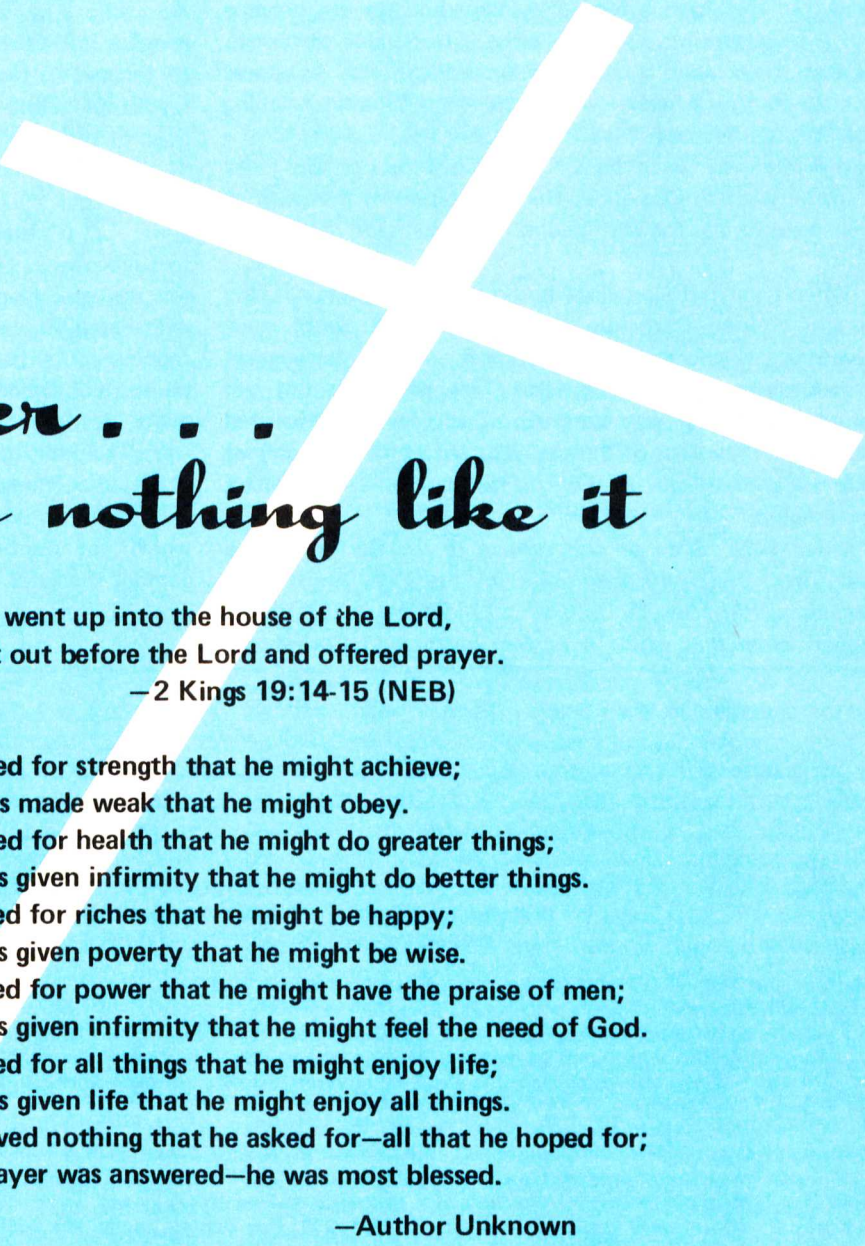


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**Prayer . . .**  
**there's nothing like it**

Then he went up into the house of the Lord,  
spread it out before the Lord and offered prayer.

—2 Kings 19:14-15 (NEB)

He prayed for strength that he might achieve;  
he was made weak that he might obey.  
He prayed for health that he might do greater things;  
he was given infirmity that he might do better things.  
He prayed for riches that he might be happy;  
he was given poverty that he might be wise.  
He prayed for power that he might have the praise of men;  
he was given infirmity that he might feel the need of God.  
He prayed for all things that he might enjoy life;  
he was given life that he might enjoy all things.  
He received nothing that he asked for—all that he hoped for;  
his prayer was answered—he was most blessed.

—Author Unknown



This issue of the GEM carries two articles on the controversial Tongues Movement, plus the resolution on the subject adopted unanimously by our National Association last month. The relevancy of this subject to our people was brought home to this Editor at our State Youth Camp in June. There, as Brother Jim McAllister taught a course on the Holy Spirit to both of the older groups, many of those young people expressed the fact that they had been involved in services where tongues were spoken, and some even acknowledged having sought the experience. This is not only contrary to Free Will Baptist doctrine and in direct contradiction to the Scriptures, but is also a dangerous invitation to Satan.

Signs, such as speaking in tongues, were legitimate manifestations of the reality of regeneration and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit during the Apostolic Age and until the New Testament Canon was complete. The reason that signs were legitimate then and are not now is simple: They did not have a New Testament and we do. Imagine trying to witness to a fellow without being able to turn to Romans 10 or John 3 or Revelation 3. We use the Scriptures as our authority when we witness. We say, "What I am telling you is true, because it is in the Bible." Paul did not have a New Testament when he went to Corinth, nor did Peter when he went to Cornelius. The verification of the truth of their message was the signs and miracles that God did in their midst.

When Peter left Cornelius' house that day he was not able to say, "Now, Cornelius, if you begin to doubt your salvation, just turn to I John, chapter 5, and read those verses on assurance again." The New Testament was not yet complete. Until it was complete, God gave Cornelius and other new Christians of the day assurance of the validity of their experience with God by means of signs, one of which was tongues.

When Paul wrote on this subject to the Corinthians he told them, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that *tongues would cease* (1 Corinthians 13:8). He said it would happen *when that which is perfect is come* (1 Corinthians

13:10). The question becomes, what is "that which is perfect"? Some interpret this to be the end of time, after God has made the New Heaven and the New Earth, but I know of nowhere in the Scriptures where that is described as "that which is perfect." I believe that "that which is perfect" refers to the completion of the New Testament Canon, and many Bible scholars hold this view. I believe it because there are numerous scriptural references which describe the Bible as "that which is perfect." For example, Psalm 19:7, "The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." James 1:25, "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." "The perfect law of liberty" obviously refers to God's revelation to man in the Bible.

I thus conclude that tongues was a legitimate sign of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to the Christians of the Apostolic Age, and that the instructions for the use of tongues in 1 Corinthians 12 and 14 were the rules for the use of tongues in that age. Since we now have God's complete revelation in the form of the Holy Bible we no longer have need of the signs of the Apostolic Age. We are instructed to "walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). We are also taught that "without faith it is impossible to please Him . . ." (Hebrews 11:6). To seek the signs today is to fail to believe what God has revealed in His Word. Not only does this displease God, but it opens one's life to "an experience" with Satan. Satan delights in counterfeiting God's plan. He is capable of performing "signs and lying wonders" (2 Thessalonians 2:9) and in my opinion is having a heyday with the popularity of the Charismatic Movement, giving "experiences" to poor, misguided souls and steering them away from trust and obedience to the Word of God.

It is my prayer that these articles will serve as tools by which our pastors, lay leaders, and churches can better combat the Satanic inroads being made into Free Will Baptist work in some areas through the Charismatic Movement.

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# WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

*by Rev. James McAllister*

**T**OO MANY of us are afraid to talk about the Holy Spirit because of the notoriety of certain individuals who talk continually about the Spirit, but really know little about Jesus Christ. In this message we will look at four aspects of the Holy Spirit. His personality; His ministry; His importance; and His gifts.

**HIS PERSONALITY** He is a member of the Trinity. He is not just an influence, but a divine person. The Holy Spirit has knowledge. He has a will. He has a mind. He loves and causes the followers of Christ to love. The Holy Spirit can be grieved. The Free Will Baptist Treatise teaches us that the Scriptures ascribe to the Holy Spirit the acts and attributes of an intelligent being. He guides, knows, moves, gives information, commands, forbids, sends forth, reproves, and can be sinned against. The personality of the Holy Spirit deals with man's personality on three levels. He deals with man on the intellectual, moral, and religious level of man's personality. By this we mean that He teaches the Christian how to think, act, and leads him to a continued experience with Christ on a Biblical basis.

**HIS MINISTRY** The ministry of the Holy Spirit is everlasting. The Holy Spirit gave us the Word of God. He wrought miracles; He convicts sinners; He pardons, regenerates, and enters the believer's body at conversion. He comforts and aids in labor; He directs and inspires in prayer; He guides, keeps, and institutes authoritatively; He sanctifies the heart and the church, and He calls laborers. The ministry of the Holy Spirit does not include speaking of himself. But rather, as Jesus said, "For He shall not speak of himself," but rather He leads us to know the truth about Jesus. His ministry is vast and varied, and it is a shame that many who speak so much about the Holy Spirit have repeatedly given emphasis to the wrong areas of His ministry. Truly, we must conclude that the Holy Spirit is God's greatest help for the Christian in his warfare against the devil. With God's Word, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives we are ready to do battle for God.

**HIS IMPORTANCE** When a person is saved he receives the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and is changed. He becomes a new person. Romans 8:4 tells us that the saved person "walks not after the flesh, but after the Spirit," which indicates that the Spirit sets the pace for the Christian. The Spirit of God takes us by the hand and leads us in the way we

should go. He does not force us to follow, but He urges us to follow His leadership. We have seen that the Holy Spirit plays a vital part in the salvation of a soul from sin. He is very important in that He furnishes inspiration, revelation, and illumination. He serves as a teacher to past, present, and future; He performs certain duties, such as convicting the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He enables us to live for Christ. You cannot be a Christian without receiving the Holy Spirit. In Galatians 3:2 Paul is saying that when we believed on Christ, by faith we received the Holy Spirit. He did not come some time after we were saved, but simultaneously with conversion. You see, the Holy Spirit searches the heart of the unbeliever, convicts him of his guilt, burdens him with the awfulness of his sins, then draws him to Christ. When the sinner comes to Christ, the Holy Spirit enters his heart to enable him to live the Christian life. The Holy Spirit energizes the body of Christ. In Philippians 3:3 the Apostle says that we find no strength in cutting our bodies with knives, but our strength is found in our faith in Christ. In Acts 2 and 3 we see the great power received by the church and Apostles with the infilling of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit energizes the church and the Christians, and he does the same for us today. That preacher who preaches the Gospel and sees sinners fall under conviction, and that Christian who is able to ward off temptation both do so by the energizing power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit engages the Christian to war against the flesh and makes us conquerors.

**HIS GIFTS** The necessary and important gifts of the Spirit are preaching, teaching, helping others, organization and administration, gift of faith, speaking the words of wisdom and knowledge. It is through these gifts that the Church of the Lord Jesus is built. Through these gifts the Gospel is proclaimed, sinners are touched, lives are changed, the discouraged are helped, broken hearts are blessed, and the church is organized for warfare. It is a shame that the Biblical account of the more spectacular gifts of the Spirit are emphasized over these necessary gifts by some radicals. The Bible is plain that these gifts are to be desired over the spectacular gifts. By spectacular gifts I mean miracles, healing, and languages.

There are four periods in Biblical history when miracles were very prominent. The rest of the time



they were held to a minimum. These periods are during the days of Moses, Elisha and Elijah, Christ, and the Apostolic Age. Why? In order to call the people's attention to the message of the man of God. The age of miracles as seen in the Apostolic Days are gone. That is not to say that God does not perform miracles today, but the need for New Testament miracles has passed. We have the Bible, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. We know that God still heals but the age of spectacular healings as shown in the New Testament is over. God has given us His program for divine healing in James 5:14, 15, "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save [heal] the sick." This is God's plan, and the healing line is not Biblical.

Now we come to the "Tongues" issue, and for many this is what the Bible and Christianity is all about. In fact many are taking the "Tongues" and leaving Christ out of their lives. The word translated tongues in the Bible comes from the Greek word "glossa" which refers to the tongue in the mouth, or the people who speak a language, and sometimes it refers to a language. It never refers to a babbling jibberish which cannot be understood. The Greek word for this is "kenoponia." There are four texts in the New Testament commonly used to teach the tongues message: Acts 2:1-11; Acts 10:46; Acts 19:6; and 1 Corinthians 14: In Acts 2, which is the pattern passage for the whole question, the disciples had a miraculous experience. They were enabled by God to speak languages they had never learned in order to give the people gathered in Jerusalem the message of God concerning Jesus. The people listening heard them speak in their own tongues. This was a miracle with miraculous results. 3000 were saved. No babble, but a civilized language was spoken and understood. In Acts 10 and 19 we find Cornelius, a Gentile, an Italian stationed in Caesarea, taught about Christ by Peter, saved, filled with the Spirit, praising God, and probably, for the benefit of the Jews gathered there, he spoke in their language the praises of God. He certainly did not speak in any "unknown tongue." The same kind of situation occurred in Ephesus in the 19th chapter, and the same results took place. The miracles here were the conversions, not any unknown tongue. In 1 Corinthians 14 the Apostle Paul deals with the "Tongues" problem. In effect he tells the Corinthians to stop doing it. The key verse is verse 8 where Paul says, "If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" The Corinthians were very carnal minded and immature Christians. They were having contentions and divisions and acting like babies. Paul rebuked them for not being spiritual. They had immorality in their midst; they acted like children. They acted like sinners. They did not love one another, and now they were arguing over the use of languages. Paul constantly reminds them that the "glossa" benefits no one but themselves unless there is an interpreter.

Corinth was a seaport city. Many nationalities were represented in the church speaking many different languages, and these immature Christians were trying to show off by using languages that were not familiar to all the members. Paul says it is better to keep quiet than to speak and not be understood. Key verses are (5) where Paul makes it plain that preaching or witnessing is far greater than speaking in different languages; (7-12) he explains the importance of speaking distinctly so those attending can understand. The unlearned and unbelievers will think you are a barbarian if you speak languages they cannot understand; (15) Paul tells them to pray with understanding and simplicity so those blessed will know when to say amen; (18) Paul explains that he spoke many different languages, more than them all, but he always made it a point to speak to be understood; (24-25) He tells us that the church service is for the purpose of winning souls to Christ; and v. 25 shows the result of a Spirit-filled service where the message is clearly understood by the sinner. He will repent and be saved.

Let me make it clear that I do not question the Christianity or sincerity of those who speak in "tongues" as long as they are living consistent Christian lives. However, I do question their Biblical knowledge. It is my conviction that the devil is using this controversial subject to disrupt the work of Christ. Many churches and Christians have been diverted from their task of winning souls to the propagation of the "Charismatic Movement." Unsaved Catholics, Episcopalians, and even Jews are speaking in tongues. The Tongues Movement is involved in the liberal "Key 73" program, and it is plain that where the devil failed in his efforts with liberalism and the social gospel, he is succeeding with the "Tongues Movement."

Those who are completely sold on the Tongues Movement, and cannot be reconciled to Free Will Baptist doctrine based on God's Word, should get out of Free Will Baptist churches. They should unite with other groups who believe this fallacy, and not try to divide our churches. This is the only honest and decent thing to do. Since the phrase "unknown tongue" is not in the original manuscripts, we can say without reservations that an "unknown tongue" is not a Bible doctrine, is not of the Lord, and thus must have its origin elsewhere. Let's get away from all the spectacular and carnal things, and get back to preaching and believing the Gospel, and getting people saved and teaching them to observe the teaching of our Lord so they can help make other disciples.

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# The Holy Spirit Then And Now

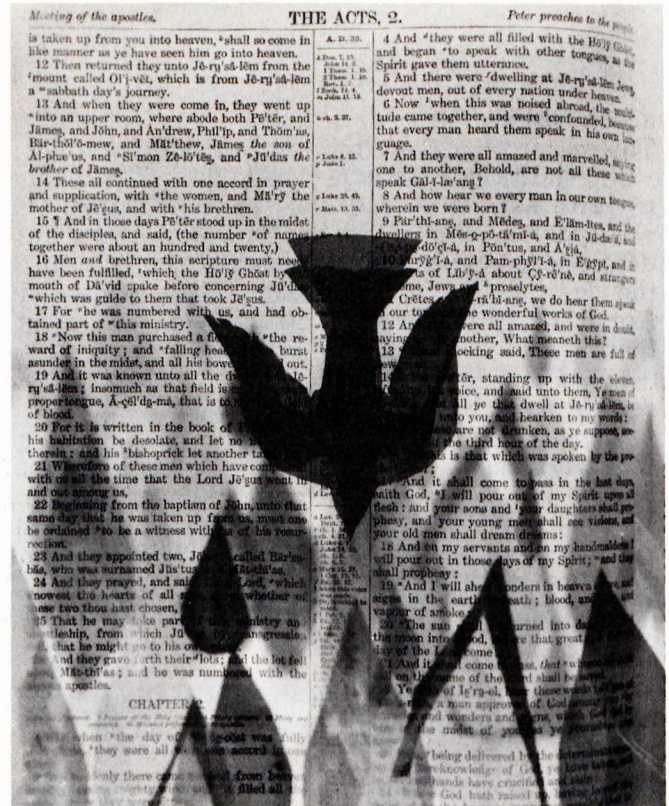
by Jo Hastings

**T**HERE IS a great need in our world today, and a kind of hunger for spiritual truths. And needless to say in our search for truth we often get confused and misled. As a result we have all kinds of doctrines and false teachings.

In our search for truth we must not lean on our own understanding, but God's; and seek His help through prayer and careful study of the Scriptures (Proverbs 3:5). One such false teaching that is abounding today concerns the Holy Spirit. The Bible is very organized and without both Old Testament and New Testament Scriptures we can not possibly understand the part of God called Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost. As a result of unorganized, unprayerful searching we have a terrible misunderstanding of "speaking in tongues". Let me explain by a careful walk through the Bible.

The revelation of the Holy Spirit was progressive through the Bible and as God's plan for man evolved the Holy Spirit was endowed on man in different ways. First of all, understand God is the Great Three-In-One. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Each had and has a job to do. The people in the Old Testament had a different need and their need was met through the use of the Holy Spirit in a different way from the use today.

The Holy Spirit existed in the Old Testament



evidenced by Psalm 104:30; Job 26:13; Job 33:4. In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit acted freely and came upon whatever or whomever when there was a need for God to accomplish something. There were no special conditions the persons involved had to meet. In Exodus 31:3, God through the Holy Spirit gave Moses the gift of speech. The Holy Spirit was a tool used by God to accomplish His work.

Now God was ready for His people to understand the Holy Spirit through a tangible object. Exodus 30:22-38 speaks of the anointing oil made by God to be a type of Holy Spirit so the people could better understand. These people were not great intellectual people because they did not have Scriptures as we do to understand God and His overall plan. They were the first people in His plan, therefore were not expected to understand intangible things. God was slowly preparing the peoples of the world to accept His Son. God works in a very slow, organized way at times. He is never rushed and prepares us for our place in His plan still today. The anointing oil was a tangible thing they could understand and through this God could still accomplish His work. Numbers 11:25 shows how the Holy Spirit was used to enable men to receive and utter divine revelations. II Samuel 23:2; Psalms 51:12; Joel 2:28; Micah 3:8 are more examples of God



accomplishing His work through the Holy Spirit. This was the Holy Spirit of the Old Testament.

The Holy Spirit that existed when Christ came to earth existed only in the person of Christ. This was typified when Christ was baptized and the dove descended, Luke 3:21, 22. This was a tangible sign to the Jews so they could accept Christ as one sent from God. In Leviticus 8:12 the Jews were taught that a special anointing was necessary so Christ received His special anointing with His baptism and descention of the dove.

Again note must be taken of the people of that day. They were simple people not because of lack of intelligence, but because of a lack of reading material. As the Scriptures are our guide, their guide was just signs they could see. The Jews did not think that God could pour out His Spirit on man until Joel 2:28 was fulfilled. They did not understand all prophesy in the Old Testament or correlate parts of it with the very last days, as Joel 2:28 was meant.

The Holy Spirit then existed in Jesus during His earthly life. He tried to teach His disciples (Luke 11:13) that they might receive the Spirit through prayer to the Father. But they failed to grasp the meaning of His words. Peter seemed to understand in Matthew 16:16, 17, but was the only disciple who possessed any spiritual intelligence until after Christ was resurrected.

In John 14:16, 17, Christ promised that He would ask the Father and that the Holy Spirit or Comforter would come to abide forever just for our asking with our belief. He told them to wait till the Spirit should come upon them before beginning their ministry. He was speaking only to the twelve. (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8) At Pentecost, Acts 2:1-13, the Spirit descended on the Apostles and they preached to all believers from other lands in the language of those believers. They did not speak in words not understood by the believers.

After Pentecost, while the gospel was preached to Jews, the Spirit was given to others by the laying on of hands. (Acts 8:17; Acts 9:17) Remember the Jews still needed a sign to aid their understanding.

The next step in God's plan was to make the Spirit available to Gentiles and Jews as a free gift. Notice the organized, planned steps God had taken to just give His people the Holy Spirit. In Acts 10, we see Peter's vision as a sign that all believers could now receive the Holy Spirit just by simple faith and belief. (Acts 10:44; 11:15-18) In Luke 11:13, Christ promised that any could receive the Holy Spirit who asked, but none of the people asked so the Holy Spirit was not imparted to believers while Christ was on earth. Mary of Bethany seemed to understand His death and resurrection and may have been the only one who asked for the Spirit. John 12:3-7. The promise in Luke 11:13 was changed because of

Pentecost and Peter's vision. Now every believer has the indwelling Spirit as a free gift of salvation or simple belief and trust (Romans 8:9, 15; 1 Cor. 6:19; Gal. 4:6.)

We must keep in context of time the different Scriptures and keep them in the organized order God intended them. The indwelling of every believer by the abiding Spirit is a New Testament blessing accomplished through the death and resurrection of Christ. We have come into a time when we no longer need a sign to understand. We have all the Scriptures and direct communication with God, and must accept that every believer is born of the Spirit upon conversion and indwelt by the Spirit whose presence makes the believer's body a temple.

Those people at Pentecost who were hearing the Apostles speaking to them directly; but also heard the languages of others present being spoken, were confused and seemed to think they were some special unknown language (1 Corinthians 14). Therefore, Paul tried to clear up the misunderstanding of tongues which evolved from the excitement and confusion of Pentecost. Acting hastily without thinking or asking God they in their own power tried to understand the giant step of Pentecost that God took. Therefore, a great misunderstanding grew, and then as today, this problem plagued the churches; and many Christians are hurt or confused by the boasting of others. Through the searching to explain, many forget to put the many Scriptures in proper order and have come up with the mistaken idea that unless they speak in a language no one understands they do not have the Holy Spirit in its complete form. 1 Corinthians 14:2-28 shows how Paul desperately tried to clear this misunderstanding, and these Scriptures must be adhered today.

We receive the Holy Spirit as a free gift of salvation and through our growth as believers we gain more and more of the Holy Spirit. It depends on our growth as Christians and our prayer life whether we have a complete indwelling of the Spirit. Speaking in an *unknown* tongue is not a sign of complete indwelling. Who is to say how far we could grow except by our example, who is Christ. He was perfect in His earthly life and in His communication with God. He spent much time agonizing over direction from God in the end (John 17).

The plan of God was and is very great, and to know and understand takes prayer and careful study. Only through God can we know the correct order of His mysteries. Only until all Scriptures are fulfilled will we be able with His help to understand all. Pray for understanding!

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## NATIONAL RESOLUTION ON THE CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT

The following resolution was presented to the National Association of Free Will Baptists meeting in Macon, Georgia, last month. It carried unanimously.

WHEREAS, the phenomena of "speaking in tongues" is a spreading movement which usually causes confusion, contention and division within the church, and

WHEREAS, speaking in tongues over emphasizes an emotional experience out of proportion to a life of service, soul winning and ethical living, and

WHEREAS, tongues have never made any significant contribution to church growth and there is no evidence that contemporary charismatic movement is any different, and

WHEREAS, advocates of tongues-speaking misinterpret the Scriptures in order to justify their position about this supposed gift of grace, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to clarify the position of the National Association of Free Will Baptists,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That this body adopt the following statement as expressing the position of our denomination concerning the charismatic movement:

Free Will Baptists understand that the Bible teaches the following facts:

- A. On the Day of Pentecost believers spoke in distinct foreign languages which were readily understood by the nationalities present. (Acts 2:6, 8, 11)
- B. Tongues were given as a special gift to the early church as only one sign which confirmed the witness of the Gospel to unbelievers. (1 Corinthians 14:1-40; Hebrews 2:4)
- C. Although practiced by some believers, it was the least significant gift which is not to be sought after. (1 Corinthians 12:7-11)
- D. When the gift was abused it became a source of disturbance in public gathering. To eliminate confusion and correct the error Paul set specific guidelines for the Corinthian Church to follow (1 Corinthians 14:18-19, 23, 28, 33.)
- E. The gift of tongues is not the evidence of the baptism of the Spirit and neither does it bring about sanctification. (1 Corinthians 12:13)
- F. Tongues were bestowed by the sovereign will of God in some believers but all did not speak with tongues. (1 Corinthians 12:10, 30)

Therefore the National Association of Free Will Baptists holds the following position on glossalalia.

- A. We reject the doctrine of speaking in tongues as being a valid gift for the church today because the complete revelation of God is given in the Bible.
- B. We reject the erroneous teachings that speaking in tongues is a visible sign of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Any implication of a "second work of grace" has never been tolerated in our fellowship of churches.

C. We refuse to embrace this doctrine. Even though some individuals may profess to speak in tongues, this practice is not to be encouraged or promoted in a local church nor do we find any reason to advocate "Neo-Pentecostalism." Churches affiliated with the National Association are not to be considered fertile ground to sow the seed of tongues speaking.

D. We believe the church, as God's instrument of redemption, has been advanced by the preaching of the Gospel in a "known tongue" rather than magnifying some particular gift.

E. We encourage all churches to preach the fullness of the Holy Spirit, the whole counsel of God and to take heed to the scriptural admonition in Ephesians 5:18b-20, "But be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

## THIS IS MY CHURCH

It is composed of people like me. We make it what it is . . . It will be friendly, if I am. It will do a great work, if I work . . . It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver . . . It will be a church of loyalty and love, of tenderness and faith, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these.

There, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.

*—copied from the Trinity Church Newsletter*

## COOPERATION

Cooperation is the answer to getting a job done whether it is in the secular field or in the work of the Lord. The Bible speaks of the cause of Christ and compares the members of the church to the members of the body. Every member of the body has a very important function: the eye, ear, hand, foot, the heart, etc. If one does not function properly the whole body is hampered greatly. And, so it is with the church: Every member has a very important gap to fill. If that individual does not maintain his position and do his job the whole work is affected. May the Lord of eternity help all of us to do our very best to do the work that He has placed us here to do.

*by Pastor Glenn Rehkop*

*copied from the Link from the Grace FWB Church*



# **CHURCHES PEOPLE and EVENTS**

## **MISSOURI AT THE NATIONAL**

This Editor heard no one comment about the National Association held last month in Macon, Georgia, but what felt that it was one of the best Nationals in every way held in recent years. Though there was controversy on some items, a good spirit prevailed throughout the convention, both in the worship and business sessions.

Pastor Ken Dogget, of the Fellowship FWB Church in Flat River, was elected to the National CTS Board, and Pastor Rolla Smith of the Grant Avenue FWB Church in Springfield was re-elected to the National Foreign Missions Board.

Our Missouri State General Board had sent a resolution to the National General Board asking that Evangelist Van Dale Hudson be removed from office because of his controversial article advocating that churches affiliated with the Missouri State Association sever their relationship with our state because we belong to the National Association of Evangelicals. Our proposal lost in the National General Board by a vote of 9 to 11, but a similar resolution from the State of Oklahoma was tied 11 votes for; 11 votes against. Many General Board members abstained from voting on both resolutions, some because of the area of the country they were from. It was the feeling of the Missouri delegation at the National that though these resolutions both lost, the desired effect was attained, in that a strong percentage of the voters spoke vehemently against the existence of this divisive element in our National Association.

Though an accurate count of Missouri's ministers and delegates attending the National was not made, it appeared that an unusually good number was present, probably numbering between 50 and 75. Next year's National will be held July 14-18 in Wichita, Kansas. Let us have a good representation from Missouri attending.

## **MISSOURI OVER THE TOP IN GIVING**

Missouri went over the top in two areas of giving this past year. We went over the top of our State Cooperative Plan budget of \$70,000, entering \$76,107.92 in income on the ledger. This kept us in the Number One spot in National Cooperative giving, as well.

We also went over the top in National Foreign Missions giving. Our state quota, set by the Foreign Missions Department, was \$56,750. We gave \$79,033.23, which was third place among the other states of the National Association.

We came very close to the suggested quota of the Bible College's General Fund, giving \$16,883.14 toward a \$17,000.00 quota. We also fell a little short in National Home Missions and Church Extension, giving \$14,602.26 toward a \$17,000.00 quota. These figures put us in fourth place in Bible College giving and fifth place in Home Missions giving, compared to the other states in the National Association.

Missouri's quotas for the 1973-74 fiscal year are as follows: Foreign Missions, \$88,000; Bible College, \$17,500; National Home Missions and Church Extension, \$22,000. Our State Cooperative Plan budget will be set at our State Association later this month.

Let each Missouri church look carefully at her outside giving. Are we all doing all we can? If not, let us pledge ourselves to the task for this coming fiscal year.

## **FWBBC PROJECT TO BE REFERRED TO STATE ASSOCIATION**

Last month's GEM carried the report that the \$125,000.00 project to underwrite the Library Wing at Free Will Baptist Bible College had originally been approved by the State Executive Committee, but was postponed due to a situation that existed. It was announced that the State Executive Committee would meet following the National Association and make a recommendation as to the future of the proposed Bible College project.

In the Executive Committee meeting which took place in Macon, Georgia, it was decided to refer the decision regarding the Project to the State Association which will meet in Monett, Missouri, August 20-23.

## **PURDY CHURCH GROWING**

Mrs. Leatrice Strother, reporter for the Purdy FWB Church, writes that six persons united with the Purdy Church after a baptismal service May 27. Their Sunday school is also reported to be increasing in number.

The Church gave Rev. Don Davis a farewell supper on May 19. Rev. Fred Harris is their new pastor.

## **REV. ELWOOD PERRY AVAILABLE**

Having completed his third year as pastor at the Independence FWB Church near Stockton, Missouri, Rev. Elwood Perry feels led of the Lord to enter



evangelistic work. He is now arranging his fall and winter itinerary. If he can be of service, please contact him at 411 East Jefferson, Warsaw, Missouri. Phone: 816-438-7432.

### REV. ROY PEARSON TO TRINITY

Rev. Roy Pearson was recently hired as a full time minister of Christian Education and Youth by the Trinity FWB Church in Bridgeton. Brother Pearson had served previously as Assistant Pastor and Director of Children's Church at the Southside FWB Church in St. Louis. He is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and a former secretary of the Board of Christian Education of the Mississippi State Association.

Rev. Russel Spurgeon is the Pastor at Trinity.

### REV. JACK McALLISTER TO BERKELEY

Rev. Jack McAllister has been elected as the full time Director of Christian Education at the Berkeley FWB Church. Brother McAllister has been in the ministry for 16 years and worked with Youth for Christ in both Kansas City and Pittsburg, Kansas.

Rev. Clarence Burton is the senior pastor at Berkeley.

### ANOTHER CHURCH JOINS THE COOPERATIVE PLAN

The Divine Trinity FWB Mission of Potosi, Missouri, voted recently to adopt the Cooperative Plan of Support to extend the ministry of their church around the world. Reporter, Mrs. Ettie Mae Logsdon, reports that their Sunday school has averaged 35 for the first 13 weeks of their existence.

Rev. Leslie Logsdon is the pastor of the new work.

### NEW PARSONAGE AT SOUTHSIDE

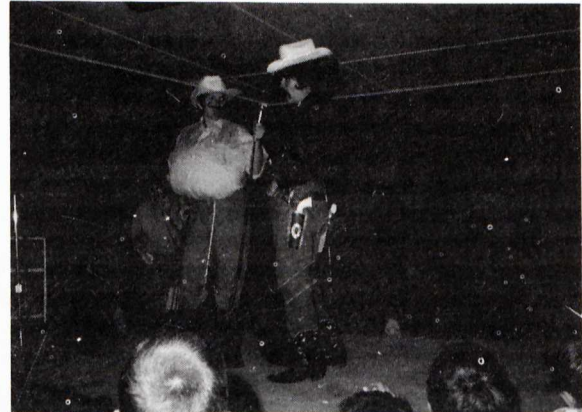
In a recent business meeting, South Side Church in St. Louis voted to buy a new parsonage. The new parsonage is located three blocks from the church at 4744 Minnesota. It is a new brick home composed of three bedrooms, one and a half baths, and a full basement. The old parsonage at 2612 Minnesota is already sold.

### 54 FIRST TIME DECISIONS AT YOUTH CAMP

The 1973 sessions of Youth Camp at our State Camp near Niangua, Missouri, were extremely fruitful from a spiritual point of view. A total of 883 persons enrolled for the three sessions. 214 of these

made some type of decision in the evangelistic services. 54 of them were first time decisions and three individuals acknowledged the call of God upon their lives for special service.

The accompanying photos show some of the highlights of the Camps' Fun Nights, which traditionally take place after the Thursday night evangelistic service.



*Two preachers' wives do a little pickin' and grinnin.*



*Pastors Gary Fry, Bud Hill, and Don Lombard do a "Little Elmer" act at youth camp. Where's Bud?*

### REV. KENNETH TURNER HONORED

Rev. Kenneth Turner, otherwise known to hundreds of children in Southwest Missouri as "The Great Keneto," Master Magician was honored at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, Missouri, on June 24 with a "This Is Your Life" service. 325 people attended the Sunday school and even more came in for worship to show appreciation to a man of God whose varied ministry has included service as Pastor, Foreign Missions Promotional Man, Evangelist, Master Magician, and for the past six years as teacher of an adult Sunday school class in the Monett Church. Mr. Jerry Davis, a member of the Monett Church and a member of Rev. Turner's Sunday school Class, acted as Master of Ceremonies. He cited the thousands of miles traveled by Rev. Turner for the cause of Foreign Missions. Visiting



clergymen, relatives, friends, and neighbors all joined in to congratulate Rev. Turner and his wife, Jewell, for their many efforts for the cause of Christ. Taped greetings were heard from Dr. Robert Picirilli and Rev. Raymond Riggs. Letters were read from Dr. L. C. Johnson, Rev. Reford Wilson, and other prominent denominational leaders.

Several years ago Rev. Turner decided that magic object lessons could be used to proclaim the Gospel to children and adults alike. For years he was a very successful personality on a Joplin, Missouri, television station. Now he carries his magic program to churches all across the state and into adjoining states.



*Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Turner*

#### **48 ENROLLED IN VBS AT MERL'S CHAPEL**

Mrs. John McClure, reporter for the Merl's Chapel FWB Church near Cassville, Missouri, reported a record enrollment for the Church's Vacation Bible School, held in June. The school enrolled 48 pupils, and had an average attendance of 43. 38 pupils were given red letter Bibles for perfect attendance.

On closing day of the school the 10 teachers sponsored a picnic at Deer Park near Roaring River.

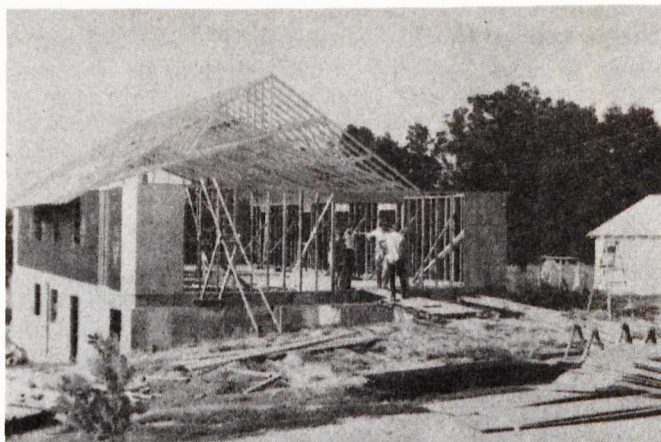
Rev. Opal Jeffreys is pastor of the church.

#### **TWO NEW CHURCHES ON THE GEM FAMILY PLAN**

The GEM family of readers welcomes two new churches to the GEM Family Plan this month: The Gospel Light FWB Church of Bonne Terre, Missouri, where Rev. Don Umfleet is pastor, and the Divine Trinity FWB Church of Potosi, Missouri, where Rev. Leslie Logsdon is the pastor.

#### **COLUMBIA'S BUILDING GOING UP**

Several hundred hours of volunteer labor are



being contributed to the construction of the Columbia, Missouri, FWB Church which is shown in the accompanying photo. The 32' x 60' building is being constructed adjacent to the church's parsonage and converted garage chapel where the congregation has worshiped since its beginning. The location is 3316 Rock Quarry Road, in Columbia.

Rev. Mark Vandivort is the pastor of the church.

#### **A FEW BONDS LEFT**

The Victory FWB Church in Avondale has begun construction of their new \$150,000.00 church plant. They are issuing 7% first mortgage bonds through Executive Church Bonds, which is Free Will Baptist's own bonding company. Victory Church still has a few bonds left for sale in four denominations: \$250, \$500, \$1,000, and \$2,500. The record shows that no one has ever lost a penny when investing in any Free Will Baptist church bond program.

For more details of the bonds available from the Victory Church, contact Pastor Lawrence Thompson, 3416 N. Bellefontaine, Kansas City, Missouri 64117, or call (816) 454-2559.

#### **FROM MISSOURI MISSIONARIES IN THE IVORY COAST**

Dear Friends in Missouri:

Ten years of preparation have rapidly become history for us and next month we will arrive in Ivory Coast to commence the work that God has called us to do. Needless to say, we do not feel qualified for this task, but God has promised to make the way when He shows us the destination for our lives. This past year in language study has not been very different from other years. We have had difficult times and good times; there have been tears and laughter. But through it all, God has shown the way, plain and clear, and we praise Him for such marvelous love. Formal French study is not completed. I suppose all language students have this sort of feeling, but we certainly wish we knew more of this language. We are trusting the Lord to take what



we have learned and use it for His glory.

It seems our plans are always being changed. Originally, we had all planned to go to Africa by boat. Well, the date for the boys to start school was moved up a week and the boat that sails to Africa in the middle of August is already booked up for passengers. So, Carol and the boys will go to Africa by air August 22. I will drive to Marseille, France, the last of August and will go on the boat leaving then. It is necessary, to save on customs, that someone be with the baggage when it arrives in the Ivory Coast.

Next week we are going to Geneva to see about getting our international driver's licenses. All of our packing and crating will have to be done by August 13 so it can be put on the train for the boat dock. We are looking forward to a visit from Carol's parents and sister July 29—August 11. (We are going to use imported labor for our packing!)

We are encountering many unexpected expenses during this time of moving because of the devaluation of the dollar. For example, when we arrived in Switzerland last August, an airplane ticket between here and Ivory Coast cost \$344.00. The same ticket now costs \$480.00. During the time we have been here the dollar has lost nearly 28% of its value. This does not take into account the inflation rate which is higher in Switzerland than it is in the USA. Gas at 40¢ to 50¢ a gallon sounds high at home, but here it has increased to nearly \$1.10 per gallon. These examples, I hope, clearly illustrate that when we say we are very grateful for your faithful support, we really mean it with all our hearts.

Please pray for us during the time of adjustment and change. Pray for our boys as they change schools again and adjust to living in a dormitory. Pray for Carol and I as we adjust to all of a sudden finding ourselves without children at home. Pray for our adjustment to the culture of Africa. Cousineaus recently killed a spitting cobra, a green maumba, and another snake on the property where we will be living. The only nice thought we could come up with when we found out was: at least that is three that we won't be bothered with!

Thanks again, for all that you folks in Missouri have done to help us get to the mission field.

In Christ,

Jerry, Carol Pinkerton and Boys

#### **NO FWB YOUNG PERSON DENIED A FWB COLLEGE EDUCATION BECAUSE OF LACK OF FINANCES**

This has been the hope of many FWB parents for many years. Now, Hillsdale is assisting our young people with the financing of their Christian Higher Education. With seven basic programs of financial aid, Hillsdale is moving forward to meet the need of these young people.

**COLLEGE WORK STUDY:** The guarantee of a job, on campus or at an approved off-campus

facility, with work hours to fit the student college program. The salaries range from the minimum wage to \$3.00 per hour.

**NATIONAL DIRECT STUDENT LOAN:** 3% interest is charged the student who may borrow up to \$1,000 per year. No interest is charged and no payments are due until the beginning of the 10th month after the student terminates his education. Those students going into teaching fields may have their loans discounted up to 100%.

**GRANTS:** Two grant programs are available to Hillsdale students for the 1973-74 year. These grants are given according to student financial need and may be given in the minimum amount of \$200 or the maximum amount of \$1,400 per year.

**FEDERAL INSURED LOANS:** Two loan programs may be utilized by Hillsdale students. These two loan plans charge 7% simple interest, but interest or payments are deferred until after the student terminates his education program.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Hillsdale has several scholarship programs established. As Academic Scholarship permits tuition free attendance for a student whose high school grade point average was 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or above. Children of Missionaries are also given tuition scholarships. The Broadhurst scholarship helps ministerial students. Music scholarships and several church and district associations as well as individual scholarships are available. For a complete list of Hillsdale Scholarships or other Financial Aid information, write: Financial Aid Office, Hillsdale FWB College, Box 6343, Moore, Oklahoma 73160.

#### **ATTEND THE STATE ASSOCIATION**

The sixtieth annual session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists will convene in Monett, Missouri, just a few days after you receive this issue of the GEM. On Monday, August 20, at 10:00 A.M. the General Board of the State Association will meet. It is an open meeting. Everyone is welcome to sit in.

The Monday evening youth activities will be well worth the time and effort of your church's young people making the trip to Monett. With only a 200 seat capacity at the restaurant where the 9:00 P.M. banquet will take place, you are urged to send ahead for your tickets. The address where you should write is on the back cover of this issue.

Tuesday, August 21, the General Board will reconvene as the State Woman's Auxiliary President, Mrs. Brenda Evans, calls the ladies to order in the sanctuary of the Monett Church. Missionary Lonnie Sparks, a veteran of four terms in the Ivory Coast, West Africa, will speak in the Ladies' 11:00 A.M. service. The Auxiliary will conclude its business before the 5:00 P.M. banquet where Missionary wife Anita Sparks will be the featured speaker. Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. the Association proper begins. The keynote speaker will be Pastor Russel Spurgeon, from the Trinity FWB Church in Bridgeton.



Wednesday, August 22, will have business sessions on the agenda both morning and afternoon. The 11:00 A.M. message will be delivered by Pastor Lynn Wood of Mountain Grove. Missionary Bill Fulcher, from Panama, will bring the evening message in the Missionary Service of the Convention.

Business will reconvene on Thursday morning, August 23, at 9:00 A.M. and is scheduled to conclude before the 11:00 A.M. worship service, with Pastor Bob Francis preaching.

This association promises to be a great time of spiritual refreshment and a profitable time for God's people in the FWB churches in Missouri to plan an aggressive program of work for the coming year.

Be much in prayer for each worship service and each business session. Remember the speakers who will each help carry out the Associational Theme: "Facing the Crisis of the Church." Pray for the General Board in their meeting. Pray for the state officers who will preside: Moderator, Pastor Clarence Burton; Assistant Moderator, Pastor Jim McAllister; and the Clerk, Pastor Russel Spurgeon.

By all means churches should send their pastors and as many lay-delegates as they are entitled. Each church is entitled to one delegate, plus one delegate for each fifty members or larger fraction thereof.

See you in Monett!

#### **HELP US GET THE McLAINS AND FULCHERS OUT OF THE COUNTRY**

That is not to be taken the way it might sound, were it not for the fact that the Lord has called both of these fine families to be foreign missionaries. Their God given place of service is out of this country, but they cannot go until their cash accounts have a greater balance than at present.

The State Executive Committee has authorized the launching of a project to raise \$3,000 in our state to be divided equally between these two missionary families to help get them back to their fields of service. The suggestion is that each church in the state send at least \$50.00 and that the larger churches send more as they are able. This request is urgent, as the McLains need to leave by the last of this month. Please see that your church does something toward this project.

Mrs. McLain and Mrs. Fulcher are both native Missourians, so we consider them homefolks in our state and feel an even greater responsibility toward their support.

Offerings for this project may be mailed to Rev. Clarence Burton, 8914 Springdale, Berkeley, MO. 63134.

"REPUTATION is what man THINKS you are—  
CHARACTER is what God KNOWS you are."

## **Promotional Secretary's Corner**

by Rev. Harry Beatty

On June 2, eighteen churches of the Liberty Association assembled for their regular Quarterly Meeting with the Niangua Church. Rev. Wayne Wagoner delivered the 11 o'clock sermon. They received Old Liberty FWB Church, near Seymore, Missouri, into their fellowship. Two ministers were ordained and three new ministers were issued license to preach. I gave the Promotional Program Saturday afternoon.

June 3 I delivered the Sunday morning sermon in Fordland Church. Pastor Crawford has ten new converts to be baptized. Most of them were saved in their recent revival. That Sunday evening I delivered the sermon in Marshfield FWB Church, where attendance was good. Rev. Chapman is their pastor.

Saturday, June 9, Foreign Mission's Director, Rev. Reford Wilson, and his family, attended a wedding held in St. Louis South Side FWB Church. In response to an invitation from Pastor Francis, as a guest minister, Brother Wilson delivered the sermon Sunday morning, June 10.

Sunday evening, June 10, I filled the pulpit for Pastor A. B. Brown, in Bethel Church of Festus. Pastor Brown was currently conducting a revival meeting in another state. Bethel Church designated a nice gift to the Cooperative Fund, in addition to their monthly contribution.

I attended one day of Junior High Youth Camp Thursday, June 21. Rev. Thompson delivered the evangelistic messages. Many youth made decisions for the Lord's work in this service. More than 20 ministers from various associations assembled in the fellowship hall for a two hour meeting following the evangelistic service, and discussed matters of mutual concern.

Saturday, June 23, an equal number of deacons and ministers assembled with Alton Church for a fellowship and Bible subject study and discussion. Rev. Darrell Strain and Walter Simpson preached the 11:00 o'clock sermons. I gave the Promotional Program and placed a few Bibles from our Lebanon Bible Store. I worshiped with Alton Church Sunday morning and delivered the morning sermon. Rev. Donovan Maxwell is their pastor.

Sunday evening, June 24, I paid a visit to Pastor Logsdon and the new work being launched near Potosi, Missouri. They have purchased four acres on Highway 21, and remodeled a dwelling into a chapel. Brother Logsdon gave me time to explain our Missouri plan of work to his people. Approximately 50 people attended this service. Rev. Reese, a young minister, delivered the evening sermon.

Cooperative receipts for June were \$6,986.09. Praise God! Commendation to 92 participating churches. We exceeded our annual goal. Total received was \$76,107.92. Thank you, Brethren.



**JUNE 1973 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS:**

Freeman Chapel April & May .....	\$108.32
Willow Springs .....	95.30
Grant Ave. ....	230.85
Independence .....	49.00
Olivett .....	130.00
Beacon .....	204.33
Victory .....	306.82
Mine La Motte .....	18.24
Grace .....	318.17
Salem .....	20.00
Faith .....	131.96
Number One .....	27.03
Verdella .....	59.07
Granby .....	41.33
Pleasant Ridge .....	34.00
Garfield .....	21.60
Hannon .....	106.00
Black Oak .....	30.00
Waynesville—April & May .....	268.67
Carterville .....	27.00
Monett, First .....	213.34
Houston .....	76.00
Thayer .....	90.48
Bethel, Festus .....	100.00
Belton .....	58.00
Berkley .....	340.16
Marshfield .....	36.08
Rock Chapel .....	24.71
Copper Mines .....	70.00
Purdy, First .....	17.50
Gateway .....	79.00
Merl's Chapel .....	69.73
Happy Home .....	25.73
Columbia .....	118.00
Gray Summits .....	52.00
Farmington, First .....	228.27
Aurora .....	32.15
New Harmony S. S. ....	19.55
Hickory Grove .....	12.01
Pleasant Grove .....	19.69
Union Light .....	48.35
Fourth .....	238.66
Garfield .....	20.24
Number One .....	24.70
New Rock Springs .....	39.86
Grant Ave .....	264.34
Alton .....	10.00
De Soto, First .....	197.00
Fredericktown, First .....	498.93
Mine La Motte .....	8.65
Bethel, Festus .....	40.00
Martinstown .....	60.00
Willow Springs .....	83.93
Hurryville .....	76.00
Parkview, Desloge .....	50.00
Fellowship .....	50.00
Leadington .....	116.55
Victory .....	295.94
Cabool .....	95.92
Union .....	60.00
Pleasant Hill, Cave Springs .....	10.00
Byrd .....	10.00
Myrtle .....	191.78
Beacon .....	220.93
Grace .....	364.22
Total Receipts .....	\$6,986.09

**JUNE DISBURSEMENTS: 1973**

18.75% Missouri Missions .....	\$1,309.88
15.00% Promotional Dept. ....	1,047.91
4.00% General fund .....	279.44
5.50% Youth Camp .....	384.24

5.00% Gem .....	349.30
1.00% Mo. S. S. & C.T.S. ....	69.86
2.50% Lebanon Bible Store .....	174.65
52.25% Seven Missouri Dept. ....	\$3,615.28
4.00% Hillsdale College .....	279.44
13.00% Foreign Missions .....	908.20
10.00% F.W.B.B.C. ....	698.61
9.00% Executive Department .....	628.75
7.50% Nat'l Home Missions .....	523.96
2.50% Nat'l C.T.S. Dept. ....	174.65
1.50% R.E.A.P. ....	104.79
50% Theological Com. ....	34.94
25% Laymen's Board .....	17.47
43.75% Eight Nat'l Depts. ....	3,091.37
100% Total Djsbursed: .....	\$6,986.09

Harry Beatty, Promotional Secretary & Treasurer



**Missouri State  
Home Mission Giving:  
June 5 through July 5, 1973**

First Church, Monett .....	2.00
First Church, Waynesville .....	6.00
Wanda Perryman .....	2.00
Grace Church .....	25.00
Belton Church .....	26.00
Thayer Church .....	2.00
Salem Church .....	20.00
First Church, Fredricktown .....	20.00
Hannon Church .....	58.50
Viburnum Church .....	20.00
Alton Church .....	10.00
Copper Mines Church .....	7.00
Myrtle Church .....	12.85
Willow Springs Church .....	29.00
New Home Church .....	30.00
Hurryville Church .....	30.00
Pleasant Hill Sunday School .....	89.00
Hartville Church .....	25.00
First Church, Farmington .....	3.00
Rock Chapel Church .....	20.00
First Church Mission K.C. ....	179.21
So. Fremont Church .....	77.56
Bethel Church .....	5.00
Mo. State Woman's Aux. ....	10.00
Victory Church .....	164.00
First Church, DeSoto .....	25.00
Low Ground Church .....	5.00
New Rock Springs Church .....	8.56
Fourth Church .....	65.17
Union Light Church .....	33.00
Fellowship Church .....	59.30
Leadington Church .....	8.00
Parkview Church .....	15.00
Calvery Church .....	10.00
Aurora Mission .....	8.10
Cooperative Receipts—June .....	1,309.88

Total .....

Secretary—Treasurer

Rev. Lawrence Thompson  
3416 N. Bellefontaine  
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# Why Do I Teach

I teach because I am a born again Christian. Jesus died for my sins and the least I can do for Him is to teach His precious Word and who better could I teach than children.

All children are born with spiritual love and interest in their hearts. Whether it flourishes and grows or diminishes and dies is up to us. We either feed it or starve it to death. We nurture it by teaching to them the Word of God with love, wisdom and patience.

A young child doesn't have opinions and prejudices formed. They have open minds that are eager to learn. They are going to learn something, even if it is worldly and wrong. Why not fill their minds and yearning for knowledge with the Word of God. Many children only get a few minutes of spiritual training once a week. As it is, some don't even get that. Who are we to deny them their

birthright? Children of today are our leaders of tomorrow. The kind of leaders we depend largely on are those who teach them and encourage them in all important factors. Whether they are leaders or not, they have to take their place in life and face reality. They must be prepared for this. They should and could be prepared God's way.

I love God's Word and I love children so I just introduce the two. This is so little that I can do for Him who sacrificed so much for me. Again, I say this is the least I can do for him who suffered and died for me that I might have everlasting life.

My hope, prayers and aim is to teach the children in such a way so that they will have the desire to accept Christ as their Saviour and let God have His way in their everyday lives.

*Donna Little*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1972-73

Church	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Aurora	17	21	42	64	66	62	51	47	62	52		
Copper Mines	87	113	90	92	81	84	77	76	85	91	77	
Cuba	95	95	87	93	82	84	93	91	88	98	80	85
Desoto	123	129	127	144	136	145	157	178	189	189	159	159
Farmington	118	121	137	150	136	146	125		155			
Fellowship, Flat River	303	332	379	333	311	324	328	370	407	390	322	310
Flat River, First	131	138	140	141	124	130	146	140	178	215		159
Fourth, St. Louis	115	114	124	135	140	136	135	145	154			
Grace, Arnold				227	206	175		223	241	255	194	
Gray Summit							50	43	50			
Joplin, First	67	72	80	75	68	64	74	119	139	116	106	100
King's Way, Springfield		50	55	59	56	55	60	65	64	66	67	61
Kirksville							111	112	117	114		
Leadington	105	100	98	110	100	97	76	51	59	63		
Lebanon, First	136	142	162	167	143	149	153	156	160	166	144	143
Mine LaMotte	59	44	32	42	36	31	36	43	42	51	46	55
Monett, First	182	204	323	219	211	203	196	209	219	207	198	219
Mountain Grove, First	261	245	264	266	255	240	246	284	263			
Myrtle				51	48	56	47	53	63			
O'Fallon							53	64	72	72	70	
Parkview, Desloge	84	98	95	93	93	94	96	98	90	106	97	83
Salem		32	33		35	39	39	46	42	39	41	
South Fremont, Spfd.	66	70	79	78	68	73	67	75	77	75	71	
Southside, St. Louis	102	118	150	153	138	149	133	144	156	154		
Springfield, First							180	228	212	231	200	
Thayer	143	149	154	148	144	151	116	157	153	181	149	159
Trinity, Bridgeton	162	178	180	191	180	186	172	171	194			
Twin Oaks, Fredericktown	47	48	55	46	48	51	50	53	55	51	71	
Victory, Avondale	110	145	173	212	152	184	173	171	181	174		155
Willow Springs	103	95	100	109	86	84	77	88	94	94	95	91

Other churches are invited to send their Sunday school attendance averages for publishing.



# Woman's Page

Kathy Lay, Editor

BIRTHDAYS . . . David Filkins, Sept. 9, BP 1171, Bouake Ivory Coast, West Africa . . . Mary Lea McLain, September 7, 1314 E. Washington, Kirksville, MO 63501; Dr. LaVerne Miley, September 9, Mission Protestante Evangelique, BP 20, Bouna Ivory Coast, West Africa . . . COMING SOON . . . Our new State Project and a great idea for offerings to help us reach our goal . . . A get acquainted special with our Missouri missionary women. PLEASE . . . if you do have any ideas or pictures of your auxiliary in action, let us know. We like to see what is going on around the state.

In this fast-moving world of turmoil and tension . . . With problems and troubles, too many to mention . . . Our days are so crowded and our hours are so few . . . There's So Little Time and So Much To Do . . . We are Pressured and Pushed until we are "dizzy" . . . There's never a minute we're not "crazily busy" . . . And sometimes we wonder as we rush through the day . . . Does God Really Want Us To Hurry This Way? . . . Why are we impatient and continually vexed . . . And often bewildered, disturbed and perplexed? Perhaps we're too busy with our own selfish seeking . . . To hear the dear Lord when He's tenderly speaking . . . We are working so tensely in our self-centered way . . . We've no time for listening to what God has to say . . . And hard as we work, at the end of the day . . . We know in our hearts we did not "pay our way" . . . But God in His mercy looks down on us all . . . And though what we've done is so pitifully small . . . He makes us feel welcome to kneel down and pray . . . For the chance to do better as we start a new day . . . And life would be better if we learned to rely . . . On our Father in heaven without asking "WHY" . . . And if we'd remember as we rush through the day . . . "The Lord Is Our Shepherd and He'll Lead The Way" . . . So don't rush ahead in reckless endeavor . . . Remember "He Leadeth" and Time IS Forever." By Helen Steiner Rice

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT . . . WHAT???

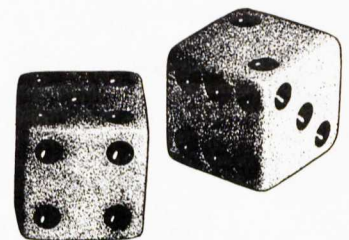
The Woman's Auxiliary State Convention and Banquet this year. The convention will be held at Monett, MO, Tuesday, August 21, 9:30 a.m. The banquet will be held at the Sands Restaurant, Aurora, MO, price \$2.25. Both will be a real blessing and challenge to you. You'll enjoy the fellowship, messages by Lonnie and Anita Sparks, special music and devotions by some of our Missouri Co-Laborers. Don't miss it Ladies, and don't forget to pray for the meeting and for your State officers. Pray for Brenda Evans (President) as she leads us and for Hazel Hutsell and JoAnn Wood as they prepare those yearly reports. SEE YOU THERE!

Tired in the Master's service?  
Yes, I did feel tired today,  
And the devil came near and whispered,  
"You are wearing yourself away."  
But heeding not his tempting  
I turned—my Saviour to see  
And He came near and whispered,  
"Are you sorry you're tired for Me?"  
Then quickly the burden lifted  
And the tiredness all had fled,  
As, with a heart full of rapture,  
"Not sorry, but glad," I said.  
Glad to be tired for the Master  
And the pathway was light that I trod,  
For He had come near and taught  
It is sweet to be tired for God.  
(thanks, after 3 weeks of camp,  
Bible school, and summer meetings,  
I needed that)

A prominent United States senator told his friends this story: "A public school teacher who entered her classroom after lunch saw a group of small boys kneeling on the floor and huddled together. She asked, 'What are you doing?'

'We're just shooting dice,' was the reply  
'Oh,' she said with a sigh of relief. 'That's all right. I was afraid you were praying.'

This is the America in which we are to be witnesses. These are the children who need the message we have. This is our harvest field (CEF Magazine, Jan. 1973)





# **MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION**

**First Free Will Baptist Church  
107 Sycamore — Monett, Mo.**

**August 20-23**

## **STATE YOUTH BANQUET**

Monday, August 20, 9:00 P.M.  
At the Silo Steak House, Highway 60, Monett  
Theme: "Youth Facing Crisis"  
Cost \$2.50 each; 200 person capacity  
For reservations write:  
Rev. Jim McAllister  
107 Sycamore, Monett, MO. 65708

## **STATE AUXILIARY BANQUET**

Tuesday, August 21, 5:00 P.M.  
Sands Restaurant, Aurora, MO.  
Speaker, Anita Sparks; Cost \$2.50 each  
150 person capacity.  
For reservations write:  
Mrs. Helen McAllister  
107 Sycamore, Monett, MO. 65708