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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1973-74

Church	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Aurora	30	26	19	26								
Beacon, Raytown	80	71	96	79	78	77	81	81	78	89	84	
Berkeley, First	296	289	316	323	342	347	348	330	309			
Bethel, Festus	86	96	79									
Copper Mines	87	86	95	87	80	74	76	68	74			
Cuba	85		78	72	82	72	71	72	70	67	92	74
Desoto	159	143	158	150	156	161	149	155	145	149	159	170
Divine Trinity,										51		
Evangel, Webb City							44	46	45	41	49	32
Farmington	139	131	129	132	142	134	138	135	115	131		
Fellowship, Flat River	310	277	298	384	432		391	330	324	362	405	
Flat River, First	149	150	149									
Fourth, St. Louis	110	125	123	133	147	132	141	164	146	174		
Grace, Arnold	209	189	220	202	240	238	232	226	200	230	272	
Jefferson City	31	34	43	51		56						
Jones Chapel	86	86	91	101	90	85	91	71	91	90		
Joplin, First	100	102	101	95	94	95						
King's Way, Springfield	61	68	56	70	79	90	90	80	85	99	92	97
Kirkville	103	101	95	99	101	105						
Leadington	62	60	59	43	46	50	47	49	35	47	56	
Lebanon, First	143	134	119	191		125		128	144	127	128	
Mine LaMotte	55	43	43	37	43	44	46	44	40		75	62
Monett, First	219	209	200	196	240	208	195					
Mountain Grove, First	256	248	265	267	283	265	276	253	277	275		
Myrtle	45	52	54		47	46	49	44	44			
O'Fallon	53	50	60	65	82	78	62	70	65	85	81	
Parkview, Desloge	83	83	87	96	100	100	98	78	75	81	85	84
Richwoods	34	36	30	31	30	26	33	22	27			
Salem	40	37	49	43	45	40	44	34	35			
South Fremont, Spfd	74	72	77	83	76		80	80				
Southside, St. Louis	130	132	130	130	126	140	127	126	127	141	143	
Springfield, First	195	176	174	196	208							
Thayer	159	173	152	152	156	144	157	156	151	154	168	161
Trinity, Bridgeton	153	159	157	184	174	179	192	189	182	202	225	
Twin Oaks	58	59	56	59	57	55	58	52	56	64		
Victory, Avondale	155	138	160	164	233	210	188	189	188	179	218	171
Willow Springs	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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The Indispensable Commodity: The Ability to Care

From a prison cell in Rome in the year A.D. 62, the Apostle Paul wrote these words to the church at Philippi: "But I trust in the Lord to send Timotheus shortly unto you." Then in verse 20 he said, "For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state."

There are so many nuggets of spiritual gold that we in the twentieth century jet age could reap from this one verse of biography concerning the young man, Timothy. Paul speaks here of personal confidence which he has in Timothy, concerning his willingness to go wheresoever he may choose to send him. In other words Timothy was willing to *be used*. How, when we were servants of Satan, we were so willing to *be used*! How persuasive we were that others should follow us in the paths of sin. Yet are we willing to *be used* to this great extent in the work of God?

I do not think Free Will Baptists are lacking in talent, money, or ability; but many times it becomes very, very obvious that our great denomination is hampered drastically by the amount of souls that refuse to *be used* or who possess an attitude of not caring. How heartbreaking it is to have to beg the God-given talent out of some one, talent that God has given freely; but, before they will freely give it, they must first be begged.

Timothy must have been such an unusual lover of the work of God, because Paul admitted, "I have no

man likeminded." What words of spiritual praise the apostle is giving this very young preacher! What a tremendous biography of his young life and character! Timothy was one of a kind because Paul said, "Timothy will naturally care for your state." Yes, praise God because, *he cared!*

Why are churches continually running the same figure or less in attendance? It is very simple: Nobody cares! Why is it becoming less and less popular to go to church on Sunday night for so many Free Will Baptists? Because they just do not care! Why is the attendance on midweek service so low that Satan must laugh? Because nobody cares! Why is the average Free Will Baptist church hampered financially from doing what they really know they should be doing? Because nobody cares! How can souls in our state and country die in their blind, lost condition without one Free Will Baptist hand knocking on their door inviting them to meet the Savior, Jesus? That is right; you guessed it; Nobody cares!

Paul said, "Timothy will naturally care for your state." Did that mean that Timothy was the only worker that Paul had to call upon? Probably not. But it seemed that all the others must have had a chronic, twentieth century, Free Will Baptist problem. Notice Paul's words in verse 21, "For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's." What could be said more or less of all the

others except they just did not care. They were too busy to care, too busy doing their own thing to be bothered with the things of Jesus Christ. Men who were supposed to be leaders, lovers of God, yes, even soldiers of the bloodstained cross, but they refused to be bothered with the things of Jesus Christ. How sad! How frightening! How shocking was the apostle's biography of 99 percent of all his workers. Once a man was heard making this statement as a joke, "The average new convert has to backslide three times before he can have fellowship with the average Free Will Baptist church member." Perhaps this should be taken from the joke column and be placed on the realistic column.

The Bible plainly says that we are bought with a price; therefore, we are to glorify God in our bodies and in our spirits, which are God's (1 Corinthians 6:20). Again, in chapter 7, verse 23, Paul said, "Ye are bought with a price; be not ye servants of men." If we have been bought and purchased then we do not even belong to ourselves. We belong to God. How then could we care for the things of ourselves more than the things of Jesus Christ?

It would appear that the average people which constitute the population of the United States, and, yes, even the whole world, are like the class of people that lived back during a very strange time in history. The last 11 words found in the Book of Judges describes this moment of history by saying, "Every man did that which was right in his own eyes."

For the unsaved to adopt a doctrine of life with this attitude is one thing, but for the so-called Christian to adopt this doctrine of life is quite another. Christians must care! They should be the most caring people in all the world for the things of Jesus Christ. Every thing should take second place to the things of Jesus Christ. What are the things of Jesus Christ? The complete work of the church.

The godly Elijah, while standing on a certain mountain, cried out the message that Christians the world over ought to greatly consider during this contemporary jet age time in which we live: "If Baal is your god then serve him, but if the Lord be thy God, then serve Him." It seems that God is saying through Elijah, "Make up your minds as to what you are going to do." Get off the balance and, if you have chosen God, then act like it by caring for Him and His work."

Today, I believe God is speaking to Free Will Baptists the world over and this is what He is saying, "If I am your God then serve me all the way, all the time. Care for the things of Me. Care for My work, which is the work of the church. But, if your flesh is your god, then serve it, but not under the pretense of Christianity; for then you are just lukewarm and I promise that I will spue thee out of my mouth" (Revelation 3:16.)

Rev. Ken Goff is the pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Missouri, and a member of the State Youth Camp Board.

CHURCHES

PEOPLE AND EVENTS

*Winner - Bible Bowl
Rock Chapel Church
Eddie Atyis - Pastor*



*State winners
Bible Tic Tac Toe
First FWB Church*



*Young Horizons winners of Choir
Mtn. Grove FWB Church
Lynn Wood - Pastor*

STATE YOUTH COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES HELD

Good participation and stiff competition characterized the State Youth Competitive Activities this year. The following photos of some of the winners of the competition, all of whom will represent Missouri youth at the National Youth Conference in Wichita, Kansas, this month.

Bible Bowl: Rock Chapel, Rock Chapel FWB

Bible Tic Tac Toe: Mountain Grove, First FWB

Adventurer Declamation: Robin Sheppard, Mountain Grove, First FWB

Choir: Mountain Grove, First FWB

Recitation: Joanne Sasser, St. Louis, Fourth FWB

Ceramics: Sandra Hill (I Rating) Willow Springs, Willow Springs FWB

Piano Solo: Celecia Hill (I Rating) Willow Springs,

Vocal Duet: Sasser Girls (I Rating) St. Louis, Fourth FWB

Vocal Solo: Jane Coday, I Rating) Mountain Grove, First FWB

Piano Solo: Lisa Vincell (I Rating) St. Louis, Fourth FWB

Young people interested in participating in the competitive activities next year should order the instruction material from the National CTS Department, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202, in plenty of time to be prepared for the competition in May, 1975.

KING'S WAY ACTIVITIES

by Mrs. Mary Latimer

Old Fashioned Day and Vacation Bible School are two of the recent events that the King's Way FWB Church in Springfield have enjoyed. All day services were held on old fashioned Sunday. Special guests were the Young Gospels from Alton, Missouri. The congregation truly enjoyed them and were blessed by their singing.

Vacation Bible School was the week of June 3-7. Some 40 students and 20 teachers and helpers were in attendance at the first VBS for King's Way Church. God has blessed in the two years we have been organized. Our Sunday school continues to run around the 100 mark, with the average for May of 99. Our building, located at 2615 North Park, already needs to be enlarged, and we are looking forward to the day we can build again.

Other special services planned for the coming months are a Sunday night service on May 16 with the Master's Five from Monett and the second anniversary of the organization of our church on August 4. We are looking forward to these days.

On August 25 we will be hosting the Anchor Quartet from Springfield in our Sunday morning services.

If you are in Springfield and need to have a church to attend, you may contact our pastor Reverend Gene Terry, at 2029 North Nettleton. His phone number is 866-6546.

RECOND ATTENDANCE AT YOUTH CAMP

A record number of Missouri FWB youth attended the three weeks of camp last month. 307 registered for the High School Week and 426 registered for the Junior High Week. More than 400 were expected to register for the Elementary Week at press time.

Missionary Lynn Miley served as the evangelist for all three weeks of camp. Young people and sponsors alike commented in superlatives about his preaching.

A hearty thanks to our fine Youth Camp Board: Rev. Ken Goff, Rev. Dennis Bowman, Rev. Lynn Wood, Rev. Bud Arnold, and Rev. Clarence Burton. Brother Pinkney Askren and his family are doing a superb job on the camp grounds. The scores of ministers and laymen who served as counselors and various other camp positions all deserve commendation for fine cooperation at Youth Camp "74."

NEWS FROM JONES CHAPEL

The Jones Chapel FWB Church near Stella, Missouri, reports a good Vacation Bible School held in June. "In spite of a very rainy week our attendance was good," writes Miss Betty Flaxbeard, the church reporter. "We had 60 children enrolled with a daily average attendance of 56, plus a staff of 20 workers." Joan Culp was the VBS director.

The children voted to send their VBS offering of \$41.70 to 11-year old Allen Robinson, their adopted boy, at the Free Will Baptist Home for Children in Greeneville, Tennessee.

A youth revival was held at Jones Chapel the last of June. Rev. Ronnie Tosh, of Anderson, Missouri, was the evangelist for the meeting. The New Bethel Quartet and other groups provided the special music.

Rev. Billy Joe Gentry is the pastor.

COLUMBIA CHURCH SETS DEDICATION

The Columbia FWB Church has set July 28 as the date for the dedication of their new building, pictured in the accompanying photo. Free Will Baptists across the state are invited to attend the services at 2:30 p.m.

Columbia Church recently had a revival meeting with Rev. Bill Evans as evangelist.

Rev. Mark Vandivort is the pastor.



A NEW NAME FOR JEFFERSON CHURCH

The name of the FWB Mission work has been

changed from Capitol City FWB Church to Panarama Hills FWB Church. Their Vacation Bible School averaged 89 in attendance, with 20 young people making salvation decisions.

Panarama Hills Church operates a day care center and summer day camp at their property at 1000 Linden Drive.

Rev. George Bryant is the pastor of this state home mission sponsored work.

EVANGEL CHURCH ADOPTS COOP

The Evangel FWB Church of Webb City recently voted to send 10 percent of their church income to the state cooperative plan.

Nine walkers from Evangel Church participated in the Bible College Walk-a-Thon at Monett on June 8 and raised \$57 for the Library Wing Project for Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

Rev. Andy Lay is the pastor.

DALE SMITH TO MONETT

Rev. Dale Smith has begun his ministry at the First FWB Church of Monett. He came to Monett from Moore, Oklahoma, where he had been an instructor at Hillsdale FWB College for the past three years.

WORK AT CAPE GIRARDEAU PROGRESSING

by Rev. Bill Adkisson

Looking back, it is almost unbelievable how much has happened in just 17 months at Cape Girardeau. We have moved out of the basement building we had and sold it and have purchased as fine a building as could be found for only \$23,000 and our old property. These facilities can accommodate attendance up to 350.

Our attendance has come from 9 to 99 in 12 months. God has given us some great families who were already saved and were tithing. The church has been able to assume the pastor's salary.

In April and May we had a family of six saved and added to the church and a mother and her son saved.

We operate a day care center, which has been granted state approval. The "Kiddie Kampus," as it is called, contributes \$150 a month to the church, plus half the phone bill and all the cost of furniture and equipment used in the center. This also helps us in our Sunday school.

Our whole church is praising God for the outstanding leadership and support our State Home Mission Board has contributed to our work at Cape. Without them this work and the program of First FWB Church of Cape Girardeau would have been impossible.

REV. GARY ELDER TO NEW WORK IN POPLAR BLUFF



Several FWB churches in the area of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, assumed the responsibility of starting a new work in that city. Under the leadership of Rev. James Stoveall and others, property has been purchased and Rev. Gary Elder and his wife have been called to pastor the work. The first services were held on June 2. The first three services averaged 19 in attendance. Brother Elder comes from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

Anyone knowing of Free Will Baptist families or other prospects living in the Poplar Bluff area is requested to send their names to Rev. Gary Elder, 1825 Woodrow St., Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

WALK-A-THON FOR MISSIONS

The Walk-a-thon for missions sponsored by the St. Louis District Youth Rally was a great success in every way. Sixty-one of the sixty-two walkers completed the 10-mile hike from the South Side Church to Gateway Church.

The weather was nice and cool as the walkers raised \$1,125 for missions. O'Fallon Church finished in first place with 16 walkers and a pledge of \$448.30. One young man from O'Fallon, Garry Jones, had at least 101 sponsors and a pledge of \$175.

Grace Church came in second with 11 walkers and a pledge of \$200. Other churches participating were Overland, Fourth, Gateway, South Side, and Richwoods. Three area ministers also participated: Rev. Harry Asher from Overland, Rev. Robert Francis of South Side, and Rev. Roy Pearson, assistant pastor of South Side.

MISSOURI STATE YOUTH ROUNDUP

Missouri State Youth Roundup is planned for Monday evening, August 17, at the state association to be held with First FWB Church of Flat River.

The evening service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Jonathan Thigpen, who is with the National CTS Department, will be speaking. Appearing with him will be a special group of singers.

Following the youth service will be the Youth Roundup. Transportation will be provided to and from the Roundup which will be held at the

Fellowship FWB Church in Flat River. Jonathan Thigpen and a quartet from Hillsdale FWB College will provide entertainment for young people from 13-19 years of age.

Mrs. Barbara Harwell, Mrs. Helen McAllister, and "Mr. Chips" will be providing entertainment for the 9 to 12 years old.

The cost for the Roundup will be 75¢ which will include light refreshments (no meal this year).

Refreshments and a time of fellowship will be provided at the church for the parents and families waiting for the young people attending the Roundup, which will be dismissed by 10:00 p.m.

Rev. Millard Sasser, Chairman
State Sunday School—C TS Board

CHURCH WORKERS' SEMINAR PLANNED FOR FALL

The Missouri State College Commission has announced plans for a Church Workers' Seminar on the subject of church organization for October 7-9, at the Free Will Baptist State Youth Camp near Niangua, Missouri.

Mr. Keith Kenemer, Director of Sunday School Revivals, Incorporated, and Rev. Bill Jones, president of Hillsdale FWB College in Moore, Oklahoma, will be the principal speakers. Courses may be taken for college credit.

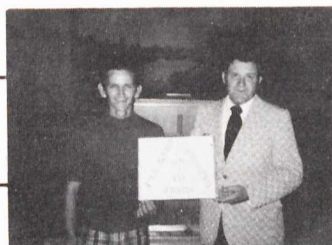
More details will be forthcoming in the GEM.

FROM THE LANDS IN KANSAS CITY

"God is blessing in a wonderful way here. Souls have been saved at the altar and in homes. The past year has been one of prayer and hard work, but now we are beginning to reap some harvest for which we praise the Lord.

Our Sunday school is averaging about 50, and to us that is a multitude compared to a year ago.

*Jerry Kendall Sr., Collected
\$145.00 for Walk-A-Thon
also his pastor won.*



KANSAS CITY WALK-A-THON

The Walk-a-thon for the Bible College was a great success in the Kansas City area. The people here at the First Kansas City mission really went to work and collected \$572 for the Bible College. One of our new converts, Jerry Kendall, whose picture is enclosed, was tops with \$145 pledged and collected. We also had the most walkers. Twenty walkers participated and 18 went the full 10 miles. It was really an enjoyable day.

Rev. John Land

On The National Front

FROM THE HORTONS IN DES MOINES

Rev. Leland Horton and his family are now residing in Des Moines, Iowa. Brother Horton, a native of the Mountain Grove, Missouri area is sponsored by the National Home Mission Board and has been on itinerate for the past several months raising his support.

Brother Horton conducted his first Sunday service in Des Moines on May 26 with 26 in attendance. A 69-year old man was saved. The group is presently meeting in the downtown Des Moines YMCA chapel.

"God has blessed us with some fine young married couples with a willingness to work. We are now having 25 in average attendance at prayer meeting. We thank all that have shared in this ministry in the state of Missouri. Please continue to pray for us. Thank you," writes Brother Horton to the GEM family.

FROM THE FILKINSES IN THE IVORY COAST

Excerpts from a recent news letter . . .

"As we begin our second year in Ivory Coast we are praising the Lord for the great year and the many opportunities He gave us. This school year is almost over—graduation will be July 3. As we look back over the year, the hard spots and times of disappointment fade away as we rejoice in what the Lord has done. It is exciting to watch God work in the hearts of our 16 boys. Two were saved; two answered a call to preach and others made commitments to the Lord.

"During our summer break we will spend time at Doropo and do what we can to help out there. We are so grateful for your prayers and support. 'I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can see something of the future he has called you to share' (Ephesians 1:18a, Living Bible). "

Howard Filkins Family, B.P. 1171
Bouake, Ivory Coast, Africa

FROM FWBBC IN NASHVILLE

Jim Turnbough of Viburnum, Missouri, made the second semester "B" honor roll at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

At the end of the fiscal year Missouri gave \$11,753.13 of its \$17,500.00 quota. During the month of May, 1974, Missourians gave \$1,862.23 to the Bible College. The top giving church to the general fund was Fellowship Church in Flat River, which gave \$50.00. Farmington First Church gave

\$320.23 to the Library Wing Project and was thus the top giver to the building fund.

FROM THE PINKERTONS IN IVORY COAST

Excerpts from a recent letter . . .

"Since we've arrived in Ivory Coast our mail has been sent to various places and some of it is just now catching up with us. Unfortunately, this scattered mail also included our monthly statements. This is one of the reasons for our taking so long to get out a letter of thanks. A second reason is the amount of activity we have been involved in since

our arrival. Our boys were home with us for the month of April (my, but that was good!). In May we had our orientation session and a field council meeting with the other missionaries here on the field. It was at this meeting that we asked permission to carry on the work started in the Nassian area by the Cousineaus. So this will be our place of service during this term. After this meeting we started language study (again). So far, we've found this language more difficult than the French, believe it or not! For Koulango, there aren't any skilled teachers and only a very limited amount of printed matter. So, we are using one of the local Christians to help us in this effort.

"We do not know when Tim and Carol will return to Switzerland for Tim's next surgery. We are hoping that it can be either in August or December so he will not have to miss any more school. To this point, his attitude has been great. His cheek is still scarred, but it looks much better than we ever thought it would. Thanks again, for your prayers."

(signed) Jerry, Carol, Howard,
Junior, and Tim Pinkerton
B.P. 40 F
Bondoukou, Ivory Coast
Africa

Missouri State Home Mission Giving: May 5 through June 5, 1974

Monett, First FWB	\$ 75.00
Cabool	30.00
Rock Chapel	20.00
Willow Springs	12.00
Cuba	7.00
Hartville	15.00
Hannon	52.70
Copper Mines	5.00
Madison County Quarterly Meeting	75.00
Old Bethel	5.55
Mill Creek	15.00
Twin Oaks	29.07
Salem	10.00
South Fremont	104.25
Myrtle	126.53
Thayer	9.00
New Home	30.00
Central	20.00
Olivet	300.00
Houston	10.00
First Quarterly Meeting Mission Assoc.	118.00
Independence	17.00
Low Ground	5.00
Mountain Grove, First FWB	2.50
DeSoto, First FWB	30.00
Parkview	15.00
West Plains, First FWB	20.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
South Side	1.00
Fourth	44.94
Fellowship	37.00
Kansas City, First FWB	50.00
Victory	285.56
Aurora	15.45
Hazel Creek	10.00
Cooperative Receipts	1,201.22
Total	\$2,813.77

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MAY COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS 1974

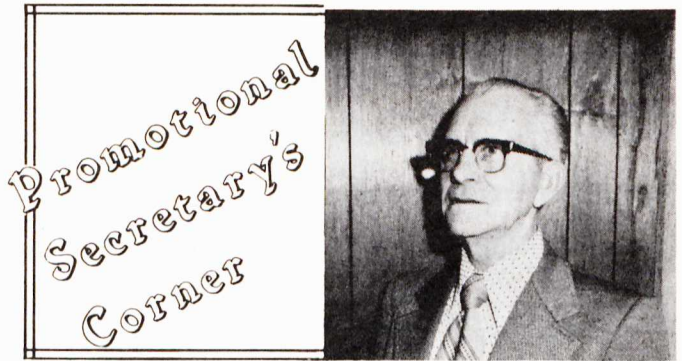
20.00% Missouri Missions	\$1,201.22
15.00% Missouri Promotional Dept.	900.91
05.50% Missouri Youth Camp	330.34
04.00% Missouri General Fund	240.24
04.00% Missouri State College Comm.	240.24
02.50% Missouri Gem	150.15
01.00% Missouri C.T.S.—S.S.	60.06
52% seven Missouri Depts.	3,123.16
07.00% Hillsdale College	420.43
41% Eight Nat'l. Depts.	2,462.49
13.00% Foreign Missions	780.79
09.00% F.W.B. Bible College	540.55
07.00% National Executive Dept.	420.43
06.50% Natl. Home Missions	390.40
03.00% Natl. C.T.S. Dept.	180.18
02.00% Board of Retirement & Ins.	120.12
00.25% Layman's Board	15.01
00.25% Theological	
Liberalism Commission	15.01
100% Total amount Disbursed	6,006.08

Harry Beatty: Promotional Secretary-Treasurer

MAY COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS:

Byrd	\$ 10.50
First FWB Mission, K.C.	98.00
Beacon	222.97
Number One	28.45
Leadington	113.19
Aurora	25.47
Garfield (Apr.)	22.04
First FWB, West Plains, (Apr.)	163.00
O'Bethel	17.00
Mine La Motte	27.63
Grace	424.80
Mill Creek Sunday School	11.10
Merl's Chapel (3 months)	157.27
Carterville	14.17
Granby (Apr.)	12.55
Mt. Pisgah	47.20
Cabool	114.46
Pleasant Ridge	23.16
Hurryville	(Apr.) 92.33
Cuba	125.00
Monett	227.26
Salem	20.00
Thayer	98.75
Hannon	105.40
Verdella	61.21
Rock Chapel	21.62
Houston	78.00
Macedonia, Liberty Assn.	10.00
Fordland	25.00
Neosho Church (offering)	20.00
Copper Mines	80.00
Berkley	300.00
De Soto, First FWB	300.00
Independence FWB	73.00
Central	120.00
Belton	133.00
Olivett	130.00
Royal Oaks	48.00
Purdy, First FWB	55.00
Happy Home	20.30
Gospel Light, Bonne Terre	15.00
Mt. Grove, First FWB	341.40
Mt. Valley (Jan. Feb. Mar.)	158.96
Macedonia FWB,	150.50
Indian Creek Association	
Farmington, First	257.68
Parkview (May)	50.00
Fourth FWB	235.11
Grant Avenue (May)	267.19
First FWB, West Plains (May)	152.00
New Rock Springs	43.70
Pleasant Grove	23.56
Bethel of Festus	40.00
Divine Trinity, Potosi	26.00
Mine La Motte	34.64
Fellowship (May)	50.00
South Side, St. Louis	183.51
Berkley, St. Louis	300.00
Fifty three churches	
sent in May	\$6,006.08

We are \$8,274.40 from our \$85,000. projected goal. Rally, Brethren! Let us make June equal January and go over the top. June 30 comes on Sunday, so speed your checks to me to be included in this fiscal year.



by Rev. Harry Beatty

On Saturday, May 4, we met our son Kenneth and family in Fredericktown for the funeral service of their late great grandmother, Mrs. Rose. We extend Christian condolences to her surviving people.

On Sunday morning, May 5, we visited our Fredericktown Church and worshipped with them.

On Wednesday evening, May 8, I attended one service in the Houston revival. Their pastor, Elmer Turnbough, preached this one-week revival.

Pastor Troy Burney and the Mt. Valley Church did a fine job hosting First Quarterly Meeting of Mission Association on Thursday, May 9. Delegates from 20 churches were represented with letters. Ministers preaching were: C. Montgomery, F. Wynn, Warren Hutsell, P. Smyer, and one guest visiting minister, Allen Ledbetter. I gave the Missouri cooperative report. Some purchased Bibles and FWB Treatises from our Lebanon Bible portable stand.

The First Quarterly Meeting issued license to Brother Stroud for the ministry.

Mt. Valley Church recently enlarged and re-finished their entire church building, thus providing more Sunday school room space too. They also share in the worldwide ministry in cooperative giving through Missouri State Association.

Indian Creek Quarterly Meeting assembled with Joplin First Church on Saturday, May 11. Most of their churches represented with delegates. Rev. Dale Pitts delivered the 11:00 a.m. sermon. Later in the day Jimmy Williams, son of the late Rev. Paul Williams, delivered a devotional and sermon. He was issued first-year license into the gospel ministry. Jimmy's mother and sisters from another state were present for this special occasion. The Indian Creek churches pooled enough funds to refinish and update their men's cabin at the State Youth Camp near Niangua. I gave the cooperative report. Two churches in this area gave their first contribution to this fund in this fiscal year.

I attended the closing service of Purdy First Church's revival meeting. Rev. Ted Davis was their evangelist. The pastor, Rev. Fred Harris, reports that the church continues to win people to the Lord.

In response to an invitation from Neosho Church and Pastor Don Davis, I delivered the Sunday morning sermon May 12. Their Sunday school and

church attendance both are on the increase. New people have affiliated with the church recently. Neosho's new sanctuary is located near Missouri Highway 61 bypass.

The same Sunday evening I delivered the message in our Aurora Mission. Please remember Pastor Pitts and the church in prayer.

On May 13-15 more than 30 ministers plus several laymen attended Minister's Fellowship and Workshop at Niangua Camp Grounds. Rev. Bill Jones, president of Hillsdale College ministered the Word.

On Saturday, May 18, Greater Kansas City Annual Association convened with Olivett Church in Marshall. Guest evangelist Bobby Jackson delivered the sermon. Central's new pastor, Rev. Bill Evans, preached at 7:30 p.m. The business occupied the afternoon session. A good supper was served in the church annex. I gave the cooperative program. Some purchased Bibles out of the portable Bible stand.

On Sunday morning, May 19, I delivered the gospel message at Olivett Church. This church is still on the move for God. Several people were saved in the revival there recently.

On Sunday evening, Mrs. Beatty and I visited Pastor George Bryant and Capitol City FWB Church

in Jefferson City. I delivered the evening sermon. They have acquired spacious church property located at 1000 Linden Drive. Brethren, let us remember this Missouri missionary and his family both with prayer and financial support.

On Saturday, May 25, Mrs. Beatty and I attended Memorial Day decorations at Rose Hill and Thayer cemeteries, the place of burial of the most of our people.

On Sunday morning, May 26, Pastor Hill invited me to preach the sermon in Thayer FWB Church. One man was saved in the altar service. Thayer Church recently had a good soul saving revival. Some new members were added to their membership. Brother Hill preached on communion and washing the saints' feet Sunday night. We experienced full participation of those present.

Fifty-three churches contributed \$6,006.08 in May. Cooperative receipts for 11 months total \$76,725.60. Thus we are \$8,274.40 under our goal. Brethren, I challenge you to do your best in June, and let us go over the top.

Send all cooperative receipts to Rev. Harry Beatty, 2244 Tenbrook, Arnold, MO 63010

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

August 19-22, 1974

At First FWB Church in Flat River, Missouri
Corner of Cedar and Emerson Streets
Rev. Ken Goff, Host Pastor, 306 Cedar, (314)
431-2533.

Theme: "I MUST WORK . . . WHILE IT IS DAY"
(John 9:4).

Monday, August 19

General Board Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
Youth Service, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 20

General Board meeting continues
State Auxiliary Convention,
all day, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

7:30 p.m. State Association proper begins. Rev. A. B. Brown, preaching, "Signs of the End Times"

Wednesday, August 21

9:30 a.m. Business Session. Moderator Rev. James McAllister in charge. Rev. Harry Beatty devotional

11:00 a.m. Worship session. Rev. Max Courtney preaching, "Coming to Grips With the Urgency of This Hour"

1:00 p.m. Business Session Rev. Charles Miller, devotional

7:30 p.m. Worship. Rev. Rolla Smith preaching, "The Unfinished Task"

Thursday, August 22

9:30 a.m. Business Session. Rev. James Barker, devotional

11:00 a.m. Worship Rev. Harvey Hill, preaching, "The Laborers' Reward"

A list of motels in the Flat River area were printed in last month's issue of the GEM.

STATE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Rev. James McAllister, Moderator
Rev. William Evans, Assistant Moderator
Rev. A. B. Brown, Clerk
Rev. Ken Dogget, Assistant Clerk

MISSOURI BIBLE INSTITUTES FALL SCHEDULE

WHAT ARE THE MISSOURI BIBLE INSTITUTES?

They are college level courses taught by qualified instructors in Free Will Baptist churches around the state. The institutes are extension schools of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Oklahoma, and are accredited, just as though they were taken on campus at Hillsdale, by the Oklahoma State Board of Regents of Higher Education. The college hours earned are transferable to other colleges and universities according to their normal policy of transfer.

WHEN WILL THE INSTITUTES BE HELD?

All four institutes in the state will begin on Thursday night, August 29, and meet from 7:00 to

10:00 p.m. each Thursday through December 19, 1974, except for Thanksgiving Day.

WHERE WILL THE INSTITUTES BE HELD?

Grace FWB Church in Arnold, Missouri. Rev. Clarence Burton, Director

First FWB Church in Mountain Grove, Missouri. Rev. Chesley Hill, Director

First FWB Church in Joplin, Missouri. Rev. Andy Lay, Director

First FWB Church in Independence, Missouri. Rev. Cliff Bowman, Director

WHO MAY ATTEND?

Anyone who desires to enlarge his knowledge of the Bible and become a more effective Christian servant may attend. To take the courses for college credit the student must have a high school diploma or its equivalent. (Some exceptions may be made for high school seniors.) The courses do not, however, have to be taken for credit. They may be audited by anyone even if they do not have a high school diploma. Non high school graduates are not required to take the examinations or meet other course requirements. Both laymen and ministers will find the courses helpful.

WHAT COURSES WILL BE OFFERED THIS SEMESTER?

Arnold and Mountain Grove

Second Semester Bible Survey (2 hours)
Second Semester Bible Doctrine (2 hours)
Second Semester Music Directing (2 hours)
Methods of Teaching (2 hours)

Kansas City

First Semester Bible Survey (2 hours)
First Semester Bible Doctrine (2 hours)
Evangelism (2 hours)
Methods of Teaching (2 hours)

JIM WILLIAMS LICENSED

by Ruth Ann Reynolds

"The answer is still God," says Jim Williams, who on May 11, 1974, was licensed to preach the gospel by the Indian Creek Association. Jim, who is the son of the late Rev. Paul Williams and Mrs. Opal Williams, of Nashville, Tennessee, gives this as his testimony.

"I knew that I was being called to preach 15 years ago, but like so many people I had other plans for myself and this did not include God. I packed my belongings and took my family and moved to Denver, Colorado. I became a successful salesman and for several years was, what I thought, really living. Through our business I became acquainted with a minister of a Baptist church and through this

Joplin

First Semester Bible Survey (2 hours)

First Semester Bible Doctrine (2 hours)

First Semester Fundamentals of Music (2 hours)

WHAT WILL BE THE COST?

\$20.00 per student per semester hour if taken for college credit, plus \$10 registration fee.

\$10.00 per student per semester hour if not taken for college credit, plus \$5.00 registration fee.

Textbooks may be purchased at time of registration.

IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS

Ask your pastor, or write any member of the Missouri State College Commission

Rev. James McAllister, 303 West Columbia, Farmington, MO 63640

Rev. Chesley Hill

Rev. Clarence Burton

Rev. Cliff Bowman

Rev. Mark Vandivort

MAY DESIGNATED GIVING THROUGH STATE OFFICE

Aurora FWB Church

Five mission accounts \$ 60.45

Merl's Chapel FWB Church

One mission account 32.25

Hazel Creek FWB Church

Two mission accounts 20.00

Olivett FWB Church, Marshall

Seven mission accounts 85.00

Mt. Grove First FWB

S x accounts 241.71

Total received and disbursed \$439.41

friendship we started attending church, and I realized that this was what I was really searching for. My wife and I rededicated our lives and our two older children were saved. On January 27, 1974, I accepted the call to preach and delivered my first message in my home church in Joplin. We have returned to our home at 4415 South Grant, Englewood, Colorado; and, while praying and waiting for the Lord to show us what He wants us to do or where we are to go, we are attending the First FWB Church of Lakewood where the Rev. Gary Terrell is pastoring. Brother Terrell has been a great help letting me preach at least twice a month and giving lots of encouragement."

Jim and his wife Grace Ann ask the prayers of GEM readers for them and their three children, Dennis, Denise and Tammi.

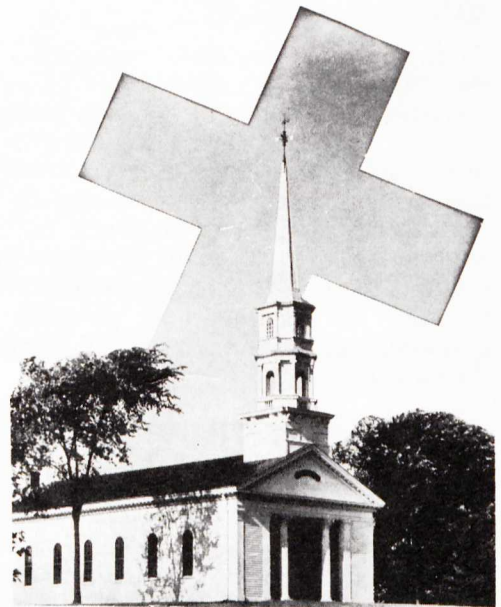
ATTEND THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Missouri
August 19-22, 1974

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Speakers: A. B. Brown, Harvey Hill, Max Courtney, Rolla Smith

Come one, come all!



Woman's Page

NEWS N NOTES ————— Kathy Lay, editor

Mrs. Alleane Estes, correspondent for the Faith Church Auxiliary, writes, "A recent program in our auxiliary meeting was about how much a Christian's life is like a rose. It can blossom and grow like a Christian on fire for Christ, or it can wither and dry up like a cold, unconcerned Christian.

"We are proud of our Missions Closet which is growing very fast. Each month each lady brings an item for the closet. This month we brought pillow cases. We now have sheets, pillow cases, and tooth brushes.

"We are proud of our Ladies Auxiliary and now have 22 members enrolled. Our motto is to 'Labor and Be a Faithful Servant for the Lord.'"

Mrs. Betty Reeves, president of the St. Francois District Auxiliary, writes, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments" (Psalm 133:1, 2).

"The above Scripture seems to express my feelings as I look forward with anticipation to the gathering together of my sisters in Christ at the state meeting. We feel greatly privileged to have the opportunity to have the meeting in our area. The women of the St. Francois District Woman's Auxiliary would like to take this opportunity to give the women of the State a cordial invitation to attend the state convention to be held at the First FWB Church in Flat River on Tuesday, August 20, 1974. We will certainly do everything possible to make your stay in our area an enjoyable one."