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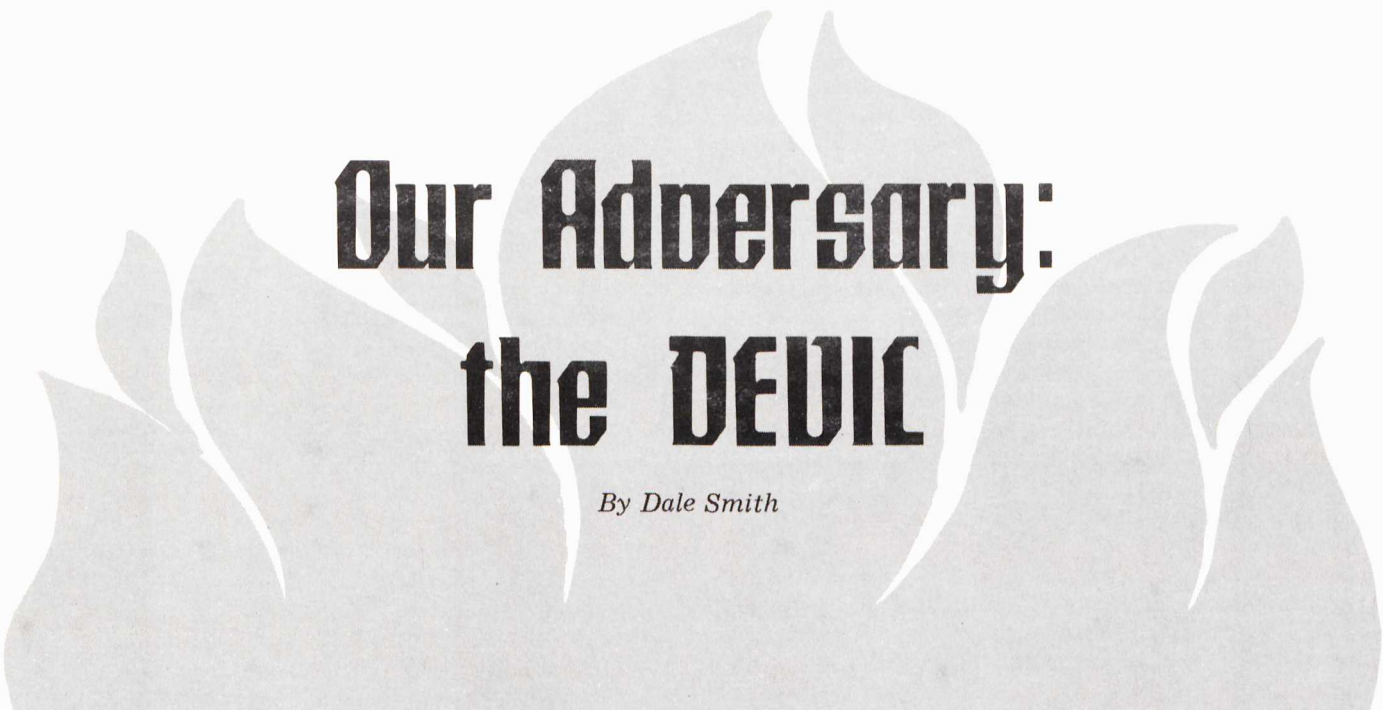
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Our Adversary: the DEVIL

By Dale Smith

Recently a group of religious leaders proclaimed that God was dead and man was now responsible for his own well-being. A result of those discussions is the emphasis on the "new morality." Man has the power within to guide his destiny. However, in the words of Merrill F. Unger, noted biblical authority, "The new morality will turn out to be nothing more than the old immorality of debauched and occult-ridden paganism." One aspect of this "new paganism" is Satanism.

His name is Anton LaVey and he is the high priest of the First Satanic Church of Los Angeles, California. To pledge for membership into the church one has to read the Satanic bible and swear an oath against the Holy Bible of Christianity. To explain its origin LaVey says, "The satanic age started in 1966. That is when God was proclaimed dead, the Sexual Freedom League came into being, and the hippies developed into a free culture."

There are various orders of worship and an average service begins by everyone falling prostrate before the high priest and quoting a memorized oath of allegiance to Satan. This is preceded by a young girl who lies nude on the altar. She is painted a variety of colors by the congregation. Then the group chants a chorus of vexations and incantations. When the service finally reaches the point of frenzy,

the high priest desecrates the girl and encourages others to do likewise. All in all it is a very sordid and debauched display of satanic permissiveness.

Now let us couple with these thoughts some related statistics. *Life Magazine* of 1964 reported, "It is difficult to estimate the numbers but the interest is growing at an alarming rate." In France there are 60,000 sorcerers who are taking in two (2) million dollars a year for the occult practices they perform. In Frankfurt, Germany there are reportedly tens of thousands who believe in witches. A noted authority on the occult, Author Lyons, says, "Satanism is not only present in Europe, but in the United States as well. In fact the United States probably harbors the fastest growing and most highly organized body of Satanists in the world." One estimate says that there are five hundred witches in Manhattan alone. The proportion of growth should be alarming to the Christian of the Midwest.

The activities of the occult are seemingly the coarsest in action and attitude. In the "churches" entangled in Satan worship the rites are opposite from those of a Christian church. Every desecration of Christianity is emphasized, from the upside-down cross to the flagrant use of sex and sexual stimuli. In Hollywood the altar was a glass tank filled with

formaldehyde containing the body of a dead baby. Author Lyons reported that the high priest had a hypnotic effect upon a teenage girl. The ritual in which she became involved was so debasing he could not describe it. Not long ago a lady called the police and said that she had seen a van pull up to the beach and some of the occupants take out a box and bury it in the sand. She thought they were trying to dispose of a baby. The police arrived on the scene and found that the box contained the remains of an animal that had obviously been skinned. The police also reported that they encountered a case where a part of the ceremony required skinning a dog without killing it. It was a careful job and one of the most pitiful sights that one could ever see.

In an effort to understand the situation, some of the "followers" were asked what their purpose was. The facts are revealing when aligned to specific biblical truths. *The Los Angeles Times* of May 4, 1970, posed the previous question and received two answers: "Witchcraft is actually a return to nature, a worship of the natural gods as opposed to the chrome and glass gods you find in society. We are more interested in finding powers within ourselves, in broadening our own minds." "Our whole religion is based on the lunar cycle, moon worship, and we really were the first ones interested in ecology, which you are hearing so much about right now. We are the ones who are pushing for a return to nature, and we may be on the right track. At least witchcraft seems to be growing faster right now than any other religion."

In the light of these statements there seems to be some recognizable elements that will parallel the Genesis account of the fall of man. Note that these people were proclaiming four tenets: 1) return to nature, 2) worship of natural gods, 3) seeking to find their power within, and 4) broadening their minds. It is clearly to be seen that such desires are the core of Satan's victory over man in the garden. A comparison shall now ensue.

Yet, before examining the Genesis account there needs to be a prerequisite study of the fall of Satan. It is found in Genesis, chapters two and three. The Scriptures present Satan as being very subtle, attractive, and possessing magnificent powers. We are told that before he was to crawl in a prostrate manner Satan was not of the reptilian order but rather a mammal, possibly upright in stature. Because he was close to the Father there was an aura that permeated his being, hence the title "Lucifer," the bright one. In all verity, Lucifer was an impressive sight to behold and not at all repulsive. But for all of his abilities he was not satisfied and sought to assert himself above all creations and especially the Creator.

The fall of Satan is narrated in Isaiah 14:12-17 and Ezekiel 28:11-19. Taking only sections, we can adequately place the reason for Satan's fall. In Isaiah 14:14 the motivation is given, "I will be like the most High." Ezekiel 28:17 concludes the charges by adding, "Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground." The accepted reasons for Satan's fall was his pride and that coupled with his beauty. The judgments

against him were severe. He was cast out of God's love and blessing forever. And in return for such action Satan is primarily concerned with destroying the center of God's affection, man.

Satan's fall thus sheds light on the fall of man. He had taken his eyes away from the things God had given him and sought to see those avenues which were closed to him. This is precisely what he told Eve. He wanted Eve not to see all that God had provided but rather the one thing that he was denying.

Now for that comparison that was promised earlier. Let us map a parallel construction in the form of what Satan said to Eve and what our young Satanist of today say.

Satan and Eve	Satan and Today
1. thou shall not die	1. return us to nature
2. eyes shall be open	2. broaden our minds
3. ye shall be as gods	3. search for the power within
4. know good and evil	4. worship the natural gods

The first parallel tends to speak of permissiveness. Satan told Eve that all of nature is good for her consumption. In other words, what she sees she can have. This is precisely what our liberal society is telling the world. There is no life hereafter so live the way one wants and reach for all the gusto that you can. There is not one word spoken about having to answer for one's action toward God. The second and third parallels are shadows of the present involvements that people are spending hours practicing. "Power of positive thinking," transcendental meditation, gurus, nature worship, and group therapy are but a few of these "tricks" to help people broaden their minds and reach their powers within. The fourth is equally parallel in that Satan promised Eve that she would be capable of knowing good and evil. In other words, she would be able to decide without the help of an external power. How many areas can you name that people thought they could decide what was best for them only to find out that their goodness was not inherent in nature but just the opposite? Man does not know what is most beneficial for harmony between himself and others for he shall always choose those things complimentary to himself.

To conclude this area let us capsulize Genesis 3:1-6 by saying that the end result of the four areas of Satan is sin and can only be regarded as abomination in the eyes of God. Those who delve and dabble with Satanism are walking a shaky tightrope that will lift one high before the crowd for a season but will eventually fall and cause death. That person needs to realize that Satan is more intelligent, has stronger powers, and absolutely nothing to lose for he has already been given his place of future banishment.

At this point there seems to be no hope for man if Satan has powers greater and abilities more numerous than he. But the Word of God has shed a great light in the form of prophecy. In Genesis 3:15 the Scripture speaks of the eternal effects of what happened in the garden episode. It is true that Satan hindered man by means of the fall but the way of forgiveness is still available to all. The narrative here tells how Satan shall make an indention upon the

son of man or man, but it shall only bruise his heel. However, by the death of God's Son, Satan has been wounded mortally. Christ has provided a greater power than the prince of darkness can muster in defense of his kingdom. This says that man does not have to be subject to evil and the evil influences that surround him but can wholly lean upon the breast of Jesus and find succor to meet his needs. The Word of God to all involved in Satan's domain is "liberty" and "redemption." "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through

death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage" Hebrews 2:14, 15.

Biographical sketch: Dale Smith

Dale is pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett. He is a member of the state General Board for the Indian Creek Association. He is a graduate of Hillsdale College and Bethany Nazarene College, both in Oklahoma City.

On The National Front

FOREIGN MISSIONS NEED GREAT

With just two months left in 1974, the Department of Foreign Missions reports total giving for the year is to the present far below budget needs. Due to the rising costs on the mission fields as well as inflation at home, missions expenditures actually exceed that predicted in the 1974 missions budget. Actual Foreign Missions receipts for January 1 through September 30 were \$680,784. This is \$134,246 below that projected.

According to Mr. Harold Critcher, Director of Finance, monthly needs average approximately \$90,560 to sustain the budget for the department's 89 missionaries and staff. Receipts in the first four months of this year were far below this amount: January, \$66,446; February, \$69,904; March, \$64,972; and April, \$86,227. This makes a total of \$24,753 below what was given in the same period of 1973. At the time of this release, the \$90,560 figure had been surpassed only once this year: May, \$102,752.

Inflation around the world averages far above that in the United States. As a result, the Board of Foreign Missions has been compelled to make cost-of-living adjustments. This has made even the projected budget inadequate. Some are concerned that ministries might be greatly hindered even though world-wide needs tend to increase as does the population.

The staff has expressed hope that Free Will Baptists who are behind in their giving and others feeling the burden of world evangelization will rally to meet these budget needs.

May the churches in Missouri get under this burden and do more than our part!

MISSOURI SUPPORTS FWBBC

Missouri individuals and churches sent \$1,758.40 to Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee in September. First Church of DeSoto

made the largest contribution to the general fund, giving \$100.00. They also gave the greatest amount to the building fund, in the amount of \$250.00

FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOME IN TENNESSEE

"This child care ministry, providing a home for needy children since 1939, is supported entirely by contributions. We receive no state or federal aid. Your remembrance of this work enables us to carry on for the glory of God. God faithfully meets our needs through people like you. Thank you for what you have done for the Home in the past.

We are continuing to experience revival among our children. God is answering prayer. Our newest employees are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Goering from North Carolina. They serve as houseparents for West Virginia Cottage.

In the near future construction is to begin on a gymnasium for the Home. This will provide a place for year around athletics and recreation for the children. We will need your financial help in order to provide this. If you would like to help us with this, please earmark your gifts for the gymnasium or new building.

Christmas is almost upon us. If you want suggestions for projects write us. Pray for the Home, and visit us if you have opportunity. Continue to send us any and all kinds of trading stamps and coupons. Write or call us on any help or information we can offer you concerning the Home.

Missouri gave \$354.21 in July and \$461.35 in August to the Home.

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



**Missouri State Home Mission Giving:
September 5 through October 5, 1974**

South Fremont	\$104.00
Myrtle	118.18
Copper Mines	30.00
Madison County Quarterly Meeting	75.00
Cuba	8.10
DeSoto, First	50.00
Hurryville	30.00
Central	20.00
Hartville, First	10.00
Mine LaMotte	20.00
Aurora	25.00
Willow Springs	10.84
Fredericktown, First	40.00
Union Light	33.00
Rock Chapel	20.00
Low Ground	5.00
Victory	152.52
Olivet	300.00
Thayer	8.00
Cabool	30.00
Fellowship	30.00
Houston	75.00
West Plains, First	70.00
New Home	30.00
South Side	6.00
Salem	10.00
Fourth	47.46
Independence	16.00
Hannon	77.35
Mountain Grove	5.75
Cooperative Receipts	1,445.81
Total	2,903.01

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**DESIGNATED GIVING THROUGH
STATE OFFICE
FOR SEPTEMBER, 1974**

Kansas City First Mission (two accounts)	\$52.41
Olivet Church in Marshall (eight accounts)	270.00
Merl's Chapel (one account)	23.00
First Church of Mt. Grove (five accounts)	159.00
First Church of West Plains (one account)	157.75
Total money received and disbursed	\$662.16

**SEPTEMBER, 1974
COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS**

20.00% Mo. Missions	\$1,445.81
15.00% Mo. Promotional Dept.	1,084.36
05.50% Mo. Youth Camp	397.60
04.00% Mo. General Fund	289.16
04.00% Mo. State College Comm.	289.16
02.50% Mo. Gem	180.73
01.00% Mo. C.T.S. & S.S. Depts.	72.29
52% seven Mo. Depts.	3,759.11
07.00% 07% Hillsdale College	506.03
41% eight Nat'l. Depts.	2,963.90
13.00% Foreign Missions	939.78
09.00% F.W.B. Bible College	650.61
07.00% Nat'l. Executive Dept.	506.03
06.50% Nat'l. Home Missions	469.89
03.00% Nat'l. C.T.S. Dept.	216.87
02.00% Board of Retirement-Ins.	144.58
00.25% Layman's Board	18.07
00.25% Theological Comm.	18.07
100% Total disbursed	7,229.04

Promotional Secretary and Treasurer:
Harry Beatty

CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS

ACTIVITY AT COPPER MINES CHURCH

by Mrs. Elza M. Rehkop

September was a busy month for the members of Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church and Sunday school. A trip to Six Flags Over Mid-America was enjoyed by a total of 68 on Labor Day. Saturday night, September 7, the Madison County Youth Rally was held at the Copper Mines Church. Other churches represented at this meeting were Mine La Motte, Mill Creek, and Twin Oaks.

The annual church picnic of Copper Mines Church was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Hovis on September 14, 1974. It was well attended though the weather was a little cool.

The High Teen Class of Copper Mines Sunday school held a combination wiener roast and hayride on Saturday night, September 24. Brother Charles Francis is the high teen teacher.

On Saturday night, September 28, a large group attended the 31st anniversary singing for Barney Barrows of the Victory Quartet at Kingsland Theater in St. Louis. Among the twelve featured groups was the Jerry Huffman Family of the Copper Mines Church. Two other churches were represented at this event along with the group from Copper Mines Church.

Sunday, September 29, was College Day at Copper Mines. A collection of \$186.48 was sent to Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee, for their library wing. A total amount of \$1,000 has been pledged over a three year period.

Rev. O. D. Matthews is the pastor of the Copper Mines Church and Brother Elza M. Rehkop is the Sunday school superintendent.

SEMINAR ON LEADERSHIP HELD

Twenty-two Free Will Baptist pastors, one National Home Mission pastor, and Paul Ketteman, director of public relations, from Free Will Baptist Bible College met for two and a half days of classes, fellowship, and inspiration October 7-9 at Free Will Baptist Youth Camp.

The seminar, sponsored jointly by the Missouri College Commission and Missouri FWB Youth Camp, featured Hillsdale College president, Rev. Bill Jones, and Sunday School Revivals director, Keith Kenemer. The men attended class for more than 16 hours during the two and a half days. Classes were conducted in the area of management, leadership, and motivation.

Another seminar will be conducted in the future. The Commission hopes that more of our pastors will attend these important sessions.

BETHEL CHURCH (EL DORADO SPRINGS) IN NEW BUILDING

by Nancy Mays

We of the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in El Dorado Springs are pleased to report that our new church building is almost completed. We are constructing an auditorium with seating capacity for 220 people, seven classrooms and a basement fellowship hall.

The Lord has really blessed our church with attendance doubling in the past year.

Rev. Fidel Bridges is our pastor.

JONES CHAPEL GROWING

by Miss Loretta Elbert

The Jones Chapel FWB Church, near Stella, has had some real blessed services recently. Three souls were saved on September 29.

The Teen Class went to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, to see the Passion Play in September. They also had a hay ride and wiener roast last month.

Larger crowds in Sunday school, CTS, and prayer meeting have thrilled our hearts.

Rev. Billy Joe Gentry is the pastor.

GROWTH EXPERIENCED AT TWIN OAKS CHURCH

The reporter of the Twin Oaks Church, Mrs. Madeline McFarland, writes, "We are happy to report an increase in our Sunday school averages of the past few months. Our officers, Bob Kemp, Joe Pirtle, and Rosemary Kemp, are doing a good job as are our dedicated teachers. We thank God for our pastor, Rev. Truman Huffman, and his excellent leadership.

"We have just completed giving our building a face lifting. We appreciate our members who have a willingness to work.

"We recently witnessed the rededication of a young woman. The Spirit of the Lord has been very real in our services.

"Our church youth had charge of our fifth Sunday services. Brother Raymond Mickael directed the services in which the young people produced a skit based on the Book of Esther. Rosemary Hemp and Jeanne Lunsford were in charge of the music.

"Pray for us here at Twin Oaks that we may ever be faithful, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

QUARTERLY SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES TO BE PUBLISHED NEXT MONTH

As decided in the General Board meeting in August, the GEM is now only publishing the Sunday school attendance of Missouri churches each quarter. Next month the quarterly averages will appear. Be sure to get your Sunday school averages to the editor no later than November 15.



VERGEL MANESS INTO FULL TIME EVANGELISM

Rev. Vergel Maness has announced that he is entering the field of full time evangelism. He is now scheduling meetings for 1975. Until January 1, because of employment obligations, he is available only for week-end services.

Brother Maness is a ventriloquist. He has colorful characters of himself and Mr. Chips that can be used for promotional purposes in special services. He may be contacted at Route 1, Box 351 M, Imperial, Missouri 63052, or by phone at 314-296-5216.

PURDY CHURCH SPONSORS MISSION AT SHELL KNOB

Rev. Fred Harris, pastor of the Purdy FWB Church, reports that the Purdy Church is sponsoring a mission work at Shell Knob, Missouri. They have rented a store building in which to conduct services and have an option on it and an acre of land. They need pews and folding chairs, a piano, and a pulpit.

Brother George Enke, from the First FWB Church, will be doing the preaching. Anyone who could help with any of these needs may contact Rev. Fred Harris, Rt. 1, Purdy, Missouri 65734. Phone 314-442-3300.

The Purdy Church is also starting a radio broadcast on KRMO in Monett at 8:45 a.m. Sundays.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AT LITTLE VINE

Mrs. Joanne Lowery, reporter for the Little Vine FWB Church, writes about an outstanding day of services at the church on September 29. Thirty persons were present for Sunday school, with more coming in for church.

The John Shumate Family of Lebanon rendered special singing in the various services of the day. Mrs. Lowery writes about the morning service, "The power of the Lord was so great that almost everyone was in tears and shouts of praise to the Lord were heard. Pastor Raymond Askren used Luke 16 for his morning text and delivered a wonderful message."

After dinner was served at the church, the Shumate Family once again presented the gospel in song. Rev. Walter Eyman also participated in this service.

GOOD REPORT FROM KOSHKONONG

Mrs. Davie Combs writes, "Our church is having good attendance with a large group of young folks. They are planning revival services. We are proud that

they are interested in lost souls. They sing special songs for the services, which we enjoy very much. We need your prayers for our many lost friends.

We organized an auxiliary last October with a few women. We enjoy our lessons and feel we can help some. We have started a church library. We also sent \$20.00 to the Bob Carr account. We have sent Christmas cards to foreign fields and have plastic bottles to send to the doctor in Africa."

Rev. Davie Combs is the pastor.

PARKVIEW CHURCH IN DESLOGE

"We have been having some real good services lately and were especially blessed in our recent communion and footwashing services" writes Cleo Leonard, reporter for the Parkview FWB Church in Desloge.

"Sister Eunice Edwards, Sister Lois Dunham, and Sister Cleo Leonard recently attended the Illinois Women's Prayer Retreat and were blessed greatly. We ask prayer for our church in Desloge that we may always do God's will."

DESOTO WORKING HARD

"We are working hard at our church and Sunday school. October is Loyalty Month, and we want to break our present record attendance this month," writes Mrs. Sophia Ackerson, of the DeSoto FWB Church.

The DeSoto Church was in revival as this GEM went to press. Rev. Charles Miller is the pastor.

EVANGEL CHURCH BREAKS RECORDS

Morning service attendance of 62, 66, and 77 during three of the four weeks of October broke attendance records for regular Sunday services at the Evangel FWB Church of Webb City. Six complete families joined the fellowship and enlisted in the service of the Lord at Evangel Church during the month.

Rev. Andy Lay is the pastor.

LYNN MILEY ALSO CONSIDERED MISSOURIAN

On the back cover of last month's GEM were listed the foreign missionaries whose home state is Missouri. Lynn Miley's name should have been among those listed. Though Lynn is the son of Missourian Dr. LaVerne Miley, he grew up in Africa and has actually spent little time in Missouri, but we of Missouri are more than proud to claim Lynn as a native son.

Lynn and his wife Ramona are presently under appointment by the Foreign Missions Board to go as missionaries to Africa. They are now doing itinerate work prior to departure next summer. Their mailing address is P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

VICTORY CHURCH LAYMEN PUBLISHES BOOKLET ON BUSING

Mr. Tom Blubaugh, a layman in the Victory FWB Church of Kansas City, has written and published a 53 page booklet, *Behind the Scenes of the Bus Ministry*. Pastors and laymen alike who are interested in starting or improving their bus ministry will find this booklet helpful and geared to the needs of Free Will Baptist churches.

The booklet sells for \$1.29 plus postage and may be ordered from Tom N. Blubaugh, 5422 N. Askew Ave., Kansas City, Missouri 64119.



DIVERS DISEASES

There was a back-woods preacher who was smarter than you think. His text was, "... and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with *divers diseases* ..." (Matthew 4:24). He said, "Now doctors can scrutinize, analyze and sometimes cure your ills. But when you have *divers diseases*, only the Lord can cure you. And don't you know we have a regular epidemic among us! Some *dive* for the door right after the preaching service; some *dive* for the TV during evening service; some *dive* right into a bag of excuses whenever there is work to do for the Lord; some *dive* for the car, camper, for a trip over the weekend; and some just *dive*. Brethren, if you have *divers diseases* you are in a bad way. Only the Lord in His power to forgive and by His Holy Spirit to shed abroad love in your hearts for His Word, His Church can cure you."

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THE CONGREGATIONAL CRUSADER,
Wooddale FWB Church,
Knoxville, Tennessee
Pastor Ralph Staten.

Promotional Secretary's Corner

by Rev. Harry Beatty



Sunday morning, September 15, I delivered the message in Koshkonong FWB Church. Pastor Davie Combs is in better physical health than for some time. Several old acquaintances in this area who have been saved in this decade of the existence of this church hold membership in this congregation. A cash offering was given to Missouri Cooperative Plan.

Saturday, September 21, Mrs. Beatty and I attended the wedding of our grandson, Darrell Beatty in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Thursday evening, September 26, I attended one service of the Wright County Quarterly Meeting held with Hopewell Church of Bendavis, Missouri. Elder Gerald Montgomery delivered the introductory sermon. I was given time for greetings and presentation of Missouri promotional work.

Friday, September 27, Garfield's pastor, Rev. Jesse Dunkin, and I conducted the funeral service in Thayer Funeral Chapel for Deacon Roy Martin. We extend our Christian condolences to Brother Martin's people. While in this area I attended two services in West Plains revival. Rev. Mark Vandivort preached the evangelistic messages. Some were saved in this one week meeting. Pastor Skiles reports the best attendance ever.

Sunday morning, September 29, in response to an invitation from pastor Ralph Douglas and Oak Grove Church I delivered the sermon there. A good altar service was experienced in the service. This church supports foreign missions.

The same evening I delivered the message in our new church in Licking. Pastor Tom Owens and the church report souls have been saved there recently and have affiliated with the church. The Licking Church sanctuary is finished. It is located on highway 63 in the edge of the city.

We received cooperative checks in September totaling \$7,229.04. Thus we are about \$300 under our projected schedule for the first three months of this fiscal year.

Support every phase of Free Will Baptist work through the state cooperative fund. Send contributions to 2244 Tenbrook, Arnold, MO 63010.

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS SEPTEMBER, 1974

Garfield (Aug.)	\$18.02
Columbia	95.79
New Rock Springs	39.00
Pleasant Ridge	26.60
Faith (Aug.)	163.31
Farmington, First	325.70
Belton	127.00
Hannon	115.00
Salem	20.00
Olivett (Aug.)	130.00
Byrd	11.00
Macedonia	7.00
Freeman Chapel (July and August)	119.64
Divine Trinity (Aug.)	19.00
DeSoto, First	275.00
Number One	27.25
Fordland	25.00
Mt. Pisgah	47.00
Houston (Aug.)	103.70
Gospel Light, Bonne Terre	19.25
Bethel, Festus (Aug.)	40.00
Union Grove	100.00
Merl's Chapel (Aug.)	65.95
Happy Home	17.22
Koshkonong (an offering)	10.00
Purdy, First	49.00
Copper Mines	100.00
Central, K.C. (Sept.)	150.00
Black Oak (3 months)	30.00
Calvary, Conway	135.00
Carterville	27.38
Cuba (Aug.)	34.94
Leadington	95.86
Berkeley (July & Sept.)	600.00
Thayer	125.77
Lebanon, First	873.50
Monett, First	231.24
Rock Chapel (Sept.)	12.77
Mt. Grove, First (July & Aug.)	696.96
Pleasant Grove	25.58
Cabool (Sept.)	110.08
Grant Avenue (Sept.)	344.59
Evangel (Sept.)	55.31
Divine Trinity (Sept.)	23.00
Fellowship (Sept.)	50.00
Gateway	15.00
Olivett	130.00
Hickory Grove (Sept.)	12.75
Macedonia	7.00
Houston (Sept.)	127.70
Union Light	50.56
Hurryville (Sept.)	99.68
Fourth	232.51
Garfield (Sept.)	26.99
Myrtle	201.32
West Plains, First	187.60
Fordland	25.00
Salem	20.00
Willow Springs (Sept.)	111.82
O'Bethel	18.00
South Side (Sept.)	244.76

September Total\$7,229.04



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NOTES FROM AROUND THE STATE... "I'm president of the Greater Kansas City District Woman's Auxiliary. In preparing for our district meeting, God impressed me to ask Lynn Miley to speak, and along with the impression came the thought for a sacrificial love offering. After prayer, seeking God's guidance, we contacted Lynn. Our district consists of 6 churches. First Church Mission joined with us on this project. For four weeks our ladies sacrificed things they really enjoyed, cokes, desserts, new clothes, light fixtures, beauty shop visits, etc., and put the money aside for missions. We surprised Lynn and ourselves with a total of almost \$1,400.00 from our women. One church sent another \$100.00 so we're still rejoicing. We truly

claim Ephesians 3:20, that He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think. Our theme was "God forbid if we render unto the Lord that which costs us nothing."

signed Audrey Bigelow.
(P.T.L. for ladies like this in our state.)



IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS?

If you ever need help, it's here for the asking. Your state auxiliary officers would be more than glad to help you and your auxiliaries in any way they can. Here is a list of them:

With Thanksgiving almost upon us, we might do well to be reminded of this true story and examine our "thankfulness."

A mother tells about her 5 year old daughter who slipped on the rug in the living room and hit her head. It was a pretty bad blow and she began to cry.

Mom comforted her as she applied cold compresses to the lump that had already appeared on her head. Pretty soon the tears stopped and she went off to play.

That night after dinner, Mom went to her little girl's room in time to hear her prayers. Always after "Now I lay me down to sleep," she had a special prayer about something in which she thanked God for "the nicest thing that happened today."

This particular night when her mom asked, "What do you want to thank God for tonight?" She answered, "For my bump."

"Why do you want to thank Him for that?" her mother asked.

"Because now He can make it well." With that she gave her mother a kiss and rolled over and closed her eyes.

Mom just sat there thinking, "Yes, God, how often we forget to thank You for the rough hard times. But it's through them we often learn the greatest lessons of Your healing love." **THANK YOU, GOD, FOR THE BUMPS.**

In Everything Give Thanks

For all that God in mercy sends—
For health and children, home and friends;
For comforts in the time of need,
For every kindly word and deed,
For happy talks and holy thoughts;
For guidance in our daily walk—
In everything give thanks!

For the sweet sleep which comes with night,
For the returned morning light,
For the bright sun that shines on high,
For the stars glittering in the sky—
For these and everything we see,
O Lord, our hearts we lift to Thee;
In everything give thanks!

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