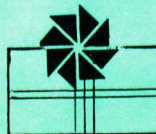




And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men (Luke 2:6-14). This year, do not forget that this is what Christmas is all about.

Have a joyous holiday season. Best of wishes from all the GEM family.





Personal from the Editor

THIS MONTH I would like to write about the ministry of the GEM in your church. I want you and your church to get the maximum benefit from our official state publication, and I fear that many churches are not doing so at present. So, I offer a few suggestions.

Every family affiliated with your church should be receiving the GEM. There are several reasons why I believe this to be true. First, many families have no Christian literature whatsoever coming into their homes regularly. The GEM will provide for them some good, challenging, spiritual food every month. Secondly, every family in your church needs to be kept up to date with our state work. The lack of lay participation in our state ministries was the subject of a resolution at last year's State Association. I am convinced that the biggest reason lay people do not participate in our state work is the lack of information about what is going on in our denomination at the state level. Through the GEM, every family in your church will be kept up to date with the progress among Free Will Baptists in the state of Missouri. As they are better

informed, they will be more cooperative in the support of our total denominational ministries. Thirdly, as your people read what is going on in other Free Will Baptist churches across the state, they will have new ideas of how to vary and improve the ministry of your church in your community. They may have no other way of discovering methods that are working in other churches, enabling them to do a better job in getting out the Gospel, than by reading the news items from other churches in the GEM. All of your people need to receive the GEM monthly.

How can you get the GEM into all the homes in your church family? The least successful method is to announce that all who want to subscribe may send their individual subscriptions into the GEM office. Though the cost is only \$2.00 per year for individual subscriptions, few will take the time and trouble to sit down and send in their subscription. The second best method is to subscribe to the GEM as a church on the family plan, and have the GEM mailed directly to every home. I call this the second best method, because it has

incurred many problems by those who use it. Namely: 1) Keeping the mailing list up to date is a difficult task in our mobile society, and it is so easy to forget. 2) New people coming into your church often are not added to the mailing list for several months because of oversight or neglect. They need to be oriented to our denominational work as soon as possible. 3) Many churches bear unnecessary expense by using this method, because they forget to remove the names of people who move away, pass away, or become inactive.

For these reasons, the method I believe works best in getting the GEM into all the homes of your church family is the Bundle Plan. It costs \$1.50 per copy per year, the same as the Family Plan, but it operates more simply and efficiently. On the Bundle Plan, you simply tell us how many copies of the GEM you want for your church each month, and where to mail them. When the bundle comes, the copies of the GEM can be taken to church and distributed to all your families. They can be taken to your shut-ins and absentees by those who visit such per-

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What About Sunday School Contests!

by Rev. Ken Doggett



THERE ARE MANY common attitudes toward contests in the Sunday school ministry. I've had folks say, "I don't believe in working for rewards on earth," or as they say in the bus ministry, "Don't bribe my kids." So many folks feel it is unscriptural to have any type of contest or promotion in church work.

Really, the Bible has a great deal to say about rewards which a Christian may earn after being saved. There is a crown of life, for faithfulness under trial, according to James 1:12 and Revelation 2:10. The crown of righteousness, for faithfulness in testimony and for loving "his appearing" according to 2 Timothy 4:8. We have mentioned a crown of joy or rejoicing, which is the soul-winner's crown in Philippians 4:1 and also 1 Thessalonians 2:19. For those running in the race, the incorruptible crown is given in 1 Corinthians 9:25. For those who have faithfulness in service, the crown of glory is described in 1 Peter 5:4. I believe each of these crowns and others, are given as a reward to Christians in Heaven. Of course, we will cast them at the feet of Him who saved us, but I praise God that I have an opportunity, as a Christian, to earn rewards for doing spiritual work. I do not work for my salvation, but I do work because I am saved by "grace through faith."

Jesus said, "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward" (Matthew 10:42). Now, I do not know what reward Jesus is talking about here, but it is a reward; something you get for something you do. The truth of the matter is, if what we do gets people saved, it is rewarding both here and in eternity.

Another attitude is, "It is working in the flesh," to have contests. I have always had some of these folks around, "so Heavenly minded that they were of no earthly good." Most of these people are too lazy to work and it makes them look bad for someone else to work so they criticize them with

this attitude. However, I look upon contests as using a human means to get people to Christ. After all, this is our job: introducing folks to Jesus. When you look at the ministry of Jesus, in His teaching and working of miracles, He was getting the people's attention to say to them "I am the Son of God, the Saviour of the world." Since the reward motivation is used in the New Testament to get people involved in the Lord's work, I too use it.

I have found the time of promotion and contests to be a springboard for many to launch into real spiritual service for our Lord. Maybe they did start out with the wrong motive in bringing visitors to Sunday school, but as they see them coming to Christ their motives usually straighten out. Contests produce fruit, regardless of what the critics say. Maybe we need to be a little more like Paul who said, "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some" (1 Corinthians 9:22). "... by *all* means!"

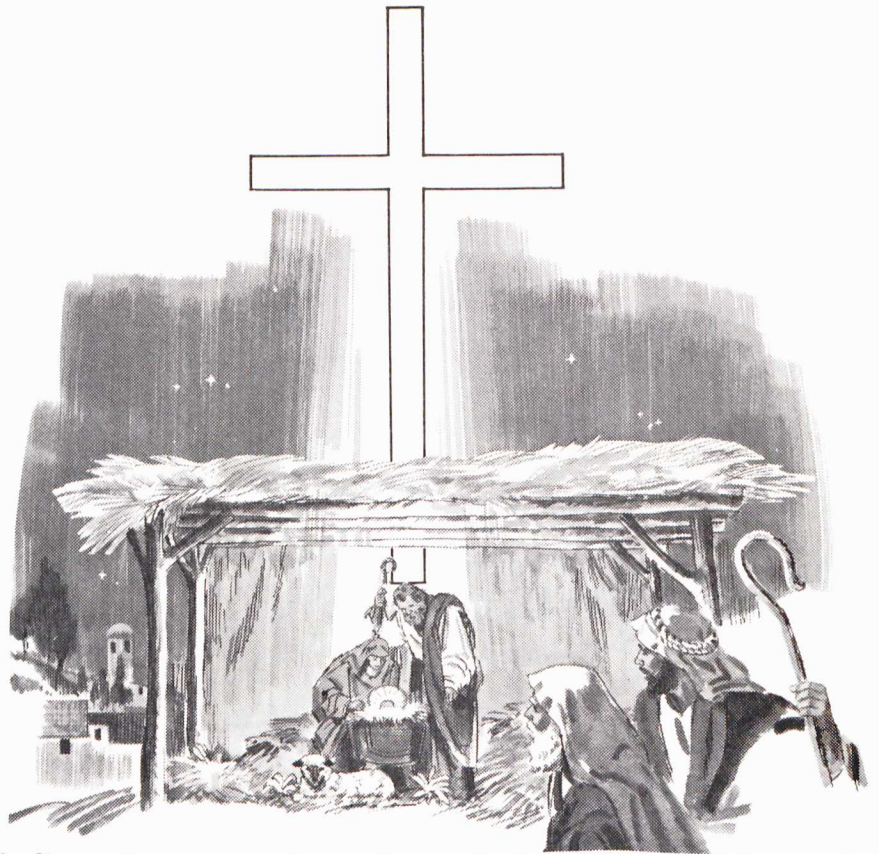
I have found that contests make bringing visitors an exciting and interesting thing as we work for God. We get excited about other things. I believe we should get some excitement about God's work. Because of contests in the churches I have served, we have gotten people to church where they can hear the Gospel of Christ. Some of these have been saved. Not all of them, but thank God, some. But regardless of the reason people come to church, the Gospel will do its work in their lives, for it is "the power of God unto salvation."

I do believe that there are many things I can do in Jesus' name to get people to church, and this I do. We have special days often at our church. We use a lot of promotions with our Bus Ministry also, as we obey our Lord's words in John 15:16, "GO AND BRING."

Rev. Doggett is the pastor of the growing Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Missouri.

Christmas: God With Us

by Ronnie Osborn



WHEN THE Wright brothers had finally made their flimsy plane lift itself by its own power from the sandy beach at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on December 17, 1903, they sent a telegram telling of the success of their efforts to fly, they added the most touching two words they could have included: "Home Christmas."

Christmas is the intense family celebration. Other holidays are different. Good Friday and Easter are usually celebrated in the church. National days are honored with speeches, parades and the ceremonies of government. But Christmas is glorified above all in the home because it is the celebration of a birthday. That is why the airports, the bus stations and the train stations are jammed with thousands of people trying to get home for Christmas.

There is a pathetic irony in the observance of this birthday. It is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ—and yet Christ was born away from home, on a journey, which symbolized the restless and wandering nature of the world in which He was born. He was born in the insecurity of a barn. This was a symbol of the fact that during His public ministry He had very little home life. He roamed the roads and towns of ancient Palestine. Finally, He died in the solitary ordeal of the cross so that out of His loneliest hour mankind could find a way of redemption.

Christmas means different things to different people. To some businessmen, it means merely an opportunity to make money. Cash registers ring out the season's greeting to the ears of the mercenary-minded. They are more concerned to hear about their profit from Christmas than to hear about the Prophet from Bethlehem; the clinking sound of

money is sweeter music than the song of the angels above the manger.

The Apostle Paul said "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection" (1 Corinthians 9:27). He urges us to conquer our appetites and keep our passions and desires under control; to conquer our hatreds, our fears, our doubts and our anxieties; to conquer selfishness, even for special Christmas gifts for ourselves. We cannot have a merry Christmas or a happy new year when we are slaves to the passions and vices that hound us.

These things—materialism, money, pleasure—are all crowding Christ out of Christmas for multitudes at this season. Many people are so busy with a thousand and one other things that they have no time to consider the message of the Baby of Bethlehem.

Christmas should be a time of renewed hope—not hope in the status quo, not hope in the Western world, not hope in a particular concept—but Christmas hope, hope in Jesus Christ, hope that God is still in the shadows of history, hope that despite our tangled bungling, God will bring order out of chaos.

Events indicate that the world is moving toward the climax of its history. Christ stands at the door ready to return to this earth in blazing glory, in majesty and power. The Christmas hope should include the blessed hope that Christ will soon return to set up His Kingdom.

But Christmas is even more personal. When the angel said, "He shall save his people from their sins," he was touching the very heart of our needs. There are many today who would rather not talk about sin. They do not want to face the realities of their spiritual disease.

I heard of a man the other day who found

conversation about cancer distasteful. Whenever the subject came up, he would walk away. He would not consent to periodic examination. He would permit no X-rays. But one day after loss of weight and appetite, he was persuaded to have an examination. The doctors found a cancer of massive proportions. Had he faced up to the problem earlier, his chances of living would have been greater.

So it is with sin. Our reluctance to discuss it, our tendency to resent anyone's talking about it, is revelation of our secret fear that we might be a victim of it. Christ had a great deal to say about sin. That is why He came on that first Christmas night: to save His people from their sins. No doctor in the world can treat sin. No psychiatrist in the world can cure sin. They can work on symptoms, they can help the sinner to live with his sins, but they cannot get rid of the disease. Only Christ can heal the disease of sin.

This is what the cross is all about. And Christmas is not Christmas without a message on the cross of Christ. This is why He was born. This was the message on that first Christmas night, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." Christmas says that grace is greater than all your sin. Christmas says that the sin question was answered at the cross. Christmas says

that the cross went as deep as your needs. It was the divine specific, the positive cure—offered, paid for and administered by a loving God in His beloved Son.

At this Christmas season, Christ is here. He is here to make people more generous, to fill them with good will, to give them hope, to forgive their sins, to give them a new song, to impart faith, to weld men into one body—the church. He is more alive today than when He walked the Emmaus road. Men can still say, "Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way?" (Luke 24:32)

Reality has not changed—the meaning of Christmas has only intensified—after two thousand years. Look around you. Hear the songs. See the light in the little children's faces. Christmas means that God is with us.

Yes, there is still a star in the sky. There is still a song in the air. And Jesus Christ is alive. He is with us, a living Presence, to conquer despair, to impart hope, to forgive sins, and to take away our loneliness and reconcile us to God. Accept Jesus Christ this Christmas! Give Him the gift He most wants—your heart. It is His birthday. Let us give Him a gift worthy of His love.

Ronnie Osborn is an ordained deacon, a member of the Jewell Free Will Baptist Church, near Kirksville, Missouri.



SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES, 1972

CHURCH	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Central	120	128	135	120	119	115				
Copper Mines	81	89	92	102	87	100	87	113	90	
Cuba	77	81	76	85	90	93	95	95		
DeSoto	100	115	142	133	125	125	123	129	127	
Farmington					125			121		
Fellowship	203	217	171	187	275	266	303	332	379	
Fredericktown	136	153	191	194	163	152	157	156	161	169
Flat River, First	102	110	151	135	123	130	131	138	140	141
Fourth, St. Louis	112	122	148	151	126	123				
Grace, Arnold										227
Happy Hill	77	81	76	85	83					
Joplin, First	71	77	82	77	65	62	67	72	80	75
Leadington	111	115	125	114	112	105	105	100	98	110
Lebanon, First	137	150	186	153	163	164	136	142	162	
Mine LaMotte	35	43	58	56	43	40		44	32	42
Monett First	189	205	215	201	192	186	182	204	232	210
Myrtle	48	55	56	61	57	58				
Parkview, Desloge	86	94	94	100	92	87	84	98	95	93
Salem	44	46	42	41	39	35		32	33	
Thayer	139	139	146	148	134	130	143	149	154	
Trinity, Bridgeton	169	178	227	197	204	181	162	178	180	191
Twin Oaks, Fredericktown	51	50	44	54	44	47	48	55		
Victory, Kansas City	110	125	130	136	120	126	110	145	173	212
West Plains	137	141		151	149	140	141	129	132	
Willow Springs	88	103	103	125	99	99	103	95	100	109

We would like to have many more churches contributing to this column.

CHURCHES PEOPLE and EVENTS

FOURTEEN DECISIONS AT MONETT

A recent revival meeting at the Monett FWB Church was conducted by the Missionaires Quartet, made up of four Missouri FWB pastors: Dale Skiles of West Plains, Bud Hill of Mtn. Grove, Frank Giunta of Jefferson City, and Jim McAllister of Monett. Giunta, Hill, and Skiles did the preaching for the meeting each night after the quartet sang several songs.

Pastor McAllister reported 14 decisions during the week long meeting with good attendance and response by the Monett congregation.

Mr. Norman Bruce won the attendance building contest during the meeting and received a set of records containing the reading of the entire New Testament.

Monett Church is continuing to grow and see souls saved.

SOUL STIRRING REVIVAL AT GREENFIELD

Eleven conversions were witnessed in a November revival meeting at the First FWB Church of Greenfield. Rev. Fidell Bridges of Eldorado Springs was the evangelist for the meeting. Attendance for the meeting was good, according to Mrs. John Grider, the church reporter, and was increased by visitors from several neighboring churches: Hannon, Wagoner, Bethel, Monett, and Purdy, among them.

The Holy family of Eldorado Springs, Rev. Don Davis of Purdy, and several local musicians provided the special music.

"The Spirit of God moved in a mighty way, and the result was a spiritual downpour of torrential

proportions, the like of which we had not experienced in several years," writes Mrs. Grider. "Christians' faith took wings; Satan's wall of defense around unsaved crumbled, and the presence of Almighty God was manifested in the salvation of seven young people and four adults, including one man for whom the church had prayed for years."

Rev. Winford Davis is pastor of the Greenfield Church.

"OPERATION OUTREACH" LAUNCHED AT TRINITY

Each Tuesday evening at 6:00 P.M. finds a group of Christians meeting together for supper at the Trinity FWB Church in Bridgeton. For 30 minutes after supper a soul-winning class is conducted, after which the group divides into soul-winning teams and goes out on visitation—"Operation Outreach." God is using this program for the salvation of souls in metropolitan St. Louis.

NEW WORK AT LICKING, MISSOURI

Rev. Tom Owens has recently resigned his pastorate at the Neosho FWB Church and moved his family to Licking, Missouri to begin a new FWB Church. The group has chosen the name "New Life Free Will Baptist Church" for their organization. Attendance at the first four services was 9, 12, 20, and 16 consecutively. In those four services two souls were saved and \$182.00 in offerings were received. The congregation, consisting of about eight families, is presently meeting at the Odd Fellows Hall in Licking.

Readers knowing of prospects for this young mission church to contact should write Rev. Tom Owens, Route 1, Licking, Mo. 65542.

STATE GENERAL BOARD MET IN LEBANON

The Fall meeting of the General

Board of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists was held in the mailing room of the Free Will Baptist State Book Store in Lebanon.



The Board heard reports of all areas of the state work. The book store was reported to be seeing a continuing increase in sales. Rev. Dale Underwood, manager of the store, was given commendation by the Board.

The State Home Missions Board report included an appeal for increased giving to support the works at Independence, Columbia, Aurora, and Jefferson City. The Cape Girardeau work has been turned back over to the Home Missions Board. Prayer was requested for that work, by Rev. Cliff Bowman, chairman of the Home Missions Board.

The Promotional Secretary, Rev. Harry Beatty, gave one of his now famous "Victory Reports." He noted that the State Cooperative income had averaged \$6,323 for the first four months of this fiscal year, while only \$5,833 is needed each month to meet the proposed \$70,000 budget. The increase can easily be absorbed, however, and used to the glory of God in the various departments,

Beatty reported.

The Higher Education Committee appointed at the State Association reported that response to a questionnaire sent out to pastors in the state revealed a need for Bible College type of training among FWB's in the state. Based upon the results of the survey, the committee will make the following recommendations to the State Association in 1973: 1) That a Higher Education Committee become a continuing part of our state organization. 2) That two locations in the state be selected in which to begin part time Bible Institute programs in the near future. 3) That the feasibility of a full time Bible College located on a permanent campus be considered for the future.

The college committee, made of pastors Cliff Bowman, Clarence Burton, Bud Hill, James McAllister and Mark Vandivort, reported that their survey had revealed little interest by Missourians in the purchase of the former Miltonvale Weslean College campus in Miltonvale, Kansas.

The State's General Board is made up of the four general officers of the State Association, the chairman of each standing board of the State Association, and one elected representative from each of the 11 district associations in the state. The Promotional Secretary is an *ex officio* member of the General Board.

BIBLE CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY NE ASSOCIATION

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell of Springfield, and Rev. Cliff Bowman of Marshall, were the speakers for an Associational Bible Conference sponsored by the Northeast Association and hosted by the Kirksville Church.

Both speakers preached in each service of the conference, with Dr. O'Donnell expounding from the Psalms, and Rev. Bowman exhorting about soul-winning. The conference was well attended by the five churches making up the association, and spiritual blessings

were reported to have been "tremendous."

Rev. Archie Cooper is the moderator of the Northeast Association.

REV. HARVEY HILL TO THAYER

A former Missouri pastor has returned after several years of pastoring in Illinois, Florida, and Tennessee. Rev. Harvey Hill is now the pastor of the Thayer FWB Church.

The Thayer Church recently concluded a successful revival meeting in which souls were saved. Rev. Albert Halbrook, of Chapmansboro, Tennessee, was the evangelist.

A building program is now underway at the Thayer Church. The present auditorium is being enlarged, a baptistry and church kitchen are being installed, and eight new Sunday school classrooms are being added.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT GRACE CHURCH

The Grace FWB Church in Arnold, Mo. reports a good revival meeting recently with Rev. Andy Lay of Joplin serving as the evangelist. Also in special services recently at Grace was Missionary Marie Hannah from India.

Four of the young people from Grace Church are attending Christian schools this term, according to Reporter Bessie Baldwin. David Huett, Mary Beth Britton, and Yvonne Howard are enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, and Gloria Crutchfield is enrolled at the School of the Ozarks, near Branson, Missouri.

Rev. Glenn Rehkop is pastor of the Grace Church.

MARSHFIELD YOUTH MEETING

The singing Green Family and Rev. Bill Ragsdale were featured on the program of the monthly

Youth Rally at the Marshfield FWB Church. Others participating on the rally program were: Marvin Mackie, Shirley Chapman, and Rev. Lyle Wright. Rev. Robert Chapman is pastor of the Marshfield Church and Rev. Raymond E. Askren is the Youth Director.

DON DAVIS AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH SERVICES

Two years ago this month Don Davis answered God's call to the gospel ministry at the age of 17. Two of his high school friends were saved the night he preached his first sermon at the Purdy FWB Church.

Don now pastors the Purdy Church and carries a special burden for young people. He announces that he is available for Youth Services, and can provide dedicated young gospel singers as well. He may be contacted at Route 1, Monett, Mo. 65708. Phone (417) 235-5823.



REVIVAL AT CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Catherine Henry, a former Missourian, now on staff at California Christian College writes about a real revival experience that occurred on the campus of CCC last month. "Hearts were touched; souls were convicted; wrongs were righted; friendships were restored; commitments were renewed.

Prayer requests were shared; testimonies were given, songs were sung; and shouts were heard. Students and faculty members knelt at the altar and poured out their hearts to Almighty God. Tears of grief and concern streamed down faces, only to be replaced by smiles of peace and expressions of victorious determination."

HILLSDALE QUARTET IN ST. LOUIS AREA

The male quartet from Hillsdale FWB College in Moore, Oklahoma recently participated in a district youth rally at the Trinity FWB Church in Bridgeton. The Quartet sang, preached and testified in the service prior to fellowship and refreshment time where light entertainment was provided by Andy and Kathy Lay of Joplin.

The Quartet also participated on the program the next day at the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting at the Overland FWB Church, and in Sunday services at the Southside FWB Church.

Accompanying the Quartet was Rev. Jerry Rhodes, Promotional Director for Hillsdale. Tim Eaton, from Joplin, Missouri, is a member of the Quartet and also president of the Hillsdale student body.

REV. JAMES CRAWFORD WRITES FROM FORDLAND

This is an article I am very proud to be writing. The Lord has blessed us here at Fordland in so many ways. I want to share with you the beginnings of our work here.

The church was started by having prayer meeting services in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Holiday. Soon a building was found, and after painting, papering, etc., the first service was ready to begin. Easter Sunday morning was our first service. There were 12 people present that day: Brother and Sister Holiday and children and Rev. and Mrs. James Crawford and family. We also had another family, Rev. and

Mrs. Jim Ragsdale, but soon Brother Ragsdale was called to pastor Liberty FWB Church.

Only a few services had been held when at a closing altar service, the Lord moved to build the new church. Attendance that day was also 12. So, by faith in the Lord, land was purchased, footings dug, and Fordland FWP Church was on its way! Offerings came from many Free Will Baptist churches, many individuals, one Methodist church and one Community church as well as our own people's offerings.

The Lord then blessed and provided us with a song leader and pianist of which we are very proud: Scotty and Judy Kaster-kee.

Today we have a good building, built entirely by donated labor. All building materials are paid for. The only debt is on the land which was purchased for the church building. There are parts of the building that are not completed, such as the kitchen and bathroom, but they are being worked on. It has been hard work, but the Lord has always been way ahead of us.

Last Sunday we had 50, praise the Lord! The children have started a bus fund, for there are several who could come if only a way was provided. They have only been working a month on this and have about \$345.00. Rev. Gene Terry was beginning a revival with us as this article was being prepared.

Pray for us in this work. If you know of prospects for us in this area, write Rev. James Crawford, 530 E. Bedford, Marshfield, Mo. 65706.

AURORA MISSION ON THE MOVE

"We praise the Lord for what He has given to us here at the Aurora FWB Mission. The month of October has been great! Three decisions for Christ; three baptized; Sunday school average attendance of 65. That represents a 250% gain over the spring average of 26. October 29 we had 105 in



Sunday school and 70 for the Morning Service." So writes Pastor Robert Sharry. We have learned since this article came in that the Aurora Mission came in third place in their division in the National Sunday School attendance contest in the fall. Congratulations to all the good Free Will Baptists in Aurora!

INDEPENDENCE MISSION HAD GOOD MONTH

Pastor Dennis Bowman writes: "The Lord has crowned this month with the winning of nine precious souls to the Lord our Saviour, one baptism, and one consecration to full service. Every week we have seen the power of God displayed. This month we have also divided two classes to make a third new class with a new teacher. Already all three classes are growing in size so that we may have to divide them up again soon."

As this issue of the GEM went to press the Independence Mission was beginning a revival meeting with Evangelist Johnny Land. They request the prayers of God's people for their work.

OCTOBER COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Alton	\$10.00
Belton	98.00
Grace	303.25
New Harmony S.S.	21.88
Number One	27.27
Willow Springs	92.03
Victory	466.39
Fredericktown	583.40
Hickory Grove	23.50
Garfield	22.15
Gateway	22.00
Salem	20.00
N.E. S.S. Convention	22.08
Aurora	38.15
Pleasant Ridge	33.90
Gray Summits	21.64
Mill Creek	144.44
Purdy First	37.00
Hannon	76.10
Mt. Grove First	260.25
Marshfield	51.38
O'Bethel	17.00
Cape Girardeau	20.00
Olivett	130.00
Houston	82.00
Byrd	10.00
Pleasant Hill	10.00
Independence	90.00
DeSoto First	172.00
Aulsbury Chapel	99.10
Carterville	30.68
Bethel, Festus	40.00
Union	60.00
Merl's Chapel	28.65
Pleasant Home	60.66
Berkeley First	371.20
Flat River First	499.11
Mt. Valley	103.58
Leadington	135.47
Copper Mines	65.00
Union Grove	100.00
Rock Chapel	18.20
Farmington	237.48
Cedar Ridge—from Bible College	
to Foreign Missions	5.32
Regular allocation	47.86
Granby	13.76
Happy Home	13.60
Bonne Terre Mission	40.00
Thayer	70.60
Richwoods	175.05
Cabool	177.67
Fourth	189.23
Hickory Grove	18.30
Fellowship	50.00
Columbia	35.42
Happy Home	20.00
Freeman Chapel	84.25
Cuba	130.91
Hurryville	82.32
New Rock Springs	41.35
Willow Springs	111.16
Victory	257.48
First, West Plains	123.35
Granby	20.74
Parkview	50.00
Pleasant Grove	24.80
South Side	207.00
A Cooperative Friend	4.89
Total	\$6,750.00

DISBURSEMENTS

18.75%	Missouri missions	1,265.62
15.00%	Promotional Dept.	1,012.50
04.00%	General Fund	270.00
05.50%	Youth Camp	371.25
05.00%	Gem	337.50
01.00%	S.S. & C.T.S.	67.50
02.50%	Lebanon Bible Store	168.75
52.25%	Seven Missouri Depts.	3,493.12
04.00%	Hillsdale College	270.00
13.00%	Foreign Missions	877.50
	Plus amt. trans.	5.32
		882.82
10.00%	F.W.B.B.C.	675.00
	Less amt. trans.	5.32
		669.68
09.00%	Executive Dept.	607.50
07.50%	Nat'l. Home Missions	506.25
02.50%	Nat'l. C.T.S. Dept.	168.75
01.50%	R.E.A.P.	101.25
00.50%	Theological Com.	33.75
00.25%	Laymans Board	16.88
43.75%	Eight Nat'l. Depts.	2,986.88
100.00%	Disbursed	\$6,750.00

Harry Beatty,
Promotional Secretary-Treasurer

Missouri State
Home Mission Giving
October 5 - November 5, 1972

Olivet Church	130.00
Myrtle Church	8.00
Belton Church	10.00
Willow Springs Church	14.60
New Home Church	30.00
Hannon Church	43.05
Copper Mines Church	7.00
Mine La Motte Church	10.00
Leadington Church	8.00
Salem Church	20.00
First Ch. Mtn. Grove	29.30
Nat'l. Home Missions	1.00
First Ch. Flat River	35.50
Grace Church	25.00
First Ch. Farmington	8.54
Thayer Church	24.15
Calvary Church	10.00
Cuba Church	5.00
Wo. Aux. Belvoir, N.C.	2.00
First Ch. DeSoto	20.00
Rock Chapel Church	20.00
Fellowship Church	50.00
First Ch. West Plains	20.00
Low Ground Church	5.00
Fourth Church	8.00
Parkview Church	20.00
Victory Church	78.74
Fellowship Church	69.00
South Side Church	5.00
Sonlight Missionary Conf.	389.42
Cooperative Receipts	1,265.62
Total	2,371.92

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Promotional Secretary's Corner

by Rev. Harry Beatty

IN RESPONSE to an invitation from the Northeast Missouri Associational Sunday School Convention held at Hazel Creek FWB Church on Sunday, October 1, I delivered two sermons to this fine delegation from each of their Sunday Schools.

The same evening we delivered the sermon in Kirksville Church. Mrs. Beatty and I participated in the special singing. Kirksville Church is moving forward with their recently elected Pastor, Melvin Knott.

Madison County Quarterly Meeting assembled with the Mill Creek Church Friday evening October 6, and concluded the next day. Licensed minister Leon Miller and Rev. O. D. Matthews were represented, though the attendance was light. The fellowship was real good. Brother Beatty gave the new allocations of the Cooperative Fund to which 88% of their churches contribute regularly.

Saturday evening, October 7, I delivered the gospel sermon in the Youth Rally held in Union Light Church. Sunday, October 8, Rev. Statler and I shared both services in our Cape Girardeau FWB Church, located 361 Country Club Drive. Brethren, remember this church in prayer and otherwise in this interim state, as they cooperate with Missouri State Home Missions Board in securing a mission co-worker to take charge of Cape Girardeau Church.

Oklahoma State Association assembled in Oklahoma City October 17-19. Rev. J. D. O'Donnell and Rev. and Mrs. Harry Beatty represented Missouri State Association in the various sessions. There was good gospel preaching, special singing by various Free Will Baptist church groups, the Oklahoma Minister's Quartet, and the Hillsdale FWB College Choir.

Tuesday evening, October 17,

Hillsdale College dedicated their most recent Christian education activities building, containing a library, cafeteria, and spacious new gymnasium. Initial founder and president, John West, and succeeding presidents, Don Payne, J. D. O'Donnell, and Bill Jones were present and participated in the dedicatory services.

Friday evening October 20 Farmington Church hosted St. Francis County Youth Rally. The youth rendered the special singing, followed by a special film on drug addiction. The Quarterly Meeting assembled there Saturday. Rev. Charles Miller delivered the 11:00 A.M. message. I gave the cooperative program and the new allocations, to which all eleven of their churches, plus the Bonne Terre Mission contribute regularly.

Sunday morning, October 22, I delivered the sermon in our Farmington Church. They continue to win people to the Lord. Pastor Evans and the church anticipates construction of a Sunday school educational building to accommodate their growing attendance.

The same Sunday evening in response to an invitation from Pastor Doggett and Fellowship Church in Flat River, I was privileged to deliver the evening sermon. Four souls were saved in the closing altar service. They are winning people to the Lord and enrolling them in the church and Sunday school. Thus an educational unit to accommodate their Junior Church and Sunday school has been approved for construction adjacent to their present sanctuary.

The former Meramec Heights FWB Church sold their property and relocated in their newly acquired property on North Highway 141, Fenton, MO. They also changed the name of the church to Calvary Fellowship FWB Church. Sunday at 2:00 P.M. we participated in the dedication of this nice building located on three acres of land. Rev. Don Lombard delivered the dedicatory message. Pastor A. Helms and the church anticipate new growth in this new housing section of Fenton.

Sunday evening, October 29, I

delivered the sermon in the Overland Church. One junior boy was saved in this service. Pastor Asher and the congregation are increasing their church bus ministry. Rev. Ray Andreck serves as minister in their Sunday morning Junior Church.

More than three score churches sent Cooperative contributions for October. Total amount received, \$6,750.00. Thus, we are ahead of schedule toward our projected Cooperative goal of \$70,000.00.

Youth Camp Report for October:

Cabool	\$20.00
1st, Mountain Grove	10.00
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Bethel	10.00
Happy Home	10.00
Hazel Creek	30.00
Pleasant Home	15.00
Olivet	10.00
Hannon	15.00
Verdella	10.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Pinkney Askren (Telephone calls)	11.41
Thayer	10.00
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Myrtle	8.00
Rock Chapel	10.00
Missouri Cooperative Giving	338.25
Coca-Cola	25.62
	\$573.28

Missouri State Youth Camp (Check that was voided and re-entered after books had been closed)	38.56
Received during month of October	\$611.84
Balance carried forward	\$2,675.60
Sub-Total	\$3,287.44
Less Accounts Payable	343.08
Closing Balance	\$2,944.36

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sons. Some churches are effectively using a combination of the last two methods: having a bundle sent to the church for the active congregation, but having copies for shut-ins and non-resident members mailed directly. We will be happy to mail them however you choose, but please utilize the benefits of the GEM in your church, by getting the GEM to all your church's families. We will bill you quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, as you prefer. Most churches pay for it out of their general treasury, but some church subscriptions are paid for by their Woman's Auxiliary or a Sunday school class.

A lot of time, work and money go into the production of each issue of the GEM. If it is not a beneficial publication for your people, please let us know what we are doing wrong and how we can improve. If it is beneficial, then use it to the greatest advantage in your church and community.



Woman's Page



If you haven't already done so, I imagine that you will soon be putting up the Christmas tree and getting ready for the big day. But have you ever thought that Christmas really isn't just one day a year? Christmas is always. Christmas is "For God so loved the world, that he GAVE . . ." (John 3:16a). That love and giving should be in our hearts and lives all year long. The greatest gift ever given was given to you in God's only Son. Why not try giving a "great gift" this year? When you give your Christmas offering to Foreign Missions, add a little extra as a real gift. As you give, remember your State project for this year: "A Micro-Bus" for the McLains in Japan. Our God has given us so much, let's make Christmas every day of the year by giving as He has given to us.

TIME TO REMEMBER . . . Birthdays . . . Jerry Pinkerton (January 24) Institute Emmaus, 1806 St. Legier, Switzerland . . . NEED HELP . . . two books to help you with your Christmas meeting: *Christmas Is Always* by Dale Evans Rogers, Revell Co.; *My Favorite Christmas Story* by Roy Rogers, Revell Co. Both of these books are short and have some great devotional material in them. DON'T FORGET . . . Christmas week of prayer offering will go to Foreign Missions . . . PROVISION CLOSET NEEDS . . . twin and doubled bedspreads, mattress covers, steam irons, pressure cookers, flatware, Melmac, terry dish towels, colored sheets . . .

WHEN I CANNOT UNDERSTAND

When things I cannot understand
Come into the path I trod,
When circumstances seem to bear
The fearful wrath of God,
I simply turn in childlike faith,
Dear Jesus, unto Thee;
This surely must have been Thy will
And is Thy best for me
Forgive my lack of faith, dear God
Just open up my eyes
And let me rest my case with Thee
For Thou alone art wise
You know the reason for this trial.
You know I need this test
So help me, Lord, to really know
Thy way is surely best.
May I not be rebellious
Nor in a worried state;
Just keep me calm in trouble
And let me trust and wait.
And show me, Lord, the lesson
That you would have me learn;
And send the calm and quiet
For which I truly yearn.
(Reta Belle Lyle)

HYMNS WE SECRETLY SING

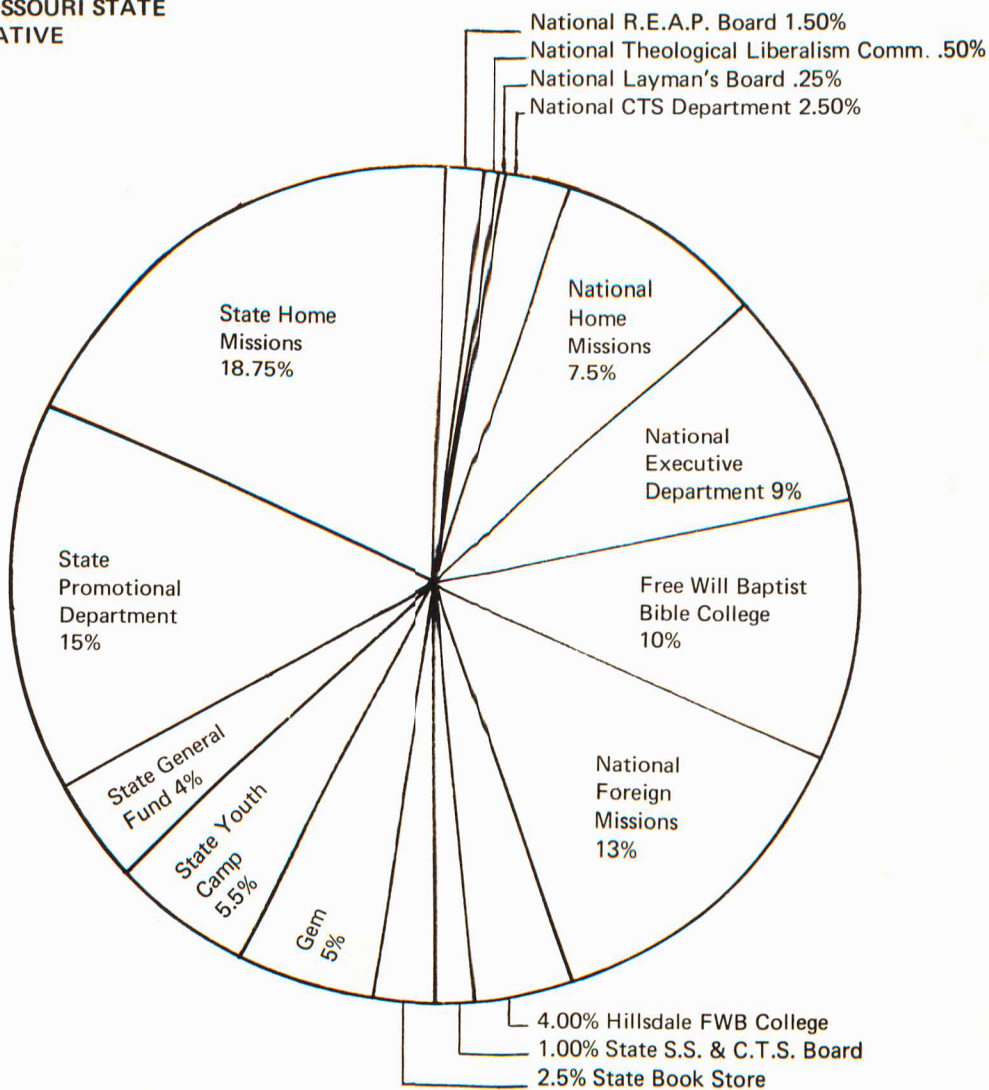
NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD
(when everything goes well)
SING THEM OVER AGAIN TO ME
(the new hymns are too difficult)
MASTER, SPEAK THY SERVANT HEARETH
(until the sermon's over)
SEND DOWN THY TRUTH O GOD
(as long as it doesn't hurt)
COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY
(but wait till I'm not so busy)
A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD
(when all else fails)
O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED
(you didn't take me seriously)
TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY
(I can manage an hour or 2 on Sunday)
I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY
(when no one objects, that is)
WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN
(reluctantly)
HAVE THINE OWN WAY LORD
(when it's convenient for me)
ARE YE ABLE?
(who ME??)
(thanks to Russell Spurgeon)

A sign was found on the parking place of the pastor of a large city church. It read: "He who parks his car in this space must deliver the Sunday morning message."

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MISSOURI STATE COOPERATIVE PLAN

Proposed income 1972-1973	July \$5,833	August \$5,833	September \$5,833	October \$5,833
Actual income 1972 to date	July \$7,194	August \$5,273	September \$6,150	October \$6,750
Actual income 1971	July \$4,969	August \$5,273	September \$6,150	October \$6,750