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GO TO THE MISSION FIELD?

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in a GEM interview  
with the Howard Filkins Family  
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# Why Would a Layman and His Family Go to the Mission Field?



*(A Gem interview with the Howard Filkins Family  
from Kirksville, Missouri)*

Howard and Joan Filkins are not strangers to Missouri Free Will Baptists. In the Northeast Missouri Association they have been active in both the Hazel Creek Church and the First Church in Kirksville for many years, holding a variety of offices. Howard has served on the Deacon Board, the Board of Christian Education, the office of Sunday School Superintendent, and Sunday School teacher. Joan has served most of the offices in the Woman's Auxiliary as well as Sunday School and CTS teacher. But their activities have not been confined to their local church. Howard and Joan have both served faithfully in their district association as well as in the Missouri State Association. Howard has been the Northeast Missouri Association's representative on the Missouri State General Board for almost a decade, and has served on the Executive Committee part of that time. Joan has held offices in the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

We are interviewing this lay family in this issue to inform the state in which they have given so generously of their time and talents of their needs as they prepare to go as our representatives to the Ivory Coast.

*QUESTION: Is it definite you are going to the Ivory Coast, West Africa?*

ANSWER: Yes, it is. We were officially appointed by our Foreign Missions Board in Nashville on December 5, 1972.

*QUESTION: Why are you going to the mission field?*

ANSWER: When we learned of the plans to build a dormitory at the Conservative Baptist School in Bouake (where most of our FWB missionary children in Africa attend school) and the need to provide houseparents, the question of "would we go?" was facing us. Ever since college days at Free Will Baptist Bible College we have felt a burden for each

of our mission fields and especially Africa, but instead of being called to "go preach" the Lord directed to "go plow" the north Missouri fields for 14 years. For two months we prayed and waited for the December meeting and all signs pointed to the decision to "go." We have always wanted to help out on the mission field, but it seemed like a far-away dream. Certainly we could not be preaching, teaching or healing missionaries, so what could we do? Then this door opened so suddenly, almost unbelievably. Yet, from the first encounter, we felt the Lord directing.

*QUESTION: What do you plan to do in the Ivory Coast?*

ANSWER: We will be houseparents to 18 high school boys at the Bouke School. Our living quarters will be in one end of the dorm and the boys' bedrooms on the other with a large family-living room and kitchen between. We will be responsible for their behavior and physical needs. We will counsel when the need arises. Howard will help in the recreation and outings. Joan will help supervise study hall and work in the dining hall when the cook is off. It was also hinted that houseparents might get drafted into providing some classes when the need arises. The school is set up on a trimester system, with 12 weeks of classes followed by a four week break, 12 more weeks of classes, and another four week break, then 12 final weeks of classes before an eight week break. We will probably transport the FWB children back and forth to the mission stations where their parents live, during the break times, and hopefully get to help our other missionaries there.

*QUESTION: Are you looking forward to going or kind of dreading it?*

ANSWER: We are excited and eager to go. There is much to be done here at home that will be pure ole work to get ready



and rearrange our farming set up. That part we do dread.

*QUESTION: When will you be leaving?*

ANSWER: Plans are now to leave by the end of May or June 1.

*QUESTION: How do you think the Lord has been preparing you for this work?*

ANSWER: Looking back, we can see the hand of God has guided toward this for many years. We spent two years in France when we were with "Uncle Sam" and have a small knowledge of the French language and know what it is to live many miles from family. At Free Will Baptist Bible College, Howard took mission courses and we became very sensitive to the mission fields and their needs. For eight years we have been foster parents and have been faced with many of our youths' problems. We've kept missionaries' children in our home and know of their perplexities and joys. We have also worked in Gideons International for six years, and know from this experience the importance of working with other evangelical denominations, as we will be in the Conservative Baptist School in Bouake. Now the Lord has given us two prosperous years on the farm, making it possible for us to be cleared of heavy responsibility that goes with farming. For a number of years, we have carried a burden for the missionary children.

*QUESTION: How do your children feel about going to Ivory Coast?*

ANSWER: This, of course, was our first consideration. When we presented to them the possibility, Dan (16) said, "I'd be glad to be in a Christian school." David (14) quickly replied, "If that's where the Lord wants us, I'm ready." Our little three year old Dale Wayne should be legally ours when our adoption is filed in January. The Lord has answered this prayer and worked out much red tape, for which we are most grateful. When we asked him what he would do in Africa, he replied, "Take my toys and see Timmy." Timmy is the Pinkerton's youngest son.

*QUESTION: How can we Free Will Baptists in the state of Missouri help you in this undertaking?*

ANSWER: There are several ways. Due to the brevity of time, the Missions Board plans to raise our cash support through "Call-a-Thon" in April, but our monthly support

will need to be raised and hopefully our Missouri churches can help do this. Then too, one of the missionaries sent a list of items that we need for the new dorm. While many of these can be supplied through the blessed provision closet in Nashville, operated by our Auxiliary, there are several other things that will be needed. (covered in the next question)

But most important, we need your prayers for wisdom, patience and ability to help guide these precious lives. These children will be several hundred miles away from home, and they too, need your prayers. We will have eight to ten weeks in a special language school in Abidjan when we first arrive, so pray too that our minds will be clear and open to the French language so we can be able to communicate well and be able to give forth a witness, even in French.

*QUESTION: What are some specific items that you will need in the new dorm that churches and individuals might provide?*

ANSWER: 20 ribcord bedspreads (twin or bunk size)

64 inch wide sheets (colored if possible)

A set of Melmac for at least 24 (prefer mug type cups and a pattern boys would like)

Candy thermometer

Plastic coated clothes hangers

Piano for dorm living room

Wall clock

Pillows (23)

Drapes for living rooms and cafe curtains for the 10 bedrooms

Baking utensils (large size for 24)

Electric mixer

Maytag wringer washer

Two 5 gallon water coolers

Twin size quilts and mattress pads

6 to 8 quart ice cream freezer with wooden tub

These items would all have to be shipped by May.

*QUESTION: Are you available for itinerate services?*

ANSWER: Yes. We plan to be available on weekends. There may be occasions when a week-day service could be arranged later this spring. Anyone interested could write or call Rev. Henry Van Kluyve, Foreign Missions Department, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

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# CHURCHES PEOPLE and EVENTS

## A CHURCH FOR AGES

"Little children and the aged, hand in hand stand all aglow, who were crippled, broken, ruined, clad in garments white as snow."

What a beautiful picture these words create in the mind. It is a line from the song, "The King is Coming." As I listened to the words of this beautiful song, this line seemed to stand out to me as I thought that this could be literally true from the Fellowship Church in Flat River, Missouri. The Christians here are trying to reach people of all ages. We have a thriving bus ministry that reaches out into all parts of our area, bringing in children to teach them the Word of God and to win them to Christ. At the other end of the scale, Fellowship has an Extension Ministry. The Church goes into 2 Nursing Homes each Sunday and teaches the residents there God's Word. This ministry was first started in 1958 and has been a blessing not only to the people there but to the Church and the ones who have been privileged to work with them. The teachers of these classes keep the prayer requests of these people before the people of the church making them a real part of the Church. For those who can't come to Church, the Church goes to them. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Church also has meetings at these homes at various times of the year. In the middle, Fellowship has an active visitation program for both men and women, which go out each Thursday into the community, trying to reach those who are unchurched but more importantly to reach those who will accept Christ as their Saviour. The Lord Jesus came to meet the needs of *All People*, not just the young, nor just the old, but for *All*. Unless we, as His representatives, are taking the news of His love to all ages, we are not fulfilling His Plan.

Mrs. Robert R. Reeves  
Fellowship FWB Church Reporter

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REVIVAL AT FELLOWSHIP

The people of Fellowship Church in Flat River, Missouri experienced the blessings of God in early December as Brother Keith Kenemer came to hold a Sunday School Revival with us. Hearts were chal-

lenged as Christians got a renewed vision of what God had done for them and what He expected them to do for Him. Many Christians renewed their vows to God and promised to serve Him more completely. Satan tried his best to hinder the work of God as severe cold weather and even an ice storm hit during the week, but those who were faithful received a double portion of God's blessing, as we not only had our love for Christ revived, but also were privileged to see souls won to the Lord. Brother Keith (a layman) quite ably pointed out our faults but he also showed us what to do about them. As a result of this revival, Fellowship has set some high goals for 1973, but with the direction of God and the power of the Holy Spirit and our willingness to surrender ourselves to Him, we believe we cannot only reach but surpass these goals. They are:

1. 650 in Sunday School on Easter Sunday
2. 1,000 in Sunday School on Super Sunday (the last Sunday in September)
3. 500 average in Sunday School for the year
4. 200 Baptisms in 1973

Brother Keith, a man of great faith, shared with us some of the miracles of God in his own life and challenged us to "Ask Great Things of God and Expect Him to Answer."

Mrs. Robert R. Reeves  
Fellowship Church Reporter

## HUGH STOGSDILL TO GRAY SUMMIT

The Gray Summit FWB Church has called Rev. Hugh Stogsdill as their pastor. Gray Summit has grown from 15 in Sunday School in August, 1972 to an average of 43 in December, 1972. Mrs. Stogsdill is conducting a Bible study for the youth of the church which is now averaging 25 in attendance.

In addition to the regular church services, Gray Summit gave their pastor a surprise birthday party in November, fellowshiped around a Christmas supper in December, followed by a Christmas program conducted by the youth of the church. Also in December Mrs. Stogsdill and Mrs. Bryant accompanied the Teens on a caroling outing, where tracts were distributed.

Already in 1973 the former Sunday School record attendance was broken with 64 in attendance on January 7. Seven additions to the church were witnessed January 14.

Anyone knowing of prospects in the Gray Summit area are asked to send them to Rev. Hugh Stogsdill, 85 Pacific-Summit, Villa Ridge, Mo. 63089.

## MISSIONARY LARRY POWELL TO INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION

The Indian Creek Association, in Southwest Missouri, is sponsoring a Missionary Conference



February 11-18 with Missionary Larry Powell. The Powells have served FWB's several years in the Virgin Islands, but are on itnerate now preparing to go to San Juan, Puerto Rico to establish an English speaking FWB Church there.

All 11 churches in the Indian Creek Association are participating in the conference.

### JOPLIN PURCHASES BUS

The number of FWB Churches in the State of Missouri operating Bus Ministries is constantly increasing, and did so last month at least by one, when the First Church of Joplin purchased a 48 passenger bus. The cost of the bus was underwritten by 14 individuals who promised to make a monthly payment on the bus.

Mr. Bob Howard is the Joplin Sunday School Superintendent, and is primarily responsible for initiating the interest in the bus ministry in the Joplin Church. A teacher training ministry and an early spring Evangelism Conference are also on the Joplin Church's schedule for this year.

### FOUR MISSOURI STUDENTS MAKE HONOR ROLL

Four Missouri students at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee were listed on the honor roll by Dean Charles Thigpen in January. They were: Garry Matthews, Raytown; Don Turner, Flat River; Virginia Fry, Mountain Grove; Debra Seabaugh, Fredericktown.

Congratulations to all!

### CHURCH INSURANCE THROUGH NATIONAL DEPT.

The Department of Retirement and Insurance of our National Association reports that a group rating has been obtained from Insurance Company of North America (INA) which they believe can save our denomination thousands of dollars each year. Churches interested in getting a rate quoted should contact the Department of Retirement and Insurance, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202, who will in turn contact INA. The Nashville INA office will instruct a local INA representative to contact the church and submit a rate based upon the group scale. All claims would be handled through the local agent.

Rev. Herman Hersey, Director of the National Department of Retirement and Insurance, said that church buses will be covered in a church insurance package in some states.

Ministers and church employees are reminded that group rate life insurance and an excellent retirement plan are available through our National Department.

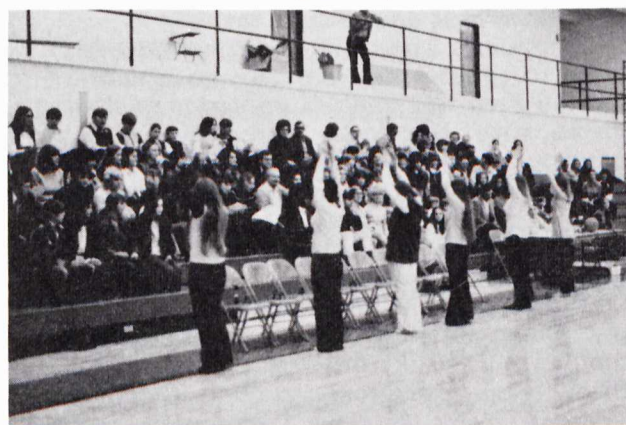
### TRINITY CHURCH ELECTS BOARD OF ELDERS

The Trinity FWB Church in Bridgeton elected the following men to serve on their Board of Elders for 1973: Hal Colby, Paul Hatfield, Bob Mobley, Bill Robertson, and Bob Whitelock.

A "Birthday Offering for Jesus" sponsored by the Trinity Church in December raised \$994.00 to be used on church repair and improvements.

### NEW BUILDING AT HILLSDALE HAS MULTI-PURPOSE

The two accompanying photos were both shot in the New Activities Building on the campus of Hillsdale FWB College in Moore, Oklahoma. They demonstrate the multi-purpose building's versatility. Cheerleaders is the one picture, rouse the crowd to



rally behind the Hillsdale Saints basketball team which now has a 3-3-0 record for the year. The other picture was taken amid a recent feet washing service on the same playing floor. In the photograph, Tim Eaton, a student from Joplin, Missouri is shown washing the feet of a fellow student as others sing songs of praise to the Lord.





## CARRS IN ALASKA GREET MISSOURI FWB'S

Correspondence was received this month from the Bob Carr family serving as lay missionaries in Alaska. The Carrs will be representing FWB's above the Arctic Circle in Eskimo villages. They are associate missionaries with the National Home Missions Department, and as such do not receive a salary from the Board. Depending solely upon the gifts of friends throughout the states either sent directly to them or channeled through the National Home Missions Department, the Carrs have been in Fairbanks since the third week in September, 1972.

The villages they hope to reach with the Gospel are stretched out in a line that equals approximately 800 miles in length. There are no roads to move the equipment and teachers about so they desperately need an airplane. Bob is a licensed pilot, and will fly the plane they intend to purchase from a Denver, Colorado firm at a substantial savings.

The Carrs write, "The Lord has provided a way for us to get this new airplane, with a little effort from all Free Will Baptists interested in sharing the Gospel with the lost. The S&H Green Stamp company has signed a contract with the First FWB Church of Lakewood, Colorado to deliver the airplane for 13,675 books of stamps. 'That's a lot of stamps!' I've heard this many times, but we have a lot of Free Will Baptists! It has been set up to receive any type stamp plus cash donations. Stamps, preferably Green Stamps, should be sent to Bill J. Campbell, 944 S. Parfet Way, Lakewood, Colorado 80226. Cash donations to Bob Carr (Airplane Account), Home Missions Department, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. Provision has been made for ownership of the airplane to remain in Free Will Baptist missions work and not become personal property of the Carrs.

"Many people have been helping with this drive, but I'd like to thank two in particular. Thanks to Bill Campbell of Lakewood, Colorado and to Margarete Kern of Locust Grove, Oklahoma, for the many hours of work they are donating. Thanks to all who have given stamps and money already for this plane."

GEM readers would be interested in knowing that Bill Campbell to whom Brother Carr referred is a former Missourian from Joplin where he and his family were members of the First FWB Church.

Correspondence to the Carrs should be addressed to: Northern Lights FWB Mission, 7 Mile New Richardson Highway, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

## O'DONNELL TO SS DEPARTMENT

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell has resigned his pastorate at the Grant Avenue FWB Church in Springfield, Missouri to assume a position with the National Sunday School Department in Nashville, Tennessee.

In late January, Dr. O'Donnell began his duties in Nashville as editor of the Adult Curriculum and as manager of the editorial division of the Department.

Dr. O'Donnell is also the moderator of the National Association of FWB's.

## MATTHEWS TO ALABAMA

Rev. Woodrow Matthews, a former moderator of the Missouri State Association, has resigned the pastorate of the Beacon FWB Church in Raytown. He will begin his duties as pastor of the FWB Church in Guin, Alabama the last of February.

## LAY AND BEATTY REPRESENT MISSOURI AT PROMOTIONAL MEETING

State Promotional Secretary Harry Beatty and GEM Editor Andy Lay represented Missouri at an annual Promotional Men's Meeting near Nashville, Tennessee in January. The meeting was attended by representatives of FWB work in states from California to North Carolina, Florida to Michigan as well as national department leaders.

Problems encountered in FWB work on the local, state, and national levels were discussed at length in the three day session held at Hillmont Training Center, a FWB campground. The accompanying photo pictures Brothers Beatty and Lay with two former Missourians now serving in the national offices: Gene Workman (second from left), editor of *Contact*, the publication of our National Association, and Roger Reeds (third from left), General Director of the Sunday School Department. Gene Workman is originally from Springfield, and Roger Reeds is a former St. Louisian.



## MARY WELLBAUM GOES TO BE WITH THE LORD

The Reverend Mary Wellbaum, 85, died Saturday, December 2, 1972 in a hospital in Kansas City.



Funeral services were held both at Kansas City and at Greentop, the burial site. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernie Wellbaum, in 1960. Mr. and Mrs. Wellbaum resided for several years in the Greentop, Missouri area where they pastored FWB Churches in the Northeast Missouri Association.

Rev. Archie Cooper, of Kirksville, conducted the graveside services.

## VICTORY CHURCH CONTINUES TO BREAK RECORDS

Pastor Lawrence Thompson of the Victory FWB Church in Avondale announced that over 1,000 persons worshiped with the Victory Church on their Anniversary Sunday recently, celebrating five years that Brother Thompson has been the pastor of the Victory Church.

The January issue of the GEM reported that the Victory Church had won first place in the National Sunday School Contest, Division F. The accompanying photograph pictures the Sunday School Superintendent, Howard Oliver, with Pastor Thompson and the Sunday School teacher and officer staff at Victory receiving the plaque acknowledging their achievement.

Other records recently set at Victory include 123 bus riders one Sunday, 140 decisions made in the services in 14 weeks, and more than \$40,000.00 income for the year.



## UPCOMING NATIONAL EVANGELISM CONFERENCES

The National Home Missions Department announces plans for National Evangelism Conferences in two cities this spring: Cookeville, Tennessee March 5-7 and Indianapolis, Indiana April 16-18. De-

tails on these meetings can be obtained from the Home Missions Department, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

Experienced Free Will Baptist pastors and laymen are scheduled to speak and conduct workshops at each of these conferences. There is no admission charge.

## MISSOURI AHEAD OF SCHEDULE IN FWBBC GIVING

The December report of the General Fund at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville reveals that Missouri churches have given 69% of their year's quota during the time when 56% of the quota should have been given. Let's continue the good rate of increase, however, and go over the top again this year.

## STATE YOUTH CAMP APPEAL

by Rev. Frank Giunta,  
Youth Camp Board Clerk-Treasurer

This past year our Youth Camp had a record attendance of above 800 for the two weeks of camp. For this we truly praise God. However, this presents a problem—adequate facilities to properly teach, house, feed and accommodate this number for an enjoyable camp.

To meet this need, The Youth Camp Board has increased the attendance times to a three week session instead of the usual two week session. Camp will begin on Monday and conclude on Friday.

The camp will be divided into these three categories: Grade school (ages 7 to grade 6); Junior High (grades 7-9); High school (grades 10 thru age 19). The official dates of camp will be listed later.

We want to emphasize the fact that this camp will be more expensive than any before, due to the increase of cost for paid help, plus gas, electricity and hopefully food for more students attending. There will also be a tremendous need for counselors and workers in the camp. (There never seems to be enough) Youth Camp is such a worthwhile endeavor, let's not forget it in our prayers, in our giving, and perhaps most needful, in our willingness to assist during the camp sessions.

## FROM THE BOWMANS IN INDEPENDENCE

A letter to GEM readers from the Dennis Bowmans in Independence reports a good month in their State Home Missions sponsored work. Sunday School attendance high for the month was 50, though the average was somewhat lower because of bad weather on two Sundays.

They report that they will be losing two



leading families that will be moving away from the area soon, and ask GEM readers to pray for these couples to stay faithful to the Lord in their new locations. They also request prayer for their building situation.

## FROM THE PINKERTONS IN SWITZERLAND

The Jerry Pinkerton Family writes from Switzerland where they are in language study prior to service with our Foreign Missions Board in Ivory Coast, Africa. They write,

"Our children have adjusted to their schools and our two younger boys have started correspondence courses. We have finished our first level of French study and we hope to be half way through the second level by the time you read this. Pray that we will be able to learn rapidly. Pray for continued good health and spiritual growth.

"Our words can never express our gratitude to God's people across the State of Missouri for all the prayers and gifts given in our behalf. We praise the Lord for the continued growth of interest throughout the state in missions."

Christ First,  
(signed) The Pinkertons

State Home Missions Giving:  
Dec. 5, 1972 — Jan. 5, 1973.

Viburnum Church	20.71
Leadington Church	8.00
Larry Spencer	10.00
Grace Church	25.00
Berkeley Church	200.00
Belton Church	22.00
Hannon Church	48.60
Fourth Church	22.00
First Ch. West Plains	20.00
Willow Springs Church	13.00
Copper Mines Church	7.00
Mine LaMotte Church	10.00
Rock Chapel Church	40.00
First Ch. Farmington	4.00
Thayer Church	20.00
New Home Church	30.00
Victory Church	124.96
Myrtle Church	17.00
Union Light Church	33.00
First Ch. Fredricktown Sen. Dept.	25.00
Aurora Church	27.15
Cooperative Receipts	722.28
	\$1,449.70

Secretary—Treasurer  
Rev. Lawrence Thompson  
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## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES, 1972

CHURCH	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Copper Mines	81	89	92	102	87	100	87	113	90			
Cuba	77	81	76	85	90	93	95	95			82	84
DeSoto	100	115	142	133	125	125	123	129	127	144	136	145
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	130
Fourth, St. Louis	112	122	148	151	126	123	115	114	124	135	140	
Grace, Arnold										227	206	
Joplin, First	71	77	82	77	65	62	67	72	80	75	68	64
Leadington	111	115	125	114	112	105	105	100	98	110		
Mine LaMotte	35	43	58	56	43	40		44	32	42	36	
Monett, First	189	205	215	201	192	186	182	204	232	51		
Myrtle	48	55	56	61	57	58					48	56
Parkview, Desloge	86	94	94	100	92	87	84	98	95	93	93	94
Salem	44	46	42	41	39	35		32	33		35	
Thayer	139	139	146	148	134	130	143	149	154	148	144	151
Trinity, Bridgeton	169	178	227	197	204	181	162	178	180	191	180	186
Twin Oaks	51	50	44	54	44	47	48	55	46	48		
Victory, Kansas City	110	125	130	136	120	126	110	145	173	212	152	184
West Plains	137	141		151	149	140	141	129	132			
Willow Springs	88	103	103	125	99	99	103	95	100	109	86	84

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.



## FOREVER

I learn as the years roll onward  
And I leave the past behind,  
That much that I counted sorrow  
But proves our God is kind;  
That many a flower I longed for  
Had a hidden thorn of pain,  
And many a rugged by-path  
Led to fields of ripened grain.  
The clouds but cover the sunshine  
They cannot banish the sun;  
And the earth shines out the brighter  
When the weary rain is done.  
We must stand in the deepest sorrow  
To see the clearest light  
And often from wrong's own darkness  
Comes the very strength of right.  
We must live through the weary winter  
If we could but value the spring  
And the woods must be cold and silent  
Before the robins sing.  
The flowers must be buried in darkness  
Before they could bud and bloom  
And the sweetest and warmest sunshine  
Comes after the storm and gloom.

So the heart from the hardest trial  
Gains the purest joy of all  
And from the lips that have tasted sadness  
The sweetest songs will fall.  
For as peace comes after suffering  
And love is reward of pain,  
So after earth comes heaven  
And out of our loss the gain.

## DOCTOR SAYS SOUL WEIGHS 21 GRAMS

A human soul weighs 21 grams, according to a Swedish doctor, and he insists he has evidence to prove it. Dr. Nils-Olof Jacobson describes in a book published in Dusseldorf, West Germany, how he placed the beds of terminal patients on extremely sensitive scales. As they died and their souls left their bodies, the needle on the scales dropped 21 grams, he said.

## POOR EATING

Lou Smith, the publicist, told of a missionary who fell into the hands of cannibals. "Going to eat me, I presume," he said. The chief grunted. "Don't do it," he advised, "you won't like me." The chief grunted again so the missionary took out a knife, sliced a piece from the calf of his leg and handed it to the chief. "Try this and see for yourself," he said. The chief took one bite and choked. The missionary remained in that region for fifty years. You see, he had a cork leg!

## DECEMBER COOPERATIVE, 1972

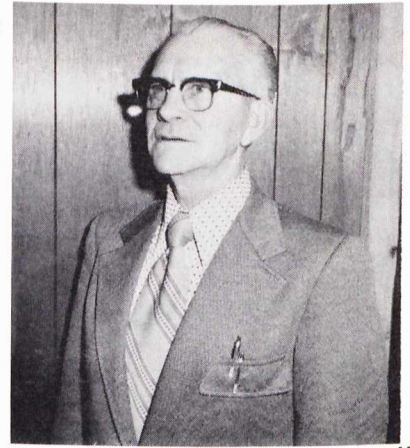
Hannon	\$91.20
Victory	253.87
Hurryville	72.32
Bethel of Festus	40.00
Willow Springs	89.31
Merl's Chapel (2 month)	86.98
Salem	20.00
Olivett	130.00
First FWB of West Plains	130.65
Grant Ave.	241.91
Pleasant Ridge	35.00
Gate Way	49.00
Verdella	46.39
Granby	14.58
Garfield	20.28
Faith FWB St. Louis Dist.	102.45
Rock Chapel	41.05
Number One	81.40
Lebanon First	355.46
Marshfield	41.30
Berkley	342.81
Freeman Chapel	58.77
Desoto First	125.00
Thayer	61.14
Purdy First	23.00
Carterville	26.73
Cedar Ridge—Transferred 10% to F.M.—\$4.42	
regular alloc. \$39.78	44.20
East Bonne Terre Mission	40.00
Farmington	235.59
Copper Mines	95.00
Houston	85.00
Leadington	132.48
Monett First	214.90
Columbia	54.03
Union Light	40.24
Walnut Grove (offering)	10.00
Happy Home	28.58
Union FWB (Gladden)	60.00
Fourth	234.53
	\$3852.15

### December Receipts:

Disbursed:	
18.75% Mo. Missions	\$722.28
15.00% Prom. Dept.	577.83
04.00% General	154.09
05.50% Youth Camp	211.87
05.00% GEM	192.60
01.00% CTS & SS	38.52
02.50% Book Store	96.30
52.25% (7 Mo.)	1993.50
04.00% Hillsdale College	154.09
43.75% (Nat'l.)	1704.56
	3852.15
13.00% Foreign Missions 500.78	
plus transferred 4.42	505.20
10.00% FWBBC 385.21	
less 4.42	380.79
09.00% Executive Dept.	346.70
07.50% Nat'l. Home	288.90
02.50% Nat'l. C.T.S.	96.30
01.50% R.E.A.P.	57.78
00.50% Theological Com.	19.26
00.25% Layman's Board	9.63
100% Disbursed	\$3852.15
Harry Beatty—Promotional Secretary	



# Promotional Secretary's Corner



by Rev. Harry Beatty

Standing and elected delegates from each of the eighteen churches of Liberty Quarterly Meeting assembled with the new Fordland Free Will Baptist Church recently for their Quarterly Conference. Fordland's new sanctuary with four Sunday School rooms and a rest room is located on a two acre tract of land in a nice growing section of Fordland. A hard surface road goes in front of their property, which came in handy, providing space for cars of the overflow crowd in attendance. They did a fine job hosting the meeting. Rev. Bill Eden preached at 11:00 A.M. and a young licensed minister, Dannie Adkisson preached at 2:00 P.M. He was issued a license to preach the gospel. Rev. Dannie Dunn was ordained by the ordaining council this same Saturday afternoon, December 2. Moderator James Crawford granted Brother Beatty plenty of time to promote and explain the Missouri Cooperative plan of work. This new church purposes to give through this plan. I sold some Bibles for our Lebanon Bible Store.

To encourage Pastor Brake and our North Side FWB congregation (East Atlantic Street, Springfield) I visited and worshiped with them Sunday morning, December 3. Rev. Charley Chamberlin delivered the sermon. I gave commendations to the church and encouraged them toward cooperative support of the world wide ministry.

The same evening I delivered the sermon in our Gray Summit FWB Church. Pastor Hugh Stogsdill reported a new Sunday School attendance record

Sunday morning. I was privileged to deliver the Sunday evening sermon in Trinity FWB Church December 10. The Church Training Service and preaching service both were well attended. Pastor Spurgeon reports more than 50 people have obeyed the gospel in water baptism since April. Their Sunday School average attendance is holding high.

The Cave Springs Association Ministers and Deacons Conference assembled with Walnut Grove FWB Church near Myrtle, Mo. Saturday, December 23. Discussion of the assigned subject was opened by Rev. Harvey Hill. Ministers preaching at the 11 o'clock hour were Louis Stephens and Donovan Maxwell. Moderator Simpson gave time for our Missouri Promotional Program. A few folk purchased Bibles as Christmas gifts from our Lebanon Bible Stand.

Sunday morning, December 24 I delivered the sermon in Clifton FWB Church. I also encouraged them towards participation in the Cooperative Plan of Giving. Rev. James Reed is their pastor. Sunday evening I delivered the gospel message in Cotton Creek Church. Rev. Louis Stephens is their pastor.

Mrs. Beatty and I gathered with our people in the area of Thayer for the Christmas holiday.

One more church name appears on the Cooperative List in December for the first time. Total number participating is 92. Received from 39 churches in December \$3,852.15. Six months total \$35,446.62. Thus, we enter 1973 ahead of schedule, thanks to every participant.



## HE COULDN'T MAKE IT ANYWAY

Take those two fellows, both officers of the church, out fishing one Sunday morning. The conscience of one of them began to bother him and he turned to his guilty companion and said, "Joe, we ought to be back in church this morning."

To this the friend, who also appears to have been a devoted husband, said, "I don't know; even if I was home, my wife is so sick I couldn't go anyway."



# Woman's Page

Kathy Lay, Editor



NEWS . . . Mountain Grove has begun their new year with a new plan of work. They have 3 auxiliary circles: Mary Martha (elder ladies), Leah Mae (business women), and Emma Ruth Willey (young married). Besides these they have a junior auxiliary, intermediate, and tiny tots auxiliary. Since Master's Men meets the same night, a "Family Night" is enjoyed by all . . . COMING SOON: information about the Spring Retreat . . . REMEMBER . . . February is STATE HOME MISSIONS emphasis. It's still not too late to send your offering for the loan fund to Hazel Hutsell, 534 West North St., Mountain Grove, Mo. 65711.

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SOME PERSONS ACCOMPLISH VERY LITTLE IN LIFE  
BECAUSE THEY LIVE ON THE LAY-AWAY PLAN

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## LET'S HELP

As you have already read, Missouri will soon have another family on the mission field as house parents for our missionary children. Howard and Joan Filkins will be leaving in May. I received a letter this past week from Joan with a S.O.S. to our auxiliaries. LET'S HELP . . . (1) BY PRAYING for them now as they prepare and later as they go . . . (2) BY GIVING monthly support to their account . . . (3) BY PURCHASING things listed on pages 2-3 of this issue, and (4) BY HAVING a shower for special needs as listed below.



Joan will be preparing snacks every evening for 20 people. Here are some things we can HELP with: RECIPES: "Goodie" recipes using simple ingredients. Remember the Ivory Coast doesn't have a corner grocery store. Write these on a recipe card. Cookie recipes are especially needed.

FOOD: Brown sugar, powdered sugar, corn syrup, cake mixes and other mixes, shortening, Kool Aid and other soft drink mixes can be purchased for Joan to use.

MONEY: If you would rather, send money and designate something from this list or the list on pages 2-3 for them to purchase from you and your auxiliary. Here is a great opportunity for service. So, let's labor together and LET'S HELP.

ADDRESS: Joan Filkins  
Route 2  
Greentop, Mo. 63546



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WORDS OF WISDOM . . . People who live in glass houses shouldn't hit the ceiling.

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## WHAT MAKES A HOME???

It isn't the carpets fine nor redwood doors,  
The couch and chairs nor polished floors.  
That makes my home such a delight  
To come home to each and every night.  
It's the laugh rebounding off each wall,  
The family's kiss, the baby's call;  
It's the love that fills my home with light  
That makes it so good to come home each night.  
—Deborah Ann Stevenson

## HOW MUCH???

Our state treasurer, Hazel Hutsell, reports the following money for our 1973 State Project:

St. Louis Dist. . . . .	\$64.49
Mission Dist. . . . .	30.56
Verdella Aux. . . . .	10.00
Total . . . . .	\$105.05
Our Goal Is \$1,500	



GEM  
FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL  
BOX 1088  
NASHVILLE TN 37202

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The State Association of Free Will Baptists, in session, at Springfield, Missouri, August 22, 1972, adopted a resolution to make a Cancer Insurance plan available to Free Will Baptists in Missouri. All members of your family are entitled individually up to \$50,000 under this Cancer Care plan should they become a victim of cancer, (unmarried children to age 21 or 23 if a full time student).

As a member of a Missouri Free Will Baptist church, you are entitled to special rates. R-3 association rates.

	Annual	Semi-Annual	Quarterly	Pays in addition to any other insurance.
Individual	\$33.00	\$17.50		Pays directly to you.
Family	\$50.00	\$26.00	\$13.25	Effective 90 days after date of policy.

#### BASIC BENEFITS

Hospital Confinement—\$50 daily first seven days; \$30 per day thereafter. Readmission 30 days after discharge starts \$50 daily payment again.

Drugs and Medicine—Up to 10% of the total payable Hospital Confinement benefits for drugs and medicines administered in hospital and charged to Insured.

Surgical—\$50 to \$500 each operation, schedule in policy. No limit on number of operations.

Physician—Up to \$10 daily in hospital for physician other than surgeon. Limit \$600.

Nursing—Up to \$24 daily in hospital, as required, for R.N. or L.P.N. Limit \$600.

X-Ray Radium—Up to \$1,000 for X-Ray Radium Cobalt Therapy, in or out of hospital. Excludes Diagnostic Procedures.

Anesthesia—Up to \$70 on each internal operation, \$30 for Skin Cancer. No limit on number of operations.

Blood & Plasma—Up to \$300 for actual charges made to Insured. No limit on Leukemia.

Ambulance—Up to \$50 each confinement, to and from hospital where Insured admitted as patient. Limit \$500.

#### EXTENDED BENEFITS

For hospital confinements exceeding 90 consecutive days the company will pay 100% of the actual hospital charges for care and treatment without any deduction for sums previously paid beginning with the 91st day of confinement until discharge from hospital.

Up to \$5,000 Per Month Combined Basic and Extended Benefits shall not exceed a total of \$50,000 per insured person.

Clip, fill out and return this application  
along with check or money order made out to  
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, to—

John P. Smith  
312 Center Street  
Farmington, Mo. 63640

#### REQUEST FOR CANCERCARE PLAN

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT — PLEASE USE BLACK INK			
NAME OF INSURED:	_____	YEAR OF BIRTH:	_____
	Last First Middle Initial		
ADDRESS OF INSURED:	_____		PHONE: _____
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:	

(If Payroll or Association)  
Name of Employer or Organization \_\_\_\_\_

PLAN DESIRED: (CHECK ONE) ☐ APPLICANT ONLY ☐ APPLICANT AND FAMILY

REPRESENTATION AND AGREEMENT OF POLICYHOLDER: I hereby represent that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief no person to be insured under this policy has now or has ever had cancer in any form, except \_\_\_\_\_ who is to be excluded from the coverage of the policy.

The undersigned applicant and agent certify that the applicant has read, or had read to him, the completed application and that he realizes that any false statement or misrepresentation herein may result in loss of coverage under the policy.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: **X**

PLAN:	MODE: <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Semi-Ann. <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Annual	THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY AGENT — PLEASE USE BLACK INK	
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		AGENT'S SIGNATURE: _____	AGENT'S NUMBER: _____
		Licensed Resident Agent	