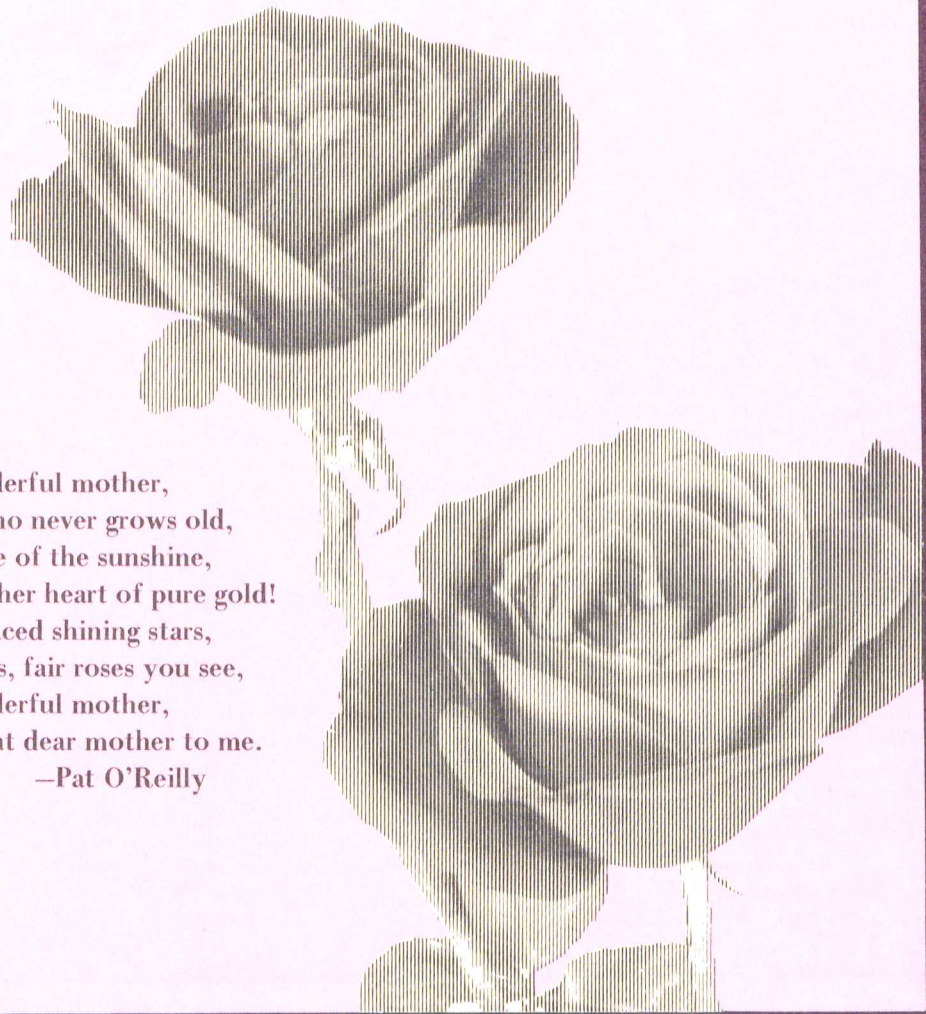


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God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old,
He made her smile of the sunshine,
and molded her heart of pure gold!
In her eyes He placed shining stars,
In her cheeks, fair roses you see,
God made a wonderful mother,
And gave that dear mother to me.
—Pat O'Reilly

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Come, Tour the Children's Home With Me *by Hazel Hutsell*



I have often listened to a radio station when the announcer would say "The time is 10:30. Do you know where your children are?" So, . . . do you know where your children are? Where would your children be if they were left without parents to care for them?

The Free Will Baptist Home for Children in Greeneville, Tennessee, has been trying to fill this need since 1939.

Perhaps you have never had an opportunity to visit the FWB Children's Home, and maybe you have wondered just what life would be like at a children's home. If so, come with me as we tour the home.

As you leave Missouri and travel Interstate 40 East across the state of Tennessee to Greeneville, follow the signs for 12 miles southeast out into the country. You will find the FWB Home in a lovely valley at the foot of the Appalachian mountain range. It is very much like the Ozark mountains, only more mountainous. When you have entered the Camp Creek community, you are nearing the FWB Children's Home.

The office building is located beside the Camp Creek school. It is here where the superintendent, secretary, bookkeeper, and social worker have their offices and where the various and numerous administrative duties are performed. In fact the office building is usually a very busy place.

Just beyond the office building is the Virginia Cottage, a three-story brick house with a wet weather spring flowing on each side of the yard. Seven children and their houseparents live in the Virginia Cottage.

Across the spring stream and on the other side of the drive is the Activities Building at a right angle from the Virginia Cottage. The Activities Building is located where the original building of the home was until about 1964 when it was torn down.

The Activities Building has apartments where the bookkeeper and social worker live. Also located in this building is the snack shop and game room in the basement, and the library and dining room on the main floor. The dining room is large enough to be used by all the home family and is used for special occasions.

When you leave the Activities Building and follow the driveway as it winds through the trees and up a hill, you come to the Jane Brown Cottage. Nine young girls and their houseparents and family live here.

Now, let's go back down the hill and on past the office building to where we turned off the road. There on the corner on our right is a small cobblestone house where the farm worker and his wife live.

Just across the road on the corner is the new red brick house where the superintendent and his family live.

As we continue on this road for about one-half mile, the road makes a right turn and here on the right is Woolsey Memorial Cottage. Teenage boys and their houseparents live here.

At the other direction of the "Y" in the road, for about the same distance, is the Kilgore-Parker Cottage.

In front of the Kilgore-Parker Cottage is a corn field, and across on the other side of the corn field is the Harris Memorial Free Will Baptist Church. This is a community church where the FWB Home personnel and children attend services.

Beyond the church and across the road is the West Virginia Cottage. Seven young boys and their houseparents live here.

Now, we have seen all of the cottages except the Stanley Cottage located behind the office building. It is being rented to a family at this time. Also in this area we can see the barn, tool shed, and garage. It would take some time for us to see all of the approximately 390 acres of farm land belonging to the FWB Home.

One new building is in process which is the recreation building. It is being built just across the parking lot and driveway in front of the office building. This will provide a much needed place for the children to have supervised recreation, especially during cold or rainy weather.

Now that we have seen the buildings, let's visit with some of the people who work and live at the FWB Home for Children.

The superintendent is Rev. James Earl Raper. Mr. Raper and his family came to the FWB Home in June 1973 from Elizabethton, Tennessee, where he had been pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church for four years.

Perhaps many of you will remember Mr. Raper as a former pastor of the Fellowship FWB Church of Flat River, Missouri, about ten years ago. Or, maybe you can remember when he sang with the College quartet while a student at FWB Bible College. This was before he became pastor at Fellowship Church.

Mr. Raper believes anything worth doing is worth doing right, AND immediately. Therefore, often you can find him in his office very late at night after everyone has gone to bed or very early in the morning before the rest of us have had our first cup of coffee. Almost every weekend he is in services for the home at churches across Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, and Illinois. Sometimes as circumstances permit, he takes some of the children of the home with him.

Many changes have been made since Mr. Raper has come to the FWB Home. No task, person, or problem is too small for his attention, concern, and prayers. Perhaps this has been an important factor in bringing about the big change in the lives of most of the 27 children of the home. During this time almost all of them have made decisions for the Lord by accepting Him as Savior or rededicating their lives to Him. Many decisions were made in the cottages during family devotions. Others were made during services at church.

It has been said that every important man has a woman helping him. For Mr. Raper this woman is his secretary, who is also his wife and the mother of their two lovely daughters, Kathy and Sheila. Mrs. Doris Jean Raper would probably be the first person to greet you when you enter the office or when you call on the telephone, because she is the receptionist and secretary. Being a "boss's wife"—secretary doesn't make her work any easier or less to do.

Mrs. Raper shares the interest and concern for the FWB Home with her husband. Therefore, her work is not "just secretary." You can find her wiping away a tear from a child and putting a Band-Aid on the hurt place, helping another child try on a pair of shoes, finding a toy or book for a little one, or going for a bike ride with some of the older girls. Yes, being the superintendent's wife makes Mrs. Raper's tasks many and varied and important.

Our social worker, Miss Glenda Knight, came to the FWB Home from Norfolk, Virginia. She can be found doing many tasks as well as being social worker. Miss Knight works with the children by helping them with their school work, taking them to see the doctor or dentist when such is needed, or just listening to their problems.

Mrs. Carrie Ricker has worked for the FWB Home for more than 15 years. Mrs. Ricker works two days each week. Her main task is keeping the coupons and saving stamps sorted, counted, and ready to be redeemed. In addition to this, she cooks the noon meal for the office staff each day she works. Very often this meal includes a delicious chocolate pie, and always hot biscuits. On these days, the diet just has to wait for another day.

Mrs. Faye Ricker also works two days each week and is the purchasing agent for the FWB Home. She is Mrs. Carrie Ricker's daughter. She also stays busy keeping the children's clothes purchased as needed and making purchases of other housekeeping sup-

plies for the FWB Home.

Since you have met the other office workers, perhaps I should tell you about my work in the office, too. I am Miss Hazel Hutsell and my task is that of bookkeeper. I came to the FWB Home from Mountain Grove, Missouri. In many ways being bookkeeper for the FWB Home for Children is like a bookkeeper's work anywhere. There is money to be accounted for, records to be kept, and bills to be paid. In many ways this work is unlike any other work. Through the gifts and correspondence that cross my desk, I have met many people across our country who are also interested in the well-being of the children.

Our farmer, Rev. Stanford Trigg, and his wife came to the FWB Home in January, 1975, from Hector, Arkansas, where he was a pastor and farmer for many years. Mr. Trigg has no trouble staying busy keeping the pigs in the field, the fence mended so that the cows won't get out, keeping the horses and ponies ready to ride, and doing numerous other farm tasks. As spring arrives, Mr. Trigg is busy planting the gardens with some help from the other men. Our family of 50 will need several kinds of vegetables to eat.

Now, let's meet some of the children and the houseparents. First let's meet the people at the Jane Brown Cottage. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Peak are the houseparents. They have four boys of their own. They came to the FWB Home from Waynesville, Ohio. The nine girls they are "parents" to range in age from 5 to 13 years. The youngest child is Robin. She is just five, has brown eyes and brown hair, and never lacks for something to say, and has no problem making new friends. Elaine, Diana and Loretta are blonds with winning smiles. They are sisters of Ruth, who has brown hair, and they too have many friends. Raye, Renee, Brenda, and Terry are the other girls in the Jane Brown Cottage.

Across the campus at the Woolsey Memorial Cottage, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Walton, who came to the FWB Home from Jacksonville, North Carolina, are the houseparents. They have three small boys of their own. The older teenage boys live here, too. They are Brad, who likes to play football, Jesse, who is a basketball star, Chris, who can be seen running or jumping almost any time as he practices for a track meet, and Timmy who likes to keep the cars clean. They also help with the many tasks on the farm.

At the West Virginia Cottage Mr. and Mrs. Larry Goering are the houseparents for the younger boys along with their one boy. Mr. and Mrs. Goering came to the FWB Home from Zebulon, North Carolina. The West Virginia Cottage boys can be found doing the things most boys age nine to thirteen like to do, such as hiking, bike riding, riding ponies, eating, or a number of things. The boys living here are Billy Joe and Ivan, who are brothers; Allen and Quentin, who are brothers and have two sisters living in the Jane Brown Cottage; Guy, who has three sisters living in the Virginia Cottage; Ronnie, who has two younger brothers and a sister living in the Virginia Cottage; and Jerry. No doubt there is much competition and never a dull moment at the West Virginia Cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Prescott are houseparents at the Virginia Cottage for seven boys and girls. The Prescotts feel right at home at the Virginia Cottage because they came to the FWB Home from Suffolk, Virginia. The seven children are Rita, Etta, Rhonda, Donna, Marla, John and Erich. Erich is five years old, has red hair, and likes to talk. Rhonda is nine years old and has curly red hair like her oldest sister, Rita. Yes, this cottage is an active place, too. All of the Virginia Cottage family have come to the FWB Home since January 1, 1975.

During this school year all the children were in school except Robin who was not five until April 4th. During the summer, some of the children will attend the Youth Camp which is located near by. In fact, it is on part of the home's property. Of course, there is an endless list of chores to be done around the cottages, such as yards to be mowed, and work in the garden.

It isn't all work. Almost every day some time is spent in supervised recreation of some sort, including games for the little ones, pony riding, bike riding, softball, and basketball. Everyone is looking forward to the completion of the new recreation building, which will provide a place to swim and roller skate.

Now that you have briefly met our family perhaps you are wondering how we all got together in this place. Each worker could give you an interesting account concerning how the Lord has led him here. The children would have a varied account of their being here too. A few are here because they have no parents. But most of them are here as a result of a broken home. One thing they all have in common is that they need someone to love and care for them and to help them prepare to take care of themselves when the time comes to be out in the world on their own. We are trying to fill this need for them. Much prayer and Bible study is necessary for us as we are used by the Lord to help the children in their spiritual needs. The Lord provides for the material needs of the FWB Home through churches and individuals just like you.

About the writer: Miss Hutsell was a faithful member of the First FWB Church of Mountain Grove, Missouri, and active in local, district, and state Woman's Auxiliary work in the state until the Lord's will took her to the Children's Home in Tennessee. You may write to her or correspond with the Home at Route 10, Box 327, Greeneville, TN 37743.



CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS

RECORDS BROKEN AT VICTORY

The Victory FWB Church of Kansas City broke several records during the month of March, according to Pastor Lawrence Thompson. Their Sunday school attendance averaged 261, morning worship attendance averaged 282, bus riders averaged 121, and offerings averaged \$1,212. Their highest attendance for the month was 323 in Sunday school and 350 in worship. Forty persons were saved and twenty-three rededicated their lives to the Lord during the month.

In spite of all these fine statistics the Victory Church lost their Sunday school contest with the Farmington Church, by four persons. The consequence of losing is that Pastor Thompson will have to travel to Farmington and shine Pastor Jim McAllister's shoes and preach for him. But who would question but that the forty souls were worth it?

FOURTH CHURCH BREAKS RECORDS

by Mr. Lemon Killian

The Fourth FWB Church of St. Louis entered the National Sunday School Attendance Campaign in March with a prayer that all existing records be broken. The theme for this campaign was, "Outreach to the Unreached."

A friendly competition was organized within the church: the red team, led by Brother Ray Burch, and the blue team led by Pastor Millard Sasser. The losing leader each Sunday had a slice of his tie cut off. Though the blue team won one week, Pastor Sasser had completely lost his tie by the final week of the competition.

Other events that have taken place recently at the Fourth Church are a CTS Workshop and Youth Revival conducted by Rev. Jonathan Thigpen of the National CTS Department, twenty-second anniversary services with the Lloyd Durbin Family singing and preaching, and a special "Thirty Pieces of Silver" offering on Easter Sunday. The \$200.05 offering was given to Rev. and Mrs. Steve Lytle, missionaries in training. Communion and foot-washing were observed on Easter Sunday.

It was indeed a month of praising God. Reaching out to the unreached has brought many blessings to the church and Sunday school. A new record high attendance was set on Easter Sunday with 255. A new record high monthly average was set for March with an attendance of 225. We had a 40% increase in attendance during the campaign for which we praise the Lord.

We trust that God will ever keep us humble and will lead us on to higher heights and in reaching out to the unreached. Praise Him from whom all blessings flow!

RICHWOODS CHURCH ACTIVE

A new youth program was begun at the Richwoods Church in March. Thirty-five persons attended a skating party which initiated the program. Other youth activities are planned. Recent singings at the Richwoods Church have utilized the talents of the Victory Quartet and the Lakewood Gospelaires, according to the church reporter, Mrs. Junior Lewis.

Rev. Elvus Reed is the pastor.

430 ATTEND FELLOWSHIP ON EASTER

Four hundred and thirty people attended the Fellowship FWB Church on Easter Sunday, following a week of call-a-thons in which the members of Fellowship phoned area residents and invited them to church. It was a successful venture, according to the reporter, Mrs. Robert Reeves, and it gave the people opportunity and motive to witness for the Lord.

The three ordinances of the church were observed on Easter Sunday night. Nine people followed the Lord in baptism, and a large number participated in communion and footwashing. Mrs. Reeves writes, "It was a full and happy day at Fellowship Church!"

Rev. Bob Ketchum of Owassa, Oklahoma, conducted revival services at Fellowship in March. The revival began on Fellowship's twenty-ninth birthday, which was designated as Homecoming Day. The church was filled with people every night. Many decisions were made during the week.

Rev. Ken Doggett is the pastor.

GROWTH AT GRAY SUMMIT

by Helen Bryant

We would like to share with you a few events and happenings in our church. November 30 was our pastor's birthday. We honored him with a surprise "This Is Your Life." Following the program we served homemade ice cream and birthday cake and had lots of fellowship and singing.

On December 21 we served a Christmas supper. Then on December 22 the children had their Christmas program where the pastor's wife, Sister Eunice, stole the show with her performance as a grouchy old lady in "Everyone Has Christmas."

A valentine party for the junior class was given in February in which Mike Busse and Janet Marks were crowned king and queen.

Recently souls have been saved, people have joined the church, and the Sunday school attendance has grown. Our average is now 61 with an enrolment of 78.

We have just put a new sign up over the pulpit which reads, "It Can Be Done—200." This is our goal. "With God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

Pray for our bus ministry and our faithful bus workers, Brother and Sister Marks. We desire your prayers that all of this may bring glory to God and that He may continue to bless.

Rev. Hugh Stogsdill is our pastor.

SURPRISE! SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

Reporter, Yvonne Baynes, of the Berkeley FWB Church writes,

"It is not very often that we at First FWB Church of Berkeley can pull something on our pastor and his wife (Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Burton); but, for their 25th wedding anniversary, we managed to do just that. An open house was given in their honor on March 2, complete with all the silver trimmings. About 300 people came to thank this couple for the blessing they have been. There was a money tree and people brought gifts. Cake and coffee and punch were served. The surprise on their faces was worth all the effort put forth.

"We are thankful for our pastor and wife and wish them many more happy years together."

A MINISTRY IN SONG AND SERMON

Stanley E. Jones, pastor of the First FWB Church of Hartville and spokesman for this family group of gospel singers, announces the family's availability for youth rallies, revivals, and special services in your church.

Rev. James McAllister, moderator of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists states, "The Jones Family has always proven to be a spiritual blessing when I have had them in my church. On many such occasions souls have been saved under their ministry. These are dear friends of mine and I highly recommend them to our churches in Missouri."

The Jones Family may be contacted by writing Route 2, Box 154, Cabool, Missouri 65689, or phoning 417-967-3537.

Larry Bryant and Rev. Stogsdill



Janet Marks and Mike Busse



Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Burton



GATEWAY PREPARES FOR REVIVAL

The month of March has concluded a series of special services at Gateway FWB Church in St. Louis. The first Sunday was "Bring Them In Sunday." The emphasis was on bringing visitors to the service. The evening service was conducted by the Children's Church which featured puppets.

The second Sunday was "Andrew and Mary Sunday" with emphasis on sharing faith. The evening service was a talent spectacular where members of the congregation demonstrated their various talents.

The third Sunday was "Sanctification Sunday." This was preceded by a church banquet the previous evening at a local restaurant. The evening service included the observance of communion and foot-washing.

The fourth Sunday was "Resurrection Sunday." A short scene depicting the discovery of Christ's resurrection was enacted. This proved to be a tremendous time of victory celebration for the believers, according to the church reporter. She writes, "These services were refreshing and challenging to the people at Gateway. We felt the sweet abiding Spirit of God in these services which prepared the way for 'Renewal Sunday' April 6 and the commencement of our revival services that evening, which were conducted by Rev. R. B. Spurgeon of the Trinity FWB Church in St. Louis. The revival was a blessing to all who attended."

Sunday, April 13, was "Rapture Sunday." The evening service featured the film, "A Thief in the Night."

Rev. Roy Pearson, pastor of Gateway Church has announced an expanded visitation program which will begin shortly after the revival. The Gateway Church is reported to be enthusiastic and expectant of God's blessings.

OVERLAND CHURCH REPORTS ANSWERS TO PRAYER

The Overland FWB Church in the St. Louis area reports that God has answered their prayers in the decision of their pastor, Rev. Harry Asher, to withdraw his resignation and stay on as pastor of the Overland Church. The church reporter writes, "We felt we could never secure another pastor that would love and sacrifice for his flock and stand with them through all their trials and sorrows and work untiringly without his needed rest, always putting his people first in everything."

The Jones Family Singers



The Overland Church recently conducted soul winning services at the Harbor Light Mission under the direction of Leonard Wilt and Dottie Asker. They are working in the jails and everywhere they find opportunity to witness for Christ, according to the church reporter.

She writes, "May God stir His people in these last days like they have never been moved to get up and get busy for God while we have time."

BUS MINISTRY PAYS OFF AT FAITH

The Faith FWB Church's pastor, Rev. Bud Arnold, and the Sunday school superintendent agreed to eat ice cream sitting on the roof of the church when the Sunday school attendance record was broken. It happened on February 2. The record was broken and the pair climbed the ladder to keep their promise, as shown in the accompanying photograph.

"God is working so fast with our bus ministry," writes Alleane Estes. "Our attendance is still climbing. We thank God for our bus ministry and willing workers."

EVANGEL CHURCH SETS GIVING RECORD

The Evangel FWB Church of Webb City set a new record during the month of March in church income. \$2,052 was given by Evangel folks, \$518 of which went to the Missouri Cooperative program, foreign missions, and colleges. The good income enabled the church to completely pay off their remodeling expenses for the renovation of the interior of their church building.

Evangel Church has proven again that God will meet the financial needs of the church that puts missions and evangelism first.

BILLY JOE GENTRY HOLDS REVIVALS

Rev. Billy Joe Gentry, pastor of the Jones Chapel FWB Church of Stella, was guest evangelist at the Horton Community Church revival in February. The Chapelaire and the Believers, singing groups of the Jones Chapel Church, were there two nights each to sing and help out in the revival.

Brother Gentry had another meeting in March at

Pastor and SS Superintendent of Faith FWB Church



the Tracy Community Church. Three decisions were made for Christ.

Fifteen young people attended a pizza party for the Jones' Chapel youth group, at the Gentry home.

DE SOTO CHURCH PRAISING THE LORD

Reporter, Sister Sophia Ackerson, writes,

"We the people of the FWB Church of De Soto had a very joyful Easter. We started the day with 155 in Sunday school with Brother Jack Morris in charge. Our young people sang a cantata "The Risen Saviour" in the morning worship service. A fellowship dinner was served by the ladies of the church at the noon hour.

"We have so much to thank our Lord for—especially the love that our church shares among the brethren. Easter was truly a special day, because the Holy Spirit was present in the services all day. Everyone went home rejoicing in his heart and blessed by our living Savior."

Brother and Sister Gordon Yancey and children participated in the Easter Sunday evening service at De Soto.

Rev. Charles Miller is the pastor.

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH BUILDING AUDITORIUM

Pastor Dennis Bowman of the Independence FWB Church reports that the Lord has opened a way for their church to construct an auditorium. They are hoping for a completion date in July. Six persons have been saved in the past month. Their attendance is running in the 50's and 60's.

STATE ASSOCIATION SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED

Speakers for the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists annual convention have been selected by the Executive Committee of the General Board. They are: Rev. Charles Miller of De Soto, Rev. Millard Sasser of St. Louis, Rev. Rufus Coffey of Nashville, Tennessee, and Rev. Elmer Turnbough of Houston, Missouri.

The annual state meeting will be held at West Plains, Missouri, August 18-21. The daytime services will be held at the First FWB Church and the evening services will meet at the Holiday Inn.

The theme, "This Is the Hour" (Esther 4:14), will be developed by the four messengers. New on the state program schedule is a Sunday school workshop planned for Tuesday afternoon, with Rev. Harold Harrison of the National Sunday School Department in Nashville, Tennessee.

Pastors and laymen are encouraged to make their plans to attend.

LOVE OFFERING FOR BEATTY

Churches are once again reminded that they are requested to receive a love offering for Promotional

Secretary Harry Beatty to be presented to him at the State Association in West Plains in honor of his retirement. Checks should be mailed to GEM editor, Andy W. Lay, 13 Tanglewood Drive, Carl Junction, MO 64834, by August 1.

REPORT OF LOAN FUND DRIVE

by Mrs. Francis Bowman

Sometime ago I read a story about a funeral service which was held in a Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. It seems that, as soon as everyone had arrived for the Sunday morning worship hour, the pastor announced that the funeral of a very well-known member of their church was to be held that day and everyone was encouraged to remain for the funeral. Without revealing the identity of the deceased, the minister assured each one present that he was well acquainted with this member.

At the 11 o'clock hour a casket with a beautiful floral arrangement on top was wheeled into the altar area of the church and the minister began his sermon. He told how this fellow had claimed Jesus Christ as his personal Savior for many years. He spoke of the many times that this man would stand with tears in his eyes during a testimony service and tell of his love for Jesus and would request prayer that the Lord might use him in some great way.

After spending quite some time talking of the things the man professed, the pastor told them how this man had miserably failed God because he had professed so much faith, love, and dedication, but never once had this man been known to pray for lost souls, nor had he ever been known to give one red cent to further the cause of Christ by telling the story of amazing grace to those who had never heard. He went on to say that this man would one day face God in judgment because he had failed the great commission of his Lord who said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."

He concluded by saying, "How sad the day when this man would hear his Lord say, 'Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.'"

As this man stands before God, he will say, "Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have we not cast out devils? And in thy name have we not done many wonderful works?" Then Jesus will say unto him, "I never knew you: depart from me ye that work iniquity."

The sermon was over and yet the identity of this member had not been revealed. The audience, shocked with the sermon and wondering who this member was, began the procession by the casket to view the corpse. The greatest shock came as they looked into the casket to see no corpse at all, only a mirror showing their own reflection.

No doubt each member of that congregation recalled sermon after sermon which had challenged them to the task of reaching the world for Christ and each time it had fallen on deaf ears and cold hearts. This pastor, I suppose, decided to shock his people into reality and give them a good look at themselves.

I pray the following report will be used of the Lord to shock Missouri Free Will Baptists into action.

About six months ago I felt so impressed of the Lord to write to each of our churches in the state and ask them for \$100 for the Perpetual Loan Fund of the Missouri State Home Missions Board. Our goal was not less than \$10,000 by January 1, 1975. Here is a report of the response:

Olivet FWB Church, Marshall	\$130.00
New Home FWB Church, Hartville	100.00
Low Ground FWB Church, Novinger	15.00
Victory FWB Church, Avondale	100.00
Cape Girardeau FWB Church	100.00
Lone Star FWB Church, Marshfield	50.00
First FWB Church, O'Fallon	100.00
First FWB Church, Waynesville	103.20
Independence FWB Mission	77.00
Lucille Beatty, Arnold	100.00
Thayer FWB Church, Thayer	188.00
Grace FWB Church, Arnold	100.00
Cuba FWB Woman's Auxiliary	49.18
Berkeley FWB Church	100.00
South Fremont FWB Church, Springfield ...	100.00
Interest	14.23
Total	\$1,421.61

Out of nearly 150 FWB churches that were asked to share this great cause, only 15 responded. I have always contended that Missouri Free Will Baptists will rise and meet a need if properly informed. This report will serve as another attempt to inform Missouri Free Will Baptists of the urgent need for additional funds in our Perpetual Loan Fund.

If your church has not responded to this cause, why don't you take action today. If you are not able to give a hundred dollars, give what you can. If you can give more, please do so; but, whatever you do, do something for the Perpetual Loan Fund.

I am shocked that so few of our churches have responded to this missionary endeavor. No doubt you are shocked that your church is not listed among those who gave. Say, I have good news for you. It is not too late to get in on this great cause. Send all contributions for this special loan fund drive to: Frances Bowman, 625 N. Odell, Marshall, MO.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

May 18: College Day across the state
 May 19-21: Pastors'-Laymen's Seminar at Youth Camp
 May 31: Sunday School Workers' Seminar at South Fremont Church, Springfield
 June 9-13: Youth Camp for high schoolers
 June 16-20: Youth Camp for junior high schoolers
 June 23-27: Youth Camp for elementary schoolers
 July 13-17: National Association in Dayton, Ohio
 August 18-21: State Association in West Plains

JOPLIN CHURCH SETS ATTENDANCE RECORD

The First FWB Church of Joplin recently had a revival meeting with former pastor Alton Loveless. "It was a good meeting," said Pastor N. R. Smith. "The attendance was good and the church was helped."

The revival services ended on Easter Sunday with a record 205 in morning church.

From Our Missionaries

FROM THE HORTONS IN DES MOINES

Excerpts from a recent news letter follow . . .

"Yesterday, March 9, the church held services in the newly acquired property and both services were blessed with new people. Praise God! At last a sign is being painted which will read First Free Will Baptist and will be placed in front of the building facing 4148 East 29th Street here in Des Moines, Iowa.

"These are busy days for the whole family as we face the challenge of establishing the church in this large metropolitan area. But His grace is sufficient."

Leland, Dollie, Janet, and Beth Horton
 2314 E. 39th St. Court
 Des Moines, IA 50317

FROM THE RUSSELLS IN BATON ROUGE

Excerpts from a recent news letter follows . . .

"The first two months of 1975 have given us much to be thankful for. Even though several of our bus children moved away the Lord has given us a new family already. The Workman family who are former FWB's from Virginia have rededicated their lives to His service and two of their teenage sons have been saved.

"We observed 'Harvest Day' one Sunday in February and had five decisions. Pray with us as we have new convert lessons with these that they may become strong in God's Word.

"We would like to say thank you for making the way for us to work here in Baton Rouge."

Larry, Janis, Kimberly, and Jennifer Russell
 3010 Oakcrest Drive
 Baton Rouge, LA 70814

FROM THE FULCHERS IN PANAMA

Dear Friends in Missouri:

Once again we would like to express our appreciation to each church and individual who has prayed for us and supported our work here in Panama. Each month, as we receive our copy of the donors to our account for the past month, it always blesses our

hearts to see how faithful the people of Missouri have been in sending in their offerings and pledges. Many of you have been giving to our account for several years now. Others have just recently begun supporting us. We thank the Lord for each one. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible this summer while we are home for another short furlough. Pray for us as we make arrangements here to be away from the work three months. Also pray that the Lord will give us a fruitful ministry while we are on itnerate. May God richly bless each of you.

Bill and Glenda Fulcher and Family

FROM THE PINKERTONS IN IVORY COAST

Dear Friends in Missouri:

We are still studying language, but only in the a.m. now. In the afternoons, it's preparation for evening services. We generally show films and answer questions. You might say we are in the process of looking for receptive villages. In the village last Monday evening we found out after the showing of the film that the people had been forbidden by the fetisher to become Christians. In another, we have found some fellows who are interested but have not made decisions yet. Please pray with us in this effort.

While at Bouake to get the boys next week, we hope to get something definite on Tim's surgery. He has been having bad headaches. Please pray for the Lord's will in this situation.

Please continue to pray for the work here. We appreciate so much the faithfulness of our fellow Missourians.

The Five Pinkertons

FROM THE POOLES IN BRAZIL

"God bless you folks in Missouri. Thanks so much for your prayers and support. We are attempting to double our Sunday school enrolment by means of a campaign in April, May, and June. Pray that the people will accept the challenge and work that we will see many saved and begin serving the Lord."

Bobby, Geneva Poole and boys

DESIGNATED MONEY SENT THROUGH STATE OFFICE MARCH, 1975

First FWB Mission, Kansas City (one account)	\$15.00
First FWB Church, West Plains (one account)	146.10
Hickory Grove Sunday School (one account)	8.61
Olivett FWB Church, Marshall (one account)	105.00
Faith and Hope Church, Mission Association (one account) . . .	25.00
Mountain Grove FWB Church (three accounts)	155.00
Merl's Chapel FWB Church (one account)	41.50
Evangel FWB Church, Webb City (four accounts)	257.70
Total amount	\$753.91

Promotional Secretary's Corner

by Rev. Harry Beatty



On Saturday, March 1, nineteen churches represented with delegates in Liberty Quarterly Meeting assembled in Liberty FWB Church near Lebanon. Rev. Milan Ruble preached the 11:00 a.m. message. They issued license to three new ministers: Ernie Holliday, Ken Humphries, and J. W. O'Neal. Each of the ministers delivered a brief sermon in the afternoon service. The presbytery ordained Rev. Shumate and Perriman to the gospel ministry.

Brother Joe Pedit was ordained as a deacon for Niangua Church and J. Denwitti for the Calvary Church. I gave the Missouri Cooperative report and challenge. Thanks to Liberty Church. They adopted the plan this month.

On Sunday morning, March 2, Pastor W. Bennett and Calvary Church invited me to deliver the gospel message. Their church is growing and souls are being saved in their weekly services. Pastor Wayne Wagner and Fremont FWB Church in Springfield gave me the privilege to deliver the Sunday evening sermon. Their Sunday school and church both are growing as new families are being added.

West Plains FWB Church hosted a one day ministers' and laymen's conference on March 22. There was a good attendance and participation. Rev. Elza Hollis opened the first session with a discussion on Luke 17:32. The second subject was Revelation 20:4, 5, led by a laymen, R. P. Norman. Both subjects were thoroughly discussed by both ministers and laymen. The pulpit committee selected Rev. Charles Gower and Brother Beatty to preach at 11:00 a.m. We enjoyed a real good noon service. I gave the Missouri Promotional and Cooperative report and sold some nice Bibles from the portable Bible stand. Pastor Skiles and the church served a fine meal in the church dining hall.

I visited the weekend revival in Faith Chapel Church on Saturday night. Evangelist D. Strain preached the evangelistic messages for this revival. One man was saved Thursday night.

On Sunday morning, March 23, I participated with Pastor Howard Bower and Clifton Church in worship and preaching of the Word. Sunday night Alton and Koshkonong churches held joint services in Koshkonong. I visited this service and witnessed Pastor Combs and Pastor Strain baptize three new converts in the church baptistry.

On March 22 the Cave Springs Association was saddened by the home going of Rev. Ode Hackworth. Memorial services were held in Garfield Church on March 25. We extend Christian condolences to his people.

On March 29, 30 Mrs. Beatty and I visited our children and their families in Tulsa, Oklahoma. On Sunday evening the Southeast FWB Church of Tulsa presented a special Easter pageant, "No Greater Love," with a 34-member cast. This was the best

Easter program I have ever witnessed in my entire ministry. Scores of Christians participated in the open communion service following the pageant. Feetwashing was also observed in the educational chapel.

Brethren, please observe: We received 68 contributions in March totaling \$8,461.73 in cooperative funds. Two churches officially adopted the Cooperative Plan this month and a brother sent a cash offering which was placed in the Cooperative Fund. The Cooperative Plan supports 16 phases of the Lord's work. I challenge all 60 nonparticipating churches in Missouri State Association to join ranks. Send a gift or an offering. We can still reach our projected goal of \$90,000.00 with your support.

Send all cooperative fund contributions to Rev. Harry Beatty, 2244 Tenbrook, Arnold, Missouri 63010.

COOPERATIVE FUND RECEIPTS, MARCH 1975

Liberty (adopted)	\$100.00
Calvary	153.00
Willow Springs	108.86
New Harmony Sunday School	15.49
Fellowship	50.00
Faith	187.47
Trinity	260.00
Grace (Feb.)	402.69
Number One	23.65
Rock Chapel (Mar.)	20.56
Carterville	13.94
Black Oaks (3 mos.)	30.00
Pleasant Ridge	25.47
First, West Plains	170.00
First, Mission, (K.C.)	111.00
Royal Oaks, (K.C.)	47.00
Independence, (K.C.)	52.00
Byrd	13.10
Belton	87.00
Hannon	104.00
Fordland	25.00
Bethel, Festus	40.00
New Rock Springs	25.00
Viburnum	88.68
Hickory Grove (Feb.)	9.83
Mt. Pisgah	51.00
Farmington, First	361.62
Thayer	95.32
Salem	20.00
Monett, First (2 mos.)	400.79
Buffalo (adopted Dec.-Feb.)	192.44
Verdella	88.92
Freeman Chapel (Jan.-Feb.)	157.48
Hurryville (Feb.)	76.78
Berkley (Feb.)	362.97
Olivet	130.00
Happy Home	13.77
Copper Mines	95.00
Purdy, First	32.19
De Soto, First	220.00
Central, K.C. (Mar.)	150.00
Cabool	104.70
Bethel, Festus	40.00
Fourth	234.10
Columbia (Jan.-Feb.)	229.84
Leadington (Feb.)	99.17
Mt. Grove, First (Feb.)	327.16
Merl's Chapel	38.55
Evangel	155.23
Number One	36.00
Willow Springs (Mar.)	95.52
Gateway	19.00
Divine Trinity, Potosi (Mar.)	27.00

Gospel Light, Bonne Terre (Jan.-Mar.)	87.12
Faith, St. Louis (Mar.)	228.22
Fredericktown, First (Jan.-Mar.)	437.63
Grace (Mar.)	622.34
Union Light	50.31
Hickory Grove (Mar.)	20.70
Victory (Mar.)	389.86
Freeman Chapel (Mar.)	108.83
Aurora (Mar.)	41.97
Pleasant Grove	38.46
Houston, First (Mar.)	144.00
Anonymous Coop. offering	
A Friend, Cave Springs Dist.	50.00
Alton (Mar.)	9.00
West Plains, First (Mar.)	224.00
Total Sixty-eight contributions	\$8,461.73
Total Nine months receipts	\$64,330.69

Harry Beatty Promotional Sec. and Treas.

March 1975 Cooperative Disbursement

20.00% Missouri Missions	\$1,692.35
15.00% Mo. Promotional	1,269.26
05.50% Mo. Youth Camp	465.40
04.00% Mo. State College	338.47
04.00% Mo. General Fund	338.47
02.50% Mo. Gem	211.54
01.00% Mo. C.T.S. & S.S.	84.62
52% seven Mo. Dept.	4,400.11
07.00% 07% Hillsdale	592.32
41% eight Nat'l Depts.	3,469.30
13.00% Foreign Missions Dept.	1,100.03
09.00% FWBB College	761.56
07.00% Nat'l. Executive Dept.	592.32
06.50% Nat'l. Home Missions Dept.	550.01
03.00% Nat'l. CTS Dept.	253.85
02.00% Dept. of Retirement	169.23
00.25% Laymen's Board	21.15
00.25% Theological Comm.	21.15
100.00% total disbursed	\$8,461.73

Missouri State Home Mission Giving: March 5 through April 5, 1975

Cabool	30.00
Rock Chapel	20.00
Grace	25.00
Aurora	28.25
Hannon	138.50
West Plains, First	140.00
Independence	25.00
South Fremont	112.00
DeSoto, First	30.00
Central	20.00
Hurryville	30.00
Myrtle	26.87
Thayer	4.00
Salem	20.00
Farmington	60.00
Byrd	10.00
Olivet	400.00
Columbia	5.00
Copper Mines	20.00
Victory	228.52
Hannon	86.50
Mine LaMotte	10.00
Union Light	33.00
Fellowship	25.00
Fourth	43.43
South Side	2.00
Houston	55.00
Willow Springs	5.00
Cooperative Receipts	1,692.35
Total	3,325.42

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Thomas, Rev. Francis Boyle.

