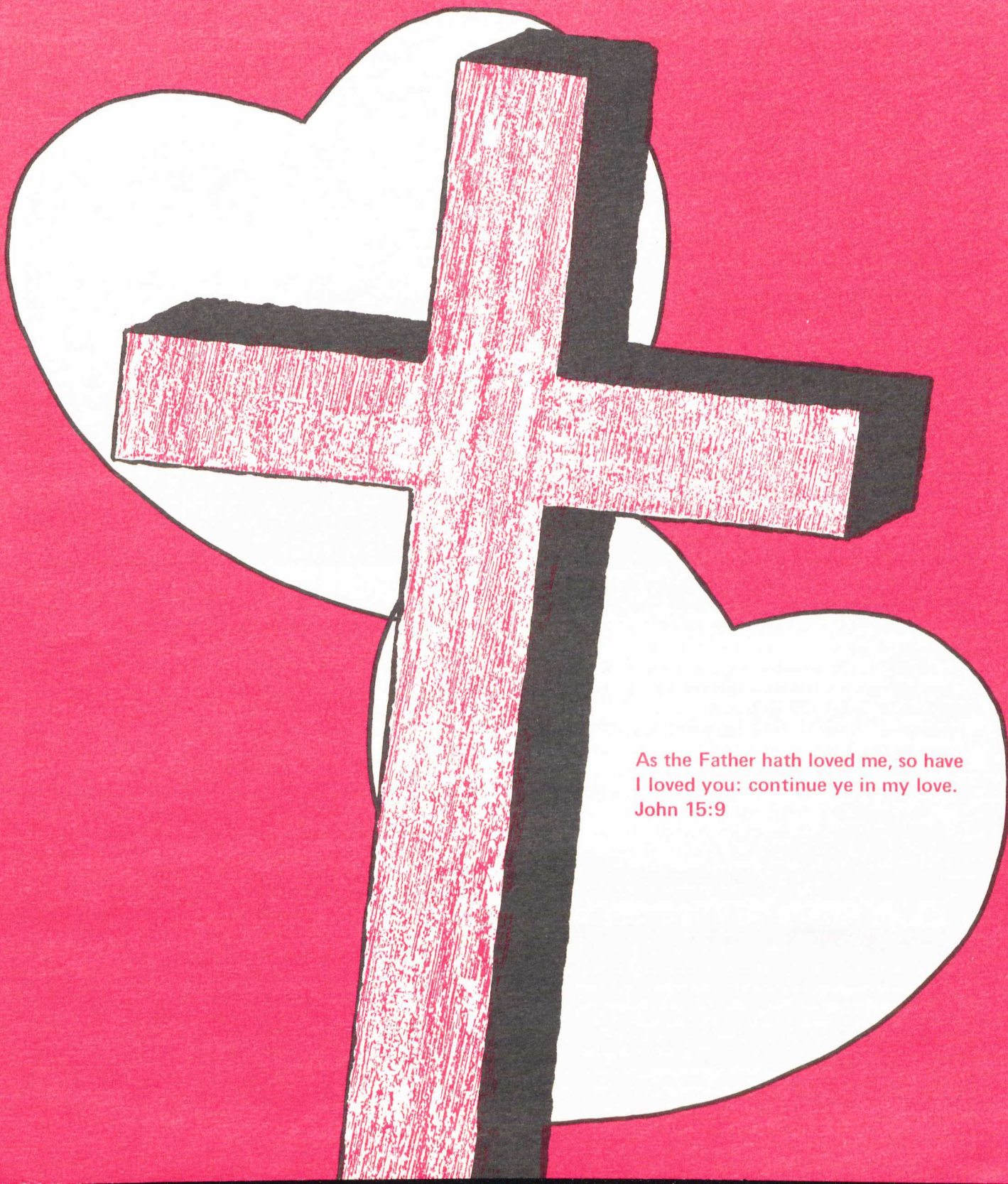


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As the Father hath loved me, so have  
I loved you: continue ye in my love.  
John 15:9



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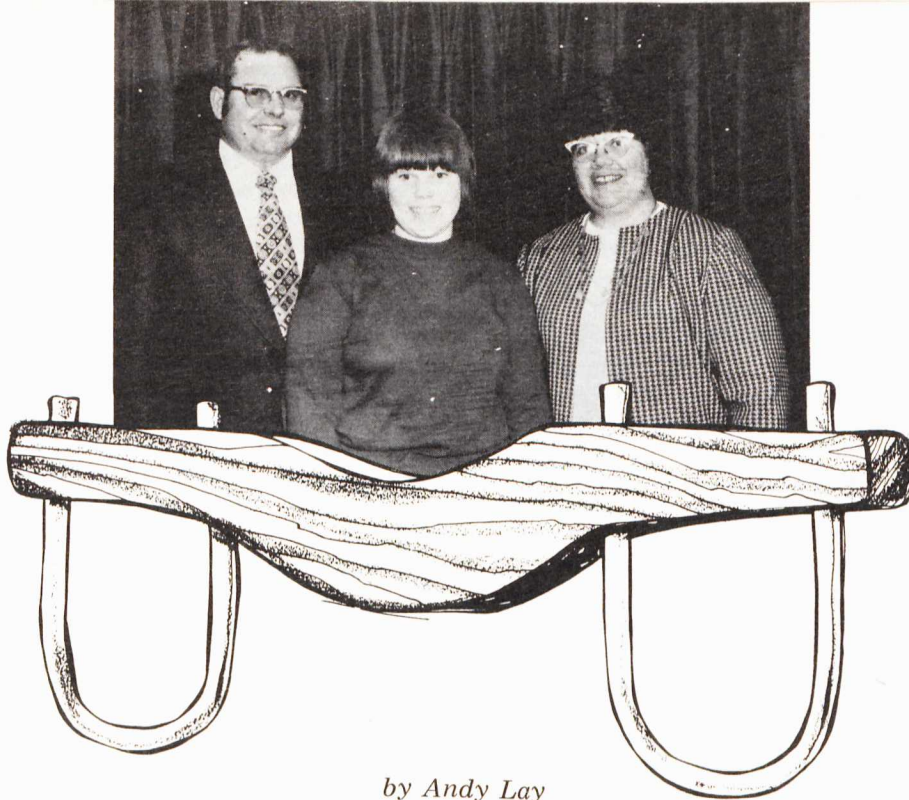
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by Andy Lay

# “Yokefellow” of Free Will Baptist Missions

In Philippians 4:3, the Apostle Paul wrote, “I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellow-labourers, whose names are in the book of life.”

Almost every Christian knows the name of the Apostle Paul and knows of his tremendous conquests for the kingdom of Jesus Christ. But sometimes, we may not be as aware as we should of Paul’s helpers, whose vital roles contributed greatly to the success of Paul’s ministry.

Paul was not slack in mentioning them. The passage quoted above from Paul’s Epistle to the Philippians is but one of many quotations in which Paul pays proper tribute to his fellow-workers and shares with them the credit for the souls saved and the work accomplished.

I have chosen this particular passage, however, because of the use of the word, “yokefellow,” *sudzugos*. It brings to mind a yoke of oxen or a team of horses who stand together in the traces doing the work of God with equal ambition and effort. Every pastor knows them. He may have 500 members in his church, but most pastors could not name more than a half a dozen “true yokefellows,” men who without having to be bribed or coerced or shamed into really taking the responsibility of certain areas of the work of their church or denomination do such work without pay or many times without recognition.

Bill Campbell is such a man.

Early in 1971 Bill rededicated his life to the Lord. His wife Sandra and daughter Vicki were saved, baptized, and joined the Free Will Baptist Church of Joplin, Missouri. But in July of that year Bill’s work transferred him to Denver, Colorado, where he was employed as the Safety Director of a trucking firm. The Lord’s purpose for sending the Campbells to Denver must surely have been for much more than working for a trucking company.

Quite by chance (or providence) the Campbells purchased a home almost in the back yard of the Bob Carr family. At that time the Carrs, a lay family, were working in the First FWB Church of Denver, but the Lord had already laid on their hearts the burden of going to Alaska as lay missionaries.

The friendship between the Carrs and the Campbells developed in the next few weeks as they attended church together and often fellowshipped in one another’s homes.

Bill, recalling those days in a letter, writes, “I had never been very missions-minded. We gave when a missionary visited our church, but we never thought about visiting a mission field. Bob and Shirley (Carr) began to tell us of their calling to Alaska. I prayed for them and their calling as the months went by, and in early March of 1972 I felt that God was calling for my family to help the Carrs go to Alaska. After telling them of God’s leading in our lives, we began to help them and there.”

And help they did! The Carrs chose to go to



Alaska on their own, rather than to go out under the auspices of the denominational boards, which meant that they were to be responsible for raising their own support for going to and living in this expensive arctic state. The Carrs also felt the Lord wanted them to have an airplane for a village ministry in Alaska. Bob, who was a licensed pilot, had flown to Alaska on hunting trips and had seen the need of hundreds of unevangelized Alaskan villages. Quitting a good job in Denver and selling their home, the Carrs left for Alaska trusting the Lord to supply their needs and to provide the airplane.

But Bill Campbell did more than pray for his missionary friends. He and his family launched an intensive fund-raising campaign. They appealed to Free Will Baptists across the country to send trading stamps and coupons with which to buy the airplane. Now, some three years later, the \$27,500 airplane only has an unpaid balance of \$8,750. The stamps, the coupons, candy sales, Sandra Campbell's knitting and sewing, as well as their own sacrificial giving, have produced what appears to this writer to be the greatest such project undertaken by any Free Will Baptist layman.

During this time the Campbells have made two trips to Alaska and represented the work in churches in Colorado, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Wyoming, Virginia, Arkansas, and Texas. They have formed "Arctic Circle Free Will Baptist Missions, Inc.," a non-profit corporation to help promote missions. Bill draws no salary nor even expense money from his work with this organization.

In addition to supporting the Carrs in Alaska, Bill and Sandra Campbell handle the booking arrangements for singing evangelists Doyle and Donna Terry of Wichita. They also send out the Terrys' newsletter each month.

The Campbells' newest project is assisting Rev. and Mrs. LaVelle Reeves in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Again, the Reeves had gone to this western city to establish a Free Will Baptist church without the backing of any of our denominational boards, so the Campbells have taken on the project of helping them buy a trailer house needed for Sunday school classroom space along with their rented building.

The Campbells are quick to mention their "true yokefellows" too. In almost every newsletter they tell of faithful Woman's Auxiliary groups, supporting churches, and other dedicated laymen assisting in the various projects.

Let Bill Campbell write our concluding thoughts: "I feel laymen can serve a useful purpose by getting involved in missions. The past three years we have just seen that there is plenty more to do. Remember us and, if you would like to be on our mailing list, please write: Arctic Circle Free Will Baptist Missions, Inc., 944 South Parfet Way, Lakewood, Colorado 80226."

Thank God for Paul's "yokefellows." Thank God for men like Bill Campbell. Look around you. Someone may be pulling in the traces alone who needs you to be yokefellow too.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CTS BOARD PLANS 1975

The Sunday School and CTS Board does have purpose. In this article the board wishes to share with Free Will Baptists of Missouri the program and aims of the board as we see them in 1975. It is our desire that each pastor and local church know our purpose and how each one can be a part of it.

Let's look first at the function and purpose of the Sunday school and CTS. The Sunday school is generally viewed as an evangelistic arm of the church, a part of the church in which the Bible is systematically taught. Special emphasis is placed on soul winning and the evangelization of the church community. Simply put, the Sunday school is a teaching and an evangelizing ministry of the church. But what of CTS? In order to get a better view of CTS write it out, "Church Training Service." Now underline "training." Thus you have the intended emphasis of CTS. The Sunday school is a soul winning ministry of the church and CTS is to train the saved in living for Christ and serving Him in His church. One is as important as the other.

The function of the Sunday School and CTS Board in our state work is to coordinate these ministries within the state. In addition the board wishes to offer help so that the local church can make full use of and obtain the greatest benefit from these church ministries.

What are the plans of the Sunday School and CTS Board? It will be well if I point out first that the State Board has no authority to enter the local church, quarterly meeting, or association and tell them how to operate their Sunday schools or CTS programs or the competitive activities in CTS. Such decisions must be made by the local bodies.

Within the Sunday school, the Board is making several efforts to encourage better and more aggressive Sunday schools.

1. We urge each church to provide teacher training for their teachers and officers, along with prospective church leaders. Training courses are available through our Sunday School Department in Nashville, Tennessee. They can be taught by the local pastor or some other qualified person within the church. These courses are effective tools for training teachers and leaders.

2. We will soon be announcing an area-wide seminar on Sunday school growth and teaching methods. Every pastor, teacher, and church is urged to take advantage of this seminar. Full details will be sent you.

3. To encourage teachers and superintendents to do their best, we are again offering the Sunday school teacher and Sunday school superintendent of the year awards. Every pastor and church should nominate their superintendent and a teacher for these awards. Details are published in the *Gem*.

Our major emphasis in CTS has been to promote the competitive activities of CTS. As young people prepare for these activities, they are, in fact, training themselves for service in the church. However, we do need to emphasize that every church should take advantage of this particular hour of their program to train leaders and Christian workers.



It must be pointed out that the State Board has no control over how the local churches and quarterly meetings conduct their competitive activities. We do encourage each church to participate in some part of the CTS competitions. If you have questions as to what your church can best participate in, your best source of information is the National CTS office in Nashville. From there one can obtain full information about the rules, materials, and procedures for the competitions.

If your quarterly meeting has CTS competitions, then your church should enter them. Thus the winners in the quarterly meeting go to the state competitions. If for any reason your church does not participate in local competitions, you may enter the state competitions directly from your church.

The 1975 competitions will be held May 3, 1975. Competitions will be held in the following categories:

Memorization  
Sword Drill  
Bible Tic Tac Toe  
Bible Bowl  
Music and Arts

If any member of the board can be of help or answer any questions for you, we will be most happy to do so.

Millard C. Sasser, Chairman

### December Cooperative Receipts

Garfield (Nov.)	\$21.83
New Rock Springs	30.00
Salem	20.00
Freeman Chapel (Oct.-Nov.)	120.99
New Harmony S.S. (Sept.-Nov.)	16.46
Gateway	16.00
Faith	172.76
De Soto, First	240.00
Hannon	118.00
Hickory Grove (Nov.)	11.31
Victory	299.42
Central (Dec.)	150.00
Olivett	130.00
Belton	102.00
Byrd	12.00
Fordland	25.00
Black Oak	30.00
Mt. Grove, First (Oct.-Nov.)	661.85
Carterville	14.51
Purdy, First	39.23
Bethel, Festus	40.00
First FWB, West Plains	162.40
Thayer	108.80
Royal Oak	20.00
Marshfield (Aug.-Nov.)	166.42
Rock Chapel	17.74
Fourth	285.51
Columbia	124.00
Hurryville	67.67
Copper Mines	115.00
Macedonia	6.00
Union (3 mos.)	60.00
Leadington (Nov.)	105.13
Farmington, First	373.16
Cuba	40.90
Happy Home	15.38
Garfield	27.86
Grant Ave. (Dec.)	284.90
Pleasant Ridge	22.50
Gateway	18.00
Union Light	68.30

The Fifth Sunday meeting of Central Western Assn.	36.55
Grace (Dec.)	718.76
Fredericktown, First	184.00
Gospel Light, Bonne Terre	66.44
Alton	9.00
Independence, K.C. (Dec.)	68.00
New Rock Springs	37.00
Pleasant Grove (Cope)	25.52
Willow Springs	121.50
Houston (Dec.)	123.25
Evangel (Dec.)	117.75
Hickory Grove (Dec.)	15.43
First FWB, West Plains	190.00
Total December Receipts	6,114.23

### December Cooperative Disbursements:

20.00% Missouri Missions	1,222.85
15.00% Missouri Promotional Dept.	917.13
05.50% Missouri Youth Camp	336.28
04.00% Missouri General Fund	244.57
04.00% Missouri State College Commission	244.57
02.50% Gem	152.86
01.00% C.T.S. & S.S. Depts.	
52% seven Missouri Depts.	3,179.40
07.00% 07% Hillsdale College	428.00
41% eight Nat'l. Depts.	2,506.83
Total	6,114.23
13.00% Foreign Missions	794.85
09.00% F.W.B. Bible College	550.28
07.00% Nat'l. Executive Dept.	428.00
06.50% Nat'l. Home Missions	397.42
03.00% Nat'l. C.T.S. Dept.	183.43
02.00% Board of Retirement	122.28
00.25% Layman's Board	15.29
00.25% Theological Commission	15.28
100% Total Disbursed	6,114.23

Promotional Secretary and Treasurer:

Harry Beatty

Thanks for fifty-five

December contributions 6,114.23

Total six months receipts 41,764.90

Thus we are behind schedule.

### Missouri State Home Mission Giving:

#### December 5, 1974 through January 5, 1975

Rock Chapel	20.00
West Plains, First	140.00
William Davis	35.00
Grace	25.00
Hartville, First	5.00
Thayer	20.00
Myrtle	21.15
Aurora	15.25
Olivet	200.00
W.N.A.C.	103.61
Victory	271.10
New Life	5.00
South Fremont	115.00
Cuba	8.15
DeSoto, First	50.00
Hurryville	30.00
Low Ground	5.00
Fourth	49.08
Copper Mines	20.00
Union Light	33.00
New Home	30.00
Houston, First	50.00
Hannon	78.50
Independence	20.00
Fellowship	20.00
Mtn. Grove	24.25
Cooperative Receipts	1,222.85
Total	2,616.94

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# On The National Front

## FROM THE HORTONS IN DES MOINES

Excerpts from a recent newsletter follow:

"The First FWB Church of Des Moines continues to have services in the rented chapel of the YMCA. But God is answering our prayers. On March 5 we hope to take possession of a church property that will house this infant church. God laid it on the heart of an individual to help finance us and enable us to acquire this property. How thankful we are!

"Yesterday we had a new family in services. Last evening in testimony services, they testified that God had led them to help establish this church.

"Continue to pray daily for Des Moines. Our account stands in need of your faithful support. I promise to do my best with the help of God to establish a self-supporting church with the least time and money possible."

## FROM THE LAVELLE REEVES FAMILY IN COLORADO SPRINGS

Excerpts from a recent newsletter follow:

"1974 has been a glorious year for us. We have seen many souls come to know Christ. We had two young fellows saved last Sunday. Our attendance is averaging in the 40's now and we have many that want to be baptized.

"Please pray that God would give us the physical and spiritual strength that we need. As you know we both have to work at public jobs as well as our church work.

"We want to thank each of you that has given this past year to help to get the work established here in Colorado Springs."

The Reeves Family address is 815 Bryce Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80900.

## FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOME IN GREENEVILLE, TENNESSEE

"We do appreciate what you do for the home. Your state gave \$1,020.32 during the month of November, 1974.

"We have four new children in the home, the Evans family, consisting of three girls and one boy, ranging in ages from 9 to 13. Please pray for them."

## FROM THE SEXTONS IN FRANCE

Excerpts from a recent newsletter follow:

"We want to thank our friends in the Missouri State Association for your support and prayers for our work here in France. May God bless you as you work for Him there in your state.

"The Lord is blessing our work. We have had a real increase in prayer meeting attendance. We have about 20 children in a Wednesday Bible Club, and 16 to 20 young people in their Saturday night meetings.

"Pray for us and our health. Don had a cyst removed about two months ago from his eyelid. Two weeks ago he had to have another one removed. The doctor does not seem to know why they are appearing there.

"We had a lady saved recently and a young boy. We visited the home of the boy, and his mother and a 14-year-old sister accepted Christ. It was so sweet to see three in the same family come to know Him.

"Continue to pray for us as we work for Him in this dark country. We can do nothing without His help."

## FROM DAVID K. COCHRANE AND THE MEXICAN FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Excerpts from a recent newsletter follow:

"I greet you all in the name of our Savior, trusting that God's blessing might be upon your efforts for Him.

"Much has been accomplished on the field here. However, due to various changes made on the field, there has been a lapse of communication with our supporters and friends in the States, resulting in a serious financial need.

"We are asking every pastor and church in our denomination to send a \$5.00 to \$10.00 donation for the Mexican account to the Home Missions Department, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202, to meet the present needs of salaries, expansion, etc. Several of our pastors have unfinished buildings, medical expenses, high costs and inflation problems to cope with, all of which have greatly affected our ministry.

"If all will cooperate, nobody will especially miss his or her \$5.00 monthly donation. God bless you and thanks."

## FROM THE CALVERYS IN JAPAN

Excerpts from a recent newsletter follow:

"Greetings from northern Japan. We moved here to Kitami last month to start a new church. We had a few contacts from former evangelistic meetings held here and about half a dozen members from our surrounding churches have been transferred here by their jobs. This town has over 85,000 people but only three or four small churches with about a dozen in attendance. Only two have resident pastors.

"Interest in religion is very low and it takes planning and hard work to interest people. Wesley visits folk singing groups, English clubs, and various places in order to invite people.

"We would love to hear from you. Our address is Koen cho 129-5, Kitami shi, Hokkaido, Japan."

## FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Two new publications are announced. A quarterly



Daily Bible Reader devotional guide entitled *OUT-LOOK* is ready for shipping. Its author is Jack Williams of California Christian College. It will be listed on your Sunday school order blank.

*SYSTEMATICS*, authored by Professor Leroy Forlines, of Free Will Baptist Bible College is a book on theology from the Arminian viewpoint. It gives considerable detail to a Christian system of life and thought. Mr. Forlines is uniquely qualified to write such a volume in that he has spent nearly a decade in studying under some of the devout, evangelical scholars of both America and Europe.

It is scheduled for release in early spring.

#### FROM THE BIBLE COLLEGE IN NASHVILLE

\$25,272 has been paid on commitments to the Library Wing project. Every church in the Missouri State Association is urged to do something toward the accomplishment of our \$125,000 Library Wing Project goal.

As of November 30, 1974, Missouri had given \$7,047 to the College's general fund, toward an annual quota of \$15,000.

Missourians gave \$1,292.62 to the college in December.

#### FROM THE NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

Missouri gave \$19,121.57 to National Home Missions from January to November, 1974, toward a quota of \$22,000 for the year.

#### WHY USE THE DENOMINATION'S PENSION RETIREMENT PLAN?

There are many and various kinds of pension and insurance plans available today. There are several advantages in using the denomination's program.

1. It has been designed to meet the needs of our Free Will Baptist pastors. For example, most plans require a fixed amount to be paid every month. A pastor often loses everything if he finds that he or his church cannot continue to pay. But not in our plan! The amount contributed may be increased or decreased at the pastor's option.

2. There is the important matter of control. The pastors and lay delegates at the National Association have a voice in the election of the trustees of the plan. They also vote and may question the audited financial statements.

3. Our funds are invested in the denomination. As long as our churches and agencies need money, we should help them. The money put in our retirement trust will be used for the glory of the Lord. This is good stewardship. Why should our churches have to go to outside lending agencies when ample funds could be available within the denomination?

4. The earnings from the fund are used exclusively for the benefit of the participants in the plan. There are no stockholders or agents to receive their share. Neither is there exorbitant overhead in administrative expenses. Our operating budget is modest—and is also controlled by the National Association.

5. Finally, it is a uniform plan. As a pastor moves, his new church is likely to be familiar with our plan and probably would contribute to it more readily than to another plan.

Let us explain our program to you before you make any decision as to a retirement pension plan. Write today.

Board of Retirement and Insurance  
P.O. Box 1088  
Nashville, TN 37202

#### DESIGNATED GIVING THROUGH THE STATE OFFICE, DECEMBER, 1974

Olivett FWB Church	
Eight accounts .....	\$90.00
Kansas City, First FWB Mission	
One account .....	15.00
Hickory Grove Sunday School	
One account .....	17.68
Mtn. Grove, First Church	
Seven Accounts .....	271.25
West Plains, First Church	
One account .....	117.25
Harry Beatty for telephone calls .....	29.50
Total designated giving .....	\$540.68

#### Profit and Loss

I counted dollars while God counted  
crosses,  
I counted gains while He counted losses,  
I counted my worth by the things gained  
in store  
But He sized me up by the scars that  
I bore.  
I coveted honors and sought for degrees,  
He wept as He counted the hours on  
my knees;  
I never knew until one day by the grave  
How vain are the things that we spend  
life to save;  
I did not yet know until my loved one  
went above  
That richest is he who is rich in God's  
love.

—The Brethren Evangelist



## **CHURCHES**

### **PEOPLE AND EVENTS**

#### **NEW PASTOR AT GATEWAY**

Gateway Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis recently elected Rev. Roy Pearson as pastor. Rev. Pearson, a 1971 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, has pastored in Alabama and Mississippi and for the last three years served as assistant pastor to Rev. Robert Francis at Southside FWB Church in St. Louis.

The Gateway Church recently had an Emphasis Month. The first Sunday was Commitment Sunday where the people were asked to commit themselves to the church visitation program. Twenty-two people responded. The "Mighty Ark Players" of the Southside FWB Church presented a puppet program on that Sunday.

The second Sunday was Fill the Pew Sunday. Sixty-one people came to Sunday school and over 100 came to church that day.

Next was Free-For-All Sunday. Everyone present received a free gift. In the evening service, Mr. Greg McAllister sang and played the guitar.

Old-Fashioned Sunday was observed the fourth Sunday of the month. For this service kerosene lamps were used, and the congregation dressed in styles of old.

Climaxing the month's activities was Dedication Sunday. Each officer received a charge and a copy of the church officers' manual after which all dedicated themselves to God's service through prayer.

As a result of this month of emphasis, a Children's Church program was started under the direction of Mr. Larry Duff. Four new members joined the church, and a young couple was saved and baptized.

To celebrate Christ's birthday, the church had a Christian Candlelight Service with communion and a Christmas program featuring the Junior Church.

On New Year's Eve Gateway Church had a joint service with the Southside Church. The theme was the second coming of Christ. Rev. Robert Francis and Mr. Art Kossman spoke on the signs of His coming. The film, "The Sound of the Trumpet," was shown.

Gateway Church is confident 1975 will be a great year because there is a sweet, sweet spirit among the people, according to Pastor Pearson.

#### **"ROCK-A-THON" HELD BY YOUTH OF FAITH CHURCH**

The Young People's Auxiliary of the Faith FWB Church in Lemay recently had a Rock-a-thon.

Pledges totaling about \$650.00 were collected for the Y.P.A. treasury.

The young had a great time, according to reporter Alliane Estes. They commend their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Schaeffer.

#### **MRS. LOGSDON STILL CONVALESCING**

One year ago, December 3, 1974, the pastor of Divine Trinity FWB Church near Potosi was taken home to glory as a result of an automobile accident. His wife, Mrs. Ettie Mae Logsdon, has not fully recovered from the accident yet. She would love to hear from all of her friends. Her address is: Ettie Mae Logsdon, 1275 West Edmunson, Morgan Hill, California 95037.

#### **DANNY MARTIN TO SALEM CHURCH**

Rev. Daniel E. Martin has accepted the pastorate of the Salem FWB Church. He is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. He was raised in the Berkeley FWB Church in the St. Louis area.

#### **VICTORY CHURCH REPORTS SHOWS GOOD YEAR**

The statistics of the Victory FWB Church in Kansas City for 1974 show 143 persons made professions of faith and 128 rededicated their lives to Christ. Victory's average Sunday school attendance for the year was 178; average morning worship attendance was 208; and average bus riders each week was 95. Their offerings for the year totaled \$53,203.66 an average of \$1,023.08 per week.

#### **SPRINGFIELD YOUTH CAROL ST. JOHN'S**

The youth from several Free Will Baptist churches in Springfield met at St. John's Hospital on December 19 to sing Christmas carols.

Janice and Angelia Felts from the Grant Avenue Church led the group in singing Christmas carols on all five floors of the hospital. This included the intensive care unit, the cardiac area, and the pediatrics floor.

Following the caroling the group went to the South Fremont Church for a devotional service and fellowship. Mike Eden from the Kingsway Church was in charge of the service. Barbara Hasiner played the piano and Harley Conners led the singing.

Mark Brawley from the East Gate Church sang "O Holy Night." Debbie Draper, Aline and Gail McPhail from the South Fremont Church sang "We Three Kings." There were 42 youth present for the activities of the evening along with several sponsors.

The 39 pizzas and several gallons of punch were prepared by Maxine and Susan Terry and "Pizza King," better known as Wayne Wagner.

Sheryle Leedie from the Grant Avenue Church was in charge of the games.



## FOUR MISSOURIANS MAKE DEAN'S LIST

Four Missouri students in Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, made the dean's list at the end of the first semester of the 1974-75 college year. They were: Sandra Summers of Desloge, Diane Chapman of Marshfield, Marilyn Combs of Manchester, and Marilyn Peebles of Mountain Grove.

## PASTOR TAKES A DECEMBER SWIM

Pastor Andy Lay of the Evangel FWB Church in Webb City told his congregation recently that when at least 150 people attended a regular service he would swim Shoal Creek. On December 29 it happened.

One hundred fifty-four persons attended the morning service at Evangel and that afternoon Pastor Lay kept his promise in 40° temperatures.

"The problem with sensationalism," the Pastor is reported to have said, "is that there is no place to stop. For 100 I ate my dinner on the roof; for 150 I swam the river in the winter; now they're asking me what I'm going to do for 200!" He ignored the suggestion from a brother pastor that he try to walk on the water.

## TWIN OAKS GROWING

by Mrs. Madeline McFarland

We are happy to report a show of gain in our attendance in all services. We recently had a record of 59 for CTS and 85 in Sunday school. A new teen class was formed, making us six classes. Brother Bob Kemp is our superintendent and Brother Joe Pirtle is his assistant.

The past year has found our church blessed many times and in many ways according to God's promises and the willingness of the people to work together. In November we saw eight people accept the Lord and four were baptized in Castor River.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND TEACHER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION RULES

The Missouri State Free Will Baptist Sunday School and CTS Board is planning to honor the STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT of the year and the STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER of the year at our Annual State meeting in August.

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

#### 1. *Teacher of the year*

Submit two written evaluation statements covering all four areas of the evaluation form by church pastor (or deacon if pastor is not available) and one church member.

#### 2. *Superintendent of the year*

Submit two written evaluation statements covering all four areas of the evaluation form by church pastor (or deacon if pastor is not available) and one church member.

3. Please keep statements brief and to the point. Please use the following standard as a guideline when you evaluate your candidate.

4. Mail application statements to:

Richard Pointer

1945 S. Weaver

Springfield, Missouri 65804

5. Application statements *must* be postmarked by July 1, 1975.

## STANDARD OF EVALUATION FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER OR SUPERINTENDENT

### I. *Spiritual life*

1. He (or she) lives a good testimony as a born again, Bible believing Christian.
2. He (or she) believes without reservation the beliefs and practices of the Free Will Baptist Church Treatise and church covenant.
3. He (or she) believes, practices, and teaches total abstinence from all alcoholic beverages.
4. He (or she) has a keen consciousness of the evil of, and carefully avoids, movies, TV programs, literature or songs that present drinking alcoholic unbiblical principles in a favorable light (II Timothy 2:22).
5. He (or she) holds to long established Bible believing convictions of the sin of dancing and other evil forms of entertainment.
6. He (or she) teaches and practices modest dress and hair style appropriate for his (or her) sex.
7. He (or she) practices the above principles in his or her home.
8. He (or she) does not use words in his (or her) language which are unsuitable as a Christian.
9. He (or she) does not practice unwarranted criticism or gossip.
10. He (or she) practices private devotions and encourages family altar in his (or her) home.

### II. *Participation in total church program*

1. He (or she) faithfully attends and participates in the church's worship, prayer, and Bible Study services.
2. He (or she) tithes to the church.
3. He (or she) enthusiastically participates in prayer and financial support for missions, Bible College ministries, etc.
4. He (or she) is absent only for just causes including a reasonable amount of vacation time.
5. He (or she) attends worship services when away from the home church.

### III. *Evaluation of performance (teacher only)*

1. The teacher has a good attitude toward the people he (or she) works with.
2. He (or she) welcomes people of other socio-economic, ethnic or racial groups to his Sunday school class (James, chapter two).
3. The teacher practices praying prayers of intercession for each student and prospect of his (or her) class.
4. The teacher is prepared to lead an unsaved student to Christ.
5. The teacher is faithful in visitation and followup of class visitors and students who make decisions.



6. The teacher works well with others (as in team teaching).
7. The teacher has a well prepared lesson.
8. The teacher is effective in communication with students.
9. The teacher arrives in the classroom in time to have his (or her) room in order and greet the students.
10. The teacher attends teacher training session provided by the church or local area.

### III. *Evaluation of performance* (Superintendent only)

1. He (or she) has a good record of performance as a Sunday school teacher.
2. The Superintendent is effective in training others (II Timothy 2:2).
3. The Superintendent has good organization.
4. The Superintendent is an effective promoter of Sunday school growth, soul winning, and disciple-

- ship of Sunday school students and their families.
5. He (or she) has a vision of what your Sunday school can accomplish.
6. The Superintendent is a good example as a leader in Christian love and diplomacy.

### IV. *Outstanding achievements of teacher or superintendent*

Describe the outstanding achievements of your candidate as he (or she) has performed in your Sunday school.

"These things command and teach. Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine" (I Timothy 4:11-13).



## **Promotional Secretary's Corner**

by Rev. Harry Beatty



Forty-six state representatives attended the Leadership Seminar at White Bluff, Tennessee, in December. Rev. Harry Beatty, Promotional Secretary of the Missouri State Association, Rev. James McAllister, State Moderator, and Rev. Andy Lay, GEM Editor, were among the forty-six Free Will Baptist leaders from 27 states who shared in the denominational leadership seminar.

On Sunday morning, December 8, I was privileged to be the guest speaker for Senior Citizens' Day at Southside Church in St. Louis. We enjoyed a real good service. Pastor Francis reports people being saved and baptized recently. Their Sunday school attendance is running 175 to 200. Southside supports every phase of our state and national work.

On Saturday, December 21, Caves Springs Ministers' Conference assembled with Faith Chapel FWB Church near West Plains. This church is the youngest in Cave Springs Association. Twenty-one ministers plus some deacons and laymen attended.

The two previously assigned Bible subjects for discussion were opened by ministers D. Strain and

G. Barton. Pastors J. Stoval and G. Barton shared the 11:00 o'clock time. Rev. Elza Simpson delivered the evening sermonette. I gave the Missouri Promotional Program in the afternoon.

On Sunday morning, December 22, I delivered the sermon in the Myrtle Church. Their pastor is Rev. J. Stoval. They have some new families in their church too. The Myrtle Church participates actively in Missouri Cooperative Plan, plus local, state, and national support.

Evangel FWB Church, Third and Liberty, Webb City, hosted the Central Western Association Fifth Sunday Meeting on December 29. I was privileged to be their guest preacher for the morning sermon. The churches represented in the program were Evangel, Hannon, Greenfield, Independence, Oskaloosa, Verdella, and Wagoner. They rendered a fine program of skits, special gospel singing, devotionals, and etc. Rev. N. R. Smith gave the Missouri Bible Institute report and challenge. Rev. Bob Dickey gave their local missions report and remarks. I gave the Missouri Cooperative Plan report. They gave an offering to our State Coop.

Evangel Sunday school set a new attendance record with more than 150 present in the morning service. A good percentage of this congregation are new converts. Pastor Lay and the church did a fine job hosting and served a good dinner in the basement of their newly acquired church property.

On the same Sunday evening I delivered the sermon in Verdella Church. Rev. Steve Burton is their pastor. We enjoyed a good service with them. Brother Burton is having a good ministry there. They share in Cooperative Giving monthly too.

We received 55 cooperative contributions in December totaling \$6,114.23. Six months receipts (July through December) totaled \$41,764.90.



# ♥ Woman's Page ♥

NOTES 'N NEWS . . . FEBRUARY in State Home Missions month, ladies. Our offering will go to the Perpetual Loan Fund, so let's give generously and cheerfully . . . STATE OFFICERS meeting will be held February 17, at our state bookstore in Lebanon, MO. Meeting time will be 10:00 a.m. . . FAITH CHURCH of Lemay, MO reports a real blessing from their recent banquet held at a local pancake house. They had 17 members in attendance and had a great evening of christian fellowship . . . REMEMBER our missionary "sweet-hearts" this month in your prayer groups and in special offerings. We have several accounts in the red.

## TOOLS FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

When we think of tools, we immediately think of a hammer and saw. I thought of Dad's old tool box—tools men use. The tools women use are just as important. There is much to be done in the Lord's work and we must have tools with which to work. The happiest Christian is the busy Christian. We must keep our tools sharp and ready for use everyday or they will rust and corrode. Christians have a place in God's work, so let us think about some spiritual tools we can all use.

Our Woman's Auxiliary is concerned with bringing more of our women into its work—getting them involved in missions and soul-winning. I believe our women have a place in the Lord's missionary purpose. We read in God's Word about Lydia, a seller of purple, who opened her home to Paul after she was saved. Dorcas used her talent for sewing to help people in her community. The Shunammite woman prepared a room in her home for Elisha. Christians have a personal obligation to obey Christ's last command "to go into all the world—." How can we go into all the world? We can render our service through the church and the auxiliary. There are many opportunities to serve God through personal involvement. First, we must be a dedicated Christian who has committed his or her life to the Lord before we can serve in His work.

The first and most important tool a Christian can use is FAITH. Only *through* faith and *by* faith can we accomplish God's work. A Christian without faith is like a ship without water. Faith is believing and we must use it everyday. The more faith we have, the stronger it becomes. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1. In Hebrews chapter eleven we read of the faith of the Old Testament prophets. Faith will see us through trials; will give us the courage to keep on going. We will believe that we can do God's work because we have faith in what we are doing. In II Timothy 4:7 Paul tells us before his death, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." A dedicated Christian knows beyond a doubt the meaning of faith. This is a valuable tool that we cannot and

must not lose or put aside. Sometimes we must pick up our faith and renew it just as we pick up an old rusty knife and clean and sharpen it to be used again.

The next tool will be PRAYER. We must seek out the Lord's will before we undertake any job. We must find out what to ask for and how to ask for His will. We must make Prayer a daily privilege, for indeed it is a great privilege to pray. We must talk to the Lord—let Him give the instructions and then obey. The Bible tells us the "effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." In Matthew the Lord tells us, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Prayer, used in an humble Christ-like manner will accomplish many things. Through our fervent prayers and determination we will get the job done. Let us use our tool, Prayer, everyday—be faithful in our prayer life. Each of us has a favorite paring knife or pan we use more than any other—so we should use prayer as our favorite tool.

The next tool for our Christian service is STUDY. In II Timothy 2:15 we are told, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed—." Daily Bible reading and study will tell us best how to serve God. The more we study His Word, the more interested we become in His work. The Bible can be our "blue-print" or pattern for the job to be done. We can study books on missions and the needs of our missionaries. Also in studying the Bible we will have a richer and fuller Christian life. We should study to find the areas in which we can serve—learn where the need is and who needs our help. Through the study of the Bible and the material the Woman's Auxiliary offers we will be better qualified for service. Let us not neglect to pray and study.

Our next tool is ACTION. What good are tools that lay around and rust! Why study and pray, then sit down and do nothing. Where is our FAITH? A carpenter can't build a house by leaving his tools in the box. A painter can't paint unless he picks up his brush and uses it. We can't serve God if we don't put forth an effort—get up and try. Each one of us has a talent. If we use our talent instead of burying it, who knows what we might accomplish for the Lord. We must act instead of waiting and putting it off until later. We can put our tool Action to use by organizing Bible reading classes with those who want to study more. We can read the Bible, take Gospel tracts to folks in Rest Homes. We can have prayer with those who live alone or are sick and read with them—visitation to absentees from Sunday School and church—take food and clothing to those in need. By helping their physical needs we will be better able to win them to the Lord. We will have to sacrifice some of our time in order to use our tools, but in the end the rewards will be far greater than we ever imagined. When we use our tools, Faith, Prayer, Study and Action we will be giving ourselves to the world task of winning souls to Christ. We will be blessed and in turn be a blessing. We must never forget to give Jesus all the Praise and Glory for He makes it all possible and without Him we can do nothing. As we go forth in Christian Service, let us remember, "we are laborers together with God."



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## COMING EVENTS

*February 24:* State Executive Committee to meet in Lebanon to plan State Association Program.

*March 17-19:* Annual Bible Conference at Free Will Baptist Bible college. Rev. James McAllister, pastor of the Farmington Church, will be among the conference speakers.

*May 19-21:* Pastors'-Laymen's Seminar at Youth Camp. Rev. Francis Boyle will be speaking about "Budgets and Buildings."

*June 9-21:* Three weeks of youth camp.

*July 13-17:* National Association meets in Dayton, Ohio.

*August 18-21:* State Association meeting in West Plains, Missouri.

