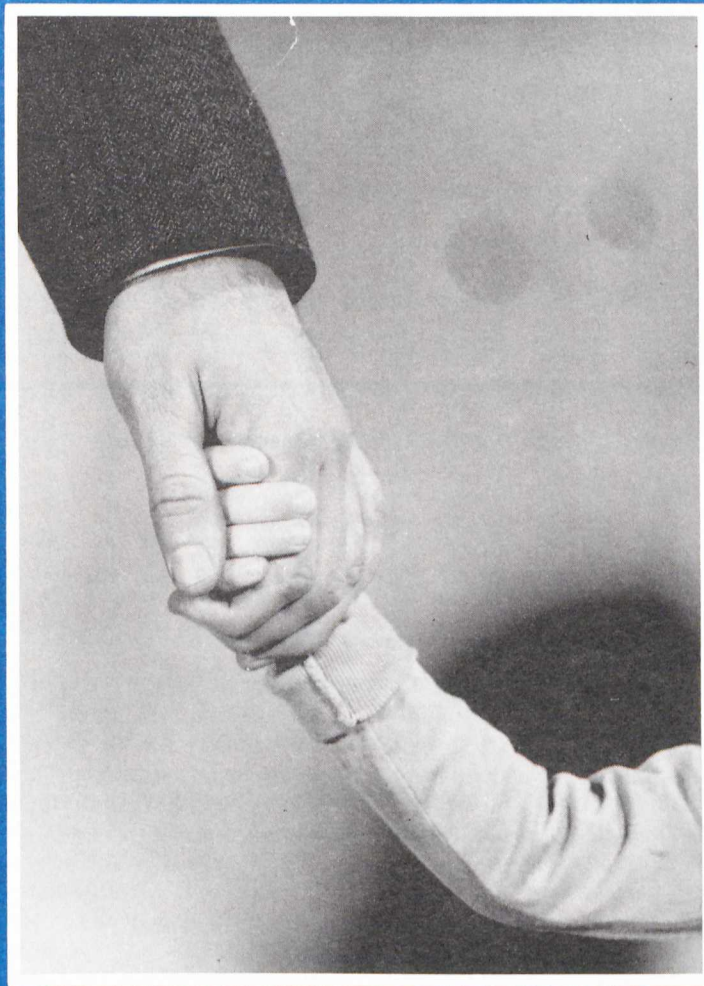


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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1973-74

Church	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Aurora	52	30	26	19	26							
Beacon, Raytown	85	80	71	96	79	78	77	81	81	78	89	84
Berkeley, First	302	296	289	316	323	342	347	348	330	309		
Bethel, Festus	80	86	96	79								
Copper Mines	77	87	86	95	87	80	74	76	68	74		
Cuba	80	85		78	72	82	72	71	72	70	67	92
Desoto	159	159	143	158	150	156	161	149	155	145	149	
Divine Trinity,											51	
Evangel, Webb City								44	46	45	41	49
Farmington	139	139	131	129	132	142	134	138	135	115	131	
Fellowship, Flat River	322	310	277	298	384	432		391	330	324	362	405
Flat River, First	159	149	150	149								
Fourth, St. Louis	112	110	125	123	133	147	132	141	164	146	174	
Grace, Arnold	194	209	189	220	202	240	238	232	226	200	230	272
Jefferson City	36	31	34	43	51		56					
Jones Chapel	84	86	86	91	101	90	85	91	71	91	90	
Joplin, First	106	100	102	101	95	94	95					
King's Way, Springfield	67	61	68	56	70	79	90	90	80	85	99	92
Kirksville	112	103	101	95	99	101	105					
Leadington	65	62	60	59	43	46	50	47	49	35	47	56
Lebanon, First	144	143	134	119	191		125		128	144	127	128
Mine LaMotte	46	55	43	43	37	43	44	46	44	40		
Monett, First	198	219	209	200	196	240	208	195				
Mountain Grove, First	299	256	248	265	267	283	265	276	253	277	275	
Myrtle	50	45	52	54		47	46	49	44	44		
O'Fallon	70	53	50	60	65	82	78	62	70	65	85	81
Parkview, Desloge	97	83	83	87	96	100	100	98	78	75	81	85
Richwoods	40	34	36	30	31	30	26	33	22	27		
Salem	41	40	37	49	43	45	40	44	34	35		
South Fremont, Spfd	71	74	72	77	83	76		80	80			
Southside, St. Louis	144	130	132	130	130	126	140	127	126	127	141	143
Springfield, First	200	195	176	174	196	208						
Thayer	149	159	173	152	152	156	144	157	156	151	154	168
Trinity, Bridgeton	160	153	159	157	184	174	179	192	189	182	202	225
Twin Oaks	71	58	59	56	59	57	55	58	52	56	64	
Victory, Avondale	165	155	138	160	164	233	210	188	189	188	179	218
Willow Springs	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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Catholics for Christ



by Rev. Wayne Wagner, Pastor
South Fremont FWB Church, Springfield

When God placed me in the full time ministry in California, I was privileged to get acquainted with a bright young man who was a Roman Catholic. There was no set way to win him to Christ. We just prayed and loved him and studied the Scriptures together. Many times our friendship was almost severed because of his religion. Finally, he was able to see that I loved him and that I only wanted to introduce him to my Lord. When he saw that, the battle was over and he came to Christ. The change and excitement which took place in his life gave me the zeal and desire to win others to Christ.

Later, the Lord placed me right in the midst of a Roman Catholic City. While serving there among them, much dedication to their church was seen. However, there was no knowledge of the Bible or its Lord. One was immediately aware of the apparent wickedness of the Roman Church. Its followers could sin without feeling the least bit guilty of doing so. Therefore, it was definitely known by a follower of Christ that they were loyal to their church, but lost to Christ. All ties were bound to this earth rather than to Heaven. If we were to win them we had to know this for sure.

There is no real special method in winning them to Christ. But much prayer, love, and concern is the

only thing that will work. However, there is a tract written by Oswald J. Smith entitled, "Your Roman Catholic Bible Has the Answer." Also we used their own Bible according to the individual we were trying to win to Christ.

We began to pray and search the Scriptures for more light concerning a method which we could use to win more of them to Christ. Also a deep love grew in my heart for them. We finally came to the conclusion that it was never going to be an easy matter. There was going to be a real struggle against Hell itself. Like all sinners, they had to be convinced they were definitely lost and needed to be saved by someone rather than by something, namely the Roman Church. This conclusion was not reached by a mental attitude alone, but by a deep yearning love in my heart for the people who were caught up by this monster.

A method was finally formed in my mind that would work for me and be natural. A prayer ministry began for those whom we knew personally. Too, we began to visit and be a friend to them, even though the people we loved seemed to be constantly running from us.

One of the first obstacles to overcome was the thought that they had been offended in some way.

More prayer and Bible study was the only way and answers could be found for light to guide us in what to do.

Finally, it was realized they were not offended at us, but rather at the Christ who lived in us. Also they were not aware that Christ was trying to show them the way to life. The whole answer was in the fact that their sins were not to be taken personally by us. We were not to hold their actions as being against us, but they were fighting against the reality of a living Christ. They were not aware of what the real issue was because of their Roman Church background.

The Roman Church teaches that their people are the only ones who are saved and it is the other people outside their church who have wrong doctrine and are lost.

For them to come to Christ they must recognize their need for Him. This is a real struggle and they are the only ones who can fight this battle. Of course, we were praying and witnessing to them all the time, which was a means for Christ to show them the way.

Three Scriptures which we constantly used were 1 Timothy 2:4-5, Hebrews 10:11, and Matthew 23:9. After these verses were understood, they were ready for us to give out a sound message of good news of Christ. Following is a list of the Scriptures which may or may not be used: John 3:1-8; John 1:12; Luke 13:3-5; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; Romans 10:9-10; Revelation 3:20; and 2 Corinthians 5:21.

The next best way I know how to say this is by a personal testimony of a Roman Catholic who has been saved through our ministry. This young mother was saved about six months ago. She has grown in the Lord and is having an influence for Christ.

The day the Lord saved my soul was the greatest day of my life. When I finally turned loose of my pride and went down to the altar to ask for forgiveness my heart felt 100 pounds lighter.

I remember while I was still in St. Louis we would attend church with my husband's parents. During every service I felt the desire to go to the altar, but my pride held me back. Satan used my pride in battling against the Lord. After services were over I felt as if I had actually been in a real fight. I really was, but at the time I did not realize I had been caught in the battle between the Lord and Satan. While going home in the car after each service, I would begin to cry because of the never ending conflict going on in my heart. I actually had a pain in my chest from it. I praise God that, even though Satan won those battles, the Lord won the war and my soul.

Brother Wayne Wagner would come over to the house. Everytime he would come over, I would immediately start thinking of the excuses to get rid of him. Most of the time I would not even let him past the front door. I actually started to hate him for pestering me so

much. When he moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, I felt so relieved. About a year or so after he left, we moved to Springfield. After living here just four months we found out that Brother Wagner was going to pastor a church here in Springfield. All I could think about was that it was going to start all over again. Sure enough Brother Wayne started coming by the house inviting us to church again.

Just about two months later Gary's parents were down visiting and we decided to attend church with them. I had no idea or the slightest intention of going up to the altar that morning. I know it was the working of the Lord that I went up to the altar that particular Sunday because my husband had asked me the Wednesday before what I would do if he went up Sunday morning to get right with the Lord. He had been saved when he was younger and had got away from the Lord. I had started to say that if he did I would never be able to go up. Instead, I said that if he did I hoped that he was really sincere. That Sunday I went before he did. I had even forgotten that he had told me he was going up that morning.

Now that I have got right with the Lord I love Brother Wagner and his family very much, in the Lord. I now know the reason I felt the way I did about him was because I was under conviction and did not want to admit that what he was saying was really true. I thank God that he cared enough about where I would be spending eternity to keep coming back when I was bitter toward him.

There are many, many things for which I am thankful. Things that have become important to me are reading in the Bible and attending services every chance I get. All my life I was told that I would not be able to understand the Lord's Word. Only the priests were able to understand it. I was cheated out of the privilege of reading and learning more about my Lord in His Word. Now I read and understand His Word through the help of the Holy Spirit. Before receiving Christ, attending church on Sunday for just 45 minutes was such a waste of time. I always came away empty and lacking something. Now the services we attend on Sunday and Wednesday nights do not seem to be enough. I want to be able to go every night.

God gave His only Son to die on the cross for my sins and those of everyone else that we may gain eternal life in Heaven. Now the only thing for me to do is turn my life over to God that He may work through me and spread His Word to others.

The Lord has given me far more than I deserve and I am very thankful for it each and every day.

CHURCHES PEOPLE and EVENTS

FAITH YOUTH CHALLENGE STATE YOUTH

The Young People's Auxiliary of the Faith FWB Church in Lemay, Missouri, would like to challenge all the young people of the state to donate an offering toward a project at Youth Camp. The Faith Church young people gave \$100 toward the cost of tiling the dining hall.

The camp work day on April 20 saw 29 individuals from Faith Church helping get the camp in order for the summer's camp schedule. Among other things the group from Faith paneled their girls' cabin.

On their way home from the work day the group was stranded six miles south of Rolla when their church bus broke down. They arrived home at 1:00 a.m. Sunday morning, however, after Harold Kellerman and David Stanley of the Southside FWB Church in St. Louis rescued them. They reported a great time that day, in spite of the breakdown, and rejoiced in the strengthened bonds between Christian friends.

Reminding other Free Will Baptist young people of the state of their challenge, the Faith Church young people write, "Okay, Y.P.A's., we will be watching the GEM for your reports."

Rev. Bud Arnold is the pastor of Faith Church.

REVIVAL AT KIRKSVILLE

The First FWB Church of Kirksville reports a revival spirit in their midst this spring. A recent revival meeting with Brother Andy Lay serving as the evangelist climaxed the renewed interest. There were three salvation decisions made, two rededications, and four who joined the church during the revival meeting and in the following Sunday services.

Rev. Melvin Knott is the pastor.

O'FALLON CHURCH ON THE MOVE

The First FWB Church in O'Fallon, Missouri reports a continued growth in spirit and number.

For the last two months the Sunday school attendance has averaged above 80 and the morning worship service has averaged 110. A record attendance of 150 attended the morning service on April 14.

Since February the church has witnessed 10 decisions for Christ, six baptisms, and two individuals uniting with the church.

During the May business meeting, the church voted to resume the cooperative plan of outside giving.

Rev. Donald W. Lombard is the pastor.

BOWDEN TO STATE BOOK STORE

Edwin Bowden is the new manager of the Lebanon Bible and Book Store, which is owned and operated by the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. Bowden and his wife Shirley moved from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where he was the assistant manager of the Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Book Store. Bowden is a graduate of the Bethany Nazarene College and holds a master's degree in religion.

Free Will Baptists are urged to patronize their state book store. Sunday school and Bible school literature, Bibles, books, records, cards, and practically everything you may need in the way of Christian literature is available from our own store and we participate in the profits.

Order from Lebanon Bible and Book Store, Box 645, Lebanon, Missouri 65536.

MANESS TO ARNOLD

by Rev. Vergel Maness

"I hunger to do God's will" is an often repeated phrase by men and women in the kingdom of God. The prayer of the Lord's disciples known as the Lord's Prayer reached out to the throne asking His will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Reaching those who are lost from the grace of God is His will and to be involved in their redemption is to know the satisfaction of that hunger.

We have just recently returned to Missouri from our ministry in Arlington, Virginia. The hand of leadership from Jesus is many times mysterious but always correct. Because of personal property in Missouri, we found it necessary to return to Arnold and to the home church of our conversion. After sometime of resettling in our home we accepted the call of the Grace Free Will Baptist Church for Junior Church pastor and bus coordinator. Several wonderful people working together have increased the attendance, and we are looking to set new records in the weeks and months ahead. Most Sundays we have souls at the altar seeking to find a closer walk with Jesus. Please remember us in your prayers as we labor to do God's will.

KNOWN PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. James McAllister from Monett First to Farmington First.

Rev. Elmer Turnbough from Viburnum to Houston, Missouri.

ATTEND MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

Missouri State Association will meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, August 19-22. The State General Board will meet on Monday of that week, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The State Sunday School-CTS Board will have charge of the Monday night service.

The State Woman's Auxiliary will have their annual convention during the day on Tuesday, and the State Association proper will begin on Tuesday night. The theme, "I Must Work . . . While It Is Day" will be carried out by four speakers yet to be named by the Executive Committee.

Each Free Will Baptist Church is entitled to send their pastor and lay delegates, according to their membership, to make up the voting body of the convention. District Associations are also entitled to voting delegates, according to the size of their membership. Of course, churches sending delegates to the State Convention must be members in good standing with a member association of the state organization.

Churches are urged to encourage their pastors to attend by paying part or all of their expenses.

Following is a list of motels in the Flat River area, compiled by the host pastor, Rev. Ken Goff.

Roseners Best Western Motor Lodge. (Restaurant and Smorgasborg) Hwy. 67 North. Telephone (314) 431-4241. Single-\$10.50. Double-\$14.50. No liquor sold.

Bonneville Motel. (24 hour restaurant) Located just east of U.S. 67 on Hwy. K in Boone Terre, MO, 8 miles from Flat River, MO. Telephone (314) 358-3328. Single-\$9.00. Double \$14.50. No liquor sold.

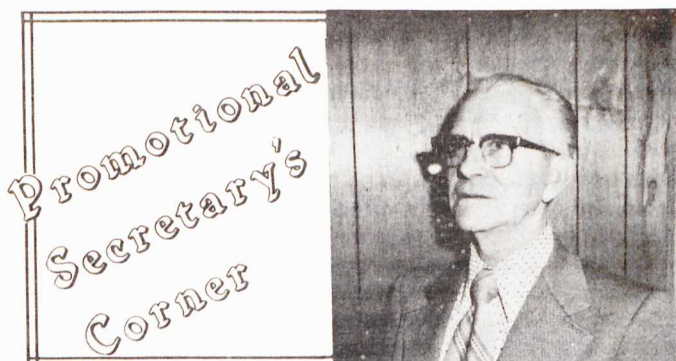
Chateau De Ville Motel and Restaurant. Hwy. 67 South, Bonne Terre, MO. Telephone (314) 358-2217. Liquor sold in restaurant. Single-\$12.00. Double-\$15.00.

Friendly Motel. Just east of Farmington on Hwy. 00, approximately 8 miles from Flat River. Telephone (314) 756-8855. Double \$6.50. No liquor sold.

Farmington Inn and Restaurant. Hwy. 67 South approximately 12 miles from Flat River. Telephone (314) 756-5787. Liquor sold in lounge. Single \$8.00. Double \$11.00.

Junction City Motel. Located in Leadington, just off of Business 67. Telephone (314) 431-4561. No liquor sold. Single \$7.00. Double \$8.00.

Lady Queen Motel and Restaurant. Located in Bismarck, MO, approximately 10 miles from Flat River on Hwy. 32. Telephone (314) 734-2525. No liquor sold. Single \$6.00. Double \$8.00.



Cave Springs Quarterly Meeting assembled with Thayer Church on Saturday, April 6. Twenty-two churches, including Piney Church which recently reorganized, represented. I was given a brief time for our Missouri program report. Ministers Clark Stephens and Darrell Strain preached the sermons. The church reports indicated people being saved and baptized and added to their congregations.

I was privileged to bring the weekly Sunday morning radio broadcast, sponsored by the Cave Springs Association over Thayer radio station. I enjoyed a fine service Sunday morning, April 7, with pastor C. Stephens and Faith Chapel FWB Church which has recently been organized in the West Plains area. Two young ladies were saved and two young men returned to the Lord. Pastor Stephens held a baptismal service in the river nearby on Sunday afternoon. They gave an offering to the Cooperative Plan too.

In response to an invitation extended by Pastor John England and the Cotton Creek Church, I preached the Sunday evening sermon there and explained the 1974 allocation of Missouri Co-operative Fund.

Pastor Bill Adkisson and Cape Girardeau FWB Church did a fine job hosting Madison County Quarterly Meeting April 12 and 13. Their recently acquired church sanctuary and 20 classrooms are located on Broadway and Spanish Streets. Rev. Ivey delivered the sermon Friday evening and Rev. O. D. Matthews preached on Saturday morning. Nine churches represented with letters and delegates. Missionary Howard Gage gave a devotional and a challenge in behalf of our missionary work in Africa. I gave the Missouri Cooperative Program report. Most of their churches support the state work regularly. Some purchased Bibles from our Lebanon Bible stand. They ordained Brother John Huffman as a deacon in Fredericktown Church. Rev. Floyd Smith was approved for ordination to the ministry, and David McCutcheon was issued license to preach.

To encourage Pastor Densel Durbin and the new work lauded in Sikeston one year ago this month, I shared with them in worship Easter Sunday morning, April 14. I gave this growing congregation a challenge and current information in regard to

Missouri's world-wide ministry of the Word of God through cooperative giving. They are winning people to the Lord. Their Sunday school attendance is running 80 to 100. Their place of worship is 201 South Kings Highway. However, they have an option on land for future building fronting Interstate Highway No. 55, in a splendid location, easily accessible from all the surrounding towns. Mrs. Durbin is slowly recovering from the severe injury received in an automobile accident in August, 1973. Please remember them in prayer.

First Church in Flat River enjoyed a good revival April 7-13. Souls were saved and the Christians were strengthened. I visited them Sunday night to share some of the gleanings from the revival. They broadcast the Sunday evening service direct from the church over Flat River radio station. They share in the cooperative plan too. Pastor Goff and the church have things ready for hosting the Missouri State Association in August.

Churches of the Northeast Missouri Quarterly Meeting assembled with New Harmony Church on Saturday evening, April 20. Columbia's pastor, Rev. Mark Vandivort, delivered the gospel message. Moderator Cooper granted Brother Beatty time to present our Missouri promotional program. Graysville's pastor was issued a certificate of good standing. Their presbytery ordained Brother Sponsler as a deacon for Hazel Creek Church to succeed the late Brother Herman Miley.

I delivered the message in Low Ground FWB Church, on Sunday morning, April 21. They designated their Sunday school offering to Foreign Missions Call-A-Thon. They also sent an offering to the Missouri Cooperative Plan.

The same evening we enjoyed a fine service with Columbia Church. I delivered the sermon and gave commendations to the congregation which fully participates in every phase of our work. Their new brick church with full size basement, located at 1807 Grindstone Road, is nearing completion. New people are attending regularly. One lady joined the church Sunday. Thanks in behalf of Columbia Church to every person and church who has given time, labor, and other gifts to erect this nice sanctuary.

Fourth Church did a fine job hosting St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting on April 21. Fourteen churches represented with delegates. Rev. Vernon Long preached the 11:00 a.m. sermon. I gave the Missouri Promotional Program and sold some Bibles from our Lebanon Bible Store display. St. Louis District Executive Board examined Steve Burton and recommended that he be ordained into the ministry. A second year license was also granted to Junior Hanson and a first year license was granted to Brother Reed, both of Calvary FWB Church. Two deacons were also approved for Berkeley Church. The offering received, plus walk-a-thon receipts were designated to Charlotte Tallent's Foreign Missions account.

On Sunday evening, April 28, special dual ordina-

tion services were conducted in Berkeley Church. Pastor Clarence Burton preached the ordination sermon for his son, Steve, to the ministry and for two deacons for the Berkeley Church, Brothers McLaughlan and Quinton. I shared in this service along with 12 other ordained ministers and deacons and the Berkeley congregation.

Rev. Steve Burton recently assumed pastoral duties with Verdella FWB Church in Central Western Missouri Association. Berkeley Church has sent out other pastors and missionaries into our Free Will Baptist denomination. They are in the top ranking supporters of the Missouri Cooperative program.

Two churches sent cooperative monies for the first time in this fiscal year. They are Faith Chapel Church of West Plains and Mt. Pisgah Church in the Mission Association. Thus, approximately 90 participating churches have given in 10 months \$70,719.52.

I earnestly solicit and challenge the remaining 60 churches affiliated with our Missouri State Association, but not supporting this fine plan, to join ranks. Take a special offering or send your annual contribution. Start sharing in 16 worthy phases of our Free Will Baptist denomination in carrying out the command of our Lord, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Harry Beatty
2244 Tenbrook
Arnold, MO 63010

On The National Front

FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOME IN TENNESSEE

We appreciate the support from Missouri to the FWB Home for Children in Greeneville, Tennessee. The home was established in 1939 by the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists for the purpose of providing a home for needy, neglected, and dependent boys and girls. We receive support and admit children from other states. Regular gifts, stamps and coupons, and special projects are encouraged. Contact the home for more information.

We received \$380.14 from Missouri in March, 1974.

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

FROM THE PINKERTON'S IN IVORY COAST

Excerpts from a recent letter are as follows . . .
 "We are now settled in Nassian which is where the Cousineaus ministered before leaving for furlough. We will be starting language study again before too long. While the preaching is done in French, a person's ministry is really limited until he can communicate with the people in their own language. During our study time we'll be working in three churches that were started by the Cousineaus. Much teaching is needed in these. We have one service in each of these churches on Sunday and an evening service in each one during the week. Interest seems to have declined after the Cousineaus left. We hope to soon start using film strips in the evening services.

"We have lots of hopes and plans, but it seems that it takes so much time just living out here. All of our groceries and other supplies are 60 miles away from the house. Please pray for us that we will be able to use our time wisely. Also pray for our boys in school."

In Christ,
 (signed) The Pinkertons
 B. P. 40F
 Bondoukou, Ivory Coast
 Africa

FROM THE FILKINSE IN IVORY COAST

Excerpts from a recent letter are as follows . . .
 "We are having a spring vacation here at ICA (Ivory Coast Academy) and it is time to get painting and cleaning done and letters written. Though this letter is overdue our thoughts and prayers have been with you just the same. We are grateful for each of your letters, prayers and support. It all means so much!

"Rain has been frequent this past month and grass and flowers have put on new color. It looks like the rainy season may be early this year and this is always a praise item. We have planted colorful shrubbery around the dorm and Dan is adding more color today by painting the trim a deep turquoise. A new building takes a lot of finish work, but we like this kind of exercise.

"The past trimester was a trying one for students and staff alike for several reasons. We ask you to continue to pray for the work here. Satan knows the limitless potential in these 158 M.K's. for the Lord, so we can expect much opposition from him.

(signed) Howard, Joan, Dan, Dave, and Dale
 B. P. 1171 Bouake
 Ivory Coast, Africa

HOW WE GAVE

Two national departments send the GEM a

statement of Missourians' contributions to their work each month.

In April we gave \$5,044.74 to Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. \$1,208.76 of that was for the General Fund, \$3,800.98 for the Building Fund, and \$35.00 was for the alumni project.

To National Home Missions we gave a total of \$1,536.86 in April. Top giving church for the month to Home Missions was Jones Chapel FWB Church, near Stella, which gave \$200.00.

Top giving church to the Bible College for the month was Monett First, which gave \$373.51.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NEXT MONTH

The annual convention of the National Association of Free Will Baptists will meet next month in Wichita, Kansas. July 14-17 are the dates to remember.

Local churches are reminded that they can be represented in the business sessions of the National Association by a lay delegate. The delegate should present his official credentials, bearing the signature of his pastor and church clerk along with the registration fee of \$10.00, to registration officials at the National Association. Official credential forms for delegates may be obtained from the May issue of HEARTBEAT Magazine or the June issue of CONTACT Magazine.

A list of hotel and motel accommodations in Wichita is available by writing the Executive Office, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

APRIL COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS 1974

20.00 % Missouri Missions	1,400.00
15.00% Missouri Promotional	1,050.00
05.50% Missouri Youth Camp	385.00
04.00% Missouri General Fund	280.00
04.00% Mo. State College Comm.	280.00
02.50% Missouri Gem	175.00
01.00% Missouri C.T.S. & S.S.	70.00
52. % Seven Missouri Depts.	3,640.00
07.00% Hillsdale College	490.00
41.00% Eight National Depts.	2,870.00
13.00% Foreign Missions	910.00
09.00% F.W.B. Bible College	630.00
07.00% Nat'l. Executive Dept.	490.00
06.50% Nat'l. Home Missions	455.00
02.00% Dept. of Retirement and Insurance	140.00
03.00% Nat'l. C.T.S. Dept.	210.00
00.25% Layman's Board	17.50
00.25% Theological Comm.	17.50
41.00% Eight Depts.	2,870.00
100.00% Disbursed	\$7,000.00
Total cooperative receipts for the past ten months \$70,719.52	
Less than \$100.00 under schedule toward our projected goal of \$85,000.00	

APRIL COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS:

Faith Chapel F.W.B. (offering)	\$5.00
Alton	7.50
Pleasant Hill	10.00
Garfield	33.64
First F.W.B., West Plains	200.00
New Harmony Sunday School	17.63
Purdy, First	63.30
Monett, First	265.07
Hurryville	86.00
Mill Creek (Jan.-Mar.)	78.47
Leadington (Mar.)	145.00
Viburnum (Mar.)	50.00
Mt. Pisgah (Mar.)	25.00
Number One	24.10
Salem	20.00
Mt. Grove, First (Mar.)	411.11
First F.W.B. Mission, K.C. (Mar.)	99.00
Belton (Mar.)	113.00
Olivett (Mar.)	130.00
Pleasant Home, Mission Assn.	67.49
Carterville	20.19
Fordland F.W.B., Liberty Assn.	25.00
Aulsbury Chapel	225.90
De Soto, First	330.00
Verdella	117.36
Independence, Kansas City Dist.	66.00
Granby (5 months)	88.95
Happy Home	46.93
Pleasant Ridge	29.00
Houston	97.00
Beacon	322.48
Gateway (Mar.)	19.60
Thayer	92.35
Copper Mines	90.00
Trinity F.W.B., St. Louis Dist.	260.00
Flat River, First (3 months)	564.33
Macedonia, Liberty Assn.	7.00
Central, K.C.	120.00
Fourth, St. Louis	334.00
Union Grove	92.50
Twin Oak	200.00
Gray Summits	118.00
Rock Chapel (Apr.)	20.02
Columbia (2 months)	185.00
Low Ground, N.E. Assn.	25.00
Richwoods F.W.B.	129.74
New Home, Laclede Co.	26.60
Waynesville, First	122.57
Grant Ave., Springfield	263.96
Bethel, Festus	40.00
Faith (Apr.)	253.90
Pleasant Grove (Cope)	24.37
New Rock Springs	35.00
Divine Trinity, Potosi	37.00
Parkview	50.00
South Side	209.60
Farmington, First	257.80
Gateway (Apr.)	14.30
Fellowship (Apr.)	50.00
Willow Springs (Apr.)	108.04
Hickory Grove (Apr.)	17.34
A Cooperative Friend	11.86
Sixty churches contributed	
in April Total	\$7,000.00
Total amount received from ninety	
participating churches for past ten months	\$70,719.52

Missouri State Home Mission Giving April 5 through May 5, 1974

Viburnum	25.00
South Fremont	160.00
Anonymous	10.00
Houston	10.00
Myrtle	25.27
Willow Springs	10.00
Olivet	260.00
Independence	13.00
Grace	80.00
William H. Davis	55.00
Rock Chapel	20.00
Flat River, First	23.25
Central	20.00
Thayer	9.75
DeSoto, First	25.00
Columbia	20.00
Low Ground	5.00
Parkview	15.00
Fellowship	33.00
South Side	7.00
Kansas City, First	50.00
Leadington	2.00
West Plains, First	20.00
Fredricktown, First	20.00
Mine LaMotte	10.00
Fourth	46.31
Victory	345.78
Cooperative Receipts	1,400.00
	\$2,720.36

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APRIL DESIGNATED GIVING THROUGH STATE OFFICE

Olivett Church	
Seven mission accounts	\$85.00
Mt. Grove First Church	
Two mission accounts	\$35.00
Fourth Church, St. Louis	
FWBBC, Missouri Project	\$500.00
Hickory Grove Sunday School	
Missions	\$11.65
Total designated giving	\$631.65



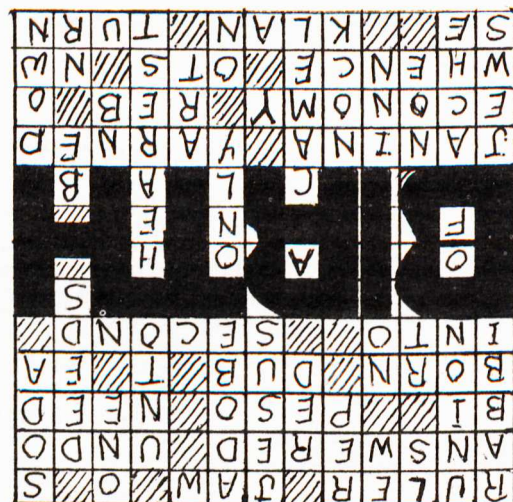
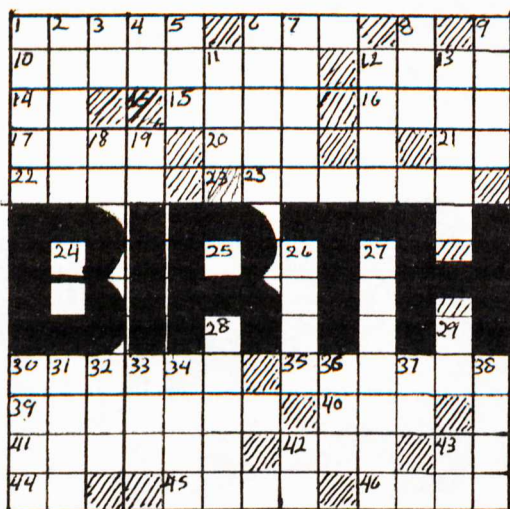
NEW BIRTH CROSSWORD
by Rev. Max Courtney

ACROSS

1. "a _____ of the Jews" John 3:1
6. Bone used as a weapon by Samson.
10. "Jesus _____ and said unto him" John 3:3
12. Isaiah 58:6, "to _____ the heavy burdens"
14. Bismuth (Abbr.)
15. Monetary unit
16. Luke 12:30, "Father knoweth that ye have _____ of these"
17. John 3:3 "except a man be _____."
20. Tag or name
21. Each (Abbr.)
22. John 3:4, "_____ his mother's womb"
23. John 3:4, "can he enter the _____ time"
25. John 3:1, "there was _____ man"
30. Serbian name of Joannina.
35. Tale or story (Colloquial past tense)
39. A saying
40. Rebel (Abbr.)
41. John 3:8, "canst not tell _____ it cometh"
42. Officers Training School (Abbr.)
43. North West
44. South East
45. Ku Klux _____
46. Psalm 60:1, "O _____ thyself"

DOWN

1. A Jewish Teacher
2. United
3. Left side (Abbr.)
4. Empty weight (Abbr.)
5. Republic (Abbr.)
6. John 3:2, "came to _____ by night"
7. Brick Mud
8. John 3:8, "so is every _____"
9. Sodium Bicarbonate
11. Isaiah 1:18, "though they be _____ like"
12. John 3:2, "and said _____ him"
13. John 3:19, "because their _____ were evil"
18. Route (Abbr.)
19. John 3:2, "for _____ man can do these"
24. John 3:1, "... a man _____ the Pharisees"
26. John 3:16, "God ... gave his _____ begotten Son"
27. John 3:8, "and thou _____ the sound"
28. Unclean animal (Leviticus 11:4)
29. "Except a man _____ born again" John 3:3
30. John 3:1, "a ruler of the _____"
31. Pain
32. Noah (Luke 17:26)
33. "there was no room for them in the _____" Luke 2:7
34. Notch in arrow
36. John 3:2, "thou _____ a teacher"
37. Nata bene (Abbr.)
38. John 3:13, "he that came _____ from heaven"
42. John 3:18, "believeth _____ him"
43. Near (Abbr.)



Woman's Page

NOTES-N-NEWS . . . The Kirksville Auxiliary is sending a food package to the Hannas this month. They also purchased gifts for their graduates and made lap robes for the Manor Care Home. After revealing "mystery prayer partners" they elected their new officers. Neva Thomas is their new president . . . The South Side Auxiliary is proud of one of their members, Mrs. Sue Winchester, for writing the July program in *Co-Laborer*. Sue presently serves as Mission Study Chairman of the local and also of the district . . . The Columbia Church announces that they have organized a Woman's auxiliary (thanks to a little boost from their pastor). Their new president is Peggy Edwards. They ask for your prayers for their auxiliary to bring the women of their church closer to the Lord and to each other. (*Co-Laborers, unite together in prayer for this new auxiliary and drop them a note of encouragement.*) . . . So far the giving to the Perpetual Loan Fund (our Home Missions Project) has exceeded the goal of \$1000 by more than \$300. P.T.L. Our State Project giving, however, is down . . . Now is the time for giving, ladies. Our year is closing . . . REMEMBER . . . Our State Retreat coming up in September and our State Meeting in August.

Have you ever felt unwanted, unneeded, and unnecessary? Well, ladies, feel that way no longer! SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU . . . Our sister state, Kansas, will host this year's National Association. They have only 7 or 8 churches in the state. The convention expense for the Woman's Auxiliary will come to \$1500 or more. If each auxiliary would give only \$15 we could be of great help to our sisters in Christ. Their president says that money is their greatest need and also help with registration. CO-LABORERS let us put our name to work and help our sisters with our prayers and financial support.

MEETING OUR CO-LABORERS . . .

This month I would like to introduce to you our new Home Missionaries to Aurora. In sharing with us here is what Patricia has to say: "I have lived in the state of Missouri since the age of 5 and am the daughter of a Free Will Baptist minister, Rev. Ralph Cook. My husband, Dale, and I have four daughters, Debbie, Dianne, Della, and Darla, ranging in age from 11 years to 20 months.

"Dale accepted the call to the ministry in October, 1969. We were working in a mission in Parkville at that time, so this is not our first experience in a mission. We moved to Nashville, Tennessee, in 1970 and Dale attended Bible College for 2 years, then back to Missouri where we have been pastoring.

"We moved to Aurora in January of this year and set out to do God's will. There is so much challenge in mission work along with the hopes, the heart-aches, discouragement, and the trials. But the blessings are there too, and always the happiness after the tears—Praise God!

"Our mission here is coming along well we think. We started out with 13 people in the congregation (6 of our own family) and we are averaging 27 now. We are planning a Bible School in the near future and starting an auxiliary for our women.

"It takes so much patience and hard work but we know that God will work it all out. We had 34 for church May 5, our largest attendance since we have been here.

"My favorite verse comes to mind when I'm down-hearted and discouraged: 'Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning.' (Psalm 30:5b).

"We truly desire your prayers across the state and extend a welcome to each of you to visit our services when you are in our area." (Remember this mission and this missionary Co-Laborer this month: Patricia Pitts)

(Editor's note: THANKS for the correspondence this month, keep up the good work.)

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1974 Theme:
GROWING TOWARD MATURITY

THANK GOD

for the evidences of His blessings upon
our denomination during this past year.

PRAY FOR

the leadership of the Holy Spirit as the
Executive Office of the National
Association and the steering committee
of Kansas co-ordinate plans.

PRAY FOR

spiritual results in the lives of the 5,000
persons expected to attend this 38th
annual convention.

PRAY FOR

each of the convention speakers and
other program personalities.

PRAY FOR

the National Youth Conference meeting
simultaneously July 14-18 and W.N.A.C.
meeting July 16.

SPEAKERS:



RUE DELL SMITH
Pastor, First FWB Church
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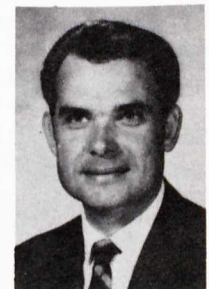
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