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# Sin-A Fatal Malady In The Heart

**TEXT:** "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9).

**SCRIPTURE:** Please read Matthew 15:10-20.

What is the matter with our world? All men who think realistically are in agreement that there is something the matter with it—something radically and tremendously wrong—and its condition does not seem to greatly improve. What is the root of our trouble? In what place shall we look for the fountainhead of our misery? What is the root cause of our woe?

Our world has been placed on the examining table and the doctors have gathered around to examine the patient. We have never had so many national and international diagnosticians as we have today. These physicians, possessing superknowledge and unexcelled equipment and with a flock of nurses standing with chart and pencil to jot down the changing symptoms and to chronicle every variation in temperature, respiration and pulse beat, seek to prescribe a corrective treatment for the malady which plagues the world. As each of these social and political, scientific and educational, military and diplomatic physicians make their own independent diagnosis of the ill which plagues our world, the reports which come forth give to us an interesting and bewildering story.

## I. SUPERFICIAL DIAGNOSES.

The communistic revolutionary who would win the world to communism would diagnose our trouble as "capitalism."

The communist believes that the ills of human society grow out of private ownership of property.

The communists would declare that the poverty which threatens to destroy multiplied millions is the result of the greed of capitalistic overlords who have refused to share the profits of the industrial revolution.

While it must be admitted that the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil, it is the Christian belief that communism has made a superficial diagnosis of the ills which plague the human race. They have treated a partial truth as being the whole truth.

Another physician would tell us that our trouble is "commercialism." The whole world has been commercialized and this is the source of our degradation.

This doctor would say that the commercial devil must be cast out of our lives. When we look at Easter and Christmas and Mother's Day, we can understand why some people feel that we are overly commercialized. High pressure advertisement has not only made a contribution toward the high standard of living that we know but it has also made a tremendous contribution toward an increase in anxiety and feelings of frustration because of our inability to secure or enjoy the material things that are so accessible.

Another specialist asserts that our worst malady is sectionalism. One section of the population is arrayed against another section . . . the north against the south and the east against the west. One class is clamoring for special privileges at the expense of another. The blacks against the whites, the whites against the blacks. Labor against management, management against labor. The rich against the poor and the poor against the rich. Human selfishness will manifest itself in every area of life. It is seen in all countries and among all groups. No one is immune.

Some so-called experts declare that the deadly curse of the modern world is nationalism. On all sides one can notice a bloated, arrogant, exaltation of national honor and prestige. Unless this spirit of extreme nationalism can be controlled, the disasters ahead of us will be worse than those of the past. All of the doctors agree that the patient is horribly sick but they cannot agree on the nature of the malady. Consequently, we hear of wars and rumors of wars. Some of us live in a constant fear of cobalt catastrophe.

It would be profitable for us to turn away from the confusions of the present and sit at the feet of an ancient thinker, the prophet Jeremiah. As a servant of the living Lord he was a keen observer who saw through to the root cause of the malady that plagues our world. He observed the symptoms. He studied the patient and after thorough examination, observation, and meditation arrived at a diagnosis. He stated it in the following words: "*The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked: who can know it?*" (Jeremiah 17:9). The American Standard Version translates the verse: "*The heart is deceitful above all things and is exceedingly corrupt. Who can know it?*" George



Adam Smith, the great Hebrew scholar, translates it: *"False above all is the heart and sick to despair."* It was Jeremiah's deep conviction that the human heart is sick, not slightly or temporarily sick, but dangerously and alarmingly sick. Jesus concurred with this by stating, *"Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man"* (Matthew 15:11).

## II. THE SOURCE OF HUMAN WOE IS THE HEART WHICH IS DISEASED BY SIN.

The prophet diagnosed sin as a heart condition. In its essence, sin is a heart direction away from God. The Bible reveals to us that this sick heart is a result of man's rebellion against his Maker.

1. Man was made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26, 27, 31).
2. Man was made for a life of fellowship with God (Genesis 3:8).
3. Man was made to engage in a cooperative activity with God (Genesis 2:15).
4. Man was made to have dominion over the world (Genesis 1:28).

Man fell from his original estate of innocence. God had given man the power to stand but at the same time He left him free to fall (Genesis 2:17). This is why we as Free Will Baptists believe in the "Freedom of the Will" or the "Freedom of Choice." This is good Bible doctrine. The forbidden tree was a symbol. Man's partaking of the forbidden fruit was motivated by unbelief and doubt, disobedience and rebellion, selfish ambition and greed. This continues to be the attitude of man toward God. Every son of Adam continues to make the same fatal mistake.

Man by his own deliberate choice and action separated himself from God and in a very real sense he shut himself away from God (Genesis 3:22).

Man lost some of the powers and privileges that belonged to him as he came from the hand of God (Genesis 3:24). Because he has separated himself from God, his understanding has been darkened, his will is rebellious, his affections have become corrupt, his soul is polluted, and his body has received a death wound. His soul will live on in an endless eternity in a devil's Hell unless he comes back to God by and through the remedy God has provided.

## III. THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN.

Jesus came into a world that was sorely damaged and defaced. Everywhere Jesus went He encountered men whose lives had been wrecked by one disastrous power and that power was sin. Sin has separated man from God. Sin has broken the loving heart of God. In the parable of the waiting father, usually called the parable of the prodigal son, Jesus revealed the heartbreak of God over the waywardness of man. God eagerly yearns for the return of

His wayward child. Man will be saved from his waste and ruin only if he returns to the home of the Heavenly Father through Christ.

Sin has hardened the heart of man. It has made him dishonest and untruthful. Sin has produced hypocrisy and sham. Sin has created an unbrotherly spirit and caused one race to be snobbish in their attitude toward another and one class to be cruel in its treatment of another. Sin has caused man to be plainly stupid.

Today the nations are bankrupting themselves to provide defenses to protect themselves from fellow human beings. How much wiser we would all be if we recognized the source of sickness that sweeps the world in epidemic proportions and in true repentance came to Him who alone is the one and only Physician that can cure us.

## IV. JESUS CHRIST CAME TO SAVE MEN FROM THIS DEADLY DISEASE OF A SICK HEART.

The prophet Ezekiel revealed that God wants to give to man a new heart. *"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them"* (Jeremiah 36:26-27).

Jeremiah spoke of this in terms of a new covenant (Jeremiah 31:33, 34). What man needs is a new heart with the law of God written on that heart by the Spirit of God.

This new heart, this new nature, this new birth, comes to us through faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, "Ye must be born again" (John 3:5-7).

This New Birth is available to all who will receive Christ (John 3:16). Thank God that it is a "who-soever" Gospel.

1. It offers forgiveness and a new heart.
2. It offers the gift of eternal life. You just can't improve on this!

## CONCLUSION:

Every Free Will Baptist church within our great state of Missouri, and every church within our great denomination, and each member within the church should be busy at the task of publishing the glad tidings of the gospel in order that men might receive a new heart and a new nature. This is the only hope for our nation and the entire world.

As an individual, you need to make a response to Jesus Christ for He and He alone can cure you from the disease of sin and give you the health of Heaven both for now and for the hereafter.

*Rev. Elmer O. Turnbough is pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church Viburnum, Missouri.*



# THE BIRTH OF CHRIST CROSSWORD PUZZLE 4

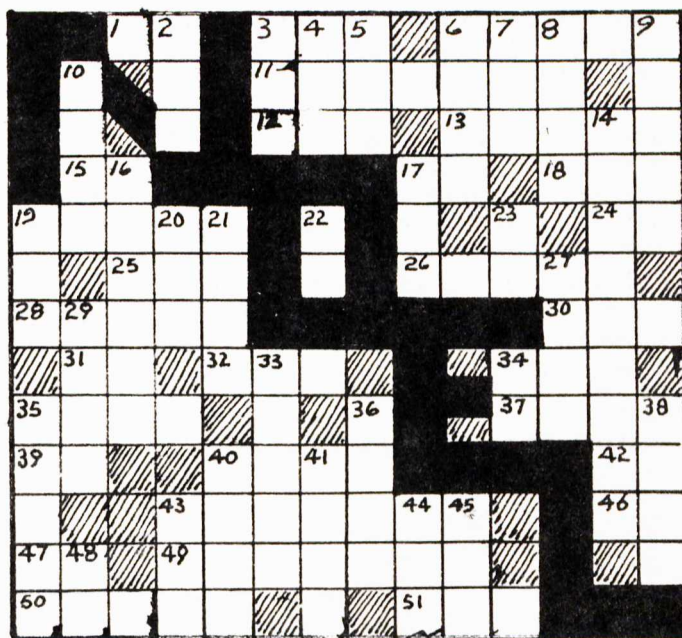
## ACROSS

1. Luke 2:4, "...the city of David which \_\_\_\_\_ called Bethlehem"
3. A peak in N.W. Asia Minor Overlooking the site of ancient Troy.
4. Luke 1:31, "...and shall call his name \_\_\_\_\_"
11. City in hill country of Judah (I Samuel 29:1)
12. Congress of Industrial Organizations.
13. Automobile Accident.
15. Right Worshipful
17. Luke 1:44, "For, low, \_\_\_\_\_ soon \_\_\_\_\_ the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears,..."
18. Expression used to stop a horse.
19. One of the three gifts presented to the young child, Jesus (Matthew 2:11) by the wise men.
24. King and Emperor (L. Rex et Imperator)
25. Arabian Caliph, cousin and Son-in-law of Mohammid.
26. Jesus was born in the city of \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 2:4)
28. To open the mouth involuntarily. (Past tense)
30. Mark 1:27, "...what thing is this? What \_\_\_\_\_ doctrine is this?"
31. Kitchen Police
32. Name of the first woman.
34. St. Louis
35. Luke 2:49, "... \_\_\_\_\_ ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"
37. Flower sometimes called a "flag"
39. The form of A before an initial vowel sound.
40. Strong blast of wind
42. Elevated Railroad
43. Peaceful
46. In case of; With reference to.
47. Citizens Band
49. Full; Complete; Entire
50. King when Jesus was born (Matthew 2:1)
51. Poetic ever.

## DOWN

1. Personal Pronoun.
2. "Thou shall conceive . . . . . and bring forth a \_\_\_\_\_ . . . ." (Luke 1:31)
3. International Joint Commission.
4. God (L)
5. Word element meaning nitrogen.
6. Matthew 2:2, "Saying, where is he that is born King of the \_\_\_\_\_?"
7. Same as 51 Across
8. What Herod did to all the children in and around Bethlehem. (Matthew 2:16)
9. Seaport in S. Japan on Honshu Island near Osaka.
10. Matthew 2:11, "...they saw the young child with \_\_\_\_\_ his mother."

14. A franciscan friar (so called from his girdle of knotted cord.)
15. Railway
16. You should put them on before a slay ride.
17. Assistance
19. Magazine
20. Initials of father of Irish novelist, Maria Edgeworth.
21. Joseph and Mary were instructed to \_\_\_\_\_ the child Jesus in Egypt.
22. "And, \_\_\_\_\_, the Angel of the Lord came upon them . . . ."
23. American Version
27. Intransive
29. Of kin; Related by blood
33. 14th century infantry ax-like weapon.
34. They syllable used for the seventh tone of a scale. (Music)
35. The shepherd's were in the fields to \_\_\_\_\_ their flocks by night.
36. Evangelical Teachers Training Association.
38. You could have fun on one of these on a white Christmas.
40. One of the three gifts presented to Jesus by the wise men.
41. Without (Archaic or French)
43. Initials of Irish Journalist, Author & Political Leader (1848-1929)
44. Before (in time)
45. A coloring material or matter.
48. Bachelor of Education



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## PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

Friday evening, October 12, Rev. Bill Adkisson delivered the introductory message to the Madison County Quarterly Meeting held with Union Light Church. Fredericktown's pastor, Ron Ivey, preached the sermon Saturday. I gave the Promotional Program and sold a few Bibles for Book Store. Their district voted to continue sending designated funds to Cape Girardeau work.

Sunday morning, October 14, I delivered the sermon in Cape Girardeau Church. Pastor Bill Adkisson reports souls have been saved there in the past quarter. Their revival is scheduled to begin October 15.

Sunday night I visited the Hurryville Church and delivered the evening message there. Pastor Graham and the church names two men to be added to their deacon board membership.

Missouri College Commission met at Hillsdale College President Jones' office October 18 in regard to Missouri Bible Institute being initiated. Members present were Jim McAllister, Clarence Burton, and Chesley Hill; I sat in as *ex officio* member.

Leadington Church hosted St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting beginning Friday evening, October 26. Rev. Leslie Logsdon delivered the gospel sermon. I gave the Cooperative Program and placed a few Bibles for Lebanon Bible Store. Each church in this district, including the new work at Potosi, supports the Cooperative Plan.

St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting assembled with Berkeley Church Saturday, October 27. Each church represented with delegates. Rev. Millard Sasser delivered the sermon. I gave the Cooperative Program. The special offering received was given to Missouri Youth Camp project.

In response to an invitation from Pastor Lombard and the O'Fallon Church I delivered the Sunday evening sermon there October 28. Also I explained the new allocation of the Cooperative Fund. They anticipate supporting in the near future. Their Sunday school and church both are increasing.

Potosia Church adopted the Cooperative Plan this month. Fifty-four other receipts of \$28,505.68 move us about \$100.00 ahead of schedule toward Missouri's \$85,000.00 projected goal.

### OCTOBER COOPERATIVE 1973

First F.W.B.C., WEST PL.	\$160.30
Myrtle (3 months)	158.82
Garfield	28.78
Hannon	152.50
Belton	68.00
Houston	70.00
First F.W.B. Mission, K.C.	44.00
Gospel Light F.W.B.C.	15.00
Gateway	15.98
Parkview Desloge	50.00
Hurryville	133.75
Salem	20.00
Alton	7.00

Independence F.W.B.C.	58.00
Happy Home	43.20
Gray Summits (3 months)	144.00
Mill Creek (3 months)	133.53
Union F.W.B.C.	60.00
Beacon	281.10
Olivett	130.00
Union Light	43.30
Berkley	447.00
Aurora	51.25
Grace	415.93
Potosia Free Will-adopted	126.45
Flat River First	834.00
Thayer	208.26
Pleasant Grove	30.41
Pleasant Ridge	40.00
Verdella	66.02
Rock Chapel	18.25
New Home	42.11
Copper Mines	95.00
Purdy First	72.24
Monett First	284.06
Central, K.C.	270.00
Marshfield	52.36
Aulsbury Chapel	213.66
Lebanon First	400.00
Farmington First	263.18
Pleasant Hill	10.00
Byrd	10.00
Faith, Sept.	175.23
Trinity	130.00
DeSoto First	249.00
Fourth	348.46
Freeman Chapel	67.97
Granby (4 months)	74.23
Fredericktown First (3 month)	598.15
Richwoods	128.24
Bethel of Festus	40.00
Gateway, October	13.40
Hurryville, October	66.10
Berkley	300.00
First, West Plains, October	135.90
Cabool, October	104.23
Grace, October	298.13
Parkview, October	50.00
Fellowship	50.00
South Side	153.00
Mt. Valley	112.93
Hickory Grove, October	17.30

Fifty-five churches (sent) .....\$8,879.71

#### October Cooperative disbursement;

20.00% Missouri missions	\$1,775.94
15.00% State Promotional Dept.	1,331.96
04.00% General Fund	355.19
05.50% Missouri Youth Camp	488.38
04.00% State College Commission	355.19
02.50% Gem	222.00
01.00% Missouri C.T.S. & S.S.	88.80
52.% seven Mo. Depts.	4,617.46
07.00% 07.% Hillsdale College	621.58
41.% eight	\$3,640.67
Depts. National	
13.00% Foreign Missions	1,154.36
09.00% Free Will Baptist	
Bible College	799.17
07.00% National Executive Dept.	621.58
06.50% National Home Missions	577.18
03.00% National C.T.S. Dept.	266.39
02.00% Board of Retirement-Ins.	177.59
00.25% Layman's Board	22.20
00.25% Theological Comm.	22.20
100% Disbursed	8,879.71



# CHURCHES PEOPLE and EVENTS

## MORGAN R. WALKER AND AMOS EASTMAN ORDAINED

The First FWB Church of El Dorado Springs was the scene for an impressive ordination service held October 13, 1973. Brother Morgan R. Walker, who had been pastor of the church since May, 1972, was ordained to the ministry and Brother Amos Eastman was ordained as a deacon.

The Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists conducted the services. Participating were Brother Roger Phillips of Liberal, Brother Thayne Fast of Kansas City, Brother Charlie Hoover, Brother George Conner, Brother Bob Dickey, Brother Dale Pitts, and Brother Billy Christenson who delivered the ordination message, "The Bible Preacher."

## NEWS FROM CAPITAL CITY CHURCH by Rev. George Bryant

"We wanted to write to tell you about the blessings of the Lord on our church in October. We entered the National Sunday School contest with a base average of 36 and ended the month with an average of 63.

"On October 14 we broke our previous record of 88 with 98 in Sunday school and 101 in preaching service. All of our services are showing an increase with several new families becoming interested in the church services.

"We have a Children's Church for those six years and under. We started with 12 and under, but grew until we did not have room for them. My wife, Edwina, is the teacher.

"We are also getting another bus ready to run in Jefferson City. The motor is being repaired and we hope to have it running some time in November.

"We are making plans to purchase property in the near future, as we have already outgrown the church plant we now have. On Sunday morning we have all our class rooms filled, sometimes with 24 in a classroom large enough for 12, but we praise God for that. The teachers say we cannot handle any more, but more keep coming. We had six new visitors Sunday, all children; and on Tuesday night of this week, we led a man and his wife to the Lord in their home. They have three children.

"On Halloween night we printed around 1,000 coupons which said, "THIS IS NO TRICK, IF YOU

WILL PRESENT THIS COUPON ON SUNDAY MORNING AT SUNDAY SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 4, YOU WILL RECEIVE A TREAT." The coupons included the name of the church and a number to call if they needed a ride. When the children came to Sunday school we had sacks of candy and apples prepared to give them.

"We have appointed James Pine, a dedicated young man, who has attended Bible College, to serve as Sunday school superintendent. He has taken over and already planned a contest, teacher training programs, monthly teachers' meetings, and has the year 1974 completely planned out. We know God is going to reward him with many souls for his efforts.

"Kenneth Campbell has taken over as bus superintendent. He is making plans to expand the bus program of our church.

"Pray for our church as we labor for the Lord that we might continue to grow and see souls saved."

Editor's Note: The Capital City FWB Church is a project of the State Home Mission Board. All who support State Home Missions can share part of the credit for this fine report. Our commendations to Brother Bryant and his congregation.

## CALVARY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH ACTIVE

Mrs. Linda Luster, reporter for the Calvary Fellowship FWB Church of Fenton, Missouri, writes of a good revival conducted at their church last month by Rev. Harry Asher. Eight souls were saved and several others made rededications. Since July, Calvary Fellowship Church has had 29 persons to join as members.

Plans are being made to remodel their present building and add additional space. A Woman's Auxiliary has been organized. Officers are Mrs. Polly Reed, Mrs. Wilma Luster, and Mrs. Lillian Tittle.

Mrs. Luster writes, "Thanking each one that has remembered us in prayer and requesting continued prayer that we will continue to grow and be a shining light for Jesus in the Fenton Community."

Rev. Duaine Hanson is the pastor.

## JONES CHAPEL ENJOYING GOOD SERVICES

The Jones Chapel FWB Church near Stella, Missouri, reports a good revival meeting last month with Rev. Cliff Myers of Oklahoma as the evangelist.

On November 10 the church dedicated some new classrooms, a new rug, a new canopy and a new well to the Lord. The service was well attended, and Mrs. Betty Flaxbeard, Jones Chapel reporter, wrote that everyone enjoyed hearing the "Believers" and the "Show-Me-State" quartets, both of the Jones Chapel Church.

Rev. Billy Joe Gentry, pastor at Jones Chapel, held a two-week meeting at the Macedonia FWB Church of Purdy, Missouri, where Rev. Cecil Campbell is the pastor. A good spirit of revival was reported.



## GOOD REVIVAL AT MONETT

by Rev. James McAllister

Rev. Roger Harwell, of Lebanon, Missouri, conducted a very successful revival at the Monett FWB Church November 5-11. Brother Harwell's sermons were well accepted and were a blessing to the church. The Monett church experienced the greatest Sunday school attendance in its history. The average Sunday school attendance in October was 240, with an average of 270 in morning church attendance. Seven persons made decisions for Christ.

## APPRECIATION TO THE UNDERWOODS

by Rev. James McAllister

On October 6 Rev. Dale Underwood moved from Missouri to the state of Oklahoma where Brother Underwood will serve as minister of the gospel, and will work for the state government. Brother Dale and Sister Nancy have served as Book Store Manager for our state book store in Lebanon. They came at a very critical time and were instrumental in establishing our book store. They did a very commendable job and we are much indebted to them. The General Board appreciates the good work of the Underwoods and authorized the Moderator to insert our note of deep gratitude to them to be printed in the FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM.

"Thank you, Dale and Nancy, for a job well done."



## 38 ATTEND MISSOURI DAY AT FWBBC

Thirty-eight Missouri guests attended "Missouri Day" at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, on November 2. The special occasion was planned especially to promote the \$125,000 Library Wing Project that is gaining momentum in the state.

College officials report that there is already \$30,000 in solid commitments toward the project, and another \$20,000 is fairly firm. Every church in the state is urged to do something toward the project which is to be extended over the next three years.

Evangelist Jack Paramore, the Bible College's Director of Development, writes, "If the spirit which prevailed throughout "Missouri Day" will spread across the state, the Missouri Project will be easily reached within three years. It was a most enjoyable and encouraging experience and out of it came the increasing conviction that it can be done."

The accompanying photograph shows most of those who attended the "Missouri Day" activities in the College cafeteria.

## GENERAL BOARD MET IN LEBANON

The annual fall meeting of the state General Board was held in Lebanon, Missouri, November 8, with a good representation of General Board members and visiting ministers and laymen.

The promotional secretary's contract was reviewed and renewed. Final plans were laid for the opening of the Missouri Bible Institutes in January. Reports of each phase of the state work were heard and acted upon.

Brother Beatty reported that the Cooperative Giving was \$100 ahead of schedule at the end of October to reach the projected goal of \$85,000.

## GRACE ON THE GO

by Mr. Lin Roberts

It seems that sometimes we go for months with no results for our labors in the church and, just when we begin to feel discouraged, God blesses us with new converts.

Last month we had several who made decisions for Christ. Some were first time decisions, while others were rededications. Twelve were baptized by Brother Rehkop on October 21.

We also had several people to join our church last month. We had lost some who moved away during the summer and some of our young people who went away to college this fall, so we really thank God for sending us new converts and new members.

We had a special singing group called "His Children" in one of our Sunday evening services. It was a real blessing to hear these young people testify and sing for the cause of Christ.

On Sunday evening, November 11, we saw slides from the Holy Land presented by Pastor Rehkop and John and Helen Long who had been there earlier this year. They helped to make the Bible alive and more meaningful.

The Lord blessed us with an average attendance of 240 for the month of October, well over the month before.

## ON THE MOVE AT VICTORY

The Victory FWB Church in Avondale, Missouri, reports that their new church plant is now well under construction. Pastor Thompson reported a



good revival last month with Rev. Tom Malone of Florence, Alabama, as the evangelist. There were 12 saved in the meeting and several rededications made.

For the month of October, Victory Church reports the following averages: morning worship attendance, 253; Sunday school attendance, 233; bus riders, 129; offerings, \$785.81. Total number saved, 23; dedications, 12; new members 7. This was the largest attendance month in the history of the church.

Victory Church still has some church bonds for sale. Those interested may call or write Pastor Lawrence Thompson, 3416 N. Bellefontaine, Kansas City, MO 64117.

### REVIVAL AT OLIVET CHURCH by Mrs. Daisy Harper

October 14, 1973 was the date set for a revival at the Olivet FWB Church, Marshall, Missouri, with Rev. Andy Lay of Joplin as the evangelist. Each night you could joyously feel the Spirit of the Lord walking the aisles as Brother Lay preached from the Word. Hearts were reached and souls were won. Thursday night of the revival, we were privileged to have four other ministers present: Brother Robert Sharry, Brother Dennis Bowman, Brother Dale Skiles, and Brother Lawrence Thompson. Brothers Sharry, Skiles, and Thompson, along with Brother Andy, brought a beautiful message in song, as well as a solo from Brother Sharry. Friday night following the services, Brother Andy had a Teenage Special, which was enjoyed by every teen present. It was truly a week filled with blessings from God. The only regret is that it could not have lasted another week; but, praise God, there were 17 souls either saved or rededicated during the week.

To really have a revival, I have to agree with Brother Andy: In order to have power in the pulpit, you need prayer from the pews.

Rev. Cliff Bowman is the pastor of the Olivet Church.

### SOUTH FREMONT BUILDING

Mr. Richard Pointer of the South Fremont FWB Church in Springfield writes, "We're making good progress on our new building and should be in it about the first of the year."

The South Fremont Church averaged 76 in Sunday school in October. Rev. Wayne Waggoner is the pastor.

### FROM THE FILKINS IN IVORY COAST

Dear GEM Family,

School has been in session for five weeks now and we have no trouble finding things to keep us busy. Time is flying—we've been here five months.

Although our crates arrived in Abidjan July 16, we didn't get them cleared through customs and up

here until September 6, the day after school started. We had to borrow linens and supplies to start school with, but as soon as the truck arrived, the boys all pitched in and unloaded the crates, then washed and marked the dishes, tupperware, linens and towels. In two days nearly everything was unpacked—almost unbelievable. As we took out the pretty colored sheets they expressed delight. When the carpet was put down, they laid down on it and commented how pretty everything was. By seeing the dorm barren before the crates arrived, perhaps they are more appreciative of all the many nice things you folks back home have helped to supply. Our dorm is smaller than some, but very homey and we enjoy it. Wish it were possible for each of you to spend a day with us here. Each time I use a cake mix or package of kool-aid, we are reminded of the love and concern of our people at home who have shared in this important ministry.

We are grateful for the marvelous way our monthly support has come. The expenses of traveling, customs, and getting the dorm supplied have been very heavy; but, praise the Lord, these have been taken care of. God bless each of you who have shared with us.

When school opened we had 16 boys. Ten days later God took one of them—Mark Olsen—to be with Him. He was taken instantly when he accidentally cut into the main power line. This has had a moving effect upon all the lives here and even among Africans and students back in the U.S. Many have made commitments and the Holy Spirit is continuing His work. We are seeing revival in our dorm this week as sin is confessed and victories gained. Please continue to pray for our wisdom and strength to be met in the Lord.

Besides being houseparents we have numerous other duties. Howard drives the 22 passenger bus called "The Rapide" for all the outings which is three or four times a week. He is in charge of the commissary where the students buy personal items, pop, etc. Three days a month I have charge of noon meal at the dining hall which is mainly supervision. Ever cook for 175 people? It takes a lot of food. On Thursdays I give four piano lessons. There are 57 students taking piano lessons and about five people to give lessons and some of them feel like I did—very incapable, but you give it a try. (I think I'm learning more than the students. Ha!)

We are quite anxious for the rest of the Pinkertons to arrive after Tim has his surgery in mid-November. The oldest boys, Howard and Jerry Jr., arrived the first day of school and are doing fine. I know it was hard on their mother and daddy to send them on ahead and we are thankful we could be here to help care for them.

Each letter and card is really appreciated. We enjoy hearing the news of our churches around the state and hope you continue to keep us posted. Thanks again for everything.

In Him,  
(signed) The Filkins



## FROM THE FULCHERS IN PANAMA

Excerpts from the Fulcher's October newsletter:

As you enter your winter there in the States, we will soon be in our summer. That means Christmas programs, vacation Bible schools, Bible clubs, and many activities for which to plan and prepare. So please be much in prayer for us during the next busy months.

We thank each of you who is giving to our missions account to make our work here possible. Several churches have recently sent in large offerings, for which we are thankful. We have had several large amounts to come out this month with the purchase of the bus, repairs on our car, and other expenses. So we ask each of you to make a special effort to help us during the next month with a generous offering. There is so much work to be done here in Agua Buena and San Juan; may it not be hindered by lack of funds.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS GIVING DOWN

The Department of Foreign Missions has announced a serious drop in missions giving over the past few months, making the annual budget considerably low for this time of year.

Mr. Harold Critcher, director of finance for the department, announced that receipts through September were \$27,519.00 below that projected in the budget for this time of year. With expenditures being heavy especially during the months of August and September due to rising costs, devaluation of the dollar on the fields and necessary field expenditures, mission funds reached a considerable low.

Many state quotas are down considerably. Missouri, however, presently stands at \$68,299.73 given out of a proposed amount for 1973 of \$70,500.00. Nonetheless our churches are urged to rally immediately to the cause to help lift the burden of the current monetary crisis.

## FROM THE SEXTONS IN FRANCE

Dear Missouri State:

Thank you for your gift to our account. We appreciate the love and prayers that is shown for us. It is an added source of strength.

We are now responsible for a new work in Lorient, a city 105 miles north of here. We drive there each Sunday night and have a children's Bible club and then church. There are six adults and six to eight children.

Pray for Billie and me that we may have strength. Billie has a problem with her sinuses and throat in this climate.

Pray for an Algerian woman who is coming to church. She is a Moslem and does not understand the plan of salvation.

Pray for a dentist that has invited us to supper next month. He is lost.

Pray for our contacts as we study French part-

time. Pray that God's power may be on us.

(signed) Don and Billie

## FROM THE PINKERTONS IN SWITZERLAND

Excerpts from a personal letter from the Pinkertons are as follows:

"Tim's first surgery will be November 16th here in Vevey. Supposedly, one of the best skin surgeons in this part of Europe is going to do the operation. He will have to have another within six months to one year. We will come back to Switzerland for it. Don't know all the details yet but we are hoping Carol and Tim will be able to leave before Christmas for Africa. I will catch the first boat going south with space available, but when depends on how Tim recovers from this surgery.

Please continue to pray for guidance from the Lord for us. We don't want to run ahead, neither do we want to get behind.

In Christ,

(signed) The Pinkertons

## REPORT FROM HILLSDALE COLLEGE

With a record enrollment of 129 students, the 1973 fall semester at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College is proving to be a great success.

The college, located between Moore and Norman, Oklahoma, is a Bible and liberal arts college. There are 100 full-time and 29 part-time students enrolled. There are 35 women students and 40 men students housed in facilities on the 39 acre campus.

Enrolling at Hillsdale this fall were 64 freshman, 21 sophomores, and 8 juniors. One person enrolled as a special student. The first senior class of Hillsdale has six members.

The students come from many different states and countries. There are 83 students from Oklahoma, 15 from Texas, 9 from Missouri, 9 from Arkansas, 5 from Kansas, 3 from Tennessee, 2 from California, 2 from Africa, and 1 from India.

At the present there are six areas of major study at Hillsdale. Seven students have enrolled with a major in Missions. There are 9 students majoring in Music, 13 in Christian Education, 19 in Business, 36 in General Education, and 45 in the Ministry.

God is richly blessing Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College as it strives for the extension of His Kingdom.

## FROM THE FWB CHILDREN'S HOME

We would like to say "thank you" for your faithful and generous support of the Free Will Baptist Home for Children. Your love and support of this child-care ministry is most encouraging to us. During the month of September the state of Missouri contributed \$148.20 to the Home.

Children in the Home come from the states of Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia. Employees of the Home come from



Tennessee, North Carolina, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, and California. God has given us a dedicated staff to carry on this work. Hazel Hutsell from Mountain Grove, Missouri, recently joined our staff as book-keeper.

You may help the Home by praying for us, visiting us, sending stamps and coupons redeemable in cash or premiums, contributing to the support of the Home, writing for information on special projects, supporting a child, or letting us know of any special interests you have in the Home.

God bless you for what you have done and will be doing for the Home in the future.

James Earl Raper, Superintendent

## REPORT OF YOUTH CAMP STOVE PROJECT

by Mrs. Francis Bowman

Dear Friends,

We now have \$943.32 toward the purchase of new stoves for youth camp. I only wrote to the pastors and churches that I felt loved and supported camp. I have only heard from half of the churches I wrote to. It seems that \$1.00 for each adult is such a small amount to give to the work of the Lord. I know sometimes we neglect these things but let's get busy and be able to order the stoves right away.

Yours for the Cause of Christ,  
(signed) Francis Bowman

## RECENT CONTRIBUTORS TO THE YOUTH CAMP STOVE PROJECT

DeSoto FWB Church	\$50.00
Black Oak Church	25.00
Verdella Church	29.00
Central Church	40.35
Thayer Church	66.30
Houston Church	17.00
Waynesville Church	5.00
Flat River Church	53.75
Marshall Church	168.00
Gary Bandy	.06
Betty Luke	1.00
Mrs. Grove Pingleton	5.00
Cuba Church	21.00
Willow Springs Church	55.00
Kenneth Turner	2.00
Oskaloosa Church	20.21
Hannon Church	50.00
Alton Church	15.00
Happy Home	25.00
Joplin Church	10.00
Bettendorf, Ia Church	27.00
Marie Helsley	5.00
Catherine Henry	5.00
Bethel Church	21.77
Faith Church	23.00
Mr. and Mrs. Vandivort	2.00
New Harmony Church	44.00
Kirkville Church	26.00
St. Louis Qt. Meet.	57.48
Victory Church	18.50
Berkeley Church	50.00

## REPORT OF SPECIAL FULCHER-McLAIN MISSIONS FUND by Rev. Clarence Burton

Enclosed is a list of the churches and the amount given to the Fulchers and the McLains in response to the appeal of the Missouri State Executive Committee. Inasmuch as some churches designated the amount to be placed on each account the total amount was not equally divided. It was placed on the accounts as designated.

We are especially grateful for the total amount, \$3,139.55. This should remind us that Free Will Baptists in the state of Missouri can do, by the grace of God, what we want to do. May the Lord bless each church and individual who responded to this needed appeal. The Fulchers and the McLains are back on the mission field, in their respective fields of service, fulfilling the Great Commission. May the Lord bless each one who helped excel the goal of \$3,000.

O'Fallon Church	\$50.00
Willow Springs Church	50.00
Old Bethel Church	25.00
Fredericktown First	58.00
Grace Church, Arnold	101.42
Copper Mines Church	50.00
Bertha Gregory, Hartville	25.00
Rock Chapel, Mtn. Grove	100.00
Macedonia Church, Marshfield	50.00
Berkeley Church	327.83
Mt. Pisgah Church, Cabool	50.00
Alton Church	50.00
Merl's Chapel, Cassville	58.50
Wolf Creek Ch. Mansfield	100.00
Hannon Church, Liberal	50.00
Mill Creek Church	50.00
Byrd Church, Thayer	50.00
Lead Hill Church, Mansfield	20.00
Mt. Zion, Plattsburg	31.60
Melba White, Gower	5.00
Macedonia Church, Monett	50.00
Bethel Church, Festus	78.30
Monett Church	79.00
Cabool Church	70.67
Parkview, Desloge	114.20
Hurryville Ch. Farmington	50.00
Kirkville Church	210.00
Pleasant Hill, Hartville	50.00
First Church, Kansas City	41.45
Lone Star Church, Seymour	50.00
Southeast MO Yearly Meeting	150.00
New Rock Springs Ch., Mtn. Grove	35.00
Hartville Church	42.00
Laclede Co. Association	27.20
Missouri State Association	327.00
First Church, Purdy	42.38
First Church, Purdy	50.00
Houston Church	100.00
Freeman Chapel, Stewartsville	200.00
Myrtle Church	20.00

## NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS GIVING FROM MISSOURI

October receipts from Missouri for National Home Missions totaled \$1,521.60, which brings our



state to within \$694.46 of our annual quota. Churches giving \$50.00 and more for the month are as follows: Willow Springs Church, Oak Grove at Cabool, Victory at Avondale, First Church of Purdy, South Fremont of Springfield, First Church of Kirksville, Good Shepherd Church of Greentop, First Church of Farmington, and Grant Avenue Church of Springfield. The Willow Springs Church was the leader, giving \$122.95.

### MISSOURI BIBLE INSTITUTES SOON TO BE UNDER WAY

Beginning Thursday night, January 24, 1974, two Missouri Bible Institutes will open their doors for the first time. At the First FWB Church of Mountain Grove and at the Grace FWB Church of Arnold from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. each Thursday night for 16 weeks four courses will be taught: FWB Doctrine, Old Testament Survey, Personal Evangelism, and Fundamentals of Music. Each student may choose two of these four courses and earn two hours of college credit for each class. (A minimum of eight students must enroll in each class for it to be taught.)

The Institutes will be extension schools of Hillsdale FWB College in Moore, Oklahoma and Free Will Baptist Bible College, in Nashville, Tennessee. The student will receive credit for the courses just as though he had attended the classes on the campus of the colleges.

The cost of the program for each student will be \$20.00 per college hour if courses are taken for credit or \$10.00 per hour if courses are just audited, without college credit.

Personnel for the two institutes are:

#### *Mountain Grove*

Rev. Bud Hill, Director

Rev. Lynn Wood

Rev. Gary Fry

#### *Arnold*

Rev. Clarence Burton, Director

Rev. Don Lombard

Rev. A. B. Brown

Rev. Bill Evans

It is hoped that many pastors, Sunday school teachers, deacons, bus workers, and other church workers will take advantage of these training opportunities. A limited number of high school juniors and seniors will be permitted to enroll. Both institutes are G.I. Bill approved for veterans.

Prospective students should write for further information to the director of the school nearest you.

Rev. Bud Hill

Route 3

Mountain Grove, MO 65711

Rev. Clarence Burton

8900 Springdale Avenue

Berkeley, MO 63134

### JANUARY DESIGNATED "BIBLE STUDY MONTH"

A renewed interest in studying the Scriptures is sweeping across America. A hunger and thirst for things of God is evident as the Word of God is being searched and believers are gaining new insights into this revelation of God.

Because of the need for greater Bible knowledge and spiritual edification which strengthens the spiritual life of believers, the National Association of Free Will Baptists, during its annual convention in July, 1973, voted to designate January as BIBLE STUDY MONTH.

Study books are available for weekly group studies or mid-week prayer services. Congregations may designate one week in January as BIBLE STUDY WEEK or the Bible study emphasis may take shape during the five Wednesday evenings in January.

By ordering study booklets to serve as a guide to in-depth study, the sessions will be much more meaningful to all participants. This personal involvement in study of the Word will result in deeper commitment to God and His Word. Participants in the Bible study can use their booklets at home between sessions for searching the Scriptures and personal enrichment. Then, when believers meet for group study, the sessions can be times of sharing exciting discoveries and mutual growth.

The following study books are recommended for this January Bible Study:

#### PRECEPTS FOR PRACTICE by Malcolm Fry

Acquaints believers with basic doctrines of the Christian faith and helps them relate these truths to day by day Christian living.

Leader's Guide—120 pp.—\$2.95

Individual Study Booklet—100 pp.—\$1.50

#### THE BOOK OF GALATIANS by Robert E. Picirilli

An overall presentation of Galatians.

113 pp.—\$1.50

#### FAITH FOR TODAY by J. D. O'Donnell

A presentation of Free Will Baptist teachings—Scriptures, God, Creation, Man, Christ, Holy Spirit, Salvation, Church, Last Things.

92 pp.—\$2.95

#### A SURVEY OF CHURCH HISTORY

by J. D. O'Donnell

This brief account of church history helps one to see how Free Will Baptists fit into the mainstream of Christianity and to appreciate the contributions we have made as a denomination.

212 pp.—\$3.95

#### THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT by Robert E. Picirilli

Ideally arranged for Bible Study Month into 5 chapters.

50¢ per copy



**WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT TONGUES** by Robert E. Picirilli

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Study focuses on chapters 1-7 of Romans.  
13 chapters—\$1.50

Each church can unite in this denominational-wide effort of concentrated Bible study. All you need to do is set a definite time and decide what specific study you would like to pursue. Then send your order to . . . .

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Nashville, Tennessee 37202

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Missouri State Home Mission Giving:  
October 5 through November 5, 1973

Grace	25.00
Olivet	325.00
Fellowship	79.00
Fourth	130.10
South Side	94.82
Hannon	80.75
Union Light	33.00
Fredricktown First, Sen. Dept.	35.00
Hurryville	30.00
Joplin First	33.65
Kansas City First Mission	50.00
Thayer	15.00
Parkview	30.00
New Home	60.00
Myrtle	21.18
West Plains First	20.00
Belton	34.00
Salem	10.00
William H. Davis	55.00
So. Fremont	125.75
W.N.A.C.	33.76
Central	40.00
Flat River First	47.36
Copper Mines	60.00
Berkeley	150.00
Willow Springs	13.00
Faith	46.61
West Plains, First	20.00
Columbia	5.00
DeSoto First	25.00
Viburnum	25.00
Wanda Perryman	2.00
Verdella	23.00
Mine LaMotte	10.00
Victory	89.50
Low Ground	5.00
Rock Chapel	20.00
Aurora	4.10
Hazel Creek	10.00
Coop. Receipts	1,775.94
Total	\$3,653.52

**DESIGNATED GIVING  
THROUGH STATE OFFICE**

First FWB Church, West Plains	
Foreign Missions	\$73.40
Aurora Church	
Four Foreign Missions Accounts	40.00
Three Nat'l Home Mission Accounts	18.00
Missouri State Missions	4.10
Merl's Chapel Church, Gassville	
Foreign Missions	110.25
Youth Camp	81.00
South Fremont Church, Springfield	
Missouri Missions	118.25
Nat'l Home Missions	34.13
Foreign Missions	25.00
Free Will Baptist GEM	
Free Will Baptist Bible College	
(Missouri Project)	\$1,000.00
As voted by the State Association	
New Harmony Church	
Hillsdale College	15.00
Hazel Creek Church	
State Home Missions	10.00
State General Fund	10.00
Total designated giving	\$1,539.13

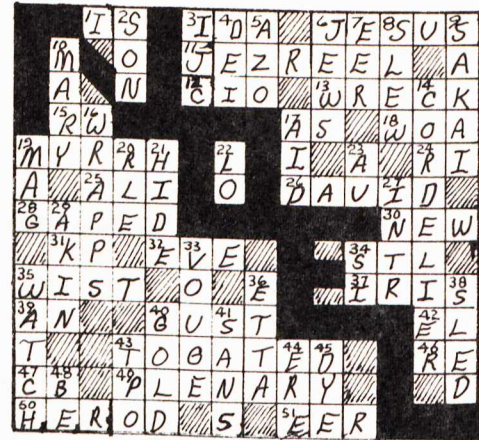
**CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS . . .**  
by Rev. Russel Spurgeon

As the Christmas season approaches, one sees much evidence of tension, anxiety and suffering on the faces of many people. Some are ill; many have money problems; many are unhappy in their family relationships. Poor, suffering humanity is at all times carrying a heavy load. No wonder Jesus wept as He looked upon the multitude and had compassion for them. We are now about to celebrate the most fortunate event in human history—the birth of our Lord. At that time the brightest hope that has ever animated mankind became very real. The heavens parted and celestial glories were revealed to men. The voice of the angels with their message of peace on earth and good will toward men has been obscured many times since then but has never been silenced and will never be forgotten. The balm for all our wounds and the gladness that will wipe away our tears lies in the acceptance of Christ as our Savior, which means living by the principles He taught. Earth has no sorrow which He cannot cure.

We need not live in spiritual mud huts for mansions are available to us. We are joint heirs with Christ and our destiny is to achieve sonship to God. And while we are about it, let us never forget our responsibility to share our material and spiritual resources with those who need our help. Let us rejoice in the good news that came to this earth nineteen hundred and seventy years ago. Let us rejoice in the birthday of our Savior, guide, counselor and friend. Let us tell the good news to others and highly resolve once more to dedicate our time and energies to proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ.

—Copied from Trinity  
Free Will Baptist Newsletter





Answers to Puzzle on Page 5

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1972-73

Church	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Aurora	66	62	51	47	62	52	30	26	19	26		
Berkeley, First							302	296	289	316	323	
Bethel, Festus						83	80	86	96	79		
Copper Mines	81	84	77	76	85	91	77					
Cuba	82	84	93	91	88	98	80	85		78	72	82
Desoto	136	145	157	178	189	189	159	159	143	158	150	
Farmington	136	145	125	155		161	139	139	131	129	132	
Fellowship, Flat River	311	324	328	370	407	390	322	310	277	298	384	432
Flat River, First	124	130	146	140	178	215	159	149	150	149		
Fourth, St. Louis	140	136	134	145	154	143	112	110	125	123		
Grace, Arnold	206	175		223	241	255	194	209	189	220	202	240
Jefferson City			38	39	43	40	36	31	34	43	51	
Jones Chapel			81	74	86	83	84	86	86	91	101	90
Joplin, First	68	64	74	119	139	116	106	100	102	101	95	94
King's Way, Springfield	56	55	60	65	64	66	67	61	68	56	70	79
Kirksville			111	112	117	114	112	103	101	95		
Leadington	100	97	76	51	59	63		62	60	59		
Lebanon, First	143	149	153	156	160	166	144	143	134	119	191	
Mine LaMotte	36	31	36	43	42	51	46	55	43		37	43
Monett, First	211	203	196	209	219	207	198	219	209	200	196	240
Mountain Grove, First	255	240	246	284	263							
Myrtle	48	56	47	53	63	52	50	48	45	52	54	
O'Fallon			53	64	72	72	70					
Parkview, Desloge	93	94	96	98	90	106	97	83	83	87	96	100
Richwoods			23	28	34	35	40	34	36	30	31	
Salem	35	39	39	46	42	39	41	40	37	49	43	45
South Fremont, Spfd	68	73	67	75	77	75	71	74	72	77	83	76
Southside, St. Louis	138	149	133	144	156	154	144	130	132	130		
Springfield, First			180	228	212	231	200					
Thayer	144	151	116	157	153	181	149	159	173	152	152	156
Trinity, Bridgeton	180	186	172	171	194	200	160	153	159	157	184	174
Twin Oaks	48	51	50	53	55	51	71					
Victory, Avondale	152	184	173	171	181	174	165	155	138	160	164	233
Willow Springs	86	84	77	88	94	94	95	91	94	95		

Other churches are invited to send their Sunday School attendance averages for publication.



# Woman's Page

DECEMBER 1973

Kathy Lay, Editor

For the strength to make the journey... and the faith to see things through... my dear God I'll always be... so thankful to You... for the tender touch of true love... and the grasp of a friendly hand... what a blessing to know people... who will always understand... for the daily bread You give me... and the work to earn my pay... I am grateful for Your guidance... along the righteous way... for the sun and moon and bright stars... spotlights of the sky... for field and stream and ocean's roar... and all things which beautify... for these I am thankful... and I'll try my best to be... worthy of the blessings... You have given me... so when You say it's time to go... I'll leave here with a smile... for You'll be there to welcome me... with everything worthwhile.

(by Ben Burroughs)

NEWS... All my life I have heard the saying: "No news is good news..." I hope that's true, because this month we received "No news"... Let us know what you're doing around the state as Co-Laborers... REMEMBER our yearly projects: Sparks 16mm projector (goal \$1,000)... State Home Missions in February with a goal of \$1,000... Why not make your Christmas really a Christmas of giving this year with a special gift to one of our many Co-Laborers on the mission field... NEW TREASURER... Due to the resignation of Hazel Hutsell, our Missouri State Treasurer will be: BLANCE WISEHART, MYRTLE, MISSOURI 66778... Please make the necessary changes to send your reports and monies to Mrs. Wisehart at the above address.

An elderly woman with a beautiful complexion was asked what kind of cosmetic she used. In reply she offered this prescription: "I use for my lips, TRUTH; for my voice, PRAYER; for my eyes, PITY; for my hands, CHARITY; for my figure, UPRIGHTNESS; for my heart, LOVE." This prescription can be filled without expense, and the supply will increase with continued use.



## MEETING OUR CO-LABORERS...

Instead of meeting a Co-Laborer this month, we want to say "Goodbye" to one. Hazel Hutsell, who has been our Missouri State Treasurer, has left our state to work in a "special mission field." Hazel has done a marvelous job for us for many years and I'm sure all of us will agree that she has gone above and beyond her duties every year to make it possible for us in the Woman's Auxiliary of Missouri to be more aware of what "Giving" really is. We'll miss her, but let's not forget her. She'll need our prayers and support even more now.

## TO THE WOMEN OF MISSOURI:

"How do you begin to say 'Thank You' and 'Goodbye' to each member of the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary? I don't know, so I shall just do it this way.

First, I'll say that I appreciate the trust you have placed in me by asking me to serve as your State Secretary and Treasurer in 1962 and continuing to do so until the office was divided two years ago. At that time until now I have served as treasurer.

To the other officers of the state, let me say: It has been a pleasure to work with you who are serving now as well as with those who have served at other times. To the treasurers: you have been most patient and understanding. Please continue to send your gifts through the state treasurer's office.

Now for the 'goodbye' part: Due to the fact that I have accepted the position of bookkeeper at the Free Will Baptist Home for Children in Greenville, Tennessee, I must say goodbye to you as your state treasurer. The Missouri women shall always have a special place in my "book of memories." I shall truly miss each of you, but I am looking forward to serving the Lord in my new field of work at the Children's Home."

In Christ,  
(signed) Hazel Hutsell

(LADIES... IF YOU DID APPRECIATE THIS CO-LABORER AND WILL BE PRAYING FOR HER... LET HER KNOW IT... Hazel Hutsell, Route 10, Box 327, Greeneville, Tennessee 37743)

CORRECTION... Joan Filkin's verse is Romans 8:28, not 8:23 as was printed last month. SORRY)



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## ATTEND MISSOURI BIBLE INSTITUTE

Two locations in the state: First FWB Church of  
Mountain Grove  
Grace FWB Church of Arnold

Time: Thursday nights, 7:00—10:30 p.m. for 16  
weeks, beginning January 24, 1974.

Cost: \$20.00 per hour for college credit; \$10.00 per  
hour to audit.

Courses Offered: Free Will Baptist Doctrine  
Old Testament Survey  
Personal Evangelism  
Fundamentals of Music

Who May Enroll? pastors, laymen, young people  
For more information, see article inside on page 12

