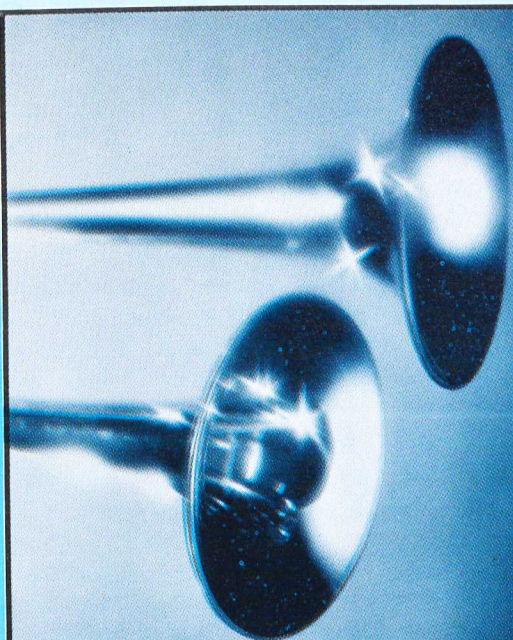


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Farewell Old Year!

I do not know, I cannot see,
What God's kind hand prepares for me,
Nor can my glance pierce through the haze
Which covers all my future ways;
But yet I know that o'er it all
Rules He who notes the sparrow's fall.

Farewell, Old Year, with goodness crowned,
A divine hand hath set my bound,
Welcome the New Year, which shall bring
Fresh blessings from my God and King.
The Old we leave without a tear,
The New we hail without a fear.

—Selected



Personal from the Editor

THIS MONTH I would like to pass along to you an article which fell into my hands some months ago. At the time I was sort of discouraged and I suppose I was even feeling sorry for myself (sniff). Mrs. Billie Dooley, a member of my congregation, handed me a xeroxed copy of this article. We do not know for sure who wrote it. If I ever find out I will thank him personally for kicking me in the seat of my self-pitied pants with his masterful penmanship.

WHAT ARE YOU ANYHOW . . . SOME SORT OF A NUT?

Whatdayamean you can't live the Christian life? Did you think that crosses were just to sing about? Did you think that enlisting in the army of Jesus was the end of the battle instead of the beginning? Are you so dumb that you thought the devil would roll over and play dead the minute you stepped out of the baptistry and hollered "Hallelujah"? You must be some sort of a nut!

Of course you're having trouble . . . Jesus did! Of course you stumble and

make mistakes . . . Peter did too! Of course you face discouraging situations . . . so did Paul! Anybody with one eye and half sense ought to know that! In a war you ought to expect a few hardships. You are something else!

Why in the world do you complain about the church? Are you so dense and addle-brained that you expected people to correct a life time of bad habits in five minutes . . . or five days? Don't you know anything about the Bible? If churches didn't have problems, we wouldn't even need a Bible! Churches and people always have, and always will have problems . . . that's the very reason the Bible was written. You've got to be puttin' me on . . . nobody is that stupid.

Maybe you thought they'd pass out purple hearts in boot camp? Maybe you dreamed of heroism Hollywood style . . . with no pain or fatigue? Maybe you thought the enemy was a gentleman who would fight fair and close up shop for week-ends and holidays? Amigo mio . . . you are outa sight!

Why don't you just calm down and clean out a few of those cobwebs? Go ahead . . . give it a try! Thinking isn't all that painful. Think about this . . . Jesus

once sent His disciples after a donkey with these instructions, "The Lord hath need of him." Now if the Lord could use that jack-ass maybe there's hope for you. God has a way of using people overlooked by the world. Moses was tongue tied (Exodus 4:10); Elijah was suicidal (I Kings 19:4); Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were all liars (Genesis 12:13; 26:7; 27:24); Jonah was a racist who couldn't even be stomached by a self-respecting sea monster (Jonah 4:1,2). James and John were hot heads who were styled by Jesus as "Sons of Thunder" (Mark 3:17). Paul was a cripple described by his enemies as weak in body and contemptible in speech (II Corinthians 10:10). Every man that God has ever used has been sinful and imperfect . . . that's the only kind of men that are available. He did not use them because they were sinners . . . but in spite of it. So, hang on friend. If God can make a preacher out of Moses and an apostle of love out of a flannel mouth like John . . . maybe he can produce a "vessel of honor" out of a slop bucket like you.

Don't you tell me that you can't go

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"Upon My Right Hand Rise The Youth"

(JOB 30:12a)

by Rick Medlin

CERTAINLY the youth of today are all around us. Young people today are making more decisions for themselves and influencing the decisions of our nation more than ever before. Young people can't be categorized, but I believe that young people can be placed in a spectrum of three totally different attitudes. Our young people can be referred to as the generation of tragedy, possibility, or hope.

The tragedy of youth is what most of us are familiar with. We have all seen rioting young people on TV, destroying property and desecrating the authority of the law. We see young people, and perhaps even a few of the older generation, shouting down speakers. It would seem that no one has the right to bring his ideas and opinions to the public. I'm not against lawful demonstration and the right to petition the government. These rights must be exercised or we will lose them, but we will also lose our rights if they are not practiced within the limits of the law. I do not believe the reason for this tragedy in American youth is a result of immaturity, but rather a lack of God. Many young people have absolutely no idea of the truths of the Bible. Anyone who has witnessed for Christ can testify to this fact, but it is not peculiar to the young people only. We know that without the Bible, man will stoop to the deepest depths of immorality. He will fall as far away from God as is humanly possible. We can see this evidence of the eroding morals of the young generation. Perhaps their families have been deprived of the Word of God for successive generations. These young people, the ones who have never seen a Bible and have no idea of right from wrong, are surely a tragedy in our society. These are the young Americans we cannot allow to control our government and of course they are the ones we must do our best to win for Christ.

Perhaps the largest group of young people are those of possibility. This group consists of the young people who perhaps go to church, but are unsaved. Few things make me more upset than seeing people deceived by a church which does not preach the gospel. It is making other young people upset too. There is a mass exodus of young people from the liberal churches in the United States. These churches are trying to maintain their numbers by

becoming more liberal, but of course this is not the answer to their problem. These churches do, however, give us possibility. The young people do have some sense of values. They may be living in sin, but they don't offer near the destruction the absolutely godless group offers. They too must be made to realize that there is a more real relationship with Christ than the one they may now be experiencing. Many of these young people are realizing that better relationship with Christ and are becoming members of the growing third group, the group of hope, the Christian congregation.

The third group of young people are the true Christians. They are a minority, but true Christians have always been a minority. I believe these young people are the hope for America. The reason is obvious. God always stands for hope—the only hope. Recently, this group has been growing, thanks to fundamental churches with a concern for the lost and something else called the "Jesus Revolution." This term frightens many people, but if there is truly a hope for our survival as a civilized nation, it is in such a revolution. I believe the growing churches of our denomination are very much a part of this revolution. This is not to say that everyone who claims Christ as their Savior knows Him. There will always be those who try to corrupt the church and the work of dedicated Christians. David Wilkerson has warned many times that the devil has invaded the revolution which was, and still is, winning young people to Christ by the thousands. This movement is surely a challenge the devil can't resist, just as our own churches must beware lest he destroy us, but we can praise God because young people are still being saved.

Who will be leading our nation in the future? The youth of tragedy would only destroy. There would be no nation to run. Those of possibility are representing the people today. Certainly the vision of every Christian should be to see their young directing our future. This is hope for our survival—that Christian people, young and old alike, get involved in the influencing of our national direction.

Editor's Note: Rick Medlin is senior at the Monett Missouri High School. He is a member of the First FWB Church of Monett, and pianist for that congregation.

A New Beginning

by Timothy Eaton

THE PASSING of the old year into the new. A time when, in many aspects of our lives, there is a new beginning. Businesses put aside the programs of the preceding year in order to step out to larger gains and profits. Even the Internal Revenue Service allows us to start a new balance on January 1. New Years is a time of retrospection, resolutions, and anticipation of things to come. How much more significant this time would become if some soul were to make a new beginning with God through His Son.

What better time of the year does one, who does not know Christ as Savior, have to find Him? The celebration of Christ's birth is fresh on his mind. The pause to reflect on the past and chance to speculate as to what the future will bring. Perhaps if we Christians would make a greater commitment of our lives, some soul that is now lost would make a great new beginning. A beginning like the time of the great revival in the last century which changed the lives of millions. Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32)

Christians should be resolved to be examples of

Christ's redeeming power. How many can even give the plan of salvation, the very thing which brought them out of the darkness of a life without Jesus? Christ was born of a virgin. He lived a perfect life, one without reproach before God. He was crucified on the cross for the sins of the world. He arose the third day, the conqueror of man's ancient enemy, death.

To make a new beginning, one must believe that Christ, the spotless lamb of God, died for the remission of sin and rose that all who have faith in Him might have life. For one soul to see the joy of those who serve Christ, to see the hopelessness of a life without Christ, and most importantly, to see the need for a new beginning.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." (John 5:24)

Editor's Note: Timothy Eaton is a sophomore at Hillsdale FWB College in Moore, Oklahoma, where he is the president of the student body. His home is Joplin, Missouri where he is a member of the First FWB Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES, 1972

CHURCH	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
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			82
DeSoto	100	115	142	133	125	125	123	129	127	144	136
Farmington					125			121		150	136
Fellowship	203	217	171	187	275	266	303	332	379		311
Fredericktown	136	153	191	194	163	152	157	156	161	169	168
Flat River, First	102	110	151	135	123	130	131	138	140	141	124
Fourth, St. Louis	112	122	148	151	126	123	115	114	124	135	140
Grace, Arnold										227	
Happy Hill	77	81	76	85	83						
Joplin, First	71	77	82	77	65	62	67	72	80	75	68
Leadington	111	115	125	114	112	105	105	100	98	110	
Lebanon, First	137	150	186	153	163	164	136	142	162	167	143
Mine LaMotte	35	43	58	56	43	40		44	32	42	36
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	93
Salem	44	46	42	41	39	35		32	33		35
Thayer	139	139	146	148	134	130	143	149	154		
Trinity, Bridgeton	169	178	227	197	204	181	162	178	180	191	180
Twin Oaks, Fredericktown	51	50	44	54	44	47	48	55	46	48	
Victory, Kansas City	110	125	130	136	120	126	110	145	173	212	152
West Plains	137	141		151	149	140	141	129	132		
Willow Springs	88	103	103	125	99	99	103	95	100	109	

Churches are requested to send the averages that are missing from this report to the GEM office. Churches not reporting for three consecutive months will be removed from the report.

CHURCHES PEOPLE and EVENTS

FLAT RIVER FIRST CHURCH WINS SS TROPHY

by Pastor Kenneth H. Goff

Many times after a game the Coach will be lifted and carried off in triumphant victory, whereas the real victory came because of the effort made by the team and because the team worked together. The same is true in the church if it is ever to see victory.

Here in the St. Francois County (the lead belt area) every three months we have a Sunday School Convention. Every church has an equal chance of winning the trophy because the contest is based on their own Sunday School attendance average from the last quarter. On the day of the convention, the church which comes closest to their average or who goes over their average the most is the winner and the church winning four times in a row may keep the trophy.

I recall the first convention I attended after coming to First FWB Church of Flat River to pastor. Our church was represented by 22 people. Time and time again we watched other churches walk off with the prize.

On January 9, 1972 interest had grown so much that First Church of Flat River walked off with the prize. 86 people from the church had turned out to compete against our average of 105. On April 9, 1972 First Church again walked off with the trophy with 127 present, competing against our average again of 105. On July 9, 1972, with 108 present, competing against our average of 135, First Church, for the third time, received the trophy. Then, on October 8, 1972 for the fourth and final time, with a vast 165 people present at the convention, competing against our average of 135, First Church of Flat River won the trophy and it became our property.

There has yet to be won a war, a game, or a trophy without unity; a united, shoulder to shoulder effort. The day Free Will Baptists across our land start working together this way, then and only then will we see not just trophies being won, but many souls being won to Christ.

We, here at the First Church of Flat River, proudly display our achievement, not because of its value or beauty, but because of the priceless way we attained it, Unity!

BLESSINGS IN DESOTO

Mrs. Sophia Ackerson writes from Desoto that the Lord is blessing the FWB Church there by touching hearts in their services and saving the lost in their midst. She especially commends their pastor, Rev. Miller, and the young people of their church.

BILL ADKISSON TO CAPE GIRARDEAU

Rev. Bill Adkisson has recently resigned his pastorate at the South Fremont FWB Church in Springfield and accepted an appointment by the Missouri State Home Missions Board to go to Cape Girardeau. The Cape Girardeau Mission was established several years ago when Rev. Don Jones went there under the sponsorship of the State Home Missions Board, but the church lost several key families in recent months which threatened the future existence of the work. To protect the investment that our State Home Missions Board already have at Cape Girardeau the decision was made recently to place a short term missionary back on the field there. The Adkissons will begin their work there near the first of the year.

A layman from the South Fremont FWB Church in Springfield, Larry Cockman, has already moved to Cape Girardeau to assist in the rebuilding of the work there. Mr. Cockman is a builder by trade, and with his family, are faithful workers in the church.

Free Will Baptists across the state are called to rally in prayer and support once again that there may be a FWB witness in Cape Girardeau.

HOWARD AND JOAN FILKINS TO IVORY COAST

A lay family from the Kirksville, Missouri area were appointed by the Foreign Missions Board in December as missionaries to Ivory Coast, becoming the fourth foreign missionary family from the Northeast Missouri Association. Howard and Joan Filkins will leave the states May 28, 1973 with their three sons, Daniel, David, and Wayne to fly to Ivory Coast, West Africa where they will become the house parents for our missionary children at the Bouke School for Missionary Children.

More on the Filkin's ministry in Ivory Coast next month.

MARSHFIELD YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETS

The Gospel Five of Springfield, Missouri were featured on the program of the monthly Youth Fellowship meeting of the Marshfield FWB Church.

Others participating on the program were Miss Sue Boyce, Miss Shirley Chapman, Rev. Lisle Wright and Youth Director, Rev. Raymond Askren.

VICTORY CHURCH NATIONAL SS CONTEST WINNER

The Sunday School of the Victory FWB Church in Avondale was recently notified that they had won first place in the "F" division of the Fall Enlargement Campaign sponsored by our National Sunday School Department. The Victory Sunday School had a 72.36% increase over their previous average of 123, averaging 212 during the month of October.

Participation in the National Sunday School Contest was reported to be the greatest ever, enlisting churches in 26 different states and one territory. Victory Church was the only Missouri church winning.

Congratulations to Rev. Lawrence Thompson, pastor, and all the faithful Sunday School staff at Victory Church!

NEW BUS AT TRINITY

The Trinity FWB Church in Bridgeton report that they have purchased a bus for Sunday School use. The men of the church worked hard to repaint it burgundy and white, install new indoor/outdoor carpeting, and re-upholster the seats. They are looking forward though, to the carpet becoming worn and the paint becoming scuffed by the hundreds of children who will ride it to Trinity Sunday School and church, many of whom will no doubt meet Jesus there.

FOURTH CHURCH REPORTS GROWTH

Correspondance from Mr. Leamon Killian, of the Fourth FWB Church in St. Louis reports unusual blessings from the Lord in the church recently. One Sunday in December they had 172 in Sunday School, which was the highest attendance since they have been in their new building.

Rev. Ben Scott conducted a fall revival at Fourth Church where several rededications were witnessed and a spiritual strengthening of the church was experienced.

Recently, 59 young people rode the Fourth Church's bus to services one Sunday, increasing the Junior Church to a record number. The CTS at Fourth is also in the increase.

Rev. Johnny Land was in revival there as this item went to press.

Rev. Millard Sasser is pastor of the church.

"THANK YOU" FROM FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Rev. Bill Evans, special assistant in the Office of Development of Free Will Baptist Bible College, sends this note to GEM readers: "Present and future students of Free Will Baptist Bible College say 'THANK YOU!' At this holiday season when gifts are being exchanged these students want to make a down payment on their thanks to the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists for its \$1,000 gift to the new Library Wing. Future years of service will be the continued payment as those students fill our pulpits and churches with Christian workers."

The Bible College reports that the New Library Wing, with a capacity for 42,500 books, and the new Activities Building, housing a swimming pool, and gymnasium/auditorium will soon be completed and in use. The Nashville, Tennessee campus has 27 Missouri students there this year in a student body totaling over 500.

A recent financial report from FWBBC shows Missouri is right on schedule in raising our \$16,500 general fund quota for the year. Since August of 1965 Missouri has given \$24,080.67 to the expansion fund at FWBBC. \$1,166,460.34 has been raised in that period nationwide.

FWB BUS BULLETIN SEEKING LARGEST BUS MINISTRIES

The Free Will Baptist *Bus Bulletin* is taking a survey to find the 10 Largest Bus Ministries among our churches. All churches having a bus ministry are requested to send their October, November, and December, 1972 monthly averages to

Free Will Baptist Bus Bulletin
2236 East California Avenue
Bakersfield, California 93306

The mailing deadline will be January 31, 1973. The listings received will be published in the *Bus Bulletin* on the first of February, 1973.

NORTHWEST CHURCHES MERGE

by Pastor Vernon Maggart

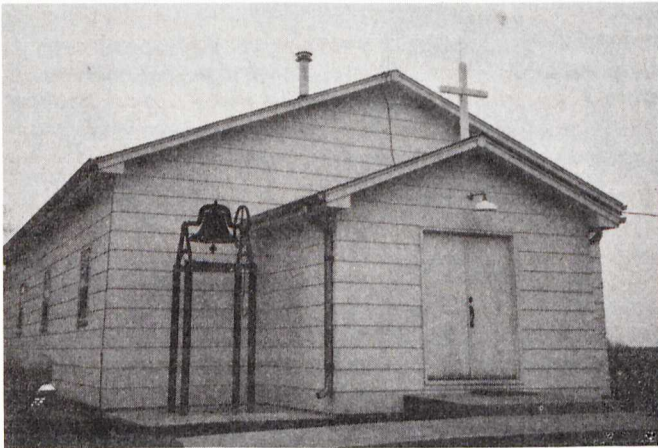
On Sunday, September 17, the First FWB Church in St. Joseph merged with the Freeman Chapel FWB Church located ten miles east of St. Joseph on the Buchanan County Line Road. Since both of our churches were small in numbers, we felt that more could be accomplished for God's glory if our congregations became one church. We sold our church property here in St. Joseph and united with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Freeman Chapel. Our attendance averages around sixty with an

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average weekly offering of near \$170. Since our two churches united, we have seen eight first time decisions for Christ. Our church sends one-half of our offering on the first Sunday of each month to the Jerry Pinkerton Foreign Mission Account, and 10% of our monthly offerings are sent to the Missouri State Cooperative Plan. We praise God that our people have a burden for missions. During the months of October and November our church sent a total of \$306.36 to Foreign Missions. During the same period we sent \$143.02 to the Missouri State Cooperative Plan. Our total outside giving for October and November was \$502.43.

We hope you will encourage our people to let us know if they have relatives or friends in the St. Joseph area that might be prospects for our church. Write to me at 5401 University Avenue, St. Joseph, Missouri 64501.

Blessed news! The Lord blessed us with another little boy December 4. We named him Daniel Mark. We now have four children: David 9, Debbie 4, Dana 3, and our newborn Daniel.



Our Altar

There is an altar in our church
 'Tis beautiful to me—
 There I can meet my Savior
 Upon my bended knee—
 And if I humbly come to Him
 Though burdened down with
 care—
 I know—Oh yes!—I surely know
 That He will meet me there—
 And if in my humility
 I seek His loving face
 I know that He will strengthen me
 By His all-Sufficient grace.

Pearl Evelyn Denton

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Report from the National Home Missions Department to GEM readers revealed that Missourians contributed \$1,449.35 to National Home Missions in November, 1972. 51 different churches and individuals in our state made contributions during the month, with the Sonlight FWB Church, of Mountain Grove making the largest single contribution of \$389.42.

The Home Missions Board met in Nashville in November and reviewed a number of applications for missionary work in North America. One Missourian was among the list of applicants: Miss Stephanie Vincent, of Kirksville.

Missourians should be receiving the free Home Missions publication, MISSIONGRAMS, to stay abreast of National Home Mission news. If you are not now receiving this publication, send your name and address (with your zip code) to the National Home Missions Department, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

FROM THE MACK OWENS

Correspondence from the Mack Owens, Home Missionaries in Piermont, New Hampshire, greets Missouri FWB's in behalf of the New England FWB's. The Owens will soon be spending several months on itinerate to raise needed support for a new project. They hope to enter one of the larger New England cities to begin a FWB Church in the near future.

Brother Owens still has a few copies of *The Life of Elder Benjamin Randall* for sale at \$2.50 per copy. You may order them from Rev. Mack Owens, P.O. Box 86, Piermont, New Hampshire 03779.

FROM THE DENNIS BOWMANS

Mission Pastor Dennis Bowman in Independence, Missouri reports four people saved in their services the past month, and two baptisms. In a revival last month with Evangelist Johnny Land they averaged 75 per night in attendance, with a record attendance on Wednesday night of 105.

They request prayer about the possibility of purchasing additional property. Also an urgent prayer request was made for the health of their Teen Sunday School Teacher. Write to the Bowmans at 2104 James Downey Rd., Independence, Mo. 64057.

EMMA RUTH WILLEY SUCCUMBS

Emma Ruth Bennett Willey, missionary wife of Reverend Thomas H. Willey, Jr., went to be with the Lord on December 13 in a Panama City, Panama hospital. Mrs. Willey had undergone a mastectomy earlier this year, and doctors felt sure that all the malignancy had been removed. Death, however, was attributed to multi-malignancies in the lungs which spread to the brain.

Emma Ruth, age 37, leaves her husband, Thomas, Jr.; a daughter, Kathy, age 10; a three-month-old son, Thomas Randall; and a number of other relations.

Funeral services were scheduled to be held on Friday, December 15 in Panama with another service scheduled for Sunday afternoon December 17 at Pollock Chapel, New Bern, North Carolina, the burial site.

Prayer is requested for the immediate family.

FROM THE FULCHERS IN PANAMA

Bill and Glenda Fulcher write the GEM readers from Panama to express their appreciation to Glenda's home state for the offerings and prayers on their behalf. Glenda has started a Bible Club every Tuesday afternoon in the Agua Buena Church. Every week, 80 to 110 children have been attending. The new church building at Agua Buena is to be finished very soon. Bill reports good response to a Teacher's Training Class and a monthly Men's Fellowship Meeting.

FROM THE CARR'S IN ALASKA

The Bob Carr Family in Alaska write to greet GEM readers and thank their supporters in Missouri. They report some profitable contacts with several new Indian families.

The Carrs request prayer that their airplane can soon be provided. The plane is being purchased by donations of money and trading stamps, made to the Carr Plane Fund, c/o Mr. Bill Campbell, 944 So. Parfet Way, Lakewood, Colorado 80226. The possibility of a weekly radio broadcast on a Fairbanks station, KJNP, is also a matter of concern to the Carrs. Missourians are encouraged to remember this fine lay couple representing FWB's in our Northernmost state.

FROM THE PINKERTONS IN SWITZERLAND

The Jerry Pinkerton family writes that they are thankful for their new car, recently acquired in Switzerland. They are still struggling with learning the French language, and request the prayers of FWB's in their home state.

They report spending Christmas with our missionary families in France, the Sextons, Merkh's, and Haases.



The Bookshelf

Review of *Hot Line to Heaven*
by Frances Gardner Hunter

Reviewed by Mrs. Lucille Beatty

Have you hesitated to ask for God's help in the minor, everyday cares of life? If so, read Frances Gardner Hunter's exciting book, *Hot Line to Heaven*.

Though converted late in life, Mrs. Hunter has a child-like faith that believes God when He says, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matthew 21:22).

This humorous and inspirational book is interesting and easy to read and should prove beneficial to each reader's prayer life.

This book and other Frances Gardner Hunter books may be purchased at our own state bookstore, 303 West Commercial, Lebanon, Mo. 65536.

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on and that you have to give up. I know better. God has promised that He would never tempt you above that you were able to endure (1 Corinthians 10:13). There's no reason in the world for you to stick your neck in the coward's noose like Judas when the pleading Saviour waits with open arms to forgive and to help.

The secret of the Christian life is power...not yours but HIS. This power is able to accomplish "Exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20). His power can put to death the deeds of the body and replace them with the fruit of the Spirit.

Don't go over the hill when the first mortar explodes...don't head for the showers in the fourth inning...don't toss in the towel. Jesus is in your corner with divine instructions to fight another round. The crown of life is not for those who start the race, but for those who finish. The victory is for those who are faithful until death. You're going to die anyhow...why not die with your armour buckled on? Why not turn your wish bone into back bone? Quit whining like a baby and put a little starch in your upper lip! Help is just a prayer away!

Sure I'm optimistic...even over a nut like you!

NOVEMBER, 1972
COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Beacon	\$260.62
Carterville	26.78
Grace (2 mos.)	716.44
Mine LaMotte	15.88
Kirksville	30.00
Salem	20.00
Olivett	130.00
Number One Mission Assn.	34.20
Waynesville (2 mos.)	227.22
Hannon	78.10
Garfield	24.98
Berkeley	418.48
Bethel, Festus	40.00
Farmington	241.10
Grant Avenue (Oct.)	275.13
Neosho	50.00
Pleasant Ridge	32.50
Lebanon First	426.00
Faith (Oct.)	146.77
Columbia	63.37
Leadington	184.15
New Home, Laclede Assn	51.17
Marshfield	60.89
Belton	97.00
Desoto First	165.00
Houston	152.00
Monett First	259.28
Verdella	85.58
Thayer	56.47
Mt. Grove First	338.96
Purdy First	41.17
Copper Mines	115.00
Cedar Ridge (Regular \$39.69 transferred 10% to foreign mis.	44.09
Twin Oaks	200.00
Fourth	275.76
Independence (K.C. Assn)	46.00
Happy Home	31.00
Cabool	104.44
Pleasant Grove	17.22
Aurora Mission	74.15
Parkview (Nov.)	50.00
Belton	122.00
South Side, St. Louis	146.88
Hickory Grove	17.70
Rock Springs	37.25
Mine La Motte	15.65
Beacon	181.16
Total November receipts	\$6,227.54

ATTENTION PREACHERS: Please send me a brief explanation of the plan of salvation (500 words or less). Write out Scriptures and illustrations. I will use one of these in the GEM each month, as a challenge to the unsaved who read our magazine. Mail yours to the GEM office this month, and watch for it to appear in the GEM in the future.

Editor

November, 1972
Cooperative Disbursements

18.75% Missouri Missions	\$1,167.66
15.00% Promotional Dept.	934.13
04.00% General Fund	249.10
05.50% Youth Camp	342.51
05.00% GEM	311.38
01.00% Missouri S.S. and CTS	62.28
02.50% Lebanon Bible Store	155.69
52.25% Seven Missouri Depart.	\$3,222.75
04.00% Hillsdale College	\$249.10
13.00% Foreign Missions	\$809.58
10.00% FWB Bible College	622.75
09.00% Executive Depart.	560.47
07.50% Nat'l. Home Missions	467.07
02.50% Nat'l CTS Depart.	155.69
01.50% R.E.A.P.	93.42
00.50% Theological Com.	31.14
00.25% Laymens Board	15.57
43.75% Eight Nat'l Departs.	\$2,755.69
100.00% Total Disbursed	\$6,227.54

Harry Beatty, Treasurer

Missouri State
Home Missions Giving
Nov. 5, — Dec. 5, 1972

Leroy Spencer	20.00
Sonlight Missionary Conference	20.00
Leadington Church	8.00
New Home Church	30.00
First Church Mtn. Grove	16.75
Thayer Church	17.00
Mine LaMotte Church	10.00
First Church Monett	75.00
Woman's Aux. Belvoir, N.C.	2.00
Hannon Church	42.55
Belton Church	10.00
Copper Mines Church	7.00
Viburnum Church	20.75
New Rock Springs Church	18.25
First Church Flat River	10.00
First Church Farmington	4.00
Willow Springs Church	16.53
Hurryville Church	60.00
Georganne Smith	5.00
Bethel Church Woman's Aux	5.00
Mona Chrisman	1.00
Fellowship Church	123.00
Salem Church	10.00
South Side Church	5.00
Parkview Church	20.00
Belton Church	10.00
New Harmony Church	20.00
First Church DeSoto	20.00
Low Ground Church	5.00
Victory Church	88.28
Olivet Church	155.00
Hazel Creek Church	5.00
Cooperative Receipts	1,167.66
	2,027.77

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Promotional Secretary's Corner

VIBURNUM FWB Church held special services nightly, beginning Wednesday, November 1, through Sunday, the 5th. Each of their former pastors preached one service: Rev. Darrell Morris, Ronnie Graham, James Barker, John Long, S.A. Hand, and their present pastor, Elmer Turnbough. Some were saved and others re-dedicated themselves for the service of the Lord.

Sunday, November 5, was a high day for Viburnum congregation. They held all day services, homecoming, and grand opening for their new educational annex building, with a parsonage and living provisions in the second story. Pastor Turnbough supervised and led the way in the construction of this new building. They also enlarged the original sanctuary and brick veneered both buildings. This is a fine asset to the church and community. I was privileged to be guest minister for the morning sermon. Viburnum Church participates in the Cooperative Plan of support. The same Sunday evening, I delivered the message in our Salem Church. Pastor Courtney and the church report progress there and souls being saved too. This church contributes to the Cooperative Plan monthly.

The Quarterly Meeting of the First Mission Association assembled with New Home FWB Church near Grove Springs, Mo. Thursday, November 9. 25 churches were represented with delegates present. They ordained

two young men to the ministry of the gospel. Brother Beatty arrived late in the afternoon, but in time to give the Cooperative Program and a Victory Report. We sold a few Bibles after the session closed, from our Lebanon Bible Portable Book Store stand. Pastor Clyde Montgomery and this fine rural church did a fine job hosting the Quarterly Meeting.

I visited Cabool Church revival Thursday evening. Evangelist Oscar Cunningham preached this revival. Pastor Murray and the church rejoiced together over an ingathering of souls for the Lord.

I was delighted to preach the eleven o'clock sermon in Indian Creek Quarterly Meeting Saturday, November 11 in Neosho's new church building. I also explained the new allocation of Missouri Cooperative Funds to which most of their churches give each month.

I attended the closing night of the revival in Greenfield FWB Church. Pastor Davis and the church experienced a good revival. An elderly man was saved in the final altar service Saturday night November 11, making a total of eleven during the entire meeting. Rev. Fidel Bridges delivered the evangelistic messages each evening.

Sunday morning, November 12, I shared the radio message over Eldorado Springs radio station, and the 11 A.M. sermon in our First FWB Church of Eldorado, Missouri. Pastor Bridges reports having souls in their regular weekly services. Their church is growing and needs to enlarge the church building to accommodate their congregation.

Sunday evening in response to an invitation from Pastor Dennis Mays, and Hannon Church I delivered the sermon and explained the 1972-73 allocation of Cooperative Contributions, which this fine rural church has faithfully supported for more than a decade. Brethren, I observed that half of their congregation consist of youth, which speaks clear and loud: Give our people a good Christ-centered program and keep them involved and win them to

the Lord, whether in the rural or urban community.

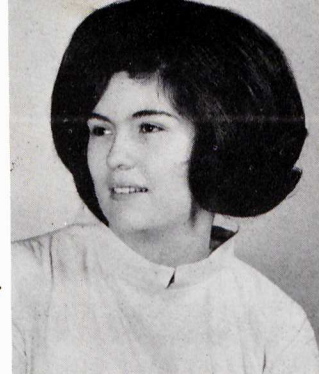
Friday evening, November 17, Belton FWB Church hosted the Greater Kansas City Quarterly Meeting. Rev. Matthews delivered the principal sermon. Moderator Rev. Dale Jones assigned time on the program for our Missouri Promotional Service, to which 100% of their churches tithe. Each church reported having souls saved in the past quarter. We sold several Bibles from our Lebanon Bible Store Supply Stand. Rev. C. T. Christensen is pastor in Belton. They did a fine job hosting the meeting, including an evening meal in the church dining hall.

Sunday morning, November 19, I delivered the sermon in our Independence FWB Home Mission Church, 2104 James Downey Road. Mission Pastor Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Bowman and co-workers Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Parsons, plus other entire families won for the Lord, also some former members, all cooperating together, are winning new people and have already enlarged their sanctuary, thus taking care of their growing congregation. Brethren, if you have people living in this city, send their names to Pastor Dennis Bowman, zip 64057.

Faith FWB Church in St. Louis District adopted the Cooperative Plan in November. Four dozen churches sent a total of \$6,227.54. Since July 1, 1972 eight churches sent an offering for the first time, and some of them have adopted the plan. A total of 91 churches gave \$31,594.47 in five months. Thus, Missouri is more than 45% of the way toward our projected goal, approximately \$2,400 ahead of schedule. We are over our Foreign Missions suggested quota for the year, but are under National Home Missions suggested quota. Hopefully special designated offerings will bring us near our needed amount in November.

Harry Beatty,
Promotional Secretary

Woman's Page



Kathy Lay, Editor

NEWS

The Olivet Woman's Auxiliary in Marshall held a progressive dinner for their December meeting, with 20 in attendance. Hostesses were: Salad—Mrs. Simmons; Vegetable—Mrs. Bandy; Meat—Mrs. Bowman; Dessert—Mrs. Thomas.

NO MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY, so why not write a missionary family and tell them you are praying for them, and send them some news from home. Missionary Directories, with all our missionaries' addresses are available from the Foreign Missions Department, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

Dear Co-Laborers:

This is to remind you that our Home Missions project, adopted at the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention is to raise a minimum of \$1,000.00 to apply toward the "Perpetual Loan Fund" of our State Home Missions Department. It is my firm conviction that this is the ideal plan for new church promotion and, of course, our entire work depends on the strength of the home front.

Do not be discouraged because of this appearing to be such a long range plan before we can have ample money for operation. I just listened to a T.V. program this morning who plan on a 1½ million dollar Christmas offering. A few years ago I listened to a political program as they raised 2 million dollars in a 30 minute period. How much do we want to support this plan of the Missouri State Home Missions Board? Keep in mind that by having our own loaning company we will be building for Free Will Baptists instead of the secular organizations. A \$20,000 loan at 7½% interest pays the bank \$13,373.80 over a 15 year period, more of course if it is on a longer term loan. This might as well be a return into the Missouri State Home Missions Fund.

Thus, let us give liberally into this phase of our work and though February is our designated month for this project, we are free to give the year round. Let's exceed our adopted goal. Okay?

Your Field Worker,
Lucille Beatty

A MOTHER'S PLEDGE

- I will do my part to make our home a happy place of work, play, love, and worship.
 - I will give Christ His place in my life and help each family member to be loyal to Him and to the church.
 - I will be a loving companion to my husband, mentally, physically, and spiritually. When misunderstandings come, I will be quick to forgive and to ask forgiveness.
 - I will take time to enjoy our children and to appreciate each one individually.
 - I will encourage a happy relationship between my husband and our children.
 - I will discipline out of love and not to relieve my inner feelings.
 - I will help our children to befriend people of all races and to live above petty grievances.
 - I will answer all their questions about life and teach them about eternal life in Christ.
 - I will maintain an interest in people and affairs outside of our home.
 - I will pray, give, and go as God leads me to help those in physical or spiritual need.
 - I will look upon this life as only a part of God's plan for me.
 - I will keep busy and happy with enthusiasm for life, but with my face set towards my Father's house of many mansions.
- GOD HELPING ME, THIS IS THE KIND OF PERSON I WILL BE THAT MY LIFE MIGHT BE A BLESSING TO MY HUSBAND, TO OUR CHILDREN, AND THE GENERATIONS TO COME TO THE CHURCH AND TO THE WORLD.
- Thanks to Anita Steele, Kirksville, Missouri

A lady came to church flashing on her hand a pair of beautiful diamonds. Many were quite aghast at their brilliance. On her way out she shook the pastor's hand. "Pastor," said the woman, "did you see my new diamonds?"

"Yes," said the pastor, "I saw them when you placed that dime in the missionary offering today."

REMEMBER: February is State Home Missions Month. Project: \$1,000 for the Perpetual Loan Fund.

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GRAPH COMPARING MISSOURI STATE COOPERATIVE GIVING in 1972 with 1971

	July	August	September	October	November
Proposed Budget 1972	\$5,833	\$5,833	\$5,833	\$5,833	\$5,833
	July	August	September	October	November
Actual Income 1972	\$7,194	\$5,273	\$6,150	\$6,750	\$6,228
	July	August	September	October	November
Actual Income 1971	\$4,969	\$5,091	\$3,686	\$6,950	\$5,255