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The Lord's Prayer

Thou canst not say the Lord's Prayer
And make one selfish plea;
Thou canst not say the Lord's Prayer
And even once say "me."

For it's "our," "our," "our,"
And it's "us," "us," "us"—
And the fourth time it is "our,"
And the fourth time it is "us."

Thou canst not say the Lord's Prayer
And even once say "I,"
Thou canst not say the Lord's Prayer
And even once say "my."

Thou canst not say the Lord's Prayer
And pray not for another;
For when thou askest daily bread,
Thou must include thy brother.

And it's "us," "us," "us,"
And it's "our," "our," "our"—
As free from selfish motive
As the fragrance of a flower.

For others are included
In each and every plea,
Since, from beginning through the end,
It does not once say "me."

—Author Unknown

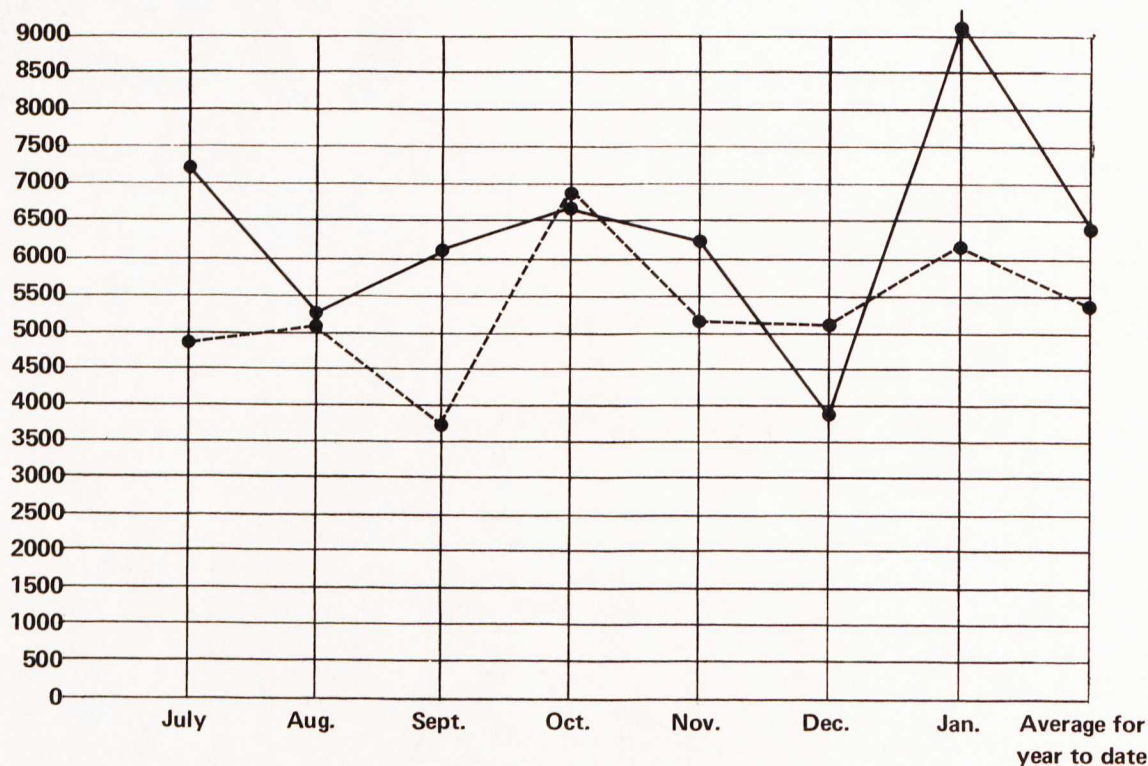
MISSOURI STATE COOPERATIVE GIVING

1971-72 Year and 1972-73 Year Compared

Solid line 1972-73

Dotted line 1971-72

\$5,833.00 needed per month to meet 1972-73 budget of \$70,000.



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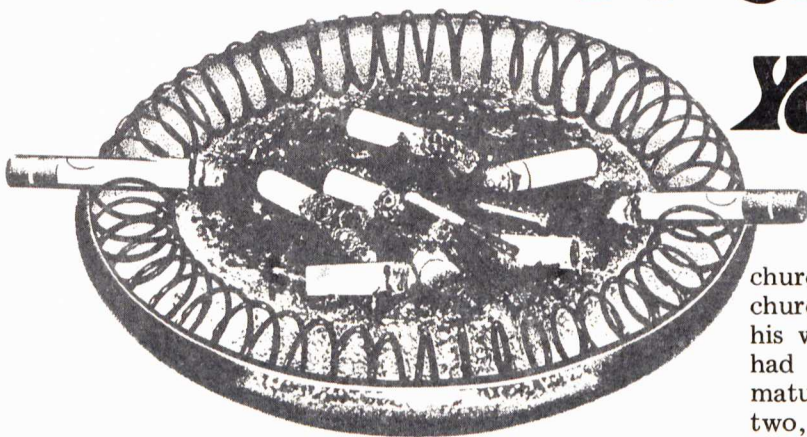
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Do Smokers Hurt Your Church?



THE SUBJECT of smoking Christians could be approached from several different angles: its damage to one's health, its expense, its mastery of the smoker's will, its affect upon non-smokers, its affect on one's Christian witness. This article will deal with only one of these: the affect that smoking Christians have upon the testimony of their church.

In the three churches I have pastored, there have been members who smoked. Let me share with you some comments I have heard through the years relative to these smokers.

"When I walked out the door of the church last Sunday morning, and there stood my Sunday School teacher with a cigarette in his hand, I couldn't believe it!" That statement was made by a visiting prospect who had come from a church with a higher standard than ours. She never joined our church.

"Preacher, what are we going to do about the smokers' line outside by the door every Sunday morning?" That question was asked me by one of the best soul-winners in that particular church.

"Why do you ask?" I inquired.

"Because I've got a neighbor who just moved in and is looking for a church home. I would like to bring him with me to visit our church, but he's already told me that he wouldn't attend the _____ church down the street because they have smoking deacons."

So how was I supposed to answer that question? What should we have done about the smokers' line by the door?

Then there was the fellow who had attended our church regularly for a few months, looking for a

church home. We needed him and his family in our church. They were leadership material. Both he and his wife had taught Sunday School in the past. He had served as a deacon. They were spiritually mature. After they missed services for a week or two, I stopped by their house and asked, "How's the search for a church home coming?"

"Well, I'm sorry to tell you," he replied, "but we have eliminated your church from the selection. I really am sorry," he went on, "because we all enjoyed the fellowship there, the order of your services, and the preaching and teaching. Would you like for me to tell you why we eliminated your church?" he asked.

"Yes," I said, "it might be helpful to know."

"Well, it's your smokers," he said. "I might have been able to overlook it if it had not been your leaders. But I have children and grandchildren that I will be bringing with me to my church, and I don't want to expose them to church leaders with that kind of testimony." He never came back.

Most sinners have the idea that Christians—at least dedicated Christians—do not smoke. Many times I have heard sinners remark that one of the sins they would have to give up if they became a Christian was smoking. If they feel that way, what do they think of your church with smokers in the membership?

Last Sunday in my Sunday school class, a man in our church gave this testimony: "My wife and kids had nagged me for years to quit smoking. I sort of wanted to, but not really enough to go through the agony of quitting until I realized that smoking was hurting my witness. I couldn't quit in my own strength. I had tried that many times, and always failed. But when I really committed the problem to the Lord and asked Him to help me, He did, and I've quit. I've been off six weeks now!"

Without a doubt, smokers hurt their own Christian testimony and the testimony of their churches. If the weed has got you hooked, why not claim God's power over your habit today. Your church will be glad you did.

CHURCHES PEOPLE and EVENTS

FREE WILL BAPTISTS MAKE THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

In a front page article of the Thursday, January 11, 1973 edition of the *Wall Street Journal* Free Will Baptists were named by *Wall Street Journal* staff reporter, Barry Newman, as one of the small conservative churches that is growing. The exact quote is as follows:

"It hasn't happened for a long time in the nation's liberal protestant denominations, one of the most liberal of which is the two-million-member United Church of Christ. (This statement refers to the Wellesley Congregational Church, a member of the United Church of Christ, taking in 41 new members in one Sunday.—Editor) There were 25.6 million Protestants during 1971 while the small conservative churches—such as the Church of the Nazarene and the Free Will Baptists—gained. These same Protestants gave nearly \$4.3 billion to their churches in 1971. But again, the conservatives were moving ahead while the liberals were backsliding."

While we are not working for the recognition of the world, it is gratifying to know that this prestigious journalistic spokesman for the business and financial world has taken note of Free Will Baptists.

NEW SPRINGFIELD WORK TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION

by Mrs. Mary Latimer

The King's Way FWB Church of Springfield has been holding services for six months now. We praise God for what He has done! In the summer of 1972 Rev. Gene Terry followed what he felt was the Lord's will for his life and stepped out to begin a new Free Will Baptist work on the north edge of Springfield. Already a few families in this area had been praying for this and in August, 1972, the church was organized. We feel that the Lord has been good to us. When we needed a place to hold services, we were able to find a suitable building at 2736 N. Kansas Expressway. He has more than met our financial needs. He has provided us with talent and workers for our church. However, we are growing and our small building is no longer sufficient.

During the month of December a revival was held with Reverend Tommy Brashears as evangelist. Though attendance was hindered by an ice storm the presence of the Lord was felt there each night. We saw one man saved and the church was certainly revived and encouraged to move forward. It was during this revival that it became apparent that we must find a place to build. Much time and prayer was spent in finding the right location. Desirable locations were few and prices were high. However, once again we can thank God, He has met our need. A five acre plot has been located on North Park Street. After much prayer to know for sure this was where God wanted a new church, the land was purchased. Construction of the building will begin as soon as possible. We would like to be able to purchase some used pews by the time the building is completed. If anyone knows of any that are available, we would appreciate it if you would contact Reverend Gene Terry, 2021 N. Nettleton, Springfield, Mo. 65803.

Please continue to pray for us as we build for the Lord. On Sunday, January 28, we had 69 in Sunday School. We need space to grow. Please pray that construction of our building will go as fast as possible.

NE MISSOURI ASSOCIATION HOLDS MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

by Mrs. Gladys Cooper

The Free Will Baptist churches of the Northeast Missouri Association have just completed their annual Missionary Conference held January 25-28 with six churches participating. Services were held nightly and Sunday morning, closing out with a rally in the Kirksville First Church on Sunday afternoon.

Missionaries ministering in these services were Reverend Jim McClain, missionary to Japan; Reverend Lonnie Sparks, missionary in Ivory Coast; and Reverend Ernie Deeds, missionary to Brazil. Also recognized was Mr. Howard Filkins who with his family is preparing to go to the Ivory Coast.

In spite of muddy roads and bad weather this was a very good conference and we exceeded the set goal of \$1,200.

VICTORY CHURCH HOLDING CONTEST GAIN

Pastor Lawrence Thompson of the Victory FWB Church in Avondale reports that his church is holding much of the attendance gain made last fall in the National Sunday School Contest, in which the Victory Church won second place in their division. "We are averaging 66 more per Sunday this year than last year at the same time," writes Thompson.

On a recent Sunday in February, Victory's attendance board showed 168 in Sunday School,

187 in Morning Worship, \$1,075.76 in offerings (\$247.00 of which was for missions). On the same day 79 people rode Victory's three buses.

BERKELEY CHURCH HOLDS WATCH SERVICE

The Berkeley FWB Church observed its annual New Year's Eve Watch Service. The young ministers of the church directed the service. There was singing, preaching, testimonies, and a period of fellowship with refreshments.

BURTONS VISIT MISSION WORK IN PANAMA

The accompanying photo pictures Reverend and Mrs. Clarence Burton about ready to leave for the airport from which they departed for a visit to Panama City, Panama, last month. The two week trip enabled the Burtons to visit with Missionary Bill Fulcher and his family and become better acquainted with Free Will Baptist missionary work in that country.

"This is a hidden dream come true," Rev. Burton states. "My wife and I have always wanted to visit a mission field but never realized it would be possible. We are well acquainted with the Fulchers and we feel this will be a time of spiritual refreshing. The Berkeley Church gave birth to the idea of making this trip and special contributions by groups and individuals have exceeded the needed amount. With deep appreciation we express our gratitude to the wonderful people of the Berkeley Church."

Miss Gigi Barks, sister of Mrs. Glenda Fulcher, accompanied the Burtons on the trip.



TRINITY CHURCH ADOPTS \$48,000.00 BUDGET

After almost 10 years of continuous building programs, and growing from a congregation of about a dozen people to more than 200 the Trinity Church in Bridgeton in its annual business meeting in

January adopted some major resolutions: 1) Approval of a \$48,000.00 budget which provides a balanced program of evangelizing, teaching, and training, locally, nationally, and internationally. 2) Approval of the position of a Minister of Christian Education and budget provision to acquire a full-time worker in this field. 3) Approval to petition the Quarterly Conference for the licensing of Tony Sifford to preach (his license was granted by the Quarterly Meeting—Editor).

Rev. Russell Spurgeon is the pastor at Trinity.

34 BAPTIZED IN 1972 IN DESOTO CHURCH

Pastor Charles L. Miller of the Desoto FWB Church writes, "The Lord continues to bless and we have experienced steady growth this year. Our Sunday School enrollment now stands at 170. Our January average was 157 which was a record. Thirty-four were baptized in 1972. Plans have been drawn up and the money appropriated for a new 10 room, two story educational addition to our church. Actual construction will begin about the first of March.

"I am enclosing a picture of one of the most active groups in the church. It is the Junior Girls' Class pictured with the gifts they gathered, wrapped, and distributed at Christmas time to those who had need. In addition to their monthly class meetings, they meet each Monday night for a prayer service.



Pictured on the back row from left to right are their prayer leaders: LaDonna Chapman and Janice Miller, and their teachers: Imalea Miller and Ima Jean Parker. They also sent a gift of money to the Free Will Baptist Home For Children at Greeneville, Tennessee.

"It's an exciting time to serve the Lord and there's usually a lot of excitement around our church. For this we truly thank God."

FOURTH CHURCH TO CELEBRATE 20th ANNIVERSARY

The Fourth Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis will celebrate their 20th anniversary on March 11, 1973, according to reporter, Mr. Leamon Kilian. The occasion will be preceded by a revival

meeting, beginning on March 5, in which former pastors of the church will be preaching each evening. Former pastors were: Reverend Bill Turnbough, (deceased), Reverend Elmer Turnbough, Reverend Max Courtney, Reverend H. T. Dann, Reverend Johnny Land, and the present pastor, Reverend Millard Sasser.

The attendance at Fourth Church continues to grow, as revealed by the Sunday School Averages chart elsewhere in this issue.

WORK DAY SET FOR YOUTH CAMP

by Reverend Frank Giunta

The annual Missouri State Free Will Baptist Youth Camp Work Day is set for May 5. The work outlined for the day is:

- 1) Painting (bring rollers and paint brushes)
- 2) Re-surfacing the pool (bring cement finishing tools)
- 3) Carpentry work and some plumbing and electrical jobs. Bring tools that "fit your hand" and come on out.

There will be a big plate of spaghetti and meatballs (cooked by Brother Giunta) for all who come, or bologna for those who do not enjoy *good food*. Getting ready for the 1973 session is a big job, and from year to year it has been made easier by those who love the camp.

See you May 5th. Come early!

WELCOME TO THE GEM FAMILY PLAN OF SUBSCRIBERS

Five churches have recently joined the GEM "Family Plan" of subscribers. They are Union Grove Church of Norwood, Union Church of Success, First Church of Kansas City, the Aurora Mission, and the Independence Mission. We welcome these new subscribers and encourage them to contribute news and articles to the GEM for publication.

JOPLIN CHURCH GROWS WITH A BUS

The First FWB Church of Joplin has experienced significant growth since the first of the year. A bus ministry can be credited for the major portion of this growth.

In the first four weeks of its operation, the bus brought 10, 35, 32, and 46 new people to church. Three laymen have been faithful to at least three hours of "Bus Visitation" on every Saturday of the bus's operation to date. They are Bob Howard, the bus captain, Mrs. Sue Howard, and Mrs. Mildred Gandy. Others have helped with the visitation as they were able.

The increased attendance has necessitated en-

larging the junior Sunday school department from two to four classes, and threatens to soon do the same with the beginner, primary, and junior high classes. Mr. Bob Hunter's Primary Boys' class had only had one student in attendance for several weeks, since others in the class moved away. On the second Sunday of the Bus Ministry their class grew 1,000% to an attendance of 10.

A Children's Church was also started the last of January. Mrs. Elaine Jay, Mrs. Joan Lewis, and Mrs. Sandra Parish are sharing the responsibilities of this ministry. Thirteen salvation decisions have been witnessed in Children's Church during the first two weeks of its operation. First through sixth graders are invited to worship in the Children's Church during the Morning Worship hour.

"We're looking for another bus," Pastor Andy Lay reports. "What else can we do? This has been the 'goingest' thing we've experienced here in Joplin."

In the February business meeting of the Joplin Church a motion was made, second, and unanimously carried to enter our Sunday School in the Spring Attendance Contest sponsored by the National Sunday School Department, and settle for nothing less than first place in our division. Only time will reveal whether or not this ambitious goal can be fulfilled, but with that kind of determination, what can we lose?

CALL-A-THON SCHEDULED

The Foreign Missions Department of our denomination has scheduled the annual Missions Call-a-thon for April 15. Every FWB Church is challenged to participate by receiving a special Call-a-thon offering on the designated Sunday and phone the amount into Missions Headquarters that afternoon.

Designated projects for this year's Call-a-thon include:

- 1) \$50,000 for Church building loan funds (France, Japan, Panama)
- 2) \$25,000 for Literature (Koulongo New Testaments and literacy materials)
- 3) \$20,000 for School Buildings (Dormitory in Africa)
- 4) \$10,000 for Missionary Equipment (Radios, projectors, film, etc.)

Let's have a perfect record this year, with every Missouri church participating!

1973 YOUTH CAMP SESSION

by Reverend Frank Giunta

The State Youth Camp Board met recently and made plans for the coming session. I believe I can say that the 1973 session is going to be the best session yet. Here are some of the new plans for this

year:

1) Three weeks of camp instead of two (thereby cutting down on the crowded conditions and giving us an opportunity to give more personal attention). The dates of the sessions are: High School (grades 10 to age 19)—June 11-15; Junior High (grades 7-9)—Junior 18-22; Elementary (age 7 through grade 6)—June 25-29.

2) We are planning to have handcraft on a voluntary basis; sing around the campfire after nightly services; weiner and marshmallow roast after service; movie after service; Backward Banquet after service (the girls invite the boys); "Genuine" treasure hunt.

3) This year there will be an attempt to have a band, so bring your musical instruments.

4) Hopefully, we will have a snow cone and a popcorn machine. (If anyone knows where we can locate these items at a reasonable price, please contact any member of the Board.)

5) Possibly (keep your fingers crossed) horse-back riding will be available.

6) There will be a scholarship fund provided for any child who cannot pay his way—subject to approval of the church pastor.

All in all, camp will be better than ever this year. Make plans to come.



PICIRILLI PREACHES AT MARSHALL

Dr. Robert Picirilli, registrar at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, conducted a weekend revival February 9-11 at the Olivet Free Will Baptist Church in Marshall, Missouri. He reported approximately eight decisions for salvation in the brief meeting.

Picirilli noted that he was particularly impressed by the church and its pastor, Reverend Cliff Bowman. "He and his church are very aggressive in witnessing and soul winning," he said. "The church is growing and people are being saved regularly."

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1972-73

CHURCH	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Copper Mines	89	92	102	87	100	87	113	90	92	81	84	77
Cuba	81	76	103	102	93	95	95	87	93	82	84	93
Desoto	115	142	133	125	125	123	129	127	144	136	145	157
Farmington	101	145	132	129	113	118	121	137	150	136	146	125
Fellowship	217	171	187	275	266	303	332	379		311		328
Fredericktown	153	191	194	163	152	157	156	161	169	168	157	
Flat River, First	110	151	135	123	130	131	138	140	141	124	130	146
Fourth, St. Louis	122	148	151	126	123	115	114	124	135	140	136	135
Grace, Arnold									227	206	175	
Joplin, First	77	82	77	65	62	67	72	80	75	68	64	74
Leadington	115	125	114	112	105	105	100	98	110	100	97	
Lebanon, First	150	186	153	163	164	136	142	162	167	143	149	153
Mine LaMotte	43	58	56	43	40		44	32	42	36	31	36
Monett First	205	215	201	192	186	182	204	232	219	211	203	196
Myrtle	55	56	61	57	58				51	48	56	
Parkview, Desloge	94	94	100	92	87	84	98	95	93	93	94	96
Salem	46	42	41	39	35		32	33		35	39	39
Southside, St. Louis	102	110	98	102	113	102	118	150	153	138	149	133
Thayer	139	146	148	134	130	143	149	154	148	144	151	116
Trinity, Bridgeton	178	227	197	204	181	162	178	180	191	180	186	172
Twin Oaks, Fredericktown	50	44	54	44	47	48	55	46	48			
Victory, Kansas City	125	130	136	120	126	110	145	173	212	152	184	173
West Plains	141		151	149	140	141	129	132				
Willow Springs	103	103	125	99	99	103	95	100	109	86	84	77

Other churches are invited to send your Sunday School attendance averages for publishing.

JANUARY 1973 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Bethel, Festus	\$ 40.00
Hannon	.94.30
Parkview	.50.00
Salem	.20.00
Hurryville	.90.00
First, West Plains	.113.28
Alton	.7.50
Thayer	.103.96
Garfield	.29.88
Myrtle	.188.14
O'Bethel	.18.00
Fellowship	.50.00
Trinity	.130.00
Leadington	.149.69
Cabool	.90.09
Pleasant Grove	.21.64
New Rock Springs	.30.00
Grant Ave.	.351.24
Willow Springs	.81.85
Mine LaMotte	.14.92
Berkeley	.427.29
Grace	.584.74
South Side	.211.42
Gray Summits	.41.00
Faith	.231.21
Mill Creek	.154.79
Fredericktown	.642.60
Farmington	.247.80
Neosho	.50.00
Aurora	.41.85
Granby	.18.22
Monett	.247.57
Waynesville	.223.48
Lebanon First	.383.00
Black Oak	.30.00
Belton	.81.00
Olivet	.140.00
Central, Kansas City	.540.00
Pleasant Ridge	.32.00
Number One	.35.25
Houston	.121.00
Mt. Grove	.201.26
New Harmony S.S.	.21.35
Kirksville	.30.00
Beacon	.180.92
Royal Oaks	.77.88
Royal Oaks	.74.69
Merl's Chapel	.27.30
Hickory Grove	.24.98
Carterville	.29.95
Victory	.392.17
Marshfield	.61.19
Purdy First	.38.52
Copper Mines	.90.00
Union Grove Sunday School	.110.00
Cedar Ridge, regular	.32.74
transferred to For. Miss.	.3.63
Aulsbury Chapel	.102.81
Flat River First	.521.31
Independence	.121.00
Freeman Chapel	.78.95
Rock Chapel	.13.75
Byrd	.10.00
Pleasant Hill	.10.00
Pleasant Home	.68.02
Verdella	.77.29
Cuba	.107.12
Desoto First	.155.00
Bethel, Festus	.40.00
Pleasant Grove	.16.78
Cabool	.94.66
Number One	.27.44
Parkview	.50.00
Fellowship	.50.00
Richwoods	.159.49
TOTAL	\$9258.91

Disbursements	
18.75% Missouri Missions	\$1736.05
15.00% Promotional Dept.	1388.84
04.00% General fund	370.36
05.50% Youth Camp	509.24
05.00% Gem	462.94
01.00% Missouri S.S. & C.T.S.	92.59
02.50% Lebanon Bible Store	231.47
52.25% Seven Missouri Depts.	4791.49
04.00% Hillsdale College	370.36
13.00% Foreign Missions	1203.66
plus amt. transferred	3.63
10.00% FWBB College	925.89
less amt. transferred	3.63
09.00% Executive Dept.	833.30
07.50% Nat'l Home Missions	694.41
02.50% Nat'l CTS Dept.	231.47
01.50% R.E.A.P.	138.88
00.50% Theological Com.	46.30
00.25% Layman's Board	23.15
43.75% Eight National Depts.	4097.06
100.00% Total Disbursed	\$9258.91

Harry Beatty, Promotional Secretary-Treasurer

HILLMONT LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR 1973

The Hillmont Leadership Training Programs provide unique experiences for senior high teens. Challenging demands are made of all participants, camper and camp leader alike. The Word of God is taught and its practice is expected. Considerable attention is given to help each one relate the truths of the Bible to everyday practical Christian living.

The Hillmont programs were begun a few years ago by the National Church Training Service Department, but last year was sold to an individual corporation of Free Will Baptist ministers and laymen. The emphasis of the Hillmont Training programs are similar to those under the direction of the CTS Department.

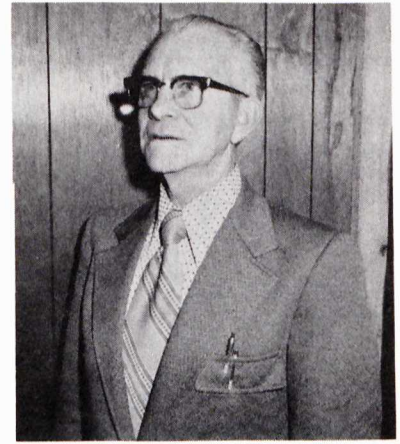
Boys attending the Hillmont Engineer program will arrive on Sunday, June 17, 1973, and the girls attending the Hillmont Evangeline program are due to arrive on Thursday, June 28, 1973. Engineers and Evangelines will depart together via chartered bus for Macon, Georgia, on Saturday prior to the National Youth Conference. The training programs conclude on Thursday, July 12, in Macon. Participants are responsible for their transportation home.

Registration and tuition for the 1973 leadership training programs is \$210 for Engineers and \$165 for Evangelines. This amount covers their stay at Hillmont, travel to Macon, lodging and meals during the conference and insurance. For further information or application blanks write to Hillmont, Post Office Box H, White Bluff, Tennessee 37187. Telephone 615/797-3616.

Lord, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that You and I together can't handle.

—copied

Promotional Secretary's Corner



by Rev. Harry Beatty

January 1-8 Mrs. Beatty and I spent one week vacation with our son, Gordon, and family in Tampa, Florida. They hosted us to many places of interest including Disney Land, near Orlando; St. Augustine, an early settled city of America on the east coast; and the beautiful Daytona ocean beaches in the same area.

Sunday evening, January 7, we worshiped with Tampa First FWB Church. Reverend Andrew Workman, an elderly minister serving as interim minister, delivered the gospel message.

A Christian management skills seminar, conducted by the director of the American Sunday School Union Fellowship, Dr. Olan Hendrix, highlighted the annual moderators, editors, and promotional men's meeting, January 8-11, at the Hillmont Camp near Nashville, Tennessee. In addition to the seminar, round the table group discussions, daily devotional and inspirational services provided a real spiritual uplift for more than 30 men attending from several states. Reverends O'Donnell, Lay, and I represented Missouri State Association in this meeting.

Saturday, January 13, Madison County Quarterly meeting assembled with the Fredericktown Church. Each of their churches sent delegates. Reverend Evans delivered the 11 o'clock sermon. Moderator James Barker assigned time on the program for our Missouri promotional service, to which 80% of their churches contributed in the past quarter. Brother Evans also received time for presenting the Free Will Baptist Bible College expansion project. They gave a cash gift and some pledges to the same. Reverend and Mrs. Bill Adkisson, state home missionaries to the Cape Girardeau Church, represented their congregation. They assumed duties January 7. They have begun a church bus ministry, for which the Quarterly Meeting gave a cash gift. If you have people living in the area who would be prospects for the Cape Girardeau Church, please send their names to Pastor Adkisson, 303 Florence Street, Jackson, Missouri 63755.

Sunday morning, January 14, I delivered the sermon in Copper Mines Church. Pastor Matthews

reports people were saved and baptized during the past quarter. This congregation supports every phase of our work generously. The same evening I delivered the message in Fredericktown Church. Pastor Bundy reports several were saved in the year of 1972, and many affiliated with their church. Thus they set new records in every phase of the work. Their Missouri Cooperative Fund contributions set a new record.

St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting convened with the Fellowship Church Friday evening, January 26. Desoto's 40 member choir rendered the special singing along with plenty of good congregational singing. A young minister, Leon Miller, delivered the sermon to a well-filled house. Since I could attend only one service moderator Goff arranged time for our promotional report Friday night. A few purchased Bibles from the Bible stand.

Reverend Roy Pearson delivered the principal sermon in the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting, held with South Side Church Saturday, January 27. Most of our churches sent delegates. I gave the promotional program and sold some Bibles for our Lebanon Book Store. Four men passed the deacon's examination test for Faith Church and one young minister was issued license from Trinity Church. An offering, plus a designated gift was given to the new work starting in Billings, Montana.

I supplied the pulpit in the Grace Church on Sunday morning, January 28. Pastor Rehkop had an attack of flu. The St. Louis Youth Rally held their monthly service in Faith Church that Sunday afternoon. The attendance was real good. Their program consisted of a skit, gospel songs by the various church groups, and a sermon.

Sunday night we shared with Pastor Arnold and Assistant Pastor Hanson in the ordination service of four new deacons in Faith FWB Church. The Spirit of the Lord prevailed in this service.

Thanks to 75 churches sending cooperative contributions in January, a fine new record of \$9,258.91 was set. Total received in seven months is \$44,705.53. Thus we are ahead of schedule approximately \$3,800.00 toward our projected \$70,000.00 goal.

Missouri State
Home Mission Giving
January 5 - February 5, 1973

Mona Chrisman	1.00
Fellowship Church	166.00
Bethel Woman's Aux.	.50
K.C. churches Watch Night Service	35.02
First Ch. Mtn. Grove	20.00
Leadington Church	12.00
Copper Mines Church	54.00
South Side Church	10.00
Grace Church	25.00
First Ch. Waynesville	72.5
Hannon Church	47.10
Willow Springs Church	13.00
First Ch. West Plains	40.00
Mine LaMotte Church	10.00
Olivet Church	235.00
Parkview Church	40.00
New Rock Springs Church	26.85
Salem Church	10.00
Low Ground Church	10.00
First Ch. Monett	76.00
New Home Church	60.00
DeSoto Church	30.00
Cuba Church	6.00
N.E. Association	89.20
Little Vine Church	28.73
Marshfield Church	7.50
Conway Church	38.25
Wanda Perryman	2.00
Cape Girardeau Mission	200.00
Woman's Aux. Belvoir, N.C.	2.00
First Ch. Flat River	17.00
Rock Chapel Church	20.00
Myrtle Church	13.05
Viburnum Church	22.36
Fourth Church	30.80
Madison Co. Qtly. Mtg.	218.11
Calvary Church	8.75
Victory Church	120.74
South Fremont Church	133.78
Hazel Creek Church	5.00
Cooperative Receipts	1,736.05
Total	\$3,632.54

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MISSOURI AND NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

by Reverend Roy Thomas

The National Home Missions Department would like to thank the people of your state for what they gave to Home Missions in 1972. Missouri gave \$14,602.26 missing your quota of \$17,000.00 by \$2,397.74. We thank you for the amount you gave.

Twenty-five states exceeded their quotas enabling the National Home Missions Department to exceed its quota of \$225,000.00 for 1972 by \$56,204.90.

Your quota for 1973 is \$17,000.00. This is the

same amount as last year, and I know the good people of Missouri can reach this. May we remember that the money is the means used to send missionaries with the gospel so that souls can be saved and churches established.

YOUTH CAMP TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, AND JANUARY

Accounts Receivable	
Missouri Cooperative Giving	
October	\$371.25
November	324.51
December	211.87
January	509.24
Money transferred from	
Parrot Memorial Fund	179.77
Rock Chapel Church	30.00
Willow Springs	20.00
Hannon	36.05
Olivet	40.00
Guy's Foods (Returned mdse.)	96.87
Verdella	30.00
New Home	24.90
Cuba	30.00
Monett	67.00
Mtn. Grove Master's Men	50.00
Cabool	30.00
New Rock Springs	51.76
Willow Springs	30.00
Grant Avenue	30.00
Bethel	40.00
Myrtle	40.05
New Home	28.27
Pinkney Askren (for phone)	6.60
Mrs. Guy Cleft	25.00
Lebanon First Church	65.00
State Woman's Auxiliary	25.50
Bill Bradshaw	5.00
Union Church	30.00
Pleasant Home	15.00
Calvary	9.00
Hazel Creek	30.00
Dr. Pepper	130.45
Waynesville, First	7.25
Othel Ussery	25.00
Thayer	10.00
Offering for Youth Camp film	29.50
Total Accounts Receivable	\$2,702.84
Balance	\$3,504.04

Frank Giunta, Treasurer
Missouri State Youth Camp Board

THE SMALL THINGS

No matter how small
Your deed may be,
If it brightens the path
And helps others to see:
A ray of hope where storm clouds rise,
A spark of love where bitterness lies,
A bit of cheer when a loved one dies,
A chance to help when needs are nigh,
Then it is great.

—by Helen Barnett

Woman's Page

Kathy Lay, Editor



NEWS... SPRING RETREAT, May 7-8 in Niangua at our State Youth Camp. Plan now to attend... SPECIAL NEED... Our WNAC is over \$2000 in the red. Why not take up a special offering and send it marked for WNAC DEBT... DID YOU FORGET... May 28 will be here soon. Don't forget those recipes and goodies needed by Joan Filkins... MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS... Olena McLain, March 27; 1314 E. Washington, Kirksville, Mo. 63501.

Found on the tombstone of a known hypochondriac: "See, I told you I was sick."

An Ancient Prayer



GIVE US, LORD, A BIT O' SUN,
A BIT O' WORK AND A BIT O' FUN;
GIVE US ALL IN TH' STRUGGLE AND SPUTTER
OUR DAILY BREAD AND A BIT O' BUTTER;
GIVE US HEALTH, OUR KEEP TO MAKE
AN' A BIT TO SPARE FOR POOR FOLKS' SAKE;

GIVE US SENSE, FOR WE'RE SOME OF US
DUFFERS,
AN' A HEART TO FEEL FOR ALL THAT
SUFFERS;
GIVE US, TOO, A BIT OF A SONG
AN' A TALE, AND A BOOK TO HELP US
ALONG.
AN' GIVE US OUR SHARE O' SORROW'S LES-
SON,
THAT WE MAY PROVE HOW GRIEF'S A BLESS-
IN'.
GIVE US, LORD, A CHANCE TO BE
OUR GOODLY BEST, BRAVE, WISE AND FREE,
OUR GOODLY BEST FOR OURSELVES AND
OTHERS,
TILL ALL MEN LEARN TO LIVE AS BROTH-
ERS.

Have you tried to purchase a new, or even a used car lately? Even if you haven't, how far do you think \$200.00 would go. Not very far, right? According to the last report from our state treasurer, that's how much we have towards the purchase of a Micro-Bus for the Jim McLain family to use in their work in Japan. Ladies, that's not even enough

to buy the tires for it. Remember *our goal is only \$1,500*. That's even less than we raised last year for our project. Let's get busy. We CAN do it and I believe that we can go over our goal if everyone will be a CHEERFUL GIVER and give from a real missionary heart. Our slogan: "The McLains say, Leave the driving to us, just give us a Micro-Bus."

"Most of us are born with five senses: touch, taste, sight, smell, and hearing. The successful person acquires two more: horse and common."

"THE KING IS COMING" doesn't mean, *someday*; it means *He's on the way*. Are you really ready? "So the Lord isn't being slow in coming as He promised, even though it sometimes seems that way. But He is waiting, for the good reason that He is not willing that any should perish, and He is giving more time for sinners to repent" (2 Peter 3:8-9 *Living Letters*).

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