columbia	80.11
Number One	26.95
Parkview (Desloge)	50.00
Granby	21.31
Grant Avenue	293.26
Farmington	247.56
First Church, West Plains	139.00
Merl's Chapel	80.62
Garfield	37.07
Salem	20.00
Gray Summits	21.38
Hannon	107.38
New Rock Springs	36.53
Pleasant Grove	36.68
Houston	114.00
Belton	176.00
First Church, St. Joseph	37.74
Pleasant Ridge	40.30
Olivett	130.00
Berkley	410.06
Carterville	35.64
Gateway	44.00
Marshfield	30.62
Copper Mines	85.00
Cedar Ridge	63.73
(designated \$6.37)	
Verdella	38.43
Thayer	89.98
Leadington	147.47
Royal Oaks	58.56
Monett	247.48
First Church, Purdy (adopted)	27.00
Laclede Co. Association	31.02
Pleasant Grove	26.00
Rock Chapel	15.56
Happy Home	10.00
Fellowship	50.00
Fourth Church	283.41
Desoto	251.00
Lebanon	316.56
Cabool	171.60
Number One	30.44
(designated to FWBBC)	
New Rock Springs	30.29
Hickory Grove	21.86
First Church, West Plains	106.50
Grace	248.64
Parkview (Desloge)	50.00
Total receipts	\$5,273.09

1972-73 Allocations

18.75% Missouri Missions	\$988.70
15.00% Promotional Dept.	790.96
04.00% General Fund	210.92
05.50% Youth Camp	290.02
05.00% GEM	263.65
01.00% S.S. & C.T.S.	52.73
02.50% Lebanon Bible Store	131.83
04.00% Hillsdale College	210.92

13.00% Foreign Missions	691.87
(685.50 + 6.37 des.)	
10.00% FWB Bible College	520.94
(527.31 less 6.37 des.)	
09.00% Executive Dept.	474.58
07.50% Nat'l Home Missions	395.48
02.50% Nat'l CTS Dept.	131.83
01.50% R.E.A.P.	79.10
00.50% Theological Com.	26.37
00.25% Layman's Board	13.19
52.25% Seven Missouri Depts.	\$2,728.81
04.00% Hillsdale College	210.92
43.75% Eight Nat'l Depts.	2,333.36
100.00% Disbursed	\$5,273.09

Harry Beatty,
Promotional Secretary-Treasurer



YOUTH CAMP BOARD REPORT

Verdella	\$ 10.00
Faith	10.00
Olivet	10.00
Hannon	17.00
Myrtle	12.85
Missouri Coop Giving	290.02
Thayer	10.00
Cuba	20.00
Pepsi Cola Co.	
(Return from drink stand)	35.10
Bethel	10.00
Faith	10.00
New Home	12.00
New Rock Springs	14.40
Cabool	10.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Rock Chapel	10.00
Alton	10.00
Monett	10.00
Bryd	10.00
Verdella	10.00
First Waynesville	3.00
Faith	10.00
Verdella	10.00
Askren (phone calls, etc.)	8.00
Deckard	2.50
	\$564.87

Balance forward from July	\$3,989.72
August accounts receivable	\$564.87
Sub total	\$4,554.59
Less Accts. Payable	1,399.42
Balance for August	\$3,155.17

Frank Giunta, Treasurer



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of printing sermons and inspirational articles written by Missouri Free Will Baptists. Keep in mind as you write that the GEM is only a 12 page monthly magazine, so no article should exceed 1,200 words. Again, I beg your patience with me as I choose what material to print what month. I will be attempting to follow something of a theme each month, so I may hold your sermon or article until another month when it fits the theme better. But do send your articles and sermons. I want to publish the writings of Missouri Free Will Baptists if they are available.

Please notice that the address where you should send all correspondence related to the GEM, including changes of address, and billing information is different from before. It is now 2301 Connecticut, Joplin, Missouri 64801.

I do hope you will pray with me that the FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM will have a Christ honoring ministry, in keeping with its fine 43 year history. I am both honored and humbled to stand alongside the GEM's distinguished editors of the past, and with them I stand in need of your prayers and cooperation.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES 1972

CHURCH	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
Central	120	128	135	120	119	115		
Copper Mines	81	89	92	102	87			
Cuba	77	81	76	85	90	93	95	
DeSoto	100	115	142	133	125	125	123	
Farmington					125			
Fellowship	203	217	271	187	275	266	303	332
Fredericktown	136	153	191	194	163	152	157	156
Fourth	112	122	148	151	126	123		
Happy Hill	77	81	76	85	83			
Lebanon, First	137	150	186	153	163	164	136	
Mine LaMotte	35	43	58	56	43	40		
Myrtle	48	55	56	61	57	58		
Parkview	86	94	94	100	92	87	84	
Salem	44	46	42	41	39	35		
Trinity	169	178	227	197	204	181	162	
Victory	110	125	130	136	120	126	110	
West Plains	137	141		151	149	140		
Willow Springs	88	103	103	125	99			
Leadington	111	115	125	114	112	105	105	

(Editor's note: If we are to continue this column in the GEM, we need more churches contributing regularly)

Woman's Page

STOP

..... and take a few minutes to let our Missouri missionaries know they are remembered. Each month the birthdays/anniversaries of our missionaries will be printed. Why not send them a card and note letting them know that you are praying for them and supporting them whenever you can.



Donnie McLain (11) October 5
Jim & Olena McLain (anniversary) Oct. 18
Address: 1314 E. Washington
Kirksville, Mo. 63501

Carol Pinkerton October 6
Address: Institute Emmaus
1806 St. Legier
Switzerland

John Fulcher (10) October 2
Michael Fulcher (2) October 27
Glenda Fulcher November 4
Address: Apartado 6931
Panama R. de Panama

Larry Miley October 28
Address: Hillsdale College
P. O. Box 343
Moore, Oklahoma 73060

Lorene Miley November 26
Dr. & Mrs. Laverne Miley (Anniversary) October 30
Address: Mission Protestante Evangelique
BP 20
Bouna, Ivory Coast West Africa

THANKS

A special thanks from the Pinkertons who are now in Switzerland in language study. Because of your faithfulness in giving, they were able to get there in time for their children to enroll in school. But don't stop now! We got them there, now let's keep them before the Lord in prayer and financial support. In case you're wondering what they received at the State Meeting in material gifts: Shirts 43, quilts 2, undershirts 42, shorts 45, panty hose 21, ladies briefs 20, boys sox 4, slippers 4, dusters 2, dresses 9, bras 5, cash \$121.00.

"One Halloween I answered the doorbell to find a group of small trick-or-treaters at the door. A little girl looked at me and said excitedly, 'She's the church.' Amused, I replied, 'No, my name is ChurchILL.' 'No, no,' she insisted, 'I mean you're the CHURCH.' Then I recognized her, through the costume as one of the children who attended the Sunday School where I was a teacher.

You are the church. That is a challenge worth a second thought. The church is often weighed, measured, and evaluated by the character and conduct of you who make up the membership. May we see God's church as the body of Christ and ourselves as parts of that body, and ask Him to give us strength to exemplify Christ-like virtues."

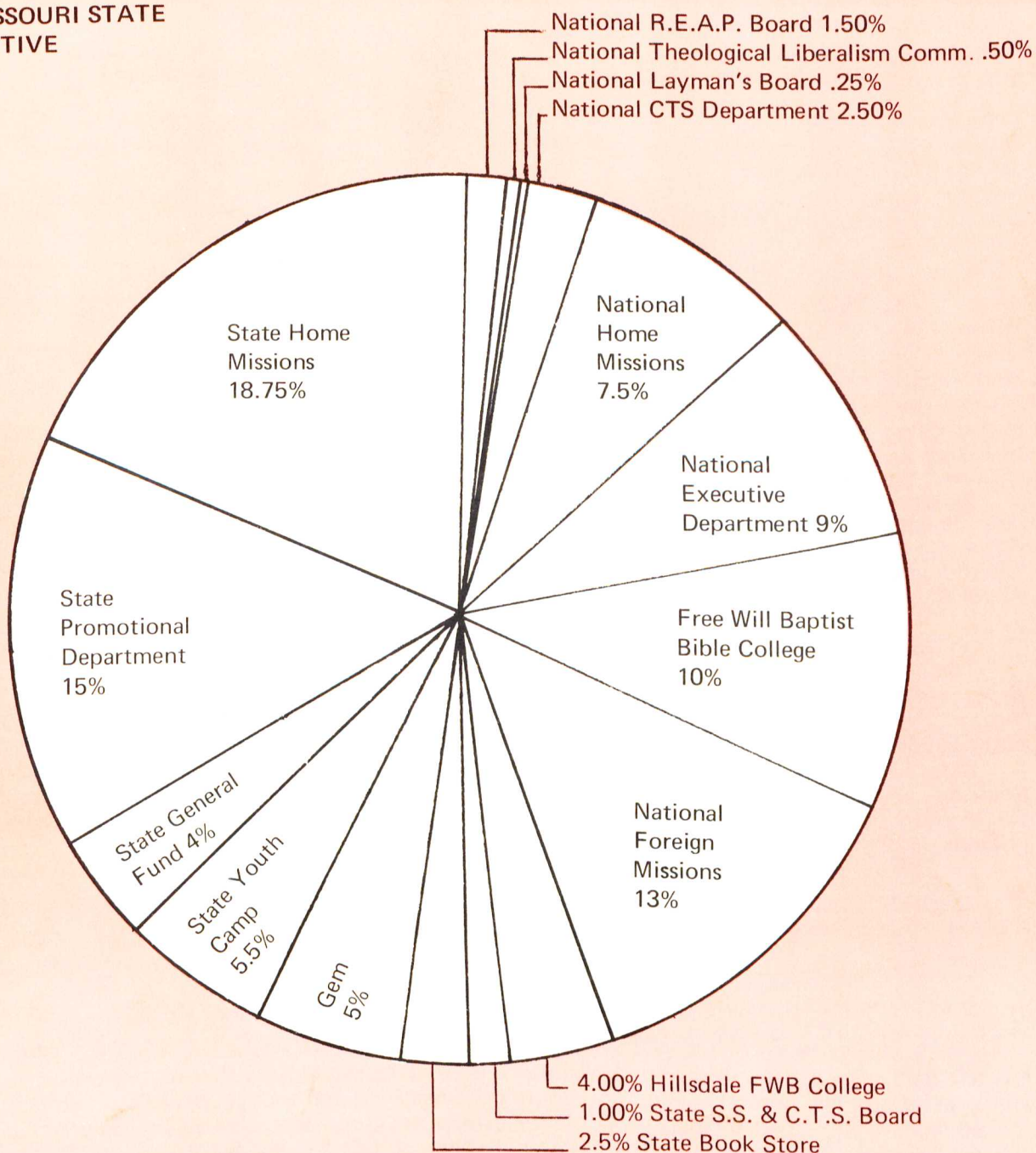
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LADIES . . . you have a great opportunity to witness this Halloween by giving tracts to your trick-or-treaters. You can get them from our state book store or your local Bible store.

A MICRO-What???

"THE McLAINS SAY: LEAVE THE DRIVING TO US, JUST GIVE US A MICRO BUS." What is a MICRO BUS, you say. A micro-bus is another mode of transportation that has been used to win many young people to the Lord. The McLains report that many college students have been saved on buses like this. In Japan when Christian young people go somewhere as a group, they take their unsaved friends with them and many times they are won to the Lord as a result of this trip on the micro-bus. It's really a great opportunity ladies to have a part in the salvation of these young people. Let's GIVE, GIVE, GIVE this year to our state project and pass our goal of \$1500.

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