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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1973-74

Church	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
Aurora	19	26										
Beacon, Raytown	96	79	78	77	81	81	78	89	84			
Berkeley, First	316	323	342	347	348	330	309					
Bethel, Festus	79											
Copper Mines	95	87	80	74	76	68	74	73	91	81	82	
Cuba	78	72	82	72	71	72	70	67	92	74	72	88
Desoto	158	150	156	161	149	155	145	149	159	170	147	144
Divine Trinity,								51				
Evangel, Webb City					44	46	45	41	49	32	33	30
Farmington	129	132	142	134	138	135	115	131	145	144	152	150
Fellowship, Flat River	298	384	432		391	330	324	362	405			
Flat River, First	136											
Fourth, St. Louis	123	133	147	132	141	164	146	174	164	144	152	
Grace, Arnold,	220	202	240	238	232	226	200	230	272		226	
Jefferson City	43	51		56								
Jones Chapel	91	101	90	85	91	71	91	90				
Joplin, First	101	95	94	95								
King's Way, Springfield	56	70	79	90	90	80	85	99	92	97	95	
Kirksville	95	99	101	105								
Leadington	59	43	46	50	47	49	35	47	56			
Lebanon, First	119	191		125		128	144	127	128			
Mine LaMotte	43	37	43	44	46	44	40		75	62	55	
Monett, First	200	196	240	208	195	187	190	188	195	184		
Mountain Grove, First	265	267	283	265	276	253	277	275				
Myrtle	54		47	46	49	44	44		48	48	50	46
O'Fallon	60	65	82	78	62	70	65	85	81			
Parkview, Desloge	87	96	100	100	98	78	75	81	85	78		
Richwoods	30	31	30	26	33	22	27	27	38	28		
Salem	49	43	45	40	44	34	35			40	40	
South Fremont, Spfd	77	83	76		80	80						
Southside, St. Louis	130	130	126	140	127	126	127	141	143			
Springfield, First	174	196	208									
Thayer	152	152	156	144	157	156	151	154	168	161	145	159
Trinity, Bridgeton	157	184	174	179	192	189	182	202	225		184	162
Twin Oaks	56	59	57	55	58	52	56	64				
Victory, Avondale	160	164	233	210	188	189	188	179	218	171	177	143
Willow Springs	95	98	100	96	93	83	90	95	104	107	101	

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

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Richard Milo Standley, FWB Circuit Riding Preacher of the 20's and 30's, pictured with his transportation named Maude.

Free Will Baptist Circuit Rider of the Lapland

by Mabel M. Klobnak

Howdy Folks!

I call you "folks," for many of the readers of this may possibly be related to me, if not in flesh and blood, by the Spirit of the Living God. I am first a child of God, a born again Christian! I believe Romans 3:23 that all men are sinners, by nature and by practice. I believe that all men (and women) who sin must die to their old nature and put on the new nature of Christ. For sooner or later all of us will die and be judged. Isn't it wonderful that Christ died for all of us, and we have an advocate at His throne? I truly love the Lord!

My grandfather, Rev. Richard Milo Standley, of Cave Springs Association, gave his life for the cause of Christ. He traveled many a mile in a buggy, pulled by a white mule whom he called Maude. He preached in the Missouri and Arkansas lapland: Many Springs, Walnut Grove, Bonds, New Salem, Hideout School House, Corning, and Paragould, Arkansas, to name a few. Many were saved and baptized under his preaching. He and his wife, Caroline Harder, foster daughter of Judge John F. Harder of Many Springs, lived at Couch, Missouri. Some of our family members live in Thayer, Malden, Couch, Springfield, and St. Louis areas. Only three of his family of twelve children are living: my mother and her two brothers. Although many have passed away, the memory of Milo and his words still live, not only in my heart, but in the hearts of his offspring.

Milo Standley was a small man in stature, but big in heart. He was a jovial person because he loved the Lord. One night he was hauling a load of logs and felt the Lord talking to him. It was about midnight and he was singing the song "The Wayfaring Stranger" when he stopped his wagon and prayed and asked God to forgive him for his sins and promised him he would preach. Granddad did just that. I often think of how he traveled in that buggy, singing and not worrying about food or anything for he knew God would provide. He never asked for money, but was given so much love from those with whom he came in contact. He never needed a place to stay, for someone always provided for him. Many love gifts were given him. The church dinners on

school house grounds were wonderful! We lived near West Plains on a farm, and I can still remember my grandad singing, "Precious Name, Oh how sweet!" He got louder as he drew near our home.

He preached one time in a rural school near us, and I, being about ten years old, got tired of the long sermon, and played with my finger in the ink well and giggled and made childish gestures. After the service my grandfather shook me and said, "Don't you know God's business is serious business." My smiles left too, for grandad wasn't smiling. He was serious! That left an impression on my life I have never forgotten. Now, I am a Christian worker and I know it is the best business in this world to be employed by Jesus Christ as His servant.

Memories and incidents would fill this GEM, but on my grandfather's deathbed, I watched and saw and heard as with his last breath he said, "I am spotless!" I know he loved the song "Are you spotless, free from sin?"

Through tracing my ancestors I came in contact with a second cousin who sent me the address of the GEM and I kept asking why there were no Free Will Baptist churches in Iowa. A few weeks later my phone rang and a voice said, "This is Rev. Leland Horton." You can imagine my surprise! I am sure the Lord will bless this couple and their family who have come to Des Moines to establish a Free Will Baptist work for the Lord. It takes time to plant the seeds and let them grow, but some seeds sown produce a bountiful harvest.

Many of my father's family (Asa M. Jones married to Bertha G. Standley) were saved under the preaching of Milo and were baptized as Free Will Baptists. My grandparents, Jim and Arabell Jones lived over 50 years in the West Plains area of Howell County. Some are in this area yet, and some are in the Kansas City vicinity.

Many of Milo's children went to school and to church at the old Bonds Church. They were early pioneers of this church.

My grandparents, Rev. R. Milo and Caroline Standley, and James R. and Laura Bell (Arabell) Jones have gone to claim their crown. The Standleys are buried in the New Salem Cemetery (Salem means peace). The Joneses are buried in the New Hope Cemetery. Isn't it wonderful to know that through Christ we find peace and new hope in the future. My Easter offering is going as a living memorial to my departed loved ones.

Should anyone read this who heard my grandad preach or knew any of my family, I would enjoy hearing from them. Please write, Mrs. Andy R. Klobnak, 1315 56th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50311.

—Seed of Milo

Mrs. Klobnak is a Free Will Baptist in Des Moines, Iowa.

CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS

REV. GARY ELDER ORDAINED

Rev. Gary Elder, pastor of the Poplar Bluff Mission, was ordained at the Myrtle FWB Church last month. Participating in the service were: Rev. Harvey Hill, Rev. Howard Bowers, Rev. Darrell Strain, Rev. Charles Hollis, and Rev. James Stovall, in addition to a good congregation.

REPORT FROM JONES CHAPEL

The Jones Chapel FWB Church, near Stella, Missouri, had 113 present for Sunday school on August 11. The Indian Creek Association was held at the Jones Chapel Church last month. According to reporter Miss Loretta Elbert, it was one of the best associations they have ever had. All the churches of the association were represented. Steve Robinson was licensed to preach.

Pastor Billy Joe Gentry is conducting the New Bethel Crusade and reports several saved and several rededications made.

HOMECOMING AT RICHWOODS

The Richwoods FWB Church will be holding their annual homecoming services on September 8. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a basket dinner at noon with special singing in the afternoon.

Brother Delmer Welker is the pastor.

GOOD SERVICES AT DE SOTO

by Mrs. Sophia Ackerson

We are having good services at our church. On July 21 we were glad to have the Harmony Singers from Illinois visit us and sing the songs of Zion. The Lord blessed us with two souls saved and four baptized in the evening service. Our pastor, Rev. Charles Miller, is doing a good job preaching the gospel. We are thankful to have a preacher who will preach the Word in all of its truth. Our Sunday school superintendent, Jack Morris, is a fine leader of our Sunday school. God has truly blessed us with godly men who stand firm on the Word of God. We thank God for these blessings. Pray for us.

EVANGEL CHURCH ORGANIZES

The Evangel Free Will Baptist Church of Webb City, Missouri, was organized on July 21, 1974. They were received into the Central Western Association on July 31. Participating in the organizational services were: Rev. and Mrs. Russel Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hoover, and Mr. Roger Phillips.

Rev. Andy Lay is the pastor.

CHURCH WORKERS' SEMINAR

"Church Organization" will be the subject of a Church Workers' Seminar to be held at the State Youth Camp October 7, 8, and 9. Speakers will be Rev. Bill Jones, president of Hillsdale FWB College in Moore, Oklahoma, and Mr. Keith Kenemer, Director of Sunday School Revivals. College credit will be given for successful completion of the seminar course.

The seminar will begin at 1:00 p.m. Monday, October 7, and conclude at noon on Wednesday, October 9. The cost will be \$6.00 for food and insurance plus \$20.00 for the seminar for those taking it for college credit or \$10.00 for the seminar if credit is not desired.

Churches should consider sending their pastor and key lay leaders.

FALL ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN SET

The National Sunday School Department has announced plans for a Fall Enlargement Campaign. "Enlarge Your Vision" will be the 1974 theme. The contest will begin October 6, 1974, and end October 27, 1974. Sunday schools in each division who experience the greatest percentage of gain over the thirteen weeks average attendance for April-May-June, 1974, will be declared winners and presented appropriate awards denoting first or second place.

Sunday schools will be arranged in accordance with the following table for competitive purposes.

Division A over 500 average
Division B 400-499 average
Division C 300-399 average
Division D 200-299 average
Division E 150-199 average
Division F 100-149 average
Division G 50-99 average
Division H under 49 average

The present size of your Sunday school does not hinder you from being eligible to win in your division. Campaign materials are available from the Sunday School Department. To be eligible for participation in this campaign entries should be mailed in by October 4, 1974.

Let's have some Missouri winners this fall.

DESIGNATED GIVING THROUGH STATE OFFICE, JULY, 1974

Mountain Grove First Church	
Four accounts	\$98.50
Olivett Church, Marshall	
Seven accounts	85.00
Smyrna Church, Cave Springs Assoc.	
One Account	73.48
Merl's Chapel, Cassville	
Two accounts	43.25
Hazel Creek Church, of Kirksville	
Two accounts	20.00
Pleasant Home of Mission Association	
One account	22.04
West Plains VBS	
One account	191.60
Total	533.87

FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1974 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Garfield (June)	\$29.63
Hickory Grove	10.86
Kansas City, First Mission	140.00
Granby (May & June)	33.88
Carterville	18.23
Macedonia	7.00
Fordland	25.00
Mine La Motte	26.04
Hurryville	98.00
Number One	26.42
Mt. Grove (May & June)	821.15
Salem	20.00
Alton	6.15
Pleasant Hill	10.00
Belton	92.00
De Soto, First	325.00
O'Fallon, First (adopted May & June)	92.91
New Harmony Sunday S.	18.87
Leadington	126.80
Fredericktown (3 Months)	523.49
Mill Creek Church (April-June)	131.78
Mill Creek S. S. (April-June)	13.87
Myrtle (3 Months)	189.14
First Church, West Plains (June)	219.50
Independence (June)	60.00
Pleasant Ridge (June)	20.80
Berkeley (June)	300.00
Hannon	165.90
Thayer	87.40
Verdella	67.47
Beacon	295.63
Waynesville, First	146.60
Byrd-FWB Church	12.50
Central, K. City	120.00
Purdy, First	63.62
Monett, First	271.98
Merl's Chapel (June)	43.06
Union Grove, Mission Assn.	150.00
Happy Home	26.30
Copper Mines	75.00
Aulsbury Chapel	261.49
Fourth, St. Louis Dist.	326.39
Flat River, First	669.32
Farmington, First	263.63
Richwoods	142.88
Pleasant Home	81.84
Twin Oak	200.00
Cabool	116.46
Gospel Light, Boone Terre	43.48
New Home, Laclede Co.	31.96
Trinity, St. Louis Dist.	260.00

Gateway	10.00
Hurryville	71.50
Aurora	60.87
Evangel (July)	39.83
New Rock Springs	38.00
Grant Avenue (July)	268.68
Freeman Chapel (June)	59.19
South Side, St. Louis (July)	190.00
West Plains, First	165.00
Total JULY	8,212.50

On The National Front

FROM THE MILEYS IN IVORY COAST

Excerpts from a recent letter read as follows . . .

This is our first summer with none of our children here (except for the year Larry left early). The Lord knew we'd be lonely, so He sent us three daughters (summer missionaries Elaine, Susan, and Debra). Our house was built for a family, so it's been a real blessing being surrounded by love, music, and laughter, not to mention the help they've been to us, not only in the medical work, but in the sewing and reading classes as well.

We do appreciate your love and prayers and every expression of these in your letters, packages, and gifts to our account. We'd appreciate your continued prayers: 1) That the Holy Spirit would give understanding as the Word is presented. Without His quickening, it doesn't mean a thing. 2) For the Christians in the midst of a pagan society. He is able not only to save, but to keep. 3) We still need workers. We're tempted to just keep the summer missionaries since we already have them.

May God richly bless you and use you for His glory.

FROM THE FILKINS IN IVORY COAST

Excerpts from a recent letter read as follows . . .

It's a beautiful Lord's day in Ivory Coast, and this one finds the Filkins at Doropo with the Mileys, Paynes, Sherwood, and summer missionaries Debra, Elaine, and Susan. After services this morning, a baptism was held in a nearby stream by Dr. Miley for seven converts and it was a privilege to witness this step of faith for these Lobis.

Since our last newsletter, we've completed our final trimester of school. A new outreach program was put in operation during this session and the results were a great blessing. In cooperation with

local Christian and Missionary Alliance missionaries in the Bouake area, our students could volunteer to participate in village evangelistic services, youth rallies, and hospital visitation. They gave testimonies, tracts, and presented various musical numbers. Without fail, the students came back rejoicing over the experience of sharing their faith with a pagan world. We feel this has been a great lift for the student morale and the problems we faced during the previous trimester were greatly diminished. Isn't this true of each of us? When we're busy sharing our faith with others we look beyond our problems and live more victorious lives. Praise Him!

This past year has been a rich experience for all of us. Dan and Dave feel they have grown both spiritually and academically. The "things" they may have given up at home have been given back in many other ways. What a privilege it is having Bible classes in high school, taught by experienced missionaries, playing soccer against skilled African teams, learning the language and customs of tribesmen, then helping out on mission stations during breaks. Yes, we praise God for so many blessings this past year and look forward to our second year at Ivory Coast Academy.

We have felt your prayers many times. Please keep us before the Lord as you continue to pray. Thank you for each gift that you have given for this part of the Lord's work. Without you, we could not have come. May God bless each of you and keep our churches on the homefront growing and victorious is our constant prayer.

FROM THE PINKERTONS IN IVORY COAST

Excerpts from a recent letter read as follows . . .

Our boys are home from school now for their two months vacation. School starts again in September. They'll not be home again until December, so these days are precious.

Our account is still in the red. You've been so good with your support, and we thank you for helping us. Perhaps soon the balance will be better after all these first time costs are taken care of.

The language is still the major prayer item. We've found the Koulango language to be even harder than French. However, we've been able to have several good laughs with the Africans because of our errors and strange pronunciations.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Let's not abandon these Missouri missionaries and load them down with the extra burden of worrying about their account being in the red. Let's rally to their support this month. How about taking a special offering for the Pinkertons this month, and let's get their account back in the black.*

FROM CHAROLETTE A. TALLENT IN FRANCE

What is summer missionary work? It is more than a fun-filled adventure for six weeks, more than a

romp to another country. It is toil, sweat and tears. Tears for the lost in whose homes you placed a gospel tract and the results show up on a Tuesday evening for Bible study. Tears for the dirty faced children of the Bible clubs and a little boy tells a missionary child to translate to an American summer missionary, "I like you and glad I got to meet you." And that child has tears in his eyes (also the summer missionary). It is all added joy from our blessed Lord in having a part in His ministry.

There was never a moment for boredom or routine. Believe me, it kept us on our toes! To witness before your very eyes the moving power of the Holy Spirit upon the lives of so many whom you had been praying for in the church was a joy beyond words.

Summer missionary work does not end when you return to the States. Each time God places on your mind the country for which your heart is now so burdened, you see the faces of that little boy (Serge), those Christians of the church, and thousands lost for eternity. But there is glorious hope! What a blessing to receive a letter from a French girl, Denise. A letter in poorly translated English, "I have Christ in my heart now. I know now if Jesus should come before I see you again I will meet you above in the sky." She was one to whom God gave us a privilege to witness. We continued to pray for her salvation as we returned home. Praise the Lord Denise is now a child of the King! Pray for her as she grows in spiritual fellowship with the Lord.

FROM THE FULCHERS IN PANAMA

Excerpts from a recent letter read as follows . . .

We thank you for praying for us and for supporting us with your finances.

Our work is doing well. After a small drop in our attendance due to vacation time and illness in some families God has blessed and our attendance is back up to 160. We are presently trying to reach 200 for the glory of our Lord.

We have started a Bible institute in our church. We have about 10 students in the classes and others studying by extension classes. Please pray for these students as our future workers will come from this group.

Several have made professions of faith in the past few weeks. Some of these have been boys in their upper teens which we have been trying to reach for some time.

Our family is doing well at this time. We have had some sickness but nothing very serious. Many of you have asked from time to time about Bill's eye condition. He is doing very well and the eye problem is almost completely healed at this time.

Our account has recently gone in the red. The cost of living is very high here in Panama and we would appreciate it very much if you would help us pray about our financial needs.

May God be with you and bless you and yours.

Ditto above comment.

FROM THE HORTONS IN DES MOINES

I thank my God that we have been able to share the message with people here in this capital city. It was good to see two fine couples give themselves by the will of God in a solemn covenant to labor together in this mission on Sunday, June 30. One of these couples spent part of their vacation time attending the 38th annual National Association. Very soon the mission will have the first baptismal service. Jesus promised there would be some to baptize if we went forth to preach the gospel.

On Thursday evening we continue to have a well attended prayer meeting in one of the homes. Each Sunday we have Sunday school and worship services in a chapel rented from the YMCA. Even with prices that have sky rocketed beyond that which we could imagine, we look forward to the day when we will have a building to house this infant church.

Share this burden of prayer. Pray that God will open the doors for the mission to acquire property to facilitate our needs.

GIVING FROM STATE TO NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

The June receipts from Missouri to National Home Missions totaled \$1,335.75. Top giving church for the month was the Willow Springs FWB Church of Mountain Grove. Second place was Grant Avenue Church of Springfield.

JULY GIVING TO FWBBC

Missourians gave \$6,031.49 to Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee in July. Several commendable gifts were recorded: Cave Springs Quarterly Conference gave \$1,275.00; Central Church in Kansas City gave \$1,000.00; Houston Church gave \$202.00; Kansas City First Church gave \$572.00; Olivet Church in Marshall gave \$250.00; Victory Church in Kansas City gave \$334.55.

Only two Missouri alumni contributed to the Alumni Project.

FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOME IN TENNESSEE

In the past week three new children have come to live at the Home. Their background convinces us more and more of the value of the Free Will Baptist Home for Children. Your support goes to help needy, dependent, and neglected boys and girls. Their problems are often complicated because of their background.

Your regular support is our means of operation. Trading stamps and coupons are helpful in getting

many items. Special projects are valuable because they meet designated needs. Thanks for the support you give the Home.

The state of Missouri gave \$5,979.87 to the Home during the past year.

—James E. Raper, Superintendent

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

For the second straight year, an increased interest in the business of the denomination was evidenced when 687 of the registered delegates cast their votes on one particular item facing the convention. Perhaps the interest was gendered because of the 56 positions that had to be filled on boards and commissions in compliance with the body's instructions in 1973 to increase each of the standing boards of the National Association to nine members this year. This was the largest number of vacancies ever to be filled by delegates in a single convention.

In a resolution concerning ministerial discipline, local churches, associations, and state bodies were forewarned that preachers too must come under subjection to discipline when circumstances demand such. Little discussion preceded the approval of this warning.

The first definite project enroute to the production of a Free Will Baptist Encyclopedia was presented. Next year's goal is the printing of booklet form a brief history of all active state associations. A call was issued for volunteers to form a network of workers across the denomination to facilitate the Historical Commission's goal.

The Treatise reference, "Most associations do not ordain women to the ministry," was deleted in deference to a motion from the Kentucky State Association tabled last year. This clause had been interpreted as officially approving the ordination of women to the ministry. The consensus was that if a stronger statement was not going to be made, the deletion of the sentence would satisfy those on both sides of the discussion.

The total budget adopted by the National Convention for the next fiscal year surpassed the \$4 million mark for the first time. Included in the \$4,590,000.00 budget are operating budgets exceeding \$1 million for three departments. They are the Sunday School Department, Foreign Missions Department, and Free Will Baptist Bible College.

All cooperative funds for the next year are to be distributed on a national level in the following manner after the portion of the Executive Office budget above direct gifts is underwritten: CTS—13%; Board of Retirement and Insurance—13%; Layman's Board—3.5% and Commission on Theological Liberalism—.5%. The remaining 70% is to be allocated on a percentage basis to Free Will Baptist Bible College, National Home Missions and National Foreign Missions. Currently this breakdown is Free Will Baptist Bible College 37.3%, Foreign Missions 36.8% and Home Missions 25.9%.

JULY COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENT—1974

20.00% Mo. Missions	\$1642.50
15.00% Mo. Promotional Dept.	1231.87
05.50% Mo. Youth Camp	451.69
04.00% Mo. General Fund	328.50
04.00% Mo. State College Comm.	328.50
02.50% Mo. Gem	205.31
01.00% Mo. C.T.S. & Sunday school ..	82.13
52% seven Mo. Depts.	4270.50
07.00% Hillsdale College	574.88
41% eight Nat'l. Depts.	3367.12
13.00% Foreign Missions	1067.62
09.00% F.W.B. Bible College	739.12
07.00% National Executive Dept.	574.88
06.50% Nat'l. Home Missions	533.81
03.00% Nat'l. C.T.S. Dept.	246.38
02.00% Board of Retirement & Ins.	164.25
00.25% Layman's Board	20.53
00.25% Theological Comm.	20.53
100% Total Disbursed	\$8212.50

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Harry Beatty



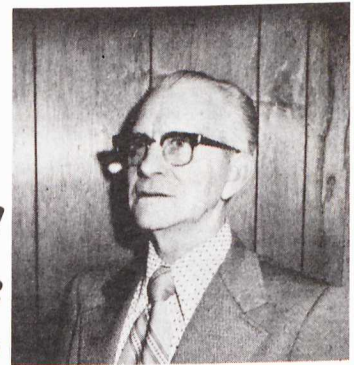
Missouri State Home Mission Giving: July 5 through August 5, 1974

Thayer	2.00
Hannon	137.80
Hartville	5.00
Willow Springs	10.77
Independence	32.00
Leadington	3.00
Hurryville	30.00
West Plains, First	90.00
Aurora	21.00
Grace	25.00
Copper Mines	20.00
Byrd	50.00
Cuba	11.41
Myrtle	90.03
Central	20.00
Monett, First	75.00
DeSoto, First	30.00
Flat River, First	11.00
South Fremont	127.50
Mountain Grove, First	7.50
New Life	56.00
Northeast Mo. Association	49.12
Low Ground	5.00
Berkeley, First	100.00
Victory	196.26
Fourth	49.40
New Home	30.00
Houston	10.00
Fellowship	44.00
South Side	1.00
Olivett	300.00
Hazel Creek	10.00
Pleasant Home	22.04
Cooperative Receipts	1,642.50
Total	3,314.33

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Promotional Secretary's Corner



We attended the 38th Annual Convention of the National Free Will Baptist Association on July 14-18, in Wichita, Kansas. Several special singing groups and choirs rendered the gospel in song throughout the convention. Powerful gospel preaching proceeded from God's messengers, T. S. Randal, Rue Dell Smith, Dan Merkh, Leroy Forlines, Raymond Riggs, and Melvin Worthington. Thus the business sessions were harmonious. There was a real good response in the missionary offering Wednesday night. Souls were saved in the altar service. Others responded to the missionary call. All in all, this was a great meeting.

Cave Springs annual Association assembled with Cotton Creek Church July 26-27. Twenty-two churches were represented with letters and delegates. Ministers sharing the preaching hour Friday were D. Strain and Brother Hollis. Saturday preaching was done by D. Skiles and J. Reed. I gave Missouri Cooperative Program and some purchased Bibles from our portable Lebanon Bible stand.

We enjoyed a great service Sunday, July 28, in Thayer Church. We participated with Pastor Hill and one former pastor, Rev. Johnson, in the 20th anniversary service with an overflow crowd present. Rev. Keith Johnson, who was the first pastor for one year, delivered the anniversary sermon. We helped organize Thayer Church and pastored there five years, 1955 through 1960. The original sanctuary was constructed and furnished in those years. In recent months the building has been enlarged and furnished and an educational building and baptistry have been constructed. We have a good church plant plus a fine Christian congregation there. Thayer Church supports Missouri Cooperative Plan consistently. She ranks among the top 25 cooperative giving churches in the state.

Sunday afternoon six gospel singing groups participated in a special gospel singing program. This concluded a blessed day in the service of the Lord.

Fifty-five churches contributed \$8,212.50 in July, 1974. Thus we are entering this fiscal year in fine condition to reach any goal to be projected by our state.

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Arnold, MO 63010

STATE ASSOCIATION IN REVIEW

BROTHER BEATTY RESIGNS

After twelve years as Missouri State Promotional Secretary, Rev. Harry Beatty resigned from the office, effective June 30, 1975, the end of the current fiscal year. Until that time Brother Beatty will be filling the office as usual.

In the written resignation submitted to the General Board in session, August 19, Brother Beatty stated, "In view of the ever increasing growth and responsibilities involved with the promotional secretary's office, and realizing my limitations in adequately and efficiently meeting all these opportunities, I humbly submit my resignation as Missouri State Promotional Secretary. (On the recommendation of the officers of the State Association this resignation would not become effective until June 30, 1975).

"I express my thanks to this 1974 State Association to all the people of the Missouri State Association for the privilege of serving them the past twelve years and ten months. For every act of cooperation, participation, hospitality, kindness, and prayer in behalf of me and my family during this tenure of service, I want to express my deepest thanks."

The work of the Missouri State Association has taken great strides forward in many areas during Brother Beatty's time in office. Most of the accomplishments have been directly related to his effective promotion of the cooperative plan of giving.

A fitting tribute will be planned for this dearly loved Christian gentleman, prior to his retirement from the office next spring.

COMMISSION APPOINTED TO STUDY MINISTRY TO SENIOR CITIZENS

A five-man commission was appointed at last month's State Association to study the possibility of Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists entering into some phase of a ministry to senior citizens, such as a retirement village, nursing home, or condominium. Commission members are: Rev. Glenn Rehkop, chairman; Rev. Robert Francis; Rev. Rolla Smith; Rev. Harvey Hill; and Rev. N. R. Smith.

Anyone with suggestions for this type of ministry should contact one of the commission members, or the chairman, Rev. Glenn Rehkop at 751 Leolia Drive, Arnold, Missouri 64010.

MINI BOOK STORES AVAILABLE TO BUSINESS MEN

The Lebanon Bible and Book Store, which is

owned by the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, has announced that Free Will Baptist business men may want to consider placing a Mini Book Store in their place of business. The Lebanon Bible and Book Store will place a rack of Christian books in your store that will provide the business man with both a ministry of Christian literature distribution and a small means of profit.

For details, interested persons should contact the Book Store manager, Mr. Edwin Bowden.

OVER-FLOW CROWDS ATTEND STATE ASSOCIATION

The First FWB Church of Flat River did an extremely good job of hosting the Missouri State Association last month, especially in light of the over-flow crowds that attended the three nightly services of the convention.

An estimated 600-700 persons were in attendance in three different services of the State Meeting. More than 150 were turned away from the packed auditorium on Wednesday night to view the services via closed circuit TV in the basement. As a result of the crowded conditions, the body passed a resolution that in the future the state association be invited on a district level, rather than by a local church, and that an air conditioned auditorium with a seating capacity of at least 500 be provided for the nightly services. Since not more than a half dozen churches in the Missouri State Association have that large a seating capacity, it will necessitate the use of civic auditoriums in some cases.

LOUIS AND MIRIAM WILLHITE RECEIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL AWARDS

The State Sunday School—CTS Board has begun the policy of honoring the Sunday school superintendent and Sunday school teacher of the year at the annual state convention. Recipients are chosen from written nominations submitted by their pastors. This year's Sunday school superintendent to receive the award was Mr. Louis Willhite, of the Fourth FWB Church in St. Louis.

Part of the tribute paid to Brother Willhite read, "For over sixteen years Mr. Willhite has faithfully served Christ in Fourth FWB Church. His life has been a Christian example of the highest order. In his home, church, and social life he maintains a constant witness for Christ in faith, doctrine, and practice of life."

The Sunday school teacher of the year award was presented by the state board to Mrs. Miriam Willhite, also of the Fourth FWB Church of St. Louis. Of Mrs. Willhite it was said, "For 21 years Mrs. Willhite has been faithfully teaching the Word

of God in Fourth FWB Church. She has taught up and down the age scale, wherever she was needed most. She has been at her present post in the adult department for approximately eight years. She makes it a habit to be prepared Sunday by Sunday as well as taking advantage of opportunities available to her to become better trained. She is punctual and faithful to all the services of the church, both regular and special, prayer meetings and visitation, even though she lives almost 20 miles from the church."

Pastors are reminded to keep these awards in mind until time to submit nominations for next year's competition.

RETIRED FWB MINISTERS MAY RECEIVE COMPLIMENTARY COPIES OF GEM

The policy of granting free complimentary subscriptions to the FWB GEM to retired ministers who have pastored FWB churches in the State of Missouri, was adopted by the General Board of the State Association. Names and addresses of eligible ministers should be mailed to the publication and business office of the GEM listed inside the front cover. No refunds will be made for existing paid subscriptions.

STATE ASSOCIATION DATE CHANGED

The meeting dates for the Missouri State Association will be changed, beginning with the 1976 session, according to a resolution and by-law change made at the State Convention last month. The new date will be Tuesday after the first Sunday in June of each year.

The 1975 session will convene on the same date as in the past, August 18-21, at the First FWB Church of Thayer.

DR. MELVIN ATTENDED STATE ASSOCIATION

Dr. Billy Melvin, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals, attended the State Convention in Flat River last month. Dr. Melvin, who is a Free Will Baptist, encouraged our churches and pastors to become involved in the work of NAE, since our state is a member of the organization.

Included in the budget for the state work was a \$450.00 contribution to NAE, and provision for two of our state offices to attend the NAE national convention. The moderator and clerk were selected to represent our state.

\$90,000 COOPERATIVE BUDGET ADOPTED

The Missouri State Cooperative budget for the

1974-75 year is \$90,000, up \$5,000 from last year's receipts. The same percentage breakdown of the cooperative funds as last year was adopted.

Every FWB church should support Coop. Does yours?

OLIVET AND SOUTH FREMONT CHURCH TAKE AWARDS

Four plaques are presented each year at the State Association by the Youth Camp and Home Missions Boards, acknowledging outstanding contributions to these two departments of our state work.

This year the Olivet FWB Church of Marshall took three of those four plaques. Pastor Cliff Bowman received the plaques in behalf of the Marshall Church for the most money contributed to the State Youth Camp, the most money contributed to State Home Missions general fund, and the most money contributed to State Home Missions loan fund.

South Fremont FWB Church of Springfield took the plaque for the greatest per capita giving to State Home Missions general fund. Their pastor is Rev. Wayne Wagoner.

These two churches are setting the pace, brethren. Let us give them a run for their money this year.

CHURCH REPRESENTATION FEES INCREASED

In light of increased State Association expenses anticipated for the future, especially by the necessity of a civic auditorium for convention purposes, last month's state association adopted a resolution requesting a representation fee of \$5.00 per church from each member association. Associational officers on a district level should bring this item of business to the floor in their annual meetings.

ELECTIONS

The State Association in session last month elected four men to new positions in the state organization:

Rev. Dale Smith, to General Board from Indian Creek Association

Rev. Jim Bundy, to General Board from Kansas City District Association

Rev. Charles Miller, to five-year term on State Sunday School—CTS Board

Rev. Tom Owens, to four-year term on State Sunday School—CTS Board.

Elected to return to positions they already held were:

Rev. Andy Lay, National General Board Representative from Missouri

Rev. Harvey Hill, to State General Board from Cave Springs Association

Rev. Bob Dickey, to State General Board from Central Western Association

Rev. Glen Jones, to State General Board from
Laclede Association
Rev. Roger Harwell, to State General Board from
Liberty Association
Rev. Ken Goff, to State Youth Camp Board
Rev. Lawrence Thompson, to State Home Mis-
sion Board

Rev. Ken Doggett, Assistant Clerk
Rev. A. B. Brown, Clerk
Rev. Bill Evans, Assistant Moderator
Rev. James McAllister, Moderator

Woman's Page

1974 MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S
AUXILIARY... WHERE WERE YOU???



Lynn Miley, missionary appointee to
Ivory Coast, spoke for our morning
service and banquet.



Our theme: "Happiness is... John 13:
17" with President Sandi Smith.

Frances Bowman showing off some
of the shower gifts presented to the
Mileys.



Your Woman's Auxiliary Executive
Committee at work.



DON'T MISS IT...

The 1974 Retreat, September 16-17 at State Youth
Camp, Niangua, Mo. Theme: "None of these Dis-
eases" Scripture: Exodus 15:26... Special Speaker
— Joy Jones... Our retreat this year will center
around a medical clinic. Make your appointment
now for a complete auxiliary checkup. DON'T MISS
IT.

**1974-75 COOPERATIVE
BUDGET: \$90,000.00**

STATE DEPARTMENTS 52%	.....\$46,800.00
State Home Missions 20%	.....\$18,000.00
Promotional Department 15%	.....\$13,500.00
General Fund 4%	.....\$3,600.00
Youth Camp Board 5½%	.....\$4,950.00
GEM 2½%	.....\$2,250.00
Sunday School—CTS Board 1%	.....\$900.00
College Commission 4%	.....\$3,600.00

OUTSIDE GIVING 48%	.....\$43,200.00
Foreign Missions 13%	.....\$11,700.00
FWB Bible College 9%	.....\$8,100.00
Executive Department 7%	.....\$6,300.00
Hillsdale College 7%	.....\$6,300.00
National Home Missions 6½%	.....\$5,850.00
CTS Department 3%	.....\$2,700.00
Retirement and Insurance Board 2%	...\$1,800.00
Theological Liberalism Commission .25%	.. \$225.00
Layman's Board 25%	..... \$225.00