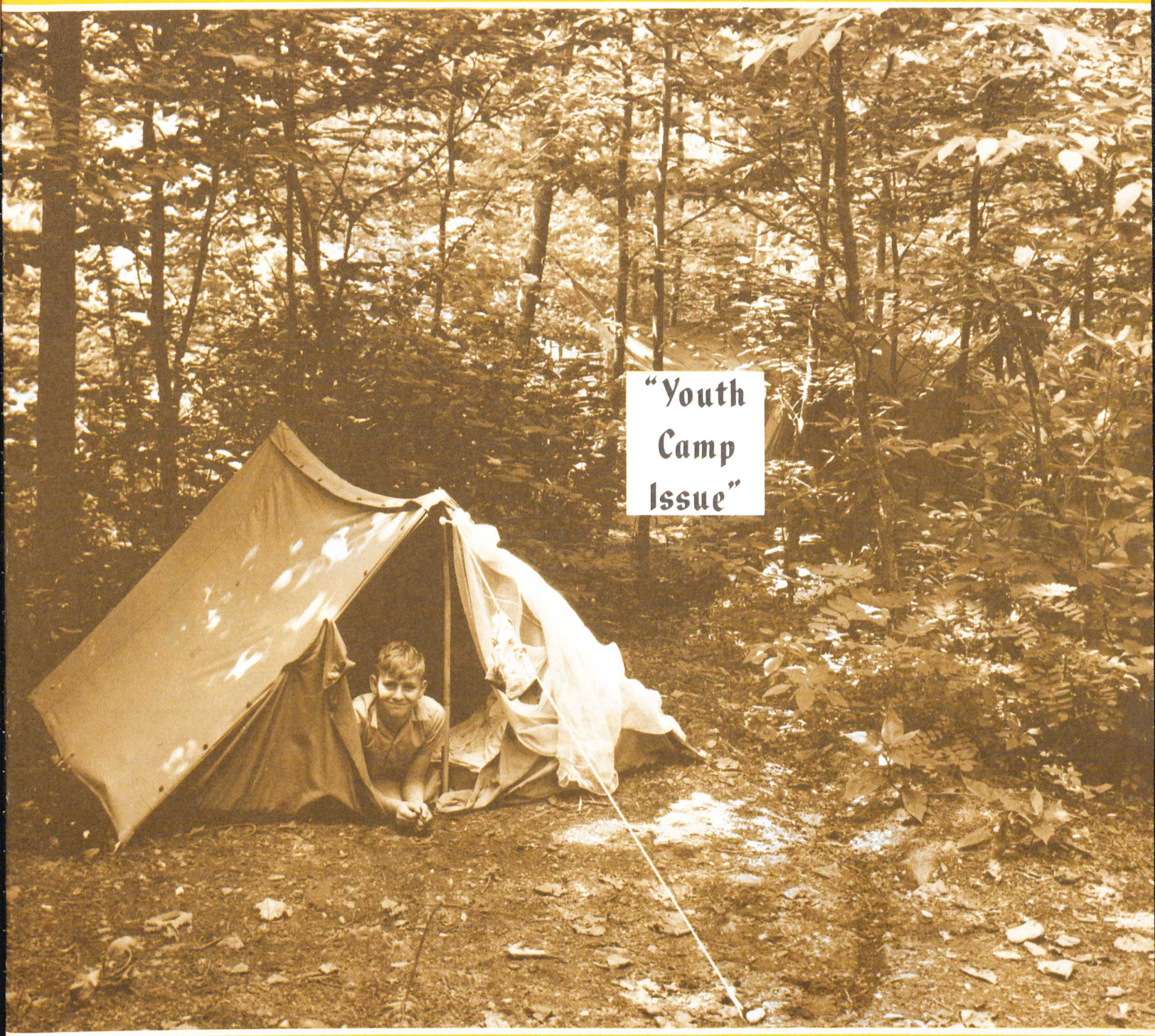


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**"Youth  
Camp  
Issue"**



# SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1973-74

Church	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan.	Feb	Mar
Aurora	62	52	30	26	19	26						47
Beacon, Raytown	86	85	80	71	96	79	78	77	81	81	78	89
Berkeley, First		302	296	289	316	323	342	347	348	330	309	
Bethel, Festus	83	80	86	96	79							
Copper Mines	91	77	87	86	95	87	80	74	76	68	74	85
Cuba	98	80	85		78	72	82	72	71	72	70	67
Desoto	189	159	159	143	158	150	156	161	149	155	145	149
Divine Trinity,												51
Evangel, Webb City									44	46	45	41
Farmington	161	139	139	131	129	132	142	134	138			
Fellowship, Flat River	390	322	310	277	298	384	432		391			407
Flat River, First	215	159	149	150	149							178
Fourth, St. Louis	143	112	110	125	123	133	147	132	141	164	146	174
Grace, Arnold	255	194	209	189	220	202	240	238	232	226	200	241
Jefferson City	40	36	31	34	43	51		56				43
Jones Chapel	83	84	86	86	91	101	90	85	91	71	91	90
Joplin, First	116	106	100	102	101	95	94	95				139
King's Way, Springfield	66	67	61	68	56	70	79	90	90	80	85	99
Kirksville	114	112	103	101	95	99	101	105				117
Leadington	63	65	62	60	59	43	46	50	47			59
Lebanon, First	166	144	143	134	119	191		125		128	144	127
Mine LaMotte	51	46	55	43	43	37	43	44	46	44	40	42
Monett, First	207	198	219	209	200	196	240	208	195			219
Mountain Grove, First	269	299	256	248	265	267	283	265	276	253	277	275
Myrtle	52	50	45	52	54		47	46	49	44	44	63
O'Fallon	72	70	53	50	60	65	82	78				72
Parkview, Desloge	106	97	83	83	87	96	100	100	98	78	75	81
Richwoods	35	40	34	36	30	31	30	26	33	22	27	34
Salem	39	41	40	37	49	43	45	40	44	34	35	42
South Fremont, Spfd	75	71	74	72	77	83	76		80	80		77
Southside, St. Louis	154	144	130	132	130	130	126	140	127			156
Springfield, First	231	200	195	176	174	196	208					212
Thayer	181	149	159	173	152	152	156	144	157	156	151	154
Trinity, Bridgeton	200	160	153	159	157	184	174	179	192	189	182	202
Twin Oaks	51	71	58	59	56	59	57	55	58	52	56	64
Victory, Avondale	174	165	155	138	160	164	233	210	188	189	188	179
Willow Springs	94	95	91	94	95	98	100	96	93	83	90	95

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

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# YOUTH CAMP TESTIMONIALS

## JUST THINKING . . . ABOUT YOUTH CAMP . . .

It was the third day of Youth Camp. Night services were beginning in the tabernacle. It was storming . . . the lights blinked off . . . and on . . . and then off again . . . then back on. The service was good that night and was now beginning to be long since about fifty people were going to the altar to be saved. My friend standing beside me wanted to go . . . I could tell . . . but something kept her from going. I guess she was scared, and I knew how she felt. Our sponsor and I prayed and prayed about her and told her we would go up with her. She knew she needed to be saved, but she wouldn't go to the altar. My eyes were red from crying as I ran from the tabernacle to our cabin . . . the rain was coming down hard . . . we hurried to keep from getting soaked. We did the usual things like getting ready for bed. Our group talked about things that were on our minds . . . like one girl said her friend's brother was not going to live long because he had leukemia. She was worried because he was not saved. This touched my unsaved friend's heart, and I could see her tears . . . but still she would not ask Jesus to come into her heart. We prayed. The "lights out" time came, and we all settled down to sleep. I had even gone to sleep. I think . . . it was about 11:30 . . . and my friend nudged me awake. She wanted to be saved . . . right then . . . not waiting any longer. She was saved that night, and I rededicated my life to Christ.

If it hadn't been for someone who cared about having Youth Camp, my friend might never have been saved, and I might never have rededicated my life. Do you care about YOUTH CAMP????? I DO!!!!

Shellie Ann Prinz  
Age 11  
Independence FWB Mission

## MY FRIENDS WON'T TAKE GOD SERIOUSLY

One night at Youth Camp many people were being saved. My girl friend and her boy friend went

up to the altar. They wanted to be saved, they said, but they laughed and joked around. A sponsor talked to them about their attitude, and they said they only went forward because they wanted to be together and this was one way to talk to each other. Maybe you know that sometimes things like this happen, and maybe people might say, "All of the kids are unconcerned," but you see my girl friend was saved before Youth Camp closed. I was saved there too, and I think if it hadn't been for Youth Camp I wouldn't have been saved.

Kathy Merritt  
Age 13  
Independence FWB Mission

## YOUTH CAMP

I went to Youth Camp, and I really enjoyed it. I was saved that very week! The people there were really fascinating. You could really tell that they loved the Lord. I think Youth Camp is a real blessing to hundreds of children.

Patty Bowen  
Royal Oaks FWB Church  
Parkville, Missouri

## CHURCH CAMP

At Church Camp you have lots of fun. You have a fun-time for things like baseball and volleyball. They also have a time for swimming. A snack bar is open at certain times. You also meet lots of nice people and make lots of nice friends.

I think the best thing about Camp is that you go to classes to learn about Jesus Christ our Savior and have fun while doing it.

At night you go to church and they have a real good speaker. One time I went they had a man that could draw a really pretty picture with colored chalk about what he was talking!

Paulia Shriver  
Royal Oaks FWB Church  
Parkville, Missouri



# Mrs. Francis Bowman...on Youth Camp



Greetings in the Name of our Wonderful Lord,

Again I want to thank each of you who helped buy new stoves for Youth Camp.

Last year at Youth Camp the Lord laid it on my heart to raise \$1,200.00 to purchase new stoves for Camp. How hard it was to listen to the Holy Spirit speak to my heart because at that time our Home Missions Department needed help so bad. In the wee small hours of the mornings I would find myself telling the Lord, "You know my husband is chairman of the State Home Missions Board, and Lord if you want me to raise \$1,200,000, please let me do it for missions.

Then I was reminded of the past seventeen years and our love for Camp. I am sure we all have memories, enriched by thoughts of those who have sacrificed so much. I remembered Brother and Sister Reeves who gave their all to start a State Youth Camp that our sons and daughters might be saved. By the way, our son, Dennis, who is now serving as treasurer of the Youth Camp Board and a missionary in Independence, was saved at Camp. How well I remembered the night our daughter Kathy accepted Christ as her Savior. She too has felt the call to the mission field. Had it not been for Camp, our family might not have been saved. Then I remembered the friends we have made. The Lord then made me to know there was only one way we could demonstrate our gratitude and love for our Youth Camp. That was by praying and giving. As you all know, I said, "O.K., Lord, I'll do what you want me to do."

After much prayer I sent letters to many of our churches; and, praise the Lord, we received over \$1,475.00, and we now have new stoves at Camp. Is it not just like the Lord to give more than we ask for?

Then, guess what! The next month Olivet Church was able to send \$1,300.00 to missions, and missions giving over the state increased. Thanks to God's people who support His cause. Sometimes I am so ashamed for trying to tell the Lord how to run His business.

I was made to think of a story of a young painter who loved to do full-length portraits of people. She was invited to display a collection of her paintings in a local store, and many of her friends came to the exhibit. One day a professional painter stopped in, carefully examined the paintings, and sought out the artist. After congratulating her on her skill, he said, "I notice something very unusual about your work. Whenever you portray people, you paint them in long grass or in a pool of water."

"Yes, sir," said the girl.

"But why do you do that?"

"Well, sir, it's like this," replied the girl. "I have never learned how to paint feet."

I am afraid we Free Will Baptists have never learned how to give. It is a shame we have to beg for money. Let us all put the Youth Camp in our budget and remember—the boy or girl that is saved may be your own.

Francis Bowman

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## SUMMER ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST TO MISSOURI FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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|--------------|--|
| May 13-15    | Ministers' Workshop<br>at State Youth Camp, Niangua        |
| June 10-14   | Teen Youth Camp<br>at State Youth Camp, Niangua            |
| June 17-21   | Junior High Camp<br>at State Youth Camp, Niangua           |
| June 24-28   | Elementary Camp<br>at State Youth Camp, Niangua            |
| July 14-18   | National Association<br>Wichita, Kansas                    |
| August 19-22 | Missouri State Association<br>First FWB Church, Flat River |

Please pray for each of these activities and participate as your personal schedule will permit.



# CHURCHES PEOPLE and EVENTS

## TWIN OAKS ENJOYING BLESSINGS OF THE LORD

Reporter Madeline McFarland writes that the Twin Oaks FWB Church experienced a good revival in April with Rev. Earl Ames serving as their evangelist. Their Easter service exceeded the goals set with 118 in Sunday school and 150 in the morning service.

Rev. Leon Miller, a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville from the Twin Oaks Church, delivered the Easter Sunday morning message. Four souls were saved in the service according to Mrs. McFarland. "Everyone received a blessing and found it was truly good to be in the House of the Lord."

Rev. Alfred Berry brought the Easter Sunrise service message. Forty-four people were present for that service, after which breakfast was served in the church basement.

Rejoicing in the blessings of the Lord at Twin Oaks, Mrs. McFarland writes, "Thank God for a people who will humble themselves before God and strive to live according to His Word, and for a pastor such as Rev. Truman Huffman who is humble enough to work with his people regardless of the age."

## JONES' CHAPEL NEWS

In a recent Wednesday night service Evangelist Luis Torres spoke at the Jones' Chapel FWB Church. He is an associate evangelist for Bob Bartlett Crusades which is a fund raising organization for Teen Challenge of Greater Philadelphia. Brother Torres is a converted drug addict who now testifies that he is addicted to Christ.

At press time the Jones' Chapel Church was enjoying a revival meeting with Rev. and Mrs. Roy Thomas, of Nashville, Tennessee. Rev. Thomas is on the staff of the National Home Missions and Church Extension Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

A group from Jones' Chapel participated in the Free Will Baptist Bible College drama service held at the First FWB Church of Monett on March 25.

Pastor Billy Joe Gentry held a revival meeting in March at the El Dorado Springs FWB Church. Five souls were saved.

The Chapelaire Quartet (formerly the Show-Me-State Singers) have recorded an 8-track tape that will be on sale soon. The Chapelaire have recently performed at the 88 FWB Church near Fort Smith, Arkansas, the El Dorado Springs FWB Church revival, and a benefit singing for Jeffery Royer at the Wheaton (Missouri) High School.

## COLUMBIA WORK GROWING

*by Pastor J. Mark Vandivort*

Our church's record attendance was 65 on Sunday, April 7. There were 50 in the evening service. Communion and feet washing were a blessing. Several participated for the first time.

We are proud of our Wednesday evening Bible Club with 20 to 25 elementary children enrolled. We anticipate this program growing when we get into our new building. About 40 people usually participate in our Wednesday evening service which includes Bible Club, Teen Action, and adult prayer and Bible study.

Our women have organized an auxiliary, and our men have a special prayer time at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Our building fund has less than \$500. We are about \$2,000 to \$3,000 and another month's work short of obtaining an occupancy permit from the City of Columbia. When we move into our new building, we will need a piano for the church basement, Free Will Baptist hymnals, a baptistry, steel chairs, tables, and equipment for Sunday school rooms, plus many other items too numerous to mention in this article. Please pray with us about these needs. Our people have given extra and have contributed nearly 2,000 hours of volunteer work on our building.

A faith budget of over \$1,000 per month was adopted at our last business meeting. Our budget includes 10% of our general fund to the Missouri State Cooperative Fund. Our people and friends of our church usually designate \$300 to \$500 per month to missions, Bible Colleges, and other special projects, above their general fund giving.

God has been good to us. Pray with us for a good revival soon. The opportunities are challenging.

## FROM DESOTO

Mrs. Sophia Ackerson, church reporter, writes, "Our dear Lord has been very good to us. We are expecting a great summer in the Lord. Our Sunday school has held its own this winter with all the bad weather and sickness. Pray for us as we have several in the hospital. God can do all things and He can heal all sicknesses.

"I enjoy the GEM very much. Brother Lay, keep



up the good work. God bless you."

#### **FROM FOURTH CHURCH (ST. LOUIS)**

Reporter Leamon Killian writes, "We are thankful for the steady growth and give God the glory!"

Fourth Church has voted to give \$500 a year, for three years toward the Free Will Baptist Bible College Library Fund, our state wide project."

Rev. Millard Sasser is the pastor.

#### **FROM DIVINE TRINITY FWB CHURCH**

Pastor Gurney O. Radford writes, "We had a wonderful revival with the Rev. Elmer O. Turnbough of Viburnum, Missouri, serving as evangelist. Six souls were saved and several rededications were made.

"We have been blessed in attendance, in spirit, and in finances. Our average attendance for the month of March was 51. We are planning in the near future to begin a building program.

"But along with the blessings and the Lord's being with us, Satan has been with us too. Pray for the work that we will be overcomers for the Lord and that His will will be done."

#### **FAMILY SUNDAY HIGHLIGHT AT BYRD CHURCH**

*by Mrs. Gerry Brewer, church clerk*

Faith is indispensable and in these perilous times our world does not have enough trust in God. Faith can accomplish what at times seems to be the impossible. It starts from the individual and continues to grow into spiritual prosperity.

Byrd Church was organized November 18, 1968, with fifteen charter members who believe that the greatest blessings come to Christians who do things rather than to people who merely talk. The church continues to grow and prosper for the Lord. Membership has now reached 41 resident members and two non-resident members. The average Sunday school attendance for the last quarter was 50, while the average church attendance was 59. Sunday night evangelistic service and Wednesday night Bible study are well attended by people who do not know Christ as their personal Savior and especially by concerned members who know that God does not ask about our ability or our inability but our availability.

In the Wednesday night service our pastor, Brother Howard Bowers, has been conducting a series of lessons on soul winning, so we are looking forward to becoming more effective soul winners and leading many lost people to God as a result of the study. We at Byrd feel that our reach should exceed our grasp.

In our attempt to reach more sinners, our church had what we called Family Sunday on March 17. Many of our loved ones and friends had an

opportunity to spend the day in fellowship with us as we tried to let them know what we mean when we say that God is love. We had 75 in Sunday school and 93 in the morning worship hour. For the morning and afternoon service we were fortunate to have the Young Gospels, a talented group of young people who truly love God and praise His name in song. Sister Frances Simpson who writes and sings her own songs of inspiration was with us in the afternoon. The Holy Spirit was in our midst as we praised God for His love and faithfulness. Seed was sown that we believe will grow and be harvested for the Lord if we will have faith and let God use us as a means of revealing His will to others.

#### **STEVE BURTON TO VERDELLA**

The Verdella FWB Church near Liberal, Missouri, has called Rev. Steve Burton of St. Louis to be their pastor. Their former pastor, Rev. Dale Pitts, is pastoring the Mission Church in Aurora, Missouri.

#### **YOUTH BANQUET IN CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION**

The Hannon FWB Church hosted a banquet recently for youth of the Oskaloosa, Hannon, and Verdella Free Will Baptist churches. A ham supper was served to approximately 60 persons.

Gregg McAllister of Monett played his guitar and presented a program of comedy routines with a spiritual message. Results of a queen and king contest among the three churches were announced by the Rev. Russell Johnson. Candidates from the Verdella Church, Jeanne Mayo and Lester Fast, were the winners. Other candidates were Diane Prichitt, Phil Smith, Loretta Smith, and Lyle Hoover.

After expenses for the evening, the group voted to send \$50 of the money to Mary Spilster, who is working with Youth For Christ in Nebraska.

Christine Gilmartin and Leah Nell Smith were in charge of decorating and presenting gifts to the candidates. Girls from all the churches helped decorate the annex. They used a spring theme of flowers and streamers.

#### **AN APPEAL FROM SIKESTON CHURCH**

*by Pastor Denzil Durbin*

Two words, "Go" and "Tell," are the outstanding words in the missionary appeal of Jesus Christ. The angel at the tomb told Mary to "go and tell" the disciples that Christ was alive. On the way, she met Jesus who said, "Go tell my brethren . . . they shall see me" (Matthew 18:7, 10).

This was a divine commission given. It is still our commission today. We who know Christ lives must go and tell everyone possible that Jesus lives and that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.



You will be glad to know we at Sikeston have once again stepped through the doors of faith and committed ourselves to buy five acres of land in a perfect location. In this location we can be a citywide church.

Since we have no facilities of our own, it is important that we get this land. We are thrilled with the opportunities open to us. Your continued prayers are more needed now than ever. The financial needs are staggering. This land is being purchased at the cost of \$16,250. I am praying that you will pray with me that God will raise up 48 men or churches who will send a special love offering of \$100 this month for the work of Jesus Christ. However, any amount would be most appreciated.

You have been helping us fulfil this great commission. Your prayers have helped us to touch the lives of many. In the 11 months the church has been established, 35 lost souls have been saved in the church. During the month of February we had an average Sunday school attendance of 91, and a worship service attendance of 103. You have helped make this possible.

Yours because He lives,

(signed) Denzil Durbin, pastor

P. S. All love offerings will be applied toward the down payment on this land. Make all love offerings payable to the Sikeston FWB Church in care of Rev. Denzil Durbin, Rt. 3, Sikeston, MO 63801. For references contact the following ministers: Rev. Cliff Bowman, 625 N. O'Dell, Marshall, MO or Rev. Billy G. Adkisson, 303 Florence St., Jackson, MO 63755.

### CUBA CHURCH EXPERIENCING REVIVAL

The FWB Church in Cuba, Missouri, reports a spirit of revival prevailing in the regular services with souls being saved and folks joining the church. On April 14 the church began a revival meeting with Rev. Elmer Turnbough serving as the evangelist.

A young man from the Cuba Church, Roger Vaughn, recently answered the call of God to preach the gospel. He is now enrolled in Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

The church reporter, Mrs. Ben Ellis, writes, "Brother Grover Pingleton, our pastor, and the church as a whole covet your prayers that the will of the Lord may be done in each of our lives. We give God all the glory for the way He is blessing the church, and we want to grow stronger each day."

### EVANGEL CHURCH SETS RECORDS

The Evangel FWB Church of Webb City, Missouri's newest Free Will Baptist mission church, set two attendance records on Easter Sunday. A Sunday school attendance record was set with 64 in attendance, and a morning worship service attendance record was set with 71 in attendance.

Evangel Church is negotiating to buy a church building in the Webb City area. They ask the prayers of GEM readers for the direction of the Lord in this matter. They presently are meeting in a rented Lion's Club building.

Rev. Andy Lay is the pastor.

### BIBLE COLLEGE DRAMA TOUR IN STATE A SUCCESS

Free Will Baptist Bible College is grateful to the people of Missouri for their part in making the recent drama tour by the Evangel Players a success. Ninety-five decisions were recorded in their services and over \$3,800 in gifts to the Missouri Project were collected.

Jack Paramore, Director of Development and sponsor of the tour, said, "The crowds that gathered were impressive. On several occasions the auditoriums were full. Missouri welcomed the touring group with open arms."

The \$1,700 left after subtracting tour expenses will be applied to the Missouri Project to underwrite the new library wing on campus.

### TOTAL LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR YOUTH CAMP STOVE FUND

First Free Will Baptist Church of Desoto	\$ 50.00
Mrs. Lloyd Clift (Black Oak Church)	25.00
Verdella Free Will Baptist Church	29.00
Central Free Will Baptist Church	40.35
Thayer Free Will Baptist Church	66.30
Houston Free Will Baptist Church	17.00
Ladies Auxiliary, Waynesville, Mo.	5.00
F. D. Johnson	5.00
First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River	53.75
Olivet Free Will Baptist Church	168.06
Betty Luke (Cuba Church)	1.00
Mrs. Grover Pingleton (Cuba Church)	5.00
First Free Will Baptist Church of Cuba	21.00
Willow Springs Free Will Baptist Church	55.00
Kenneth Turner (Monett Church)	2.00
Monett Free Will Baptist Church	12.00
Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church	20.21
Hannon Free Will Baptist Church	50.00
Alton Free Will Baptist Church	15.00
Happy Home Free Will Baptist Church	25.00
Joplin Free Will Baptist Church	10.00
River View Free Will Baptist Church (Iowa)	27.00
Marie Helsley (Rock Chapel Church)	5.00
Catherine Henry (Fresno, Calif.)	5.00
Bethel Free Will Baptist Church	21.77
Faith Free Will Baptist Church	23.00
Mr. & Mrs. H.S. Vandivort (Cabool)	2.00
New Harmony Free Will Baptist Church	44.00
Wendell Sevits (Hazel Creek Church)	26.00
St. Louis Quarterly Meeting	57.48
Victory Free Will Baptist Church	18.50
Edith Clark (Berkeley Church)	50.00
L. Mays (Eldorado Springs)	15.00
Independence Free Will Baptist Mission	15.00



Mrs. Leslie Henderson (Purdy)	25.00
Capitol City Free Will Baptist Mission	10.00
Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church	40.00
Fourth Free Will Baptist Church	50.00
South Fremont Free Will Baptist Church	100.00
Free Will Baptist Mission, Des Moines, Iowa	2.00
Howard & Jo Ann Filkins (Missionaries to Ivory Coast)	20.00
Dorman Luter (Overland)	10.00
Jones Chapel Auxiliary	15.00
First Free Will Baptist Mission, Kansas City	28.92
The Ever Ready Class, Monett	25.00
First Free Will Baptist Church of Purdy	25.00
Lone Star Free Will Baptist Church	16.00
Blanche Wisehart (Myrtle Church)	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Vandivort (Edgar Springs)	5.00
First Free Will Baptist Church of West Plains	50.00
Faith and Hope Free Will Baptist Church	25.00
Koshkonong Woman's Auxiliary	10.00
Interest	31.46

### MARCH COOPERATIVE—DISBURSEMENTS:

20.00% Missouri Missions	\$1506.00
15.00% Missouri Promotional Dept.	1129.50
04.00% Missouri General Fund	301.20
05.50% Missouri Youth Camp	414.15
04.00% Missouri State College Comm.	301.20
02.50% Gem	188.25
01.00% Missouri C.T.S. & S.S.	75.30
52% seven Missouri Depts	3915.60
07.00% Hillsdale College	527.10
41% Eight National Depts	3087.30
13.00% Foreign Missions	978.90
09.00% F.W.B.B.C.	677.70
07.00% National Executive Dept	527.10
06.50% Nat'l Home Missions	489.45
03.00% Nat'l C.T.S. Dept	225.90
02.00% Board of Retirement and Insurance	150.60
00.25% Layman's Board	18.83
00.25% Theological liberalism Commission	18.82
100% Total disbursed	\$7530.00

### MARCH COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS:

First F.W.B., Kansas City	53.00
Number One	24.80
Faith	145.03
Grace	391.68
Gateway	11.00
Hannon	133.70
Willow Springs—(Feb.)	98.17
Salem	20.00
Pleasant Ridge	25.00
Houston	63.00
Hurryville	77.84
Independence, K.C.	50.00
Belton	91.00
Black Oak (3 months)	30.00

Farmington, First	230.95
Viburnum (Feb.)	50.00
Byrd	11.00
Garfield (Feb.)	24.73
Merl's Chapel (Jan.-Feb.)	113.00
Fordland	25.00
Rock Chapel (Mar.)	18.80
Leadington (Feb.)	90.66
De Soto, First	264.00
Olivett	130.00
New Rock Springs	30.00
Central, Kansas City	150.00
Purdy, First	38.00
Thayer	83.04
Bethel, Festus	40.00
Copper Mines	95.00
Macedonia, Liberty Assn. (adopted)	15.00
Freeman Chapel (Jan.—Feb.)	114.21
Monett, First	228.71
Copper Mines (Jan.)	120.00
Fourth, St. Louis Dist	224.38
Cabool	109.34
Hickory Grove (Mar.)	11.33
Aurora F.W.B. Mission Ch.	27.23
Grace	423.50
Union Free Will Baptist	60.00
Willow Springs	101.02
Grant Ave., Springfield (Mar.)	352.41
Berkley	300.00
Gospel Light of Bonne Terre (2 months)	30.00
Divine Trinity, Potosi	34.00
Parkview, Desloge	50.00
Mine La Motte	34.65
Union Light	47.70
Fellowship	50.00
Faith, St. Louis (Mar.)	163.59
South Side, St. Louis	233.00
Myrtle (3 months)	175.21
Royal Oak, Kansas City	59.00
New Rock Springs	40.00
Pleasant Grove (Cope)	22.46
Mt. Grove, First (Dec. Jan. Feb.)	1,115.19
Hannon	103.30
Calvary, Conway	106.00
Freeman Chapel (Mar.)	71.29
Fredericktown, First (3 Mo.)	492.79
A Cooperative Friend	6.29

Sixty contributions Mar. \$7530.00  
Macedonia Church adopted-March  
**PRAISE GOD MISSOURI IS ON SCHEDULE TOWARD OUR  
PROJECTED GOAL OF \$85,000.00**  
Harry Beatty: Treasurer

### MISSOURI STATE FWB YOUTH CAMP GIVING GENERAL FUND July 1, 1973—March 31, 1974

Merl's Chapel FWB Church	\$ 86.00
Harmony Quarterly Meeting	25.00
Purdy FWB Church	20.00
Berkeley FWB Church	10.00
Bob Dickey	38.00
James E. Coffey	125.00
Monett FWB Church	90.00
Pleasant Home FWB Church	45.00
Cabool FWB Church	100.00
Bethel FWB Church	90.00
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention	139.55
Independence FWB Mission	35.00



Myrtle FWB Church	100.16
New Rock Springs FWB Church	80.15
Rock Chapel FWB Church	180.00
Union FWB Church	90.00
Thayer FWB Church	90.00
Verdella FWB Church	80.00
Willow Springs FWB Church	80.00
New Home FWB Church	86.69
Hazel Creek FWB Church	90.00
Olivet FWB Church	80.00
Hannon FWB Church	136.00
Cuba FWB Church	80.00
Grant Avenue FWB Church	90.00

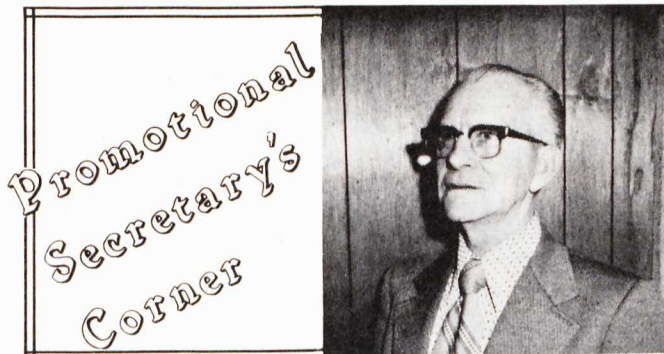
## DESIGNATED MONIES THROUGH THE STATE OFFICE, March, 1974

Merl's Chapel	
Two Foreign Missionaries	\$ 89.50
Bible College Library Wing Project	100.00
Aurora Church	
Six Missions Accounts	67.33
Olivett Church	
Seven Missions Accounts	85.00
Hickory Grove Sunday School	
One Mission Account	13.63
Mountain Grove First Church	
Seven Missions Accounts	216.75
Total Designated Monies	\$572.21

## MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION GIVING: MARCH 5 THRU APRIL 5, 1974

Rock Chapel	20.00
New Home	60.00
Mine LaMotte	20.00
Willow Springs	8.00
Cabool	60.00
Viburnum	25.00
Houston	10.00
Grace	25.00
Central	20.00
Hurryville	30.00
Leadington	8.00
Salem	20.00
Olivet	245.00
Hannon	51.65
Fellowship	57.00
Parkview	15.00
Fourth	68.23
Alton	10.00
Myrtle	12.04
Low Ground	5.00
DeSoto, First	25.00
So. Fremont	102.50
Thayer	3.00
South Side	5.00
Mo. State Association	296.66
Victory	130.00
West Plains, First	20.00
Kansas City, First	50.00
Aurora	19.33
Mt. Grove, First	5.00
Cooperative Receipts	1,506.00
Total	2,932.41

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On Saturday, March 2, Liberty Quarterly Meeting assembled with the Lebanon First Church. There was a fine representation from 18 churches. Rev. J. Craig preached the 11:00 a.m. sermon and Waynesville's new pastor, M. Southwell, preached at 2:00 p.m. Rev. J. McAllister spoke in behalf of Missouri Bible Institutes currently in session. I gave the Missouri Cooperative report and explained the 1974 allocation of the funds. I sold a few nice Bibles for our store there. Our bookstore now has Vacation Bible School materials available. You may order by writing Lebanon Bible and Book Store, 303 West Commercial Street, Lebanon, Missouri 65536, or by phoning 532-9516.

On Sunday morning, March 3, I delivered the sermon in Buffalo Church. I gave them commendations for resuming their cooperative giving. Buffalo Church is moving forward under the leadership of pastor Herbert Boggs. Souls are being saved in their weekly services. Sunday school and CTS youth group attendance are both on the increase.

On the same Sunday evening I preached the sermon in Waynesville First Church. One soldier was saved in the altar service. Pastor Southwell has witnessed others being converted since coming to Missouri in January. We welcome him and his family to our Missouri state work.

Mrs. Beatty's step brother, Junior Childers, died in an automobile accident March 2, near Thayer, Missouri. We attended the funeral service in Thayer March 5. We extend Christian condolences to his surviving loved ones.

We also express our sympathy to Mrs. Harold Baldwin and her people. Funeral services were held on Sunday, March 10, for her mother, Mrs. Minnie Aslinger, in Union Light FWB Church near Fredericktown, Missouri. Several families from Grace Church attended the funeral. The Baldwins are members of Grace Church.

On Sunday morning, March 10, I delivered the sermon in Mine LaMotte Church. We experienced a real good altar service. Some new families are now attending there. Pastor Durbin reports that people are being saved in their regular services. One man answered God's call into the ministry recently. Their new Sunday school annex is nearly completed to provide more rooms for their growing Sunday school. Mine LaMotte Church is a land mark church,



approximately 100 years old. Nonetheless, it has become a home mission field. Since the lead mines were mined out, that area has developed into a small lake resort.

On Sunday afternoon we participated with St. Francis County Presbytery and Farmington First Church in a deacon's ordination service for Brother Harold Adams. Pastor Evans delivered the sermon of the hour. There was a splendid attendance in the service.

The same Sunday evening I delivered the message in Aulsbury Chapel following the CTS service. This was a real good service too. Pastor Ames reports new families being added to their church. There have been new converts there recently too.

Olivett Church in Marshall invited Mrs. Beatty to take charge of Wednesday evening prayer meeting service on March 13 and lead in the installation service for their 1974 Woman's Auxiliary officers. The entire church participated in this service.

I conducted the funeral service for James Thomas Wallace in Thayer Chapel Friday, March 15. Brother Wallace was a former member of Many Islands FWB Church in Arkansas. He was buried in the family cemetery in this area. Four generations of his descendants were present. We extend Christian sympathy to this large family.

I attended Cave Springs Association weekend revival held in Garfield Church on March 15-16. Brother Stovall preached Friday night. I was given time for the Missouri Cooperative participation challenge. Brother Maxwell preached Saturday night. There was a well-filled house in each service.

I shared with Rev. Darrel Strain, their radio pastor, in a 15-minute radio sermon over Thayer station on Sunday morning, March 17. I also shared with Brother Darrell, who is the assistant pastor in Smyrna Church, in the preaching hour at Smyrna. Hopefully they anticipate resuming their cooperative giving in the near future. On Monday, March 18, I journeyed with the Executive Committee of the Missouri General Board to Lebanon and assisted them in employing our new bookstore manager.

Pastor Fulkerson and Happy Hill FWB Church did a fine job hosting Laclede County Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, March 13. Each of their churches was represented. I was privileged to bring the message and present the Missouri Cooperative program.

On Saturday night I met with Niangua Quarterly Meeting, which was held with Baily Chapel Church. Rev. J. Bennett delivered the sermon. I gave the cooperative program. Brother Scrivner, a member of Baily Chapel had passed away and was lying in state in the funeral chapel in Buffalo, Missouri. This affected their attendance. Each of their churches was represented. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to this family.

On Sunday morning, March 31, I delivered the sermon in Hopewell Church. Pastor Linton and the church have completed a new addition to their sanctuary. They support a missionary too.

Revival began in Buffalo Church on Sunday

evening. I delivered the evangelistic message. One soul was saved. The Lord's supper and feet washing were observed. The whole congregation participated in both. Pastor Boggs was thrilled with the day's accomplishments. They had a record attendance in Sunday school of 200. One person was saved and two affiliated with the church. Each evening a different minister will preach during this revival meeting.

Macedonia Church in the Liberty Association adopted the Cooperative Plan this month. Some churches sent twice in the month. Thus, we received \$7,530.00 and we are right on schedule. To God be the glory!

Harry Beatty, Promotional Secretary and Treasurer

## On The National Front

### JUNE 8 TARGET DAY FOR BIBLE COLLEGE BUILDING FUND

Jack Paramore, Director of Development for Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, is attempting to raise \$100,000 in one day for the school's building fund. He is currently lining up 100 churches that will sponsor a Walk-A-Thon on June 8 on behalf of the college, each with a goal of \$1,000 to be raised. By early April over 40 churches had announced their intention to join the drive.

Asked why he was sponsoring the special day, Paramore explained, "To completely liquidate our indebtedness and get ready for the construction of another building, we are intensifying promotional activity through this year." While no specific building has been named as the next to be constructed on the campus, the need for a new auditorium and two new dormitories has become apparent.

Packets containing full information on the Walk-A-Thons are available by writing:

Office of Development  
Free Will Baptist Bible College  
3606 West End Ave.  
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

### FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE SUPPORT FROM MISSOURI

In March Missourians gave a total of \$2,056.79 to Free Will Baptist Bible College. \$890.93 of that was for the general fund, with the largest gift coming from the Fellowship FWB Church in Flat River. \$1,140.86 of the total was designated for the building fund, with the largest gift coming from the Hurryville FWB Church. They gave \$301.86.



Missourians have now paid \$8,008.00 on the Library Wing Project. We should note, however, that we are falling behind our quota for general fund giving to the school. At the end of February we had given \$8,992.44 of our annual \$17,500 quota, or 51%. To be on schedule we should have given 75% of our quota.

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PLANS FINALIZED

Three pastors, a television evangelist, and a college professor will be delivering the 5 main messages of the 38th annual session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The Kansas State Association of Free Will Baptists will host the meeting July 15-18 in Wichita's Century II Center.

Despite the current energy crisis, Free Will Baptist leaders are predicting that this session will be one of the best attended. National convention planners are optimistic that an adequate supply of gasoline will be available during the peak traveling months of summer. The shortages have already eased in many sections of the country since the lifting of the oil embargo.

The Reverend Rue Dell Smith, pastor of the First FWB Church in Purcell, Oklahoma, will introduce the 1974 convention theme, "Growing Toward Maturity," in his keynote address opening night. Other facets of the convention theme will be explored by Leroy Forlines, professor of Bible and Acting Dean of Students at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee; Calvin Evans, pastor of Union FWB Church in Wheelersburg, Ohio, and founder and director of Evangelistic Outreach, Inc., a ministry that reaches thousands through a weekly television program and radio broadcast aired on a total of 10 stations; Raymond Riggs, probably the foremost missionary pastor in our denomination, currently ministering with Central FWB Church in Royal Oak, Michigan, and serving on the National Foreign Missions Board; and Melvin Worthington, pastor of the First FWB Church of Albany, Georgia, who has enjoyed a unique ministry as pastor-evangelist in the denomination because of his Biblical exposition.

The Reverend T. S. Rendell, Three Hills, Alberta, Canada, will launch the National Youth Conference with the keynote address on Sunday evening, July 14. NYC will then run simultaneously with the National Association. Over 1,000 youths are expected to participate in the competitive activities and the Music and Arts Festival.

The pace for the business session of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention on Tuesday, July 16, could undoubtedly be set during the annual banquet on Monday evening when Mrs. Mildred Stamm, Kansas City, Missouri, will challenge auxiliary members and guests.

Reservations for housing during the national meeting are being handled by a central housing agency. Special rates have been secured for those

affiliated with the National Association. Available accommodations with prices and the appropriate reservation forms are contained in both the April and May issues of CONTACT Magazine, the official denominational publication.

Youth groups of 10 or more who are traveling and staying together during the National Youth Conference can qualify for special room rates. For full information write NYC '74 Office, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. These special rates are available on a "first come, first served" basis and all arrangements must be made through the NYC Office prior to June 14.

## GREETINGS FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOME

The Free Will Baptist Home for Children at Greeneville, Tennessee, wishes to say "Thank you" to the people in Missouri for their support of the home. Contributions from your state for February, 1974, were \$229.81.

We appreciate what you are doing for this child-care ministry. Those interested in more information about the home are encouraged to write, and any special interest you have should be mentioned. You are urged to support this work which has cared for needy, dependent, and neglected boys and girls since 1939.

James Earl Raper, Superintendent  
Free Will Baptist Home for Children  
Rt. 10, Box 327  
Greeneville, Tennessee 37743

## REPORT FORMS SLOW IN REACHING NATIONAL OFFICE

Rufus Coffey, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, reports that a very small percentage of the new multicopy reporting forms are reaching the National Office. He points out that this information is vital to compiling accurate statistical information concerning the progress of the National Association.

Local churches had been asked to submit the 1973 report to the clerk at the first quarterly meeting of 1974. The quarterly clerks retain one copy for the files of the quarterly conference. Send one copy to the state clerk and one copy to the National Executive Office.

"The cooperation of each person involved in completing these reports and filing them with the proper individual is needed. We realize the new procedure may be difficult this first year of implementation, but I must stress the immediate need to receive these reports. This information is essential to compiling the church directory. This information will also be used to evaluate denominational growth and project future plans. It is imperative that district clerks secure these reports and mail the designated copy on to the National Executive Office."



# Woman's

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NOTES-N-NEWS . . . State Field Worker Lucille Beatty, was recently in charge of the installation service for the Woman's Auxiliary of the Olivet Church in Marshall. This was a special service since Sister Beatty had helped organize this auxiliary over 3 years ago. These ladies have been real "co-laborers" by aiding in church work, nursing homes, and our missions program. This past year \$1200 has been raised toward a cabin at youth camp. PTL\* for women like this. Their newly elected president is Daisy Harper . . . . DON'T FORGET . . . It's that time of year again, so get out those reports and let's get them in *on time* and *completed* this year . . . .

YEARLY PROJECT . . . \$1000 for 16mm projector for the Sparkses . . . CHANCES TO SERVE . . . You are always needed at youth camp and don't forget VBS and summer clubs for children. There are millions of opportunities around you.

\*PTL=PRAISE THE LORD

### MEETING OUR CO-LABORERS . . .

This month we will get acquainted with Louise Vandivort who is one of our Missouri State Home Missionaries. She serves along with her husband, Mark and five children, in Columbia, Missouri. I wrote and asked her to share with us and she did as follows. As you read, pray for Louise and her family.

"Supper was finished and I was doing a quick clean-up in the kitchen and trying to see that Andy, Philip, Stephen, and Bethany were going to be ready for Sunday evening service on schedule. Baby

Deborah was sleeping soundly in her crib in the living room, not caring that she had missed her supper and the busy 'everybody get ready now' Sunday evening routine.

Soon our church women and girls would be coming into the living room where we would have a special footwashing service. (The men and boys would be having their service in our one room chapel.) As I arranged the seats in a circle, my thoughts were on the morning service and the tremendous presence of the Holy Spirit as Mark had preached from the 13th chapter of John.

Having the water and towels ready, I sat down to wait, and in the quietness of those moments I reread John 13, lingering over Christ's words in verse 17, "If you know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." And in silent meditation I prayed that God would make this a very meaningful service to each of us.

Later as I looked at the faces of those present my heart was stirred. At one time or another I had prayed with most of these dear ones present. We had shared each other's happiness and sorrows. I had taught and loved their children and they, likewise, mine. As we entered into our service with prayer, singing, and sharing God's Word, we prayed a specific, audible prayer for the person whose feet we were washing. In each prayer there was a genuine expression of love and concern for one another. I shall not soon forget."

(What a precious service this must have been. Ladies, let us pray together especially this month for this missionary mother and wife as she labors there in Columbia.)