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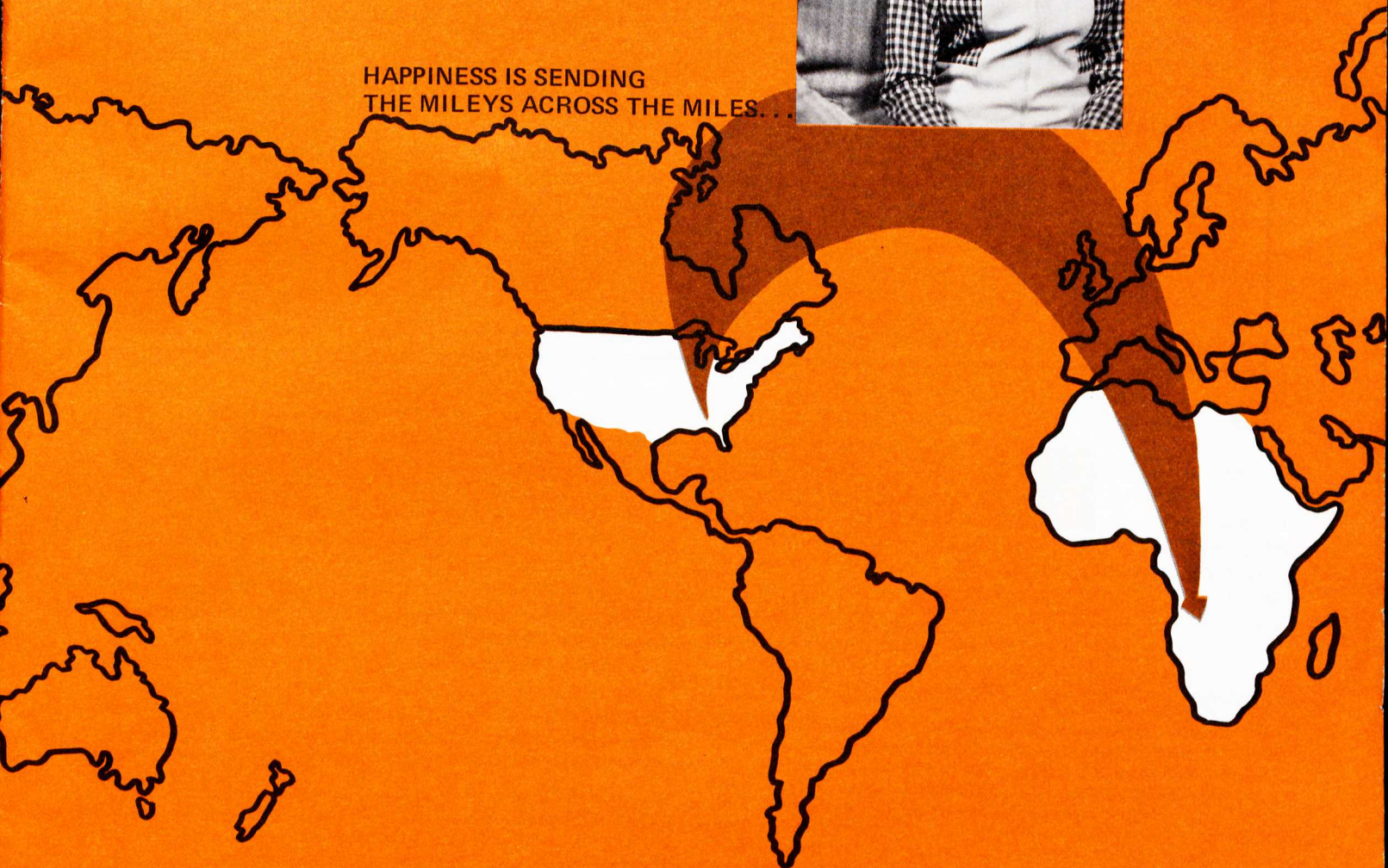
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by Andy Lay

There is a musical term called *crescendo*. It looks like this < and means that the music is to get increasingly louder. The Christian life should, in some ways, resemble a *crescendo*. From the point of conversion or new birth, the Christian's life should grow more and more into the likeness of Christ, from the new birth experience into the stature of a fully matured Christian, like a *crescendo*.

This article has been prepared especially for new Christians to learn how their Christian experience can resemble a *crescendo*. If you are a new Christian, what kind of a Christian do you want to be? No doubt, you know of people who claim to be Christians but do not act like Christians. Surely you do not want to be like that. No doubt, you want to be a good Christian, a strong Christian, a happy Christian, an enthusiastic Christian. The purpose of this article is to instruct you in some things important in helping you become the kind of Christian you want to be.

ASSURANCE First, let us talk about assurance of your salvation, or really knowing that you are a Christian. The Bible does teach that we can know that we are Christians, if we have received Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. God wants us to know for sure that we belong to Him and have everlasting life and the forgiveness of sins. Your *crescendo* needs that assurance.

The basis for our knowing that we are Christians is not our feelings. Our feelings (emotions) come and go in other areas of our lives, and they may also change regarding our spiritual experiences. The basis for the assurance of salvation is (1) what God has said and (2) what we have done about God's offer of salvation.

No doubt, someone helped you come to know the Lord as your Savior. When they did they probably read a verse or verses to you from the Bible. In the verses that they read were some promises that God made to you. You may have the assurance of salvation on the basis of His promises. In John 3:16 we read, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, *that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*" In Revelation 3:20 He tells us, "Behold I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, *I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*" In Romans 10:9-10 we may claim the promise, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, *thou shalt be saved.*" In Romans

10:13 it is most simply put, "For *whosoever* shall call upon the name of the Lord *shall be saved.*" John 1:12 puts it this way, "But as many as received him, *to them gave he power to become the sons of God,* even to them that believe on his name." In each of these verses and in many more, God says you are saved if you have met His conditions.

The second basis of assurance is what you have done about God's offer of salvation. Have you *opened the door* of your life to Him as He said in Revelation 3:20? Have you *called* on Him to save you as it is phrased in Romans 10:13? Have you *believed* in your heart that Jesus died to save you, as He instructs you in John 3:16 and Romans 10:9? Have you *received* Jesus as best you know how according to John 1:12? If you have met God's conditions as He stated them in these simple promises, you may claim the assurance of your salvation. Is it not wonderful to know your sins are forgiven and you are on your way to Heaven as a child of God? Why do you not stop right now, before reading further, and just thank the Lord again for your salvation.

WHEN YOU SIN, WHAT? It is never all right for a Christian to sin, and yet God acknowledged the fact that a Christian might sometimes sin. So, as a new Christian, you need to know what to do in case you sin. The Book of 1 John was written to help new Christians have a successful Christian life. One of the first promises in the Book of 1 John deals with the problem of a Christian's sinning. It is in verse 9 of chapter 1, and it instructs us to *confess our sins*. To confess our sins means to tell God that we know we are guilty, and ask Him to forgive us. The promise of God if we confess our sins is that *He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* So if you sin, do not forget 1 John 1:9—and you cannot wear it out, no matter how many times you may have to come to Him, sincerely and honestly telling Him you are sorry that you sinned again.

GROWING The experience of becoming a Christian was called *being born again* by Jesus in John, chapter 3. Now you know that a new-born baby has to eat and exercise and breathe in order to grow. That is the way it is for you as a new Christian. If you are to grow and mature as a Christian should, you must know some of the Bible's laws of spiritual growth.

Jesus tells a story, recorded in Luke, chapter 8, which teaches us some of these laws. The story is

called the Parable of the Sower. Why do you not look it up in your Bible right now and read it before you read the next paragraph of this article. It is found in verses 4 through 15 of Luke 8.

I am sure that you already understand that the *seed* in the story represents the Word of God, and that the *sower* in the story represents Jesus, the Son of God, and that the four different kinds of *soil* on which the seed fell represent four different kinds of people who hear the Word of God.

The first kind of *soil* was hard and unable to lodge the seed long enough for it to germinate or begin to grow; so Satan, represented by the birds in the story, came and devoured the seeds from that soil.

The second kind of *soil* allowed the seed to begin growing; but, because of the rocks in the soil, the roots from the seed did not get lodged firmly enough to stand when the sun (temptation) became hot.

The third kind of *soil* also allowed the seed to germinate and begin to grow; but, because that soil harbored thorns and weeds, the seed of the Word was choked out and it never was able to bring forth fruit.

The fourth kind of *soil* was good soil that received the seed of the Word. It let its roots grow down deep and secure and keep the weeds from hindering its growth. The plant in that soil brought forth the fruit that was expected of it.

If you have now received Christ as your personal Savior, you are not like the first soil that never allowed the seed of the Word to bring forth the new life of God in your heart. No doubt, you are determined not to become like the second and third types of soil referred to by Jesus in the story. You want to be like the fourth kind of soil that will bring forth fruit for the Lord who died to save you. The kind of fruit the Lord produces in a Christian is (1) other Christians, as a result of your witness, and (2) a Christ-like character containing love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, as mentioned in Galatians 5:22-23 (*Living Paraphrase*).

But to be assured of becoming a fruit-bearing Christian, it will be necessary for you to be on your guard against the *rocks* and *weeds* that became the downfall of the second and third types of Christians in our illustration. Now, exactly what are the rocks and weeds for which you need to watch out?

The rocks are the things in your life that will keep you from developing deep roots as you grow in the Lord. To grow as a Christian you need to faithfully read and study your Bible. The Bible is to the Christian what milk is to a newborn baby. You will need also to have a regular prayer time alone with God. When you pray, praise the Lord and thank Him for all He does for you and ask Him for the things you need.

To have a growing Christian life you also need to become a part of a Bible-believing and Bible-practicing local church, like the Free Will Baptist

church in your community. The fellowship and instruction you receive there will greatly help your spiritual roots to grow down deep. The pastor of the church you choose will probably talk to you soon about being baptized and joining the church. These things, of course, will please the Lord.

But your growing Christian experience will not only need Bible study, prayer, and church attendance, which are primarily designed to help you, it will also need your spiritual exercise in tithing and witnessing. The Bible teaches that Christians should give a regular portion of their income to support the Lord's work. The Bible teaches that a tithe (10 percent) of your income is a good place to start.

Witnessing as a Christian will also help you grow. To witness simply means to tell other people about your experience with the Lord. As you share your new-found faith with others, you will be helped to grow. You will find others who will want to know more about your faith, and they will eventually become Christians too.

But we still have not talked about the rocks that Jesus warned us about. What are the rocks in our lives? Rocks are anything that will hinder you from growing. Anything that threatens to keep you from regular Bible study, prayer, church attendance, giving, or witnessing is a *rock* in your life that needs to be removed so that your Christian life does not end up like the seed that fell on the second type of soil.

Then there are the thorns, mentioned by Jesus. We may think of the rocks as things in our lives that are not wrong in themselves, but they become wrong for the Christian because they hinder his growth. But we think of the thorns as things in our lives that are in themselves wrong and which ought not to be there; because, if they remain, they will choke out your Christian life. The thorns are often called sin. Sin is anything that displeases God—anything that He tells us in the Bible is wrong. Now God does not say something is a sin just to keep us from having fun or enjoying life. In fact, to the contrary, God calls those things sins that He knows will harm us if we permit them to exist in our lives. So, as you read the Bible, pay particular attention to the *weeds* or sins that God identifies as being harmful to your Christian growth.

As you gently and firmly begin the task, as a faithful gardener, of removing the rocks and weeds in your spiritual garden, you will begin to know the joy of Christian growth. You should also realize that the work of growing does not all depend upon you. You must take the initiative; you must work at it. But also you must know that the Lord Jesus who died for you desires to see you grow, and He is working to help you. Philippians 1:6 in the *Living Paraphrase* says, "And I am sure that God who began the good work with you will keep right on helping you grow in His grace until His task within you is finally finished on that day when Jesus Christ returns."

Happy growing, young Christian. CRESCENDO!

CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS

VISITATION PROGRAM AT MARSHALL

by Mrs. Daisy Harper

The Olivet Church of Marshall has organized a very successful visitation program under the direction of Rev. Cliff Bowman and Brother Bill Fisher. Brother Fisher is a city mail carrier and has very carefully mapped out a way to reach every home in Marshall. Four teams go out every Thursday night conducting a survey. The other teams are following up with visits to homes where interest has been shown in the last week's survey.

Many homes have been reached, and many are responding by coming to hear the gospel preached.

CAVE SPRINGS HAD SUCCESSFUL WALK-A-THON

On June 8, 1974, approximately 65 people representing six Free Will Baptist churches in the Cave Springs Association started a fifteen mile walk-a-thon to raise money for the Free Will Baptist Bible College. It took six hours to complete the walk, with about 55 people finishing.

The group walked from Thayer, Missouri, to Koshkonong, approximately seven and a half miles away, and then back.

While the ones in Thayer were walking their 15 miles on fairly level ground, two more churches were walking at Alton, Missouri. The Alton walk was ten miles over very hilly terrain.

Following is a listing of the churches which had people participating in the walk and the amount raised:

Myrtle FWB Church	114.45
Myrtle Woman's Aux.	75.33
Byrd FWB Church	240.97
Shiloh FWB Church	136.00
Cotton Creek FWB Church	115.05
Pleasant Hill FWB Church	44.40
Thayer FWB Church	341.80
Alton FWB Church	140.00
Royal Oaks FWB Church	67.00
Total	\$1,275.00

The money will all go toward the Library Wing project at the Bible College. According to information available at the GEM office, this was the most successful walk-a-thon conducted in the state, based on number of participants and amount of money raised. Hats off to the Cave Springs people!

EVANGEL CHURCH BEGINS BUS MINISTRY

The Evangel FWB Church of Webb City began a bus ministry in September. A 36-passenger bus which had been made into a camper was donated to the church by one of the members. The Olivet FWB Church in Marshall provided the seats for the bus and the Evangel Church folks worked hard to prepare the bus for an evangelistic ministry.

Marvin Lewis and John Brazelton are serving as co-captains of the bus ministry at Evangel Church. About a dozen others are assisting them.

Rev. Andy Lay is the pastor.

REVIVAL AT OLIVET

by Mrs. Daisy Harper

The Olivet Church of Marshall had a blessed week of revival, August 11-17. Spirit-filled messages were preached each night by Rev. Dennis Bowman of Independence. The Lord truly poured out His blessings as five were saved and many rededications were witnessed.

Praise God that there are still Bible preaching, Bible teaching, Bible practicing men around who are not afraid to declare, "thus saith the Lord."

Rev. Cliff Bowman is the pastor at Olivet.

210 AVERAGE IN VBS AT FOURTH CHURCH

Vacation Bible School was conducted in August at Fourth FWB Church in St. Louis. Average attendance for the five nights was 210. Rev. Denver Odgen, a chalk talk artist, was the evangelist. Several young people were saved.

Brother A. E. Boatright directed the school which many claimed was the best in the history of Fourth Church. The two church buses hauled over capacity numbers each night.

Rev. Millard Sasser is the pastor of Fourth Church.

KILLIAN TO WRITE HISTORY OF GEM

Mr. Leamon L. Killian, a layman at Fourth FWB Church in St. Louis, is writing a history of the Free Will Baptist GEM. He would appreciate readers supplying him with some of the early copies of the GEM (before 1953) or information about the GEM in its early days. Those willing to supply such materials should send it to Mr. Leamon L. Killian, 8528 Palmetto Drive, Affton, MO 63123. He will return all material sent to him by those who request it.

NO SS ATTENDANCE AVERAGES THIS MONTH

The Sunday school attendance averages that have been being published every month in the GEM will be published quarterly hereafter. This action was decided in the General Board meeting at the State Association in an effort to conserve as much space as possible for articles and news, since the decrease in the size of the GEM last spring. Churches may still send their averages to the GEM office monthly if they choose, or they may send them in December, March, June, and September for the preceding quarter.

EXTRA GOOD SERVICE AT TWIN OAKS

Reporter, Madeline McFarland, of the Twin Oaks FWB Church reports a very special prayer service at the Twin Oaks Church recently. Participating in the service were Pastor Truman Huffman, Rosemary Kemp, Jeanne Lunsford, Olivia Beeman, Ted Matthews, and the church's girls' chorus. The theme, "Sound Out the Warning," was reported to have been a blessing to all.

Mrs. McFarland writes, "We thank God for His blessings in men who stand firm for Him and His Word. May we see more men willing to sound the warning that people, saved and unsaved, may prepare to meet their living God."

The Twin Oaks Church was in revival as this GEM went to press, with Rev. Leon Miller serving as the evangelist.

EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS CONFERENCE SET FOR JANUARY

An Evangelism and Missions Conference is planned for January 13-15 at the Berkeley FWB Church. Among the participants will be Evangelist Bobby Jackson. More information will be forthcoming in the GEM about this conference. Make plans now to attend.

NOVEMBER 3 SET FOR HILLSDALE EMPHASIS DAY

Promotional Director, Jerry Rhodes, of Hillsdale FWB College has announced that November 3 will be designated as Hillsdale Emphasis Day across the mid-western region. Churches are encouraged to place special emphasis on Hillsdale FWB College in their services on that day, reminding their people to pray for the school and give to her support. Special offerings received may be designated to one or more of several projects at Hillsdale.

- (1) Paying off indebtedness on the Activities Building

- (2) Enclosing a patio on the Activities Building to make a student lounge area
- (3) The construction of a four-plex type building that will be used immediately as dormitory space, and eventually converted into married student housing.

One hundred and fifty-six students are currently enrolled at Hillsdale: thirteen of them are from Missouri. Hillsdale is an accredited four-year school, with both a Christian liberal arts curriculum and a Bible college emphasis.

One of Hillsdale's most unique features, among Free Will Baptist institutions, is the student aid program. Because of a variety of types of loans, grants, and scholarships available, it is true that no Free Will Baptist young person need be denied a Christian college education because of the lack of money. Interested individuals may contact the Office of Student Aid, Hillsdale FWB College, P. O. Box 6343, Moore, Oklahoma 73160.

Pastors across the state will be receiving more information in the mail about the promotion of Hillsdale on November 3 from the College's promotional office.

GREENFIELD CHURCH WITHOUT PASTOR

The First FWB Church of Greenfield, Missouri, is in need of a pastor. Any minister interested should contact the church clerk, Mrs. Lucille Franklin, 403 Toney Avenue, Greenfield, MO 65661.

18 MISSOURIANS IN FWBBC STUDENT BODY

Of the 538-member student body at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, this fall, 18 of them are from Missouri. They are:

Diane Chapman, Marshfield; Marilyn Combs, Manchester; Daniel Deatherage, Eminence; Kenneth Fox, Avondale; Wayne Hale, Flat River; Alvin Hook, Lee's Summit; Cynthia Hook, Lee's Summit; Teresa Howard, Arnold; Kerry Lawson, Mountain Grove; Nicholas Leonard, Desloge; Vernon Long, Festus; Marilyn Peebles, Mountain Grove; Carol Rich, Mountain Grove; Sharon Rich, Mountain Grove; Sandra Summers, Desloge; Yvonne Thigpen, Arnold; Jeffrey Turnbough, Houston; James Ward, (Southside), St. Louis.

Missouri individuals and churches contributed \$1,942.21 to Free Will Baptist Bible College in August. Top giving churches were Carterville Church which gave \$109.00 and First FWB of Fredericktown which gave \$263.65.

As of August 31, 1974, we in the State of Missouri had only given 21 percent of our 1974-75 suggested quota, whereas to have been on schedule we should have given 25 percent of our quota by that date. Let us do a little better, brethren!

OVERLAND HONORS PASTOR AND DEPARTING SERVICE MAN

A large crowd attended special services at the Overland FWB Church recently in honor of the wedding anniversary of Pastor Harry Asher and his wife. Mr. Rick Ross was also honored on the occasion, as he was soon to depart for service in the U. S. Marine Corps.

OWEN GANEY ENTERS FULL-TIME EVANGELISM

The GEM office has been notified that Rev. Owen Ganev of Goldsboro, North Carolina, has entered the field of full-time evangelism and is available for revival work as the Lord leads. He may be contacted at P. O. Box 1159, Goldsboro, NC 27530.

Rev. and Mrs. Harry Asher



Rick Ross

MISSOURI PROJECT REPORT

(125,000 Library Wing)
Free Will Baptist Bible College

CHURCH	PLEDGE	CASH RECEIVED	CHURCH	PLEDGE	CASH RECEIVED
Alton Church, Alton		15.00	Liberty Church, Phillipsburg		43.56
Aulsbury Chapel, Bonne Terre		20.00	Macedonia Church, Niangua		100.00
Beacon Church, Raytown		125.00	Merl's Chapel, Cassville		155.00
Belton Church, Belton		35.00	Monett 1st Church, Monett	3,000	1,348.51
Berkeley 1st, St. Louis	1,000	799.13	Mountain Grove Church, Mtn Grove		533.55
Bethel Church, Festus	1,000	540.00	Myrtle Church, Myrtle		24.00
Byrd Church, Thayer		25.00	New Harmony Church, Greentop		40.00
Cabool Church, Cabool		125.00	O'Fallon Church, O'Fallon	1,000	
Cape Girardeau 1st, Cape Girardeau		24.25	Olivet Church, Marshall		250.00
Capitol City Church, Jefferson City	1,000	84.58	Oskaloosa Church, Arcadia, KS		60.00
Central Church, Kansas City	3,000	1,100.00	Overland Church, Overland		40.00
Copper Mines Church, Fredericktown	3,000	235.00	Parkview Church, Desloge	1,240	317.50
Cuba Church, Cuba		10.00	Purdy 1st Church, Purdy		411.41
Desoto Church, Desoto	3,000	300.00	Royal Oak Church, Alton		5.00
Evangel Mission, Webb City		62.00	Royal Oaks Church, Parkville		58.00
Faith Church, St. Louis			Shiloh Church, Alton		37.00
Farmington 1st, Farmington	3,000	3,997.58	South Fremont Church, Springfield	1,000	510.52
Fellowship Church, Flat River	3,000	188.00	South Side Church, St. Louis	1,000	92.50
Flat River 1st, Flat River	1,000		Thayer Church, Thayer	1,000	130.90
Fordland Church, Marshfield		120.00	Union Light Church, Marquand		130.00
Fourth Church, St. Louis	1,500	559.00	Viburnum Church, Viburnum	1,000	162.33
Fredericktown 1st, Fredericktown	3,000	927.20	Victory Church, Kansas City	3,000	334.55
Gateway Church, St. Louis		120.00	Waynesville 1st, Waynesville		150.00
Grace Church, Arnold	3,000	250.00	West Plains 1st, West Plains	3,000	25.25
Grant Avenue, Springfield	3,000	1,000.00	Willow Springs Church, Mtn Grove	1,500	
Hannon Church, Hannon		110.00	Missouri State Association		1,000.00
Hartville Church, Hartville		128.45	Madison County Quarterly Meeting		27.06
Houston 1st, Houston		202.00	Cave Springs Quarterly Conference		1,275.00
Hurryville Church, Hurryville	1,000	351.86	TOTAL CHURCHES		
Independence Church, Independence		65.00	& CONFERENCES	\$52,240	\$20,499.72
Joplin 1st, Joplin	1,000	50.00	Cash gifts received from individuals		
Kansas City 1st, Kansas City		697.24	(churches not indicated)		1,879.58
Kirksville 1st, Kirksville	1,000	256.25			
Leadington Church, Leadington			TOTAL RECEIVED ON		
Lebanon 1st, Lebanon	3,000	715.54	MISSOURI PROJECT	\$52,240	\$22,379.30

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS AUGUST, 1974

Kansas City, First Mission	86.00
Belton	103.00
Beacon	224.00
Carterville	12.25
Macedonia	10.00
Number One	24.20
Willow Springs	134.00
Divine Trinity, Potosi	18.00
Fellowship	50.00
Bethel, Festus	40.00
Hickory Grove (July)	115.25
Cabool	129.23
Pleasant Grove	19.85
Buffalo	46.40
De Soto, First	322.00
Mine La Motte	44.30
Olivett	130.00
Royal Oaks	40.00
Columbia	62.11
Salem	20.00
Houston	233.00
Pleasant Ridge	22.30
Cuba (4 months—Apr-July)	175.11
Garfield (July)	23.13
Hannon	109.70
Independence	54.00
Marshfield (June-July)	90.46
Thayer	108.10
Gospel Light, Bonne Terre	31.15
Grace (July)	302.61
Byrd	12.00
Fordland	25.00
O'Fallon, First (July)	48.66
Faith (July)	156.92
Rock Chapel (Aug.)	18.22
Copper Mines	90.00
Monett, First	218.20
Verdella	63.12
Central, K.C. (Aug.)	120.00
Happy Home, Ava	21.93
Leadington (July)	95.08
Purdy, First	49.00
Merl's Chapel	54.45
Berkeley	300.00
Farmington, First	285.50
Evangel	37.75
Grant Avenue (Aug.)	274.25
Pleasant Grove	20.38
Hurryville	68.16
West Plains, First (Aug.)	142.50
Independence (Aug.)	56.00
Aurora (Aug.)	49.61
Mt. Valley (Apr.-June)	129.43
New Harmony S. S. (Aug.)	12.19
Mine La Motte	31.90
Fellowship (Aug.)	50.00
South Side (Aug.)	198.00
Hickory Grove (Aug.)	18.36
Grace (Aug.)	337.20
Kansas City, First Mission	112.00
Beacon	219.82
Victory	293.30
Willow Springs (Aug.)	101.17
Gateway	12.00
Fourth	271.04
A Friend	6.71
August Total	\$6,780.00

Promotional Secretary's Corner



Liberty Association yearly meeting convened Saturday, August 3, at Niangua camp grounds. Nineteen churches were represented. Rev. John Hodge preached at 11 a.m. and Rev. Nathan Ruble at 2 p.m. I gave the Missouri Promotional Program in the afternoon service. They dismissed Saturday night service.

On Sunday morning, August 4, Mrs. Beatty and I worshipped with South Fremont FWB Church in Springfield. Pastor Wayne Wagner reports new converts there who have affiliated with their congregation. The second phase of their new sanctuary building, including all the furnishings, is now completed and occupied.

On Thursday, August 8, I attended one day in Indian Creek Association held with Jones Chapel Church. Each of their churches represented with letters and delegates. The interest and attendance both are on the increase. Rev. Carlson preached at 11 a.m. and Monett's new pastor, Rev. Dale Smith, preached at 2:00 p.m. We welcome Pastor Smith and Joplin's new pastor, Rev. N. R. Smith, into Missouri State Association. I gave the Missouri Cooperative Program Thursday afternoon. Thursday night I attended Rev. Gentry's evangelistic tabernacle crusade near Anderson, Missouri. Some souls have been saved in this revival effort.

Southeast Missouri Association, consisting of three quarterly meetings, assembled with Parkview Church in Desloge, August 8, 9. Rev. Paul Kettelman was delegated to preach the gospel messages for the entire yearly meeting. I gave the Missouri Promotional Program and some folks purchased Bibles from our portable book stand. The attendance was good; the business sessions were harmonious and reports of souls saved during the past year were also up.

On Sunday morning, August 10, I delivered the message at Aulsbury Chapel Church in response to an invitation from Pastor Ames and the church. Some souls have been saved and affiliated with the church there recently.

On Sunday evening I delivered the message in DeSoto First FWB Church. They continue to win people to the Lord. Pastor Miller reports 13 members were received into their membership in the past month.

More than 600 people attended the sixty-first annual session of Missouri State Association August 19-22, which met with the First FWB Church of Flat River. This was one of the best associations in our history; good gospel preaching and singing prevailed. Beginning Monday night, with the State Sunday School—CTS Board in charge, Rev. Jonathan Thigpen preached, followed by missionary Lynn Miley bringing two sermons for the Woman's Auxiliary convention on Tuesday.

Our theme for this yearly meeting was, "I Must Work While It Is Day." Ministers preaching on the subject were: A. B. Brown, Max Courtney, Rolla Smith, and Harvey Hill. Closed circuit TV had to be used in the educational auditorium to accommodate the overflow crowds. Most of our goals were attained last year. New and higher goals were projected for 1974-75.

I hope to be instrumental in helping to attain these projected goals by June 30, 1975, the date of the consummation of my service as promotional secretary-treasurer and field worker.

The Quarterly Meeting of Liberty Association assembled Saturday, August 31, with Mt. Zion FWB Church near Grove Springs. Eighteen churches represented with delegates. Rev. Nathan Ruble preached the sermon at 11 a.m. and Rev. Jemes at 2 p.m. I gave the Promotional Program and report of 1974 session of Missouri State Association.

On Sunday morning, September 1, I gave Pastor Raymond Askren a helping hand, sharing the gospel message in Little Vine FWB Church. We enjoyed a good service. On the same Sunday evening, in response to an invitation from Liberty Church and Pastor Dannie Talbot, I delivered the gospel message in Liberty Church. Several new converts have been baptized and added to their congregation recently. Hopefully their church will resume participation in the Cooperative Plan of giving in the very near future.

Some churches sent cooperative checks twice within the month of August. Fifty-five churches contributed \$6,780.00. Thus, we are right on schedule toward our projected goal of \$90,000.00 for 1974-75. Thank you, brethren, and praise the Lord!

AUGUST, 1974 COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

20.00% Mo. Missions	\$1,356.00
15.00% Mo. Promotional Dept.	1,017.00
05.50% Mo. Youth Camp	372.90
04.00% Mo. General Fund	271.20
04.00% Mo. State College Comm	271.20
02.50% Mo. Gem	169.50
01.00% Mo. CTS-Sunday School	67.80
52% seven Mo. Depts.	3,535.60
07.00% Hillsdale College	474.60
41% eight Nat'l. Depts.	2,779.80
13.00% Foreign Missions	881.40
09.00% FWB Bible College	610.20
07.00% National Executive Dept.	474.60
06.50% Nat'l. Home Missions.	440.70
03.00% Nat'l. CTS Dept.	203.40

02.00% Board-Retirement & Ins.	135.60
00.25% Layman's Board	16.95
00.25% Theological Comm	16.95
100% Total disbursed	6,780.00

Promotional Secretary-Treasurer

Harry Beatty

Fifty-five churches contributed \$6,780.00

DESIGNATED MONIES THROUGH THE STATE OFFICE, AUGUST, 1974

Hickory Grove Sunday School (one account)	\$19.85
Olivet FWB Church (seven accounts)	85.00
Merl's Chapel FWB Church (one account)	52.00
Missouri State Association offering (State HM)	183.00
Missouri State Association offering (FM)	351.00
Northwestern Association (minute money)	10.00
Cave Springs Association (minute money)	45.00
Liberty Association (minute money)	35.00
First FWB Church, West Plains (one account)	50.00
Laclede Association (minute money)	11.00
Hickory Grove Sunday school (one account)	10.63

Total for month \$852.48

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

Fredricktown, First	\$20.00
Thayer	14.00
WNAC	173.60
Hartville	5.00
Salem	20.00
Mine La Motte	10.00
Willow Springs	10.18
Cabool	30.00
Victory	314.24
Byrd	60.00
Aurora	22.11
Myrtle	101.25
Rock Chapel	20.00
Central	20.00
Grace	50.00
So. Fremont	87.00
Low Ground	5.00
Independence	20.00
Houston	20.00
New Home	30.00
Olivet	300.00
Fourth	80.46
Monett	2.00
West Plains, First	70.00
DeSoto, First	50.00
Fellowship	30.00
South Side	11.00
New Rock Springs	8.50
Hannon	57.00
State Assoc. Offering	183.00
Coop. Receipts	1,356.00

Total 3,180.34

Secretary-Treasurer

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Woman's Page

NOTES 'N' NEWS . . . Congratulations to one of our Co-Laborers: Mrs. Robert Hastings, who won *honorable mention* in the WNAC writing contest with an article entitled "Hidden Reason for Sharing." Mrs. Hastings is a member of the Hannon Auxiliary . . . 80,000 Betty Crocker coupons are needed by November, 1974. Send them to WNAC, P. O. 1088, Nashville, TN 37202 . . . We had 84 register for our retreat this year . . . *Last year's reports:* Perpetual Loan Fund (February project), \$900.47; Projector for the Lonnie Sparks, \$970.56; Kansas State Auxiliary for the National, \$225.00 . . . Offering at the State Association: \$227.32 for the Lynn Miley account . . . DID YOU FORGET??? Last year only 496 members were reported to our treasurer, and only 6 districts and 4 local auxiliaries turned in their reports. Let us do better this year and get our reports in and on time (May 1 into the district, May 15 into the state offices) . . .

WOULD YOU BELIEVE that there recently was a service where people "BEGGED" to take up an offering? Well, there was, and it was held September 15 at our state youth camp. After great services and blessings untold, the treasurer announced that we would not need to take up an offering to help pay for the retreat or the speakers' expenses. It was quickly agreed that we could not have a real Free Will Baptist meeting unless we took up an offering, and this was a real LOVE offering of \$157.25 which will be divided between the Mileys and the state loan fund. PRAISE THE LORD!



Sister Lucille Beatty was recently in charge of a candlelight installation service for the Grace Church in Arnold, MO. Each officer represented a spoke that formed a wheel which was the theme of the service. Sister Beatty serves as president of the auxiliary at Grace Church and as our State Field Worker.

If you missed the retreat, you really missed a blessing. Plan now to attend next year, September 15, 16. Here is how just one of our ladies expressed it:

I love the Woman's Auxiliary Retreat . . . It's a heavenly place to be . . . I only wish that all my friends could share this joy with me . . . Each year we meet new Christian friends whom we've never met before . . . And some we may not meet again . . . Till we reach that heavenly shore . . . But, no one seems a stranger, for as you look into each new face, you see such warmth and friendliness you think: "Haven't I seen you some place" . . . But God's love has a wonderful way of making us all feel as one, and our worries just seem to melt away as we pray that His will be done . . . There we are surrounded by nature, the forest, and birds that sing . . . These are all God's handiwork . . . Such peace and joy they bring . . . God speaks through His creation and He fills our cups to-the-brim as we meet together in unity . . . Now we love our homes and families and thank God for them each day . . . This is one of the reasons we need to get away . . . To obtain a new prospective of our problems, our duties, and then . . . We return with renewed courage determined the battle to win . . . Old Satan is on each of our trails and he will fight to the bitter end . . . But we have a mightier warrior than he—Our Savior, our God, and our friend . . . Then after two days of heaven-on-earth with a foretaste of rapture-to-come . . . With a touch of sadness we say farewell and wind our way back home . . . For days and days our hearts are thrilled with memories of blessings so sweet . . . And with many wonderful things to relate about our Woman's Auxiliary retreat.

by Ellen Middleton
Mountain Grove, MO



New Book Releases

BOOK OF DANIEL READY

Dr. Douglas J. Simpson, Free Will Baptist Bible College professor, has prepared an excellent analytical study of the Book of Daniel. In a unique treatment of the book, Dr. Simpson has treated eschatological passages from the viewpoints of the pre, post and amillennialists.

It is a scholarly work written in easy-to-read lay language. Dr. Simpson does not seek to defend any particular millennial view.

Since Daniel is considered by many to be of great importance in the interpretation of many other prophetic passages, it is felt that an unbiased approach will enable the reader to draw his own conclusions relative to what he will believe.

For the reader who desires to continue this study into the Book of Revelation, two such volumes are being written with distinctive views defended. Dr. Simpson is writing an analytical study of the Book of Revelation from the premillennial viewpoint. Dr. Wade Jernigan is writing a manuscript defending the amillennial interpretation of the Book of Revelation.

The Book of Daniel is available now for shipment in time for our winter quarter Sunday school lessons.

DAILY BIBLE READER DEBUT

We have been asked many times, "Why don't you prepare a daily Bible reader devotional guide using the Sunday school daily Bible readings?" We resisted the temptation for years because the CTS Department was publishing *Depth*. Since it is not being

published, the *Daily Bible Reader* will make its debut with the Spring Quarter, 1975. It will have selected passages from the Teen-Adult curriculum daily Bible readings.

The *Daily Bible Reader* will be written by the Reverend Jack L. Williams, Dean of California Christian College. Reverend Williams is well-known for his ability to write in a succinct manner, getting to the very heart of the issue.

Look for me on the Sunday School Department order blank for the Spring Quarter, 1975—*Daily Bible Reader* or *DBR* for short.

NEW FREE WILL BAPTIST HISTORY RELEASED

This book documents, for the first time, the fact that Free Will Baptists have had a continuing witness in America from 1727 to 1830. It is the first of three volumes. Volume II will cover the period from 1830 to 1935. Volume III will cover the beginning of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in 1935 to the present time. Research is continuing on Volume II at this time. Publication dates will be released as soon as they can be determined.

These volumes are the work of Dr. Bill Davidson, a Free Will Baptist Bible College alumnus. Volume I was written as his doctoral dissertation at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Davidson is presently serving as a professor at Columbia Bible College in South Carolina.

This first 238-page volume has been produced in both hardback and paperback. The hardback sells for \$4.95; the paperback sells for \$3.95. Copies are available from the Sunday School Department or your state bookstore.



Missourians Serving in Missions

Foreign Missions

Jerry and Carol Pinkerton
(from Kirksville area)
B. P. 40 F
Bondoukou, Ivory Coast, West Africa

LaVerne and Lorene Miley
(from Kirksville area)
B. P. 20
Bouna, Ivory Coast, West Africa

Bill and Glenda Fulcher
(Glenda from St. Louis area)
Apartado 6931
Panama R. de Panama

Howard and Joan Filkins
(from Kirksville area)
B. P. 1171
Bouake, Ivory Coast, West Africa

Jim and Olena McLain
(Olena from Kirksville area)
Higashi 5 jo, 8 Chome, Tsukisama
Sapporo, Japan

National Home Missions

Leland and Dollie Horton
(from Mt. Grove area)
2314 E. 39th St. Court
Des Moines, Iowa 50317

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Rev. Dennis Bowman
1932 Belmont
Independence, MO 64057

Rev. Bill Atkisson
303 Florence
Jackson, MO 63755

Rev. Johnnie Land
7304 E. 108th St.
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Rev. Mark Vandivort
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Columbia, MO 65201

Rev. Dale Pitts
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