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# THE PLIGHT OF THE CHRISTIAN STUDENT ON THE SECULAR CAMPUS

"Time changes things" is an old adage that is generally accepted. It has some merit, but like most such adages is not totally reliable. Time, for example, does not change God; and time, outside of God, does not change sin. And, interestingly enough, time does not change people. Hair may turn gray, facial features may soften with age, and experience gained may change an attitude or an outlook; but the person is not really changed. Personalities usually remain the same. Moral character stays on the same level—the obvious manifestations may vary with present company and immediate situation; but the level remains the same. In short, *time* does not change man, but *God* can!

One attitude that has changed over the past few years is the almost religious fervor for acquiring a college education. Time, the job market, and unfortunately the discontinuation of the draft—the unfortunate circumstance is not that the draft is discontinued, but that draft dodging was considered adequate reason to go to college—have all had their influence. Actually, it is a return to common sense. All people should not go to college. Some are not

inclined toward the academic and prefer to work in areas or skills better taught in vocational schools or on-the-job training. Many who begin college never finish because they lacked the necessary incentive. It comes as a surprise to many that college is not easy and unless there is adequate incentive there will probably be a very unhappy, premature conclusion to the college career.

The unhappy, premature conclusion is often considered a "waste of two years," or "a whole year and \$2,000 down the drain." This is, of course, a false philosophy. College time is really never wasted. People attend college to broaden their horizons and to be educated. Perhaps the most important thing many people learn in that year or two of college is that college is not for them; however, there are also a great many other lessons learned. Most of them do not come from books. In fact, though it is an arguable tenet, the most important lessons are not learned from books but from people and the interchanges and experience with them—fellow students, faculty, program advisors, the dean, and the remainder of the campus community. Probably in that order.

Parents are often concerned when their children start to college. Justifiably so, because college is a





developmental period and can develop the bad as well as the good. The unfortunate circumstance here, however, is that concern did not begin much earlier, for the basic personality and the basic moral character is established long before a young man or woman ever starts to college. At the risk of creating a lively disagreement it shall be here stated that college, like time, does not change the personality or moral character of a person. It may be the situation where the true personality or moral character displays itself. The college experience is one that brings out the best or the worst in a person. It is indeed a trying ground. Not just in the usually considered sense of the flesh, but also of the mind and the spirit. Anyone who is at all aware knows the secular campus is such a trying ground.

The temptations of the flesh are probably most notably drink, drugs, and sex. While these are not just limited to the college campus, they all flourish there. There are many Christian young people who pass them all by; there are many who simply continue in them when they come to the college campus. Then there are those who, lacking the self-discipline to manage themselves, fall into sins they had not the courage to overcome. Almost any type of alcohol is readily available near the college campus. Some campuses even have a bar in the student union where beer is served. It is probably within easy walking distance to the nearest package store.

Drugs are available to the college campus as they are to any campus from the junior high up, and in some cases even in the elementary school. The degree drugs are used on the campus varies with the campus from a very small percentage to over fifty percent. Sex is always available. The campus community is no exception. Not only is live sex available, but there is a ready supply of all types of pornographic materials. Pictures and booklets dropped on campuses with addresses where more such materials are available. There are places near all college campuses where not only pulp materials are available but theaters where films are shown that would shock most readers beyond imagination. These temptations of the flesh are all available near the secular campus, but they do not just exist there. They are available temptations to anyone on the job or at school. More specifically identifiable with the college are temptations of the mind.

Jesus once said that a man was what he thought. How true! The powers of Hell know that through the mind, the mental attitude, men can most easily be lost. It is through this direction the most dangerous temptations come. Moral courage is adequate to overcome the temptations of the flesh. Even many who make no commitment to being Christian have the vision to see the harm involved in drink, drugs, and illicit sex and the moral courage to consider such with contempt. But the subtle questioning of basic spiritual truth is a different matter. One comes to college to develop mentally. He must approach things intellectually and scientifically.

Emotions and the illogical to man's mind cannot be accepted. So philosophy questions, "Are gods not just a crutch upon which man leans to find strength for his weakness or to escape from his innate longings, or, perhaps, his superstitious belief in life after death?" Karl Marx was right. Much that is religion is an opiate. But we must draw the bold line between religion and salvation. The Biblical Christian knows there is a difference. Philosophy wonders if all searchings for God are not equal? Is not the honest search of the Muslim, the Hindu, the Buddhist the same as that of the Christian? It takes nothing less than a firm knowledge of God's word and a strong faith in God based on a dedicated commitment to Christ through a personal experience to know the answer. All too often college young people do not have that necessary combination. The devil very subtly uses feared censure or the fear of ridicule for the felling blow for many who have made claim to being Christian.

Not many professors directly attack Christ and Christianity in the classroom, but some do. And the devil can use such disciples effectively. He defeats the young Christian through self condemnation. Not because he denies, but because he has not the courage to stand. Not too long back at Southwest Missouri State University there was such an instructor. He was disrespectful of all in his class by use of inexcusable language and finally made a direct attack against Christ and Christianity. A young lady in his class rose from her seat and stood her full five feet two inches and announced, "I have listened to your profanity and vulgarity and have remained silent, but I will not sit still and listen to you ridicule me and my fellow Christians and mock my Savior!" Whereupon she marched from the classroom and sat in the president's office until she had a hearing with him. Christians are also citizens and do have rights. Just as Paul claimed those rights when they were expedient, so should we. However, most parents are not willing to take so strong a stand much less to have instilled in their young people that kind of commitment. The danger here is not something on which you can get a handhold. It is fear of ridicule, unaware that people always respect honesty. There is really no need for the fear. Oh, yes, the instructor never spoke against Christ, Christians, or Christianity in that class and his speech improved noticeable. The young lady passed the class.

Anywhere science is taught there is always Darwin's theory of evolution. Actually no general science or biology class can be honestly taught without reference to it. The amount of reference and the way it is taught depends on the instructor. It is of relatively minor significance. The church has probably done more to keep the theory alive than anything else. Anyone with a modicum of Biblical background and any degree of faith will have no problem here. The obvious is not usually the Christian's problem. It is the subtle working that generally undermines.



Another somewhat subtle temptation that young people face on the campus we shall call the temptation of the spirit. This is subtle in the sense that it is not obvious but gradually, almost unknowingly, creeps in to destroy. A close spiritual relationship with God is built and maintained through Bible study and prayer. The more one gets to know God's Word the better he knows God. Often college is a time of growing spiritually cold because studies, activities, and a lack of discipline push Bible study and prayer aside early in the college career. A lack of Christian fellowship is in the same class. The tragedy of this situation is the simple fact that such a lack is not necessary for there are always church and campus organizations. But somehow, far too many do not get involved in either. The reasons are various. The temptations of the flesh are readily available and their disciples encourage the student's involvement. These are attacks on the religious philosophy he has been introduced to in his home church; profanity, vulgarity, and sometimes blatant attacks upon his belief and his Savior; not enough courage to stand up, much less defend his beliefs and right to them; fear of censure and ridicule; and being too far from home and the home church to enjoy their influence and strength to sustain him. The pious church member who is so quick to condemn in such instances should have to face half the list.

To discuss problems or condemn action and not offer some suggestions for solution is a waste of time, both for the writer and the reader. It has long been the contention of this writer that the young person who has by his home and church been taught a faith he can live by will have no serious difficulty. Such a faith is not the pious, sanctimonious, ephemeral nothing that too many Free Will Baptists cling to, but one of brawn, blood, and guts. Salvation from the abyss is not gained by grasping at fleecy clouds, however beautiful, but by grasping a strong, living limb whose roots are deep in the rock. Those who work on the secular college campus and try desperately to turn eyes to such handholds are disgusted with the ephemeral loose ended ropes so many well-meaning people throw out.

With considerable boldness based on a number of years experience these suggestions are offered. First and foremost is the following of the Biblical teaching, "Train up a child in the way he should go." Basically it is all summed up in that not so simple statement. Unfortunately too many nominal Christians have made only nominal efforts to teach their children a nominal faith that fails in the bind.

There is probably a Free Will Baptist church in the city where your son or daughter is going to college. Know about it and inform the pastor of that church that your son or daughter is in town so the church can pick them up for services and plan to have families have them in their homes if they must stay on campus over weekends. Encourage your child to go to these services. If his training has been right, very little encouragement will be necessary.

Pastors of the home church should also be in contact with the pastor in the college town. Pastors in college towns should be readily available and willing to provide in their churches programs oriented toward the college student and homes that will provide an open door to help them have the opportunity to get away from the campus and in a home atmosphere in which they can find a break from the fight to overcome whichever of the temptations face them on campus.

All the campuses in Missouri have a variety of Christian groups. Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship is non-denominational and provides Christian fellowship and encourages daily devotions and has weekly Bible studies. They also encourage church attendance. Campus Crusade is another good Christian organization. It is Calvinistic and, while there is no official ties, it is Southern Baptist oriented. However, it does teach the Christian walk, offers Christian fellowship, encourages, in fact, demands Bible study and church attendance. The Baptist Student Center or Union is near every campus. It is definitely supported by the Southern Baptist churches but non-members are welcome to take part in their program. They offer a very fine program and it is to be commended. Most campuses have an Assemblies of God youth center or Chi Alpha House. There may be some doctrinal differences, but they provide a highly commendable program of Christian development and fellowship. They are probably the most fundamental group and maintain an unquestionable Christian stance. It is unfortunate that Free Will Baptists have never seen the need to supply some kind of campus support for their young people. Perhaps they are not really concerned about the plight of the Christian student on the secular campus. In any instance, since there is such an absence, parents and pastors should encourage their students to become a part of one of those on campus.

Any place where sin and sinners are is a place for missionary work. The Christian college student can find moral strength and spiritual help by working with the Christian groups and in such work will ward off a great many temptations. The best position for the Christian is an offensive one. We do not have to defend God. Christ needs no defense. Christians need make no apology for their position. Only entrenched forces can put Christians on their defensive. Retreating forces cannot dig entrenchments. To be busy about our Father's business, then, is our offensive position which becomes our strongest defense. Parents, pastors, encourage your young people to be active with those in Christian pursuits. Herein lies most of the answer.

Oh, yes, need you be reminded to pray for them often?

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# CHURCHES PEOPLE and EVENTS

## KING'S WAY DEDICATES NEW BUILDING by Mrs. Mary Latimer

A little more than 16 months have passed since King's Way Free Will Baptist Church met in a rented cafe building for their first service. God has truly blessed this group of people from the beginning. Now He has permitted us to have a building we can be proud of. Our 40' x 80' block building is located at 2615 North Park. It consists of a 40' x 53' auditorium, a baby nursery, four classrooms, and two bathrooms. Although this building was given to God many times during construction, a formal dedication service was held on November 18, 1973. Speaker for week-end services at this time was Rev. Tommy Brashears, of Russelville, Arkansas. Dedication Day was a great day at King's Way. We saw a new record with 107 present for Sunday school.

Surely God will bless those who gave of their time, talent, and finances to see this building erected for Him. We thank Him for souls we have already seen saved at our altars.

During the week of October 28 we had a revival with Rev. R. E. Helsley of Mansfield. During this week we saw two saved and many others at the altar seeking God's will for their lives.

Remember King's Way when you pray. Rev. Gene Terry is the pastor of King's Way.

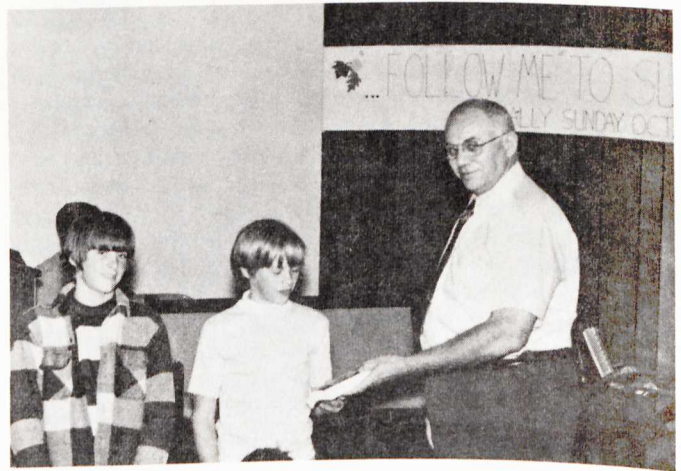
## REV. LESLIE LOGSDON DIES IN ACCIDENT

Rev. Leslie Logsdon, pastor of the newly organized Divine Trinity FWB Church near Potosi, Missouri, died instantly in an automobile crash December 3. Rev. Logsdon was well-known to Free Will Baptists in the Southeast Missouri area.

## SUCCESSFUL RALLY DAY AT O'FALLON by Pastor Donald W. Lombard

The First Free Will Baptist Church of O'Fallon experienced a very successful rally day, October 21, 1973, during their Sunday School Fall Enlargement Campaign. It was on this rally day that the Sunday school attendance climbed to 112. Bibles were presented by the Sunday school superintendent Eli Stephens to the youth and the adult who brought

the largest number of visitors that day. Mr. Mike Bowman of the young teen department and Miss Andrea Duncan of the adult department were declared the winners.



Since the beginning of the third year in their new building, the O'Fallon Church has continued to experience growth for the Lord Jesus. Recently, the church witnessed three saved, five baptized, and three uniting with the church. Pray that the church in O'Fallon will continue to be a strong witness for the Lord Jesus.

## MISSOURI CHURCH WINS NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST

Sunday schools from twenty-two different states and one territory participated in the annual Fall Enlargement Campaign sponsored by the Sunday School Department. The "Follow Me" campaign began October 7 and ran through October 28.

The Fellowship FWB Church of Flat River won first place in division "C" of the contest, averaging 432, a new increase of 27.06%. Rev. Ken Dogget is pastor of the Fellowship Church.

Sunday schools reporting their results chalked up



an impressive net gain over their April-May-June, 1973 average attendance of 29.18%.

## CAPE GIRARDEAU CHURCH BUYS NEW BUILDING

By Pastor Bill Adkisson

"The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad."

This verse explains our feelings at Free Will Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau about our new building.

God has done great things to supply our needs. It is hard to believe so much has happened so fast. When we came to Cape Girardeau January 7, 1973, the attendance was 9 and 10. Sixteen was a high day. We were in a basement building with five classrooms and a small auditorium at one end. It leaked and flooded terribly in the rains we had last spring and summer. God showed us a building and we began to pray. Soon some of our people began to see how this could be a tremendous help to us with adequate space for a bus ministry and a day care ministry.

When 100% of our church voiced their opinion in a called meeting, that they believed it to be the will of God for us, we put earnest money on the building and got permission to begin using the facilities the first of June.

Thirty-four children are enrolled in the day care center. Several of their families have started attending our services. One mother has been saved and the father has attended. Pray for this ministry. It has helped us tremendously in finances.

November 11 we moved to the building for our first service. It was tremendous. This was formerly a General Baptist church building and several of their families have stayed with our church and are really helping us. The following Sunday there were new families again.

Our sanctuary seats 325, has 26 classrooms, baptistry, beautiful kitchen and fellowship hall (40' x 60'). We have as fine nursery facilities as I have ever seen, as well as a pastor's study, church office and several rooms on the second floor. On the third floor there are eight rooms. The three-story unit was built at a cost of \$66,000 about six years ago. The interior of the sanctuary was remodeled with padded pews and wall-to-wall carpet. The outside was sandblasted and trimmed. The structure is brick and simply beautiful. It is located about eight blocks from Southeast Missouri University on the busiest street in the downtown area of Cape Girardeau, two blocks from the Mississippi River. We bought this property for \$45,000 and have a contract on our old building for \$22,000 from another church group.

Our people have raised over \$3,000 to pay off a debt to the Home Mission Board. We also raised money above tithes to get into the bus ministry. One of our single young men has traded for a van

which he and our son Gary are using on a bus route.

God gave us a young couple last week who drove 16 miles to our church. Another young couple drives 28 miles. We thank God for some wonderful people to work with. We have a lady helping Peggy in the nursery school who is a school teacher. We believe with people like these and supporters like those of Missouri Free Will Baptists we will build a church.

I would also like to commend the members of the Missouri Home Mission Board. They are the finest men with whom I have ever worked. We could not possibly have done this without them. They have helped a lot of time at personal sacrifice.

## DESOTO WORK GROWING

by Mrs. Sophia Ackerson

The church in Desoto is still on the job working for the Lord and winning victory over the devil. We are enjoying our new education addition and the way the Lord has provided for His people here. We give our blessed Lord the glory for all things. Brother Jack Morris is our Sunday school superintendent. Brother Morris is a hard worker for the Sunday school. God has given us godly men and leaders for which we are most thankful. He has also given us a pastor who preaches the Word of God.

Rev. Charles Miller is the pastor.

## NEW WORK BEGUN IN WEBB CITY

Five Free Will Baptist families felt led of the Lord to begin a new work in Webb City, Missouri. They called Rev. Andy Lay to be their pastor. First services were held on December 9 with 41 present. The group has chosen the name, Evangel Free Will Baptist Church and is presently meeting in the Webb City Lion's Club Building.

## ATTENTION, ALL CLERKS

New multi-copy church letter forms have been approved by the National Association of Free Will Baptists and recommended for use by our local churches as a replacement for all previous forms. Sample copies of this new form were mailed to all quarterly meeting clerks in August.

The local church clerk will complete this letter once a year, retain one copy for church records, and send three copies to the quarterly or district meeting. The district clerk will . . .

- 1) Keep a copy for the district's records
- 2) Mail one copy to the State Clerk
- 3) Send the other copy to the National office.

These new forms should be ordered before the next quarterly meeting from your state bookstore or Randall Bookstore, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. They sell for 75¢ per dozen (plus



10% shipping charge).

If these reports are distributed at the next quarterly meeting or before the end of December, the church clerk can compile the statistical information which will coincide with the church records for the fiscal year of 1972.

The church will keep one copy and send the completed letter to the first quarterly meeting after January 1, 1974—and each year thereafter. This will allow adequate time for the information to be forwarded to the state association and the national association.

Rather than sending one copy at a time, the National Office requests that the quarterly meeting clerk secure all the letters from every church and then mail a copy of all the letter forms in one large envelope at a time to the state clerk and likewise to the national association.

Although these new forms request more comprehensive information, the data is very essential to better evaluate our denominational work. The additional information will especially help the national departments serve our churches more effectively.

In addition to the annual report forms, a shorter report (Number EX 202) has been prepared for the church to use in reporting to the other three quarterly meetings during the year. These short forms may be ordered in quantity lots (30¢ per dozen), or an association may make necessary changes for their particular needs and mimeograph their own copies.

However, it is vital that associations cooperate in using the annual uniform letters in order to secure accurate statistical information at every level of our denominational work. We are counting on each association to cooperate in this endeavor in order to advance our beloved denomination.

#### **REV. MURRY SOUTHWELL TO WAYNESVILLE**

The First FWB Church of Waynesville has called Rev. Murry Southwell to be their pastor. Brother Southwell, his wife, and two daughters will be moving to Waynesville the last week of December.

Brother Southwell is a graduate of Auburn University, has served in the Air Force for four years, and has completed some Bible courses while serving as assistant pastor to Rev. Virgil Maness at Arlington, Virginia.

Mrs. Darrell York, reporter for the Waynesville Church, writes that the church is anxious to begin work with their new pastor and that they request the prayers of Free Will Baptists for their church.

#### **JEFFERSON CITY WORK IN NEED OF A BUILDING**

Pastor George Bryant, pastor of the Home Mission Board sponsored work in Jefferson City, asks

the prayers of GEM readers for available financing to buy property, since they are crowded in their present facility.

#### **FROM THE PINKERTONS IN SWITZERLAND**

Dear Friends:

Just a note to express our appreciation for your support in prayer and finances. God has been so good to us and we know it is because folks like you have been praying for us.

Our youngest son, Tim, is home now after spending 12 days in the hospital. This second surgery on his face has done wonders. We did not believe it was possible when we saw it. We are hoping to find out from his doctors this Friday when we might be able to go to Africa. Needless to say, we are quite anxious to do so.

Our other two sons are doing fine in their school in Africa. They have even had cooked snake for night time snacks! If we are unable to be there for the holidays, they will spend them with the Filkins and the Mileys.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and God's best for the New Year.

In Christian love,  
(signed) The Pinkertons

#### **McALLISTER ELECTED SECRETARY FOR NATIONAL HOME MISSION BOARD**

Rev. James McAllister, pastor of the Monett Free Will Baptist Church and member of the National Home Missions Board, was elected by that board as their recording secretary in their November meeting. Rev. J. E. Blanton and Rev. Gordon Sebastian were elected chairman and vice-chairman respectively.

#### **GREETINGS FROM POWELLS AND SEXTONS**

The GEM office received season's greetings for the GEM family from missionaries Don and Billie Sexton in France and missionaries Larry and Wanda Powell in Puerto Rico.

#### **MISSOURI GIVING TO FWBBC IN NOVEMBER**

Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, reports that Missouri Free Will Baptist gave \$1,642.50 to the College during the month of November. \$1,242.67 of that was given for the support of operating expenses, while \$379.83 was given for the Building Fund.

Missouri churches are once again urged to get behind the Library Wing Project adopted by the



State Association. The project is an attempt by Missouri Free Will Baptists to raise \$125,000 in three to five years to underwrite the cost of the newly constructed Library Wing. Every church can do something.

## STATE YOUTH COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

By Rev. Bud Hill

The Missouri State CTS competition will be held May 18, 1974, at the First FWB Church of Mountain Grove beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The competition that will be held is Bible Sword Drill, Bible Tic-Tac-Toe, Bible Bowl, and declamations for Adventurers, Heralds, and Crusaders. The winners in these various events will represent the state of Missouri Free Will Baptists at the National Association in 1974.

New competition to be held this year on the state level will be in the fine arts: music, drama, posters, art work, writing and other areas of the fine arts. More will be coming soon on this type of competition.

If there are any churches that would like to have

a demonstration of Bible Tic-Tac-Toe or Bible Bowl, contact Rev. Bud Hill, Route 3, Box 95, Mountain Grove, MO 65711. For a free-will offering to help with the expenses of transportation teams will come to your church or district. This would have to be on Friday night or Saturday.

More information on other items coming from the CTS Board will appear each month. Be on the lookout for these articles.

## DESIGNATED MONIES THROUGH STATE OFFICE NOVEMBER 30, 1973

Hickory Grove FWB Sunday School (one account) .....	\$23.85
Springfield South Fremont Church (Missions, one account) . . .	75.00
Mountain Grove First Church (Four accounts) .....	185.75
Aurora FWB Church (seven accounts) .....	61.93
Monett First Church (Youth Camp Stove) .....	12.00
Total recieved and disbursed .....	\$358.53

## REVEREND DALE JONES PASSES

Reverend Dale Jones, pastor of the Central Free Will Baptist Church in Kansas City, died of a heart attack on December 14. He was the former pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon.



## THE STORY OF JOHN 3:16

by Bill J. Campbell

The story really starts in March of 1972 when God laid on my heart a burden to help the Bob Carr family go to the mission field in Alaska where God had called them. My family first met the Carr family in September of 1971 after we moved from Joplin, Missouri, to Lakewood, Colorado. As we grew to know the Carrs and fellowshiped in the same church, we began to realize God was calling them to Alaska where the field was ripe for the harvest. One evening in the Carr home, Bob tossed a green stamp book away only to comment, "I wonder how many green stamps it would take to pay for an airplane." I said that was not a bad idea. The next morning I called the Green Stamp Company to arrange a program with them. Since then we have made arrangements with other stamp firms.

The Carrs departed Lakewood on September 10, 1972. As they left we made a promise to go to Alaska in 1973. As the year passed, God blessed in Lakewood and the stamps came in. July arrived and the airplane bearing call numbers JN 316 arrived in Lakewood for a dedication service which was held at the airport. On July 13, my family departed from

Idaho Falls, Idaho, by jet for the trip to Alaska. As the jet neared Fairbanks, the wait was over and we began a two-week stay with the Carrs. While we were there we saw God blessing and moving in the Carrs' ministry. We saw souls being saved as God dealt with the natives of Alaska. While in Alaska I made a trip north of the Arctic Circle in John 3:16 to be present when the first Bible was presented to Mrs. Jonas in her cabin in Wiseman, Alaska.

We returned from Alaska with a new zeal and a new burden to be a part in the ministry to the natives of Alaska. At the present the balance on the plane is \$11,500. God has supplied \$16,000 the first year of this project. With the national being held next year in Wichita we would like to pay the balance and burn the mortgage in that city since that is where the plane was made. The field in Alaska needs many things; however, the plane was the most costly item that was needed to carry God's Word forward.

If you would like to help in this project please send your stamps to Lakewood. We would like for each of you to become our prayer partner and we would love to hear from you.

Yours for Christ,  
(signed) The Bill Campbell Family  
944 So. Parfet Way  
Lakewood, Colorado 80226



# Promotional Secretary's Corner



by Rev. Harry Beatty

Forty Missourians attended Missouri Free Will Baptist Bible College Day in Nashville November 1-2. The College served breakfast and dinner in the college cafeteria. Thursday evening the Evangel Players presented a real fine program. Friday morning the speakers were Professor Leroy Forlines on life on campus; Dr. Joe Ange on spiritual life; Dean Charles Thigpen on accreditation; and President L. C. Johnson in the chapel service. We visited the various classes in session and toured the entire campus, concluding with the library wing. Some pledges and commitments were made to the library wing project by pastors and churches.

The Missouri General Board assembled in their semiannual meeting in Lebanon November 8. Some very important items of business were transacted in this meeting.

Indian Creek Quarterly meeting assembled with the Aurora Church November 11. Visiting minister, Roger Harwell, delivered the gospel message. I gave the cooperative program. The meeting adjourned early and the church served dinner in the church dining hall.

We attended Monett's revival Saturday night and preached Sunday morning for Brother Sharry in Aurora Church. We encourage all our people to support our state missionaries, both in prayer and financial help.

We enjoyed a good service Sunday evening with Pastor Henry Long and Springfield First Church. I delivered the evening sermon. Their church recently completed and furnished their new spacious sanctuary adjacent to the original church building on Nichols Street. Their dedication service is scheduled for Sunday, December 2.

Mrs. Umbelina Landera, a former citizen of Cuba who has been teaching in the public schools in America the past decade, was guest banquet speaker for St. Louis District Woman's Auxiliary November 12. Being an exile from Cuba, all Americans ought to take heed to her Christian testimony and timely message of warning, especially in regard to the

invasion of communism into the churches, schools, and government in our country.

Belton FWB Church hosted the Greater Kansas City Quarterly Meeting Friday, November 16, with a good representation present. I explained the 1974 allocation of Missouri cooperative funds to which each of their churches contribute, including two mission churches. Rev. Bill Evans delivered the evening sermon. He also showed slides in behalf of Free Will Baptist Bible College Library Project which our Missouri churches have assumed and will hopefully meet the challenge within three years. The Library Wing is already built and is being used. Pastor Christensen reports a successful revival at the Belton Church recently. They are using their new Sunday school annex to accommodate their growing congregation.

In response to an invitation from Pastor Johnnie Land and First Kansas City Mission Church, I delivered the Sunday morning sermon there November 18. Their mission adopted the cooperative plan in September. Rev. and Mrs. Simmons, a young minister and wife, presented themselves for membership in the mission Sunday morning.

The same Sunday evening I delivered the sermon in Capitol City FWB Church in Jefferson City. Pastor George Pryant reports souls having been saved in their regular weekly services. Thus, their Sunday school attendance is a record high. This congregation proposes to resume their cooperative giving in January, 1974. Brethren, please remember each state mission work in prayer.

Rev. Glen Lewis of Pocahontas, Arkansas preached for Southside revival November 25-December 1. Some were saved; others rededicated themselves for the Lord's service.

Fifty-five churches sent \$6,900.00 in cooperative funds in November. Total five months receipts were \$35,405.68, or about \$11.00 under schedule. Thanks to every one who gave.

Rev. and Mrs. Beatty bid you God speed. May he give you a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



# THE SHEPHERD'S PSALM

## Psalm 23

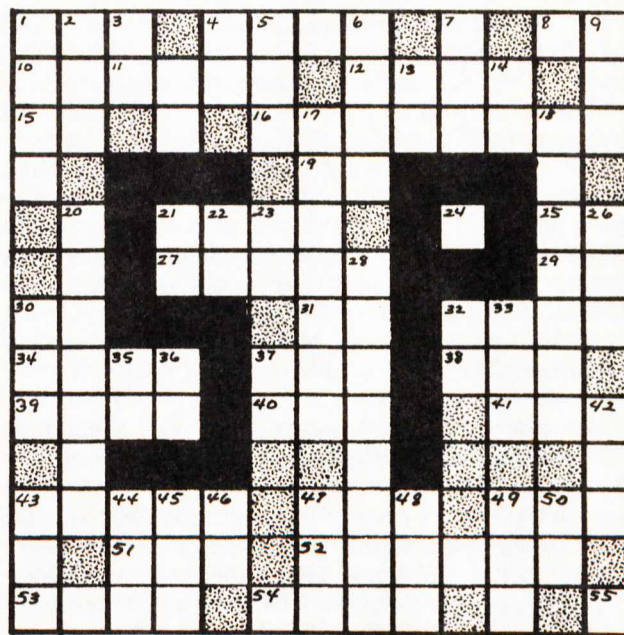
### ACROSS

2. First word in Shepherd Psalm.
4. The Supreme Being, Jehovah or God.
8. 2 Kings 3:12, "The Word of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ with him."
10. Pertaining to the Lamb
12. Every. Of two or more considered individually or one after the other.
15. The pronoun of possessive form corresponding to I and me.
16. One who cares for sheep.
19. Out Patient. (Abbr.)
21. Measurement of distance.
24. Personal pronoun.
25. An answer in the negative
27. What God extends to His children.
29. North America. (Abbr.)
30. Registered Nurse. (Abbr.)
31. Anti Aircraft (Abbr.)
32. Last word in Shepherd Psalm.
34. Woman's Name (Luke 2:36)
37. Market (Abbr.)
38. Rodent.
39. Luke 23:40, "Dost not thou \_\_\_\_\_ God.
40. National Education Association
41. Same as 1 across.
43. Matthew 24:6, "Ye \_\_\_\_\_ hear of wars and rumors of wars."
47. Immaculate Heart College (Abbr.)
49. Word expressing negation.
51. Rural Electric Association.
52. Battery Manufacturer. (Trade Name)
53. Brief record set down to assist the memory.
54. To feel a need or desire for.
55. Article—Doublet of AN used before words beginning with consonant.

### DOWN

1. Revelation 1:3, "... for the \_\_\_\_\_ is at hand."
2. Could have been found in the place where Jesus was born.
3. The letter M (Spelled out)
4. Chinese unit of distance. (About 1/3 of a mile)
5. Officers Candidate School. (Abbr.)
6. Luke 5:4, "Launch out into the \_\_\_\_\_ and let down your nets . . . ."
7. Sometimes used as abbr. for School
9. Grass
11. Before Christ
13. Associated Press
14. Pronoun (Masculine)
17. A cake made with cornmeal (South.)
18. Psalm 23:5, "My cup \_\_\_\_\_ over."
20. Same as 18 down.

21. Millimeter
22. Left end in football. (Abbr.)
23. A way to abbr. Lead Rope.
24. Personal Pronoun.
26. Used to propel a boat.
28. Turkish saber with recurved blade.
30. Royal Air Force.
32. East River (New York City) abbr.
33. Large container for liquids.
35. Adverb used for no or not.
36. Arabic (Abbr.)
37. Manganese. (Abbr.)
42. Matthew 26:26, "And said, Take, \_\_\_\_\_; this is my body"
43. Transgression of God's Laws.
44. Old English for are.
45. Shelter.
46. Louisiana (Abbr.)
47. Anger (Spanish)
48. Portable bed.
49. National (Abbr.)
50. Ocean (Abbr.)
55. Same as 55 Across.



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# We Can't Afford Not To Tithe

*Stewardship testimony of Gary and Carol Bandy,  
members of Olivet FWB Church, Marshall, MO*



I USED to make me quite angry when my pastor would preach about tithing," said Gary Bandy, when we began the interview about his and his wife's stewardship experiences. Gary and his wife, Carol, now smiled almost in disbelief at their former attitude toward Christian stewardship. Though the Bandys' income was well into the five figure bracket, they explained that they used to nearly always be in financial straits. When the offering plate was passed they might have put in as much as \$25.00 a month but did not worry much about the financial needs of their church since they always seemed to have such pressing needs of their own.

"We always wanted more than we needed or could afford," Carol explained, "and just went into debt for it." The Lord had to teach Gary and Carol some things about stewardship of possessions, and not all of the lessons were pleasant nor easy to learn. Looking back, however, the Bandys have nothing but praise for the Lord for His patience in teaching them the joy of faithful stewardship.

Both Gary and Carol had been saved in their youth, but their early married life was spent as only nominal Christians, attending church only when it was convenient and not getting tied down with church responsibilities. When they moved to Marshall, Missouri, in March of 1968, they joined the Olivet FWB Church unaware of what the Lord was going to do in their lives. He gave them a faithful pastor, Brother Cliff Bowman, whose preaching and

patient counsel continued to hammer at their need of total dedication to Jesus Christ.

"We knew we needed to be more dedicated," Carol said, "but we knew it would involve tithing and we thought we just could not afford to tithe." It was through a series of divinely guided events in their lives that Gary and Carol learned that just the opposite was true, they could not afford NOT to tithe.

First, they wanted to own their own home, but could not raise enough down payment to secure a loan. They tried to trade cars and again their efforts were blocked by the Lord. Gary had always wanted to take flying lessons and had opportunity to use the training in his business, but after years of waiting, they found they were no closer to being able to afford the lessons.

"We had gone as far as we could go," Gary said. "We had to do something different to what we had been doing. Somehow, I felt that our not tithing was the problem, but that didn't really make sense either."

One night after discussing their problems and their relationship to Christian dedication all night long Gary and Carol Bandy made a decision that was to change their lives more than they believed possible. They decided to put God first in every area of their lives, including finances. They began to attend all of the services of their church and change other things on their schedule to permit their church attendance instead of subordinating church attendance to other things as they had done before. They also began to tithe their income into the treasury of their church.

"Ten percent of the gross," Gary said, "I couldn't get by with less, and oh, what a change began to take place in our lives."

"Such a peace and joy come into our lives," Carol recalls, "for just doing what we knew was right." That was October, 1971.

"So, what changed in your lives?" I asked.

"Well, apart from the spiritual blessings that we began to experience," Carol explained, "Gary started his flying lessons that very month. We discovered that the car that we were going to trade off, thinking that it was about worn out, had a lot of good miles in it yet. In fact, we drove it for another year and a half. Then, quite to our surprise, this house deal came along. We just happened to go to an open house sponsored by a real estate firm, fell in love with this house, and miraculously the deal went through, and here we are."

"We have learned to pray about our business," Gary went on. "We prayed that if it was the Lord's will we would get the house, and if we did not get it we would accept that as His will. I've learned to pray about decisions I have to make in my job, such as the hiring of men."

"What would you say to someone," I asked, "who told you they could not afford to tithe."

"I would tell them they can't afford not to. The Lord will always supply your needs when you put



Him first," Gary responded.

"We have found that many times the Lord will give us even more than we need, if we will just wait on Him and keep Him in first place," Carol said. "Like when we moved into this house we didn't have enough furniture for all of the rooms, but instead of foolishly going into debt for it, like we used to do, we decided to wait until we had the money to buy it. Not long after that, Gary won a sales contest that he had not expected to win that provided the money for all the furniture we had picked out."

I learned when doing this interview that everyone who compliments the Bandy's home or furnishings gets the same reply: "The Lord gave it to us. We know He did."

I asked the Bandys if they ever gave above their tithes. "Oh yes," Gary replied. "We've learned that we can't outgive God." They support State Home Missions and Foreign Missions regularly as well as giving above their tithes to various local church projects.

The Bandys pastor, Rev. Cliff Bowman, has this to say concerning Gary and Carol's testimony, "Because of the Bandy's example and testimony our congregation has been strengthened. If every born-again Free Will Baptist would follow their example we would be able to fulfill our commission and reach the ends of the world with the Gospel message. 'Jesus saves!'"

"Tithing," according to Gary and Carol Bandy, "doesn't cost. It pays."

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1972-73

Church	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
Aurora	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	84	77	76	85	91	77						
Cuba	84	93	91	88	98	80	85		78	72	82	72
Desoto	145	157	178	189	189	159	159	143	158	150		161
Farmington	145	125	155		161	139	139	131	129	132		
Fellowship, Flat River	324	328	370	407	390	322	310	277	298	384	432	
Flat River, First	130	146	140	178	215	159	149	150	149			
Fourth, St. Louis	136	134	145	154	143	112	110	125	123			
Grace, Arnold	175		223	241	255	194	209	189	220	202	240	238
Jefferson City		38	39	43	40	36	31	34	43	51		56
Jones Chapel		81	74	86	83	84	86	86	91	101	90	
Joplin, First	64	74	119	139	116	106	100	102	101	95	94	95
King's Way, Springfield	55	60	65	64	66	67	61	68	56	70	79	
Kirksville		111	112	117	114	112	103	101	95			
Leadington	97	76	51	59	63		62	60	59			
Lebanon, First	149	153	156	160	166	144	143	134	119	191		125
Mine LaMotte	31	36	43	42	51	46	55	43		37	43	44
Monett, First	203	196	209	219	207	198	219	209	200	196	240	
Mountain Grove, First	240	246	284	263								
Myrtle	56	47	53	63	52	50	48	45	52	54		
O'Fallon		53	64	72	72	70	53	50	60	65	82	78
Parkview, Desloge	94	96	98	90	106	97	83	83	87	96	100	100
Richwoods		23	28	34	35	40	34	36	30	31		
Salem	39	39	46	42	39	41	40	37	49	43	45	
South Fremont, Spfd	73	67	75	77	75	71	74	72	77	83	76	
Southside, St. Louis	149	133	144	156	154	144	130	132	130	130	126	
Springfield, First		180	228	212	231	200	195	176	174	196	208	
Thayer	151	116	157	153	181	149	159	173	152	152	156	144
Trinity, Bridgeton	186	172	171	194	200	160	153	159	157	184	174	179
Twin Oaks	51	50	53	55	51	71						
Victory, Avondale	184	173	171	181	174	165	155	138	160	164	233	210
Willow Springs	84	77	88	94	94	95	91	94	95			

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



## NOVEMBER COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Royal Oaks	53.96
First FWB Mission, K.C.	35.46
Olivett	130.00
Carterville	14.01
Pleasant Grove (Cope)	18.06
Willow Springs	127.87
FWB Mission, Potosi	28.39
Viburnum	50.00
Victory	305.02
Beacon	173.75
Number One	30.15
Pleasant Home	90.46
Houston	95.00
Mine La Motte	19.63
Salem	20.00
Granby	19.80
Verdella	57.60
Independence	40.00
Belton	86.00
Pleasant Ridge	45.00
Kirksville	60.00
Garfield	22.16
Grant Avenue	255.35
Hannon	149.60
Columbia—Oct. & Sept.	132.00
New Rock Springs	37.75
Thayer	67.35
Copper Mines	87.00
Faith—Oct.	147.25
Mt. Grove First—Sept., Oct.	758.70
Monnett First	256.13
Aurora FWB Mission	32.59
Central FWB, Kansas City	120.00
Farmington First	247.41
Purdy First FWB Church	43.21
Gospel Light FWB, Bonne	15.00
Twin Oak	200.00
Leadington (Sept. & Oct.)	189.51
Happy Home	29.41
De Soto First	229.00
Freeman Chapel—Oct.	58.47
Cuba FWB Church	151.00
Mine La Motte	15.26
Waynesville First—Oct.	100.00
Grant Avenue Springfield	262.65
Divine Trinity FWB Potosia, Mo.	32.26
Parkview-Desolve—Nov.	50.00
Berkley	300.00
Fourth, St. Louis	300.21
Grace—Nov.	306.71
Bethel, Festus	40.00
Fellowship—Nov.	50.00
Pleasant Grove (Cope)	23.71
Cabool	104.92
Carterville	14.85
Independence—Nov.	56.00
Victory—Oct.	280.38
Number One	19.35
South Side	196.75
Hickory Grove—Nov.	15.76
A Friend	2.09
Fifty-five churches	\$6,900.00

## NOVEMBER COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS:

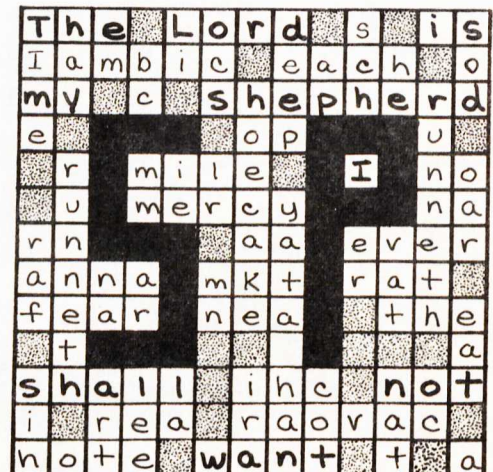
20.00% Missouri missions	\$1,380.00
15.00% State promotional-Dept.	1,035.00
04.00% General Fund	276.00
05.50% Youth Camp	379.50
04.00% Missouri State	
College Commission	276.00
02.50% Gem	172.50
01.00% Missouri-C.T.S. & S.S.	69.00
52.2% Seven MO. Depts	3,588.00

07.00% Hillsdale College	483.00
41.00% (8) NATIONAL	2,829.00
DEPARTMENTS	6,900.00
13.00% Foreign Missions	897.00
09.00% F.W.B.B.C.	621.00
07.00% National Executive Dept.	483.00
06.50% Nat'l Home Missions	448.50
03.00% Nat'l C.T.S. Dept.	207.00
02.00% Board of Retirement	
and insurance	138.00
00.25% Layman's Board	17.25
00.25% Theological	
Liberalism commission	17.25
100% Disbursed	6,900.00

Missouri State Home Mission Giving:  
November 5 thru December 5, 1973

Mtn. Grove First	16.18
Grace	25.00
Central	20.00
Salem	10.00
Hannon	80.30
Thayer	32.00
Willow Springs	13.00
Belton	43.00
Verdella	13.25
Madison Co. Qtly. Mtg.	75.00
Mill Creek	15.00
Copper Mines	7.00
Wanda Perryman	2.00
New Rock Springs	20.00
Myrtle	12.07
So. Fremont	82.50
Fredricktown First	20.00
Houston	149.58
DeSoto First	25.00
Leadington	18.00
William H. Davis	40.00
Victory	244.50
Sonlight Missionary Conf.	230.25
Cuba	8.00
Monett	75.00
Low Ground	5.00
West Plains	20.00
Independence	14.00
Fourth	79.03
Parkview	15.00
Fellowship	66.00
Columbia	5.00
Viburnum	35.00
Coop. Receipts—November	1,380.00
Total	2,895.66

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# Woman's Page

NOTES AND NEWS . . . A new auxiliary has been added to the Indian Creek Association. The Purdy Free Will Baptist Church Auxiliary was recently welcomed to our state work . . . REMEMBER . . . Your new treasurer and address: BLANCHE WISE-HART, MYRTLE, MISSOURI 66778 . . . COMING . . . Next month you will be hearing more about our February project of \$1,000 for state home missions. PRAY . . . for your state officers and board. They will be meeting soon and need your prayers in making several important decisions concerning our years work . . .

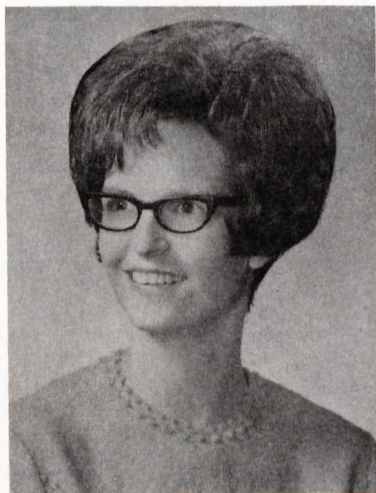
"TIS NOT THE DYING FOR A FAITH THAT'S SO HARD; 'TIS THE LIVING UPS TO IT THAT IS DIFFICULT."

(William Thackeray, English poet)

## MEETING OUR CO-LABORERS . . .

This month we will get to know one of our missionaries to Africa: Carol Pinkerton. I'm sure that most of you are already familiar with the Pinkertons and have been praying for them during their time of study in Switzerland and while they have been recuperating from the accident they had. Carol is a nurse, and she and Jerry have three boys. Remember her and her family in your prayers especially this month and let her know you care. I wrote and asked her to share something with us. Her reply is as follows:

"For many years I have had a suppressed fear that



God would call me to the mission field. Naturally, I wanted to be useful for my Lord, and active in the church in the states. Was that not enough? I have been in services where the message has been given and the need for more workers stressed, and I blocked it all out in my mind. Why? Because, in my head, I was busy hand-picking couples for the task. According to my thinking, they should be young and have the very best Biblical training, and preferably, be without children. (We already had three boys, so this would put us at the end of the calling list.) It seemed right to me that the doctors, teachers, and dynamic preachers would be the first choice for the mission field.

Was it honest of me to feel that I could not be used? Of course not! It was just a trick of the devil; and, as long as I was looking for an excuse to not go myself, it worked just fine. However, there was still a problem. I had picked out these qualified people . . . but what if they did not go? I could not make the choice for them. There was only one person I could answer for . . . myself.

It was when I allowed the Lord to guide my thoughts and I quit trying to convince someone else to go that there was a change. Perhaps God had other plans for the people I had chosen. I could only answer for myself. If God wanted me and could use me then I was ready. I did not have many of the high requirements that I required for my hand-picked people. But when I became quiet and let God speak to my heart and did not think of other people, a new thought came across to me loud and clear—it would not be what I was that would count. The important thing was what God could do THROUGH me. Simple and easy . . . just tell what God had done for me personally and let Him, through the Holy Spirit finish the task.

God needs workers everywhere. He cares about us as individuals. And works through us as individuals. I am thankful to be counted among many who serve Him with hearts of LOVE."

Carol Pinkerton . . . Institute Emmaus,  
1806 St. Legier, Switzerland

LADIES . . . do not forget to pray for this Co-laborer and her family. Two of her children are already in school in Africa and Tim, the youngest, is still awaiting a third surgery to repair the damage done in the car accident. Our Lord sent her to the mission field, now let us let her know we are behind her with our prayers and support.



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