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PROGRAM

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THEME: "Proclaiming True Liberty"
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MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1976

- 2:00 P.M. General Board Meeting (Visitors Welcome)
- 3:00 P.M. Woman's Auxiliary Executive Committee Meeting
- 7:30 P.M. Worship Service—Sunday School & CTS Board in Charge

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1976

- 2:00- Tuesday Afternoon, June 8, 1976—SOUL WINNING
- 4:00 SEMINAR Trymon Messer, Speaker
- 7:30 P.M. Worship In Song
- Convening Of Session Rev. Roger Harwell, Clerk
- Welcome Rev. R. B. Spurgeon
- Response Rev. Lawrence Thompson
- 8:00 P.M. Moderator's Message Rev. Jim McAllister
- 8:15 P.M. Keynote Message Rev. Tom Owens
- "Cherished Liberties"
- Report of Committee on Committees
- Benediction

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1976

- 9:00 A.M. Congregational Singing
- Devotional Rev. Kent Tallent
- 9:15 A.M. Credential Committee's Report
- *Seating Of Corresponding Messengers
- General Board Report
- Statistician's Report
- 10:45 A.M. Recess
- 11:00 A.M. Worship Hour Rev. Glenn Rehkop, Presiding
- Congregational Singing
- Special Music (Arranged by Host Church)
- Message Rev. Dale Smith
- "Cost Of Liberty"
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 P.M. Congregational Singing
- Devotional Rev. Steve Burton

- 1:45 P.M. Report of National Offices' Representatives
- Report of State Treasurer & Promotional Secy.
- Report of State Home Missions Board
- Report of Sunday School & CTS Board
- Report of Christian Education Board
- Report of Youth Camp Board

4:00 P.M. Adjournment

*Corresponding Messengers will be recognized as time allows

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 9, 1976

- 7:30 P.M. Worship Service Rev. Cliff Bowman, Presiding
- Congregational Singing
- Special Music St. Louis Area Choir
- 8:00 P.M. Message Rev. Bill Jones
- "Challenge of Liberty"
- Benediction

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1976

- 9:00 A.M. Congregational Singing
- Devotional Rev. Russell Johnson
- 9:15 A.M. Business Session
- Report of Resolutions Committee
- Report of Obituary Committee
- Report of Placement Committee
- Report of Nominating Committee
- 10:45 A.M. Recess
- 11:00 A.M. Worship Service Rev. M. Southwell, Presiding
- Congregational Singing
- Special Music (Arranged by Host Church)
- Message Rev. Ken Goff
- "Coming Liberties"
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 P.M. Remaining Business and Final Adjournment

GENERAL BOARD MEETING FOLLOWING SESSION

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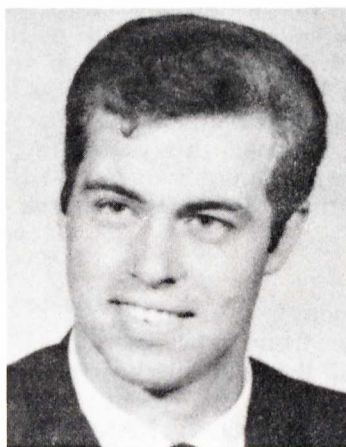
SPEAKERS:



Rev. Ken Riggs
Nashville, Tennessee



Dr. Bill Jones, President
Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College
Moore, Oklahoma



Rev. Tom Owens, Pastor
Oak Hill Mission
St. Clair, Missouri



Rev. Dale Smith, Pastor
First Free Will Baptist
Monett, Missouri



Rev. Ken Goff, Pastor
First Free Will Baptist
Flat River, Missouri

CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Showers Of Blessings At Thayer

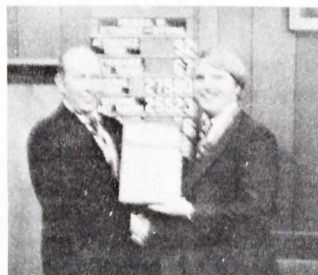
A recent report from Thayer indicates that the church is growing. The Sunday school average for March was 179. Rev. and Mrs. Glen Hood are having a fruitful ministry. The First Free Will Baptist Church in Thayer, Missouri, is actively involved in cooperative and designated giving.

An Expression Of Thanks

Rev. Winford Davis, who recently celebrated his fiftieth ministerial anniversary writes: "I wish to express my sincere thanks for the nice receptions given me at both Greenfield and Macedonia churches. I appreciate the many lovely gifts and each and every gesture and expression of kindness at this time of the year as we have celebrated our fiftieth ministerial anniversary. May the Lord bless everyone." (Editor's note: Brother Davis' report is quite impressive. Happy Anniversary)

Giant Youth Rally

The Licking and Houston Free Will Baptist churches are sponsoring a Giant Youth Rally at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Houston. This will be held on Saturday, May 22, 7:30-10:30 p.m. The rally will feature a singing group from Thayer, Missouri, "The Young Gospels." Rev. Dan Deskins, student at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served following the service. Everyone is invited and the young people are especially urged to attend.



**Hazel Creek Church
Wins Contest**

The Hazel Creek Church and the First Church of Kirksville entered a contest during the March Enlargement Campaign. The Hazel Creek Church won with a 37½% increase. Pastor Kent Tallent states, "When I accepted the church in August, 1974, the Sunday school was averaging 36."

Pastor Campbell of Kirksville states, "Wait until next year. It may be different." Both churches bought a plaque with eighteen name plates, leaving seventeen more years to go.

Pictured above is the pastor, Rev. Kent Tallent, presenting the plaque to Bud Riley, the Sunday school superintendent.

Ordination Service At Kirksville



An impressive ordination service was held at the Northeast Yearly Association when it convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kirksville. Gary Matthews, a member of the church, was ordained as a deacon. Pictured above are Gary, his wife Joyce, and her parents, Mr and Mrs. Thomas. Gary's parents are Rev. and Mrs. Woodrow Matthews of Guin, Alabama.

Rev. Archie Cooper, chairman of the ordaining council, directed the service. He was assisted by Rev. Glen Campbell and Rev. Eddie Pierce, members of the council. Rev. Kent Tallent is moderator of the association.



**Bond Burning Service
At Faith Church**

On March 7 a Bond Burning Ceremony was held at the Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Lemay, Missouri. Church reporter Allean Estes writes: "It was a great day with preaching and gospel singing. It took sixteen years and a lot of faithful members to complete the program, but this is that which makes a good church. We feel this would never have been completed without the help and leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Arnold. They spent fourteen years as pastor and worked hard. Rev. Arnold was not only a preacher; he was a friend and a counselor. We regret that they have resigned this pastorate. We know we shall miss them. Our prayer is that they will have a good ministry with the church in Hartville."

Hallelujah! What A Sunday!

Sue Winchester, reporter from the South Side Free Will Baptist Church writes:

It was a brisk, sunny March 29th and the atmosphere tingled with suspense and excitement. Would South Side hit the goal of 276 that so many had diligently worked to obtain? Some were skeptical, but others had faith and waited with great anticipation for the tally. As a memento of

"Hallelujah Sunday" a red and white ball point pen with blue lettering was given to each one in attendance during Sunday school. Soon Brother Land, our Sunday school superintendent, gave his report. We didn't make it....we surpassed it! Hallelujah! The climax of the "Free Indeed" campaign made 291 souls rejoice as well as roar with laughter. Pastor Francis was wearing a silly custom-made tie that was cut at its knot by Brother Land.

After this bit of humor, a beautiful family Bible was presented to Brother William Cruse who had brought 16 guests. It was a touching scene when Brother Cruse in turn presented it to his wife, Ina. The Cruses were celebrating their 31st wedding anniversary.

Before the message the Believers Quartet sang several songs. They really added to the festivities of the day. Following the morning services, dinner was enjoyed by many.

The Believers Quartet and a trio from the Berkeley Church presented a tremendous program of song and testimony that afternoon.

Missouri State Home Mission Giving: March 5 through April 5, 1976

West Plains	140.00
Berkeley	25.00
Salem	10.00
Gateway	25.00
Thayer	259.50
Sedalia	65.00
Mountain Grove	7.50
Evelyn Cheatham	10.00
Independence	40.00
Farmington	165.27
Addie Champion	6.00
Naomi St. Cin	4.00
Rock Chapel	20.00
Victory	105.50
Myrtle	83.94
South Fremont	200.00
Cotton Creek	33.10
Grace	25.00
DeSoto	75.00
Purdy	11.00
Oak Hill	25.00
Houston	58.00
Neosho	5.00
Hurryville	30.00
Cuba	11.61
New Home	10.00
Union Light	24.00
Copper Mines	20.00
Fourth	34.44
New Life	152.35
South Side	10.00
Central	23.00
Fellowship	23.00
Olivet	225.00
Cape Girardeau	39.03
Hannon	82.00
Flat River, First	38.65
Monett	15.00
Bethel-Festus	20.00
Cooperative Receipts	2,243.50
Total	\$4,400.39

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On The National Front

Free Will Baptist Bible College Dean's List

The following students from Missouri made the Dean's List. Seniors: Diane Chapman, Marshfield; Ken Fox, Kansas City; Junior: Jeff Turnbough, Houston; Sophomore: Kenneth Dodson, Elvins; Freshmen: Gary Atkisson, Cape Girardeau; Mike Wilhite.

In connection with the work of the Free Will Baptist Bible College Dr. Ange states, "We have requests for 45 interns from pastors in 12 states but we still need approximately 40 more churches and pastors to respond." If your church is interested in helping a student intern for the summer, please write Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Thanks From Dr. and Mrs. Miley

The *Gem* received a very nice letter from Dr. and Mrs. Miley, who are taking special training in New York. Perhaps many *Gem* readers may have received a similar letter; therefore, I will not print this but will note this word of thanks. They write: "We do want to thank you for your prayers and for the gifts placed on our account. May the Lord reward you for your faithfulness and ever use you in His glorious service."

Mrs. Mabel Wiley Expresses Thanks

Mrs. Mabel Wiley, missionary to Panama, writes: "Thanks so much for the gift sent from your association to my account. I am deeply grateful. Thanks to the churches for sharing with me. Continue to remember me in prayer."

The Vergel Maness Family in Delaware Express Gratitude

Brother Maness writes: "We desire to express greatly how much we appreciate the support of Missouri Free Will Baptists. God bless you all for your encouragement." Brother Maness also writes: "There is a need for consistent, regular workers in the mission work." Let us remember them in prayer.



The Christian Home

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE CHRISTIAN HOME

The guiding principle of this age seems to be: Get all you can while you can in any way you can. The god of materialism that has gripped the throat of our society has so interwoven itself into the fabric of this age that this world is blinded to the fact that things cannot satisfy. Even the Christian is often crippled by this malady of materialism. What then should be some guiding principles for the Christian home in our time?

First, faith in Jesus Christ as a guiding principle is an absolute must. I am not speaking of religiousness, but of a faith that demands righteousness. Far too many go through religious ritual but know nothing of redemption and regeneration.

For our times the Christian home must possess a living faith in a living Savior—Jesus Christ, being constantly aware of His presence, power, and priority in the home. Such a faith, trust, confidence in Jesus Christ will mold the home into a haven of rest for the weary, a harbor of hope for the wavering, and a hiding place from sin's killing disease. A guiding principle for the Christian home must be faith in Jesus Christ which will place Him as "all and in all" in the home.

Secondly, the Christian home needs loyalty to Jesus Christ as a guiding principle. Parents must come to grips with the reality of the responsibility of rearing righteous children. Teens and youngsters ought to be taught and must learn that Jesus Christ loved us and poured out His life's blood on Golgotha's crimson hill for their eternal salvation and therefore requires and deserves our unwavering loyalty in every issue of life. The Christian home needs to be just so loyal to Christ that if God's Word says it, we believe it and let that settle it. Such abiding loyalty to Jesus Christ will give a sure foundation to life and living. Our society needs that today. The steadfast hope of the Christian cannot be found in any changing philosophical fiddlings of our time. We need loyalty to Christ.

Another guiding principle of the Christian home is a genuine love for God. Love for God will keep the home pure and lovely, because such a love will ever keep us seeking to please Him in thought, word, and deed.

Wrapped with the guiding principles for the home is a possession of grace which makes life beautiful

and the atmosphere of the home heavenly. Embedded in that word "grace" which we so often use to describe God's free gift of salvation to us are such words as charm, beauty, gracefulness and graciousness. Every Christian home needs to be saturated with these God-like characteristics.

Still another guiding principle for the Christian home in this day of selfishness and greed is kindness. If there is any place where one can find love and understanding and kindness and consideration, surely it ought to be in the Christian home. There are Christian couples who really love the Lord and one another who seem to enjoy cutting down their spouse. How sad and tragic. This ought not to be! The Christian home needs to display the common courtesies among its members. The Christian home ought to display the best of all human feelings. There is a sad absence of Christ where there is constant bickering and arguing. Proverbs 31 describes the relation between husband and wife as it ought to be. The heart of her husband safely trusts in her (31:11) and her husband sings her praises—not for what she can do, has done, or will do—but simply because she is his wife (Proverbs 31:28).

Submission appears to be the guiding principle that engulfs all of the guiding principles of the home. Paul commanded, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord" (Ephesians 5:22). He also commanded, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25). And, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right" (Ephesians 6:1). He had already commanded, "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God" (Ephesians 5:21). Such a spirit of submission will surely make the home a little like Heaven!

PERSONALITIES IN THE CHRISTIAN HOME

In this day of rebellion and so-called "liberation" we need to take a good look at the home personalities. As I enter this area of the message, I do so fully realizing the sacredness of the subject and that it is also filled with explosives. However, in the light of God's Word I am duty bound to declare in plain language that God has an order for the home. If that order is broken then that home ceases to be Christian. It is no longer Christlike!

God's order for the home is laid down in Ephesians 5:21—6:4. Paul again sums it up in 1 Corinthians 11:3 where he says, "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God." God's order for the home is: first

For This Hour

(continued from the April *Gem*) by Millard C. Sasser

Christ, secondly the husband, thirdly the wife, and finally the children.

In light of this order there are some things that need to be said. First, God does not place more eternal worth on the man than He does on the woman. He does not teach that womanhood has any less dignity or prominence than does manhood. Secondly, the order of the home is not based on worth but on responsibility. "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered" (1 Peter 3:7). Having said this, I will by-pass the opportunity to blast away at women who want to be "liberated" and youngsters who are rebellious and will come directly to the root of the problem—manhood.

God has given men the high-calling and divine responsibility of being the spiritual priest or head of the home. Men, hear me, God has placed the responsibility of the spiritual atmosphere in your home squarely upon your shoulders. It is a gross sin against yourself, your children, your wife, society, and against God for you to turn the spiritual responsibilities of the family over to your wife. In every case the husband and father in the home should labor to be the spiritual leader of his home. He must not be any less dedicated to his Savior, his church, his Bible, or any other spiritual matters than his wife. If a man would take the place of spiritual leadership in the home that God intended him to take, that within itself would destroy much of the so-called "women's lib" of our time. If children could see their fathers be the spiritual heads of the homes that God intended, we would see far less rebellion among them. When fathers begin—by practice as well as by precept—to teach godly, Biblical principles in the home again, wives and mothers would gladly follow. Boys will desire to look and act like boys, and women and girls will desire to look and act like ladies.

We hear much about "the hand that rocks the cradle, ruling the world." I am sure there is a general principle in that idea; however, we also need to be reminded of the hand that is supposed to guide the hand that rocks the cradle. Buckle up and take a look at Proverbs 17:6. "Children's children are the crown of old men." Look at the later part of this verse: "and the glory of children are their fathers." Men hear me! The eternal welfare of your children depends largely upon your faithfulness to God in the way you live your lives. Children will follow the path of their fathers. Your families need to know that you are a man of God.

Lest I be misunderstood, I praise God for the 20th century Priscillas in our churches. In the

church which God has allowed me to pastor, some of the most godly ladies in the world grace our services. I am so very thankful for them. I know that many times, were it not for their faithful prayers and support, this preacher would be defeated and our church a failure. I thank God for our 20th century Priscillas; but, oh how my soul longs to see an equivalent number of 20th century Aquilas—men who will stop asking, "Who will go for us?" and will begin saying, "Lord, send me."

The personalities of the home are divinely appointed and, if we will show forth God's grace and beauty in this our time, we will follow His appointment.

GOD'S PROMISE TO THE CHRISTIAN HOME

We have in some measure looked at the priorities, principles, and personalities of the Christian home. Now, the question arises: Is there hope for the Christian home in our time? Can the Christian home succeed today? The answer to the question can be seen in the promises of God to the Christian home.

Standing in open contrast to the dilemma of the wicked, Proverbs 12:7 reports, "But the house of the righteous shall stand." Whose house has the promise of success? Note first, it is not the house of the rich. For in this world "moth and rust doth corrupt" and riches fail. The riches of this world perish with using.

"Bless this house" should be the prayer of every parent. Fathers especially ought to enter a ministry of prayer for their households. Hidden away in an Old Testament story that tells of horror and bloodshed, one finds this simple and sublime statement: "And the Lord blessed the house of Obbedom, and all that he had" (1 Chronicles 13:14). Why had God so blessed Obbedom and all he had? The answer is found in the context of verses 12-14. Very simply, Obbedom had opened his home to the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord.

The Ark of the Covenant was a symbol of the presence of the Lord among His people. Indeed it was that and more. As one studies the Old Testament Tabernacle, he finds that the Ark represented the very throne of God. So it was that when Obbedom invited the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord into his house he had in fact invited God to set up His throne in his home! No wonder then that God "blessed the house of Obbedom and all that he had!" It is also true with you and me, if we invite Jesus Christ to rule in our homes as King of kings, He shall bless our homes! Christian homes must, in this hour, recognize Christ—not simply as the "Honored Guest"—He must be Lord!



The Mission of The Church

by Roger Harwell

Contrary to the thinking of many, the main task of the church has not changed since she received her marching orders almost 2,000 years ago. What is the mission of the Church? I think you will agree with me that Christ, the founder and head of the Church, alone has the right to tell us about the real meaning of the mission of the Church. In Matthew 28:19, 20 the teaching is plain. We are to go and make disciples, baptize disciples, and teach disciples. In Acts 1:8, we learn that we are witnesses. In John 20:21, Jesus said, "As the Father hath sent me, even so, send I you." It is very clear from these statements as well as others that we are to be Christ's representatives on earth just as Christ was the representative of the Father. We are to do the works today that Jesus did. His mission is our mission!

Several years ago, I was given a copy of a book entitled, *Every Christian's Job*. This could rightly be the title for Acts 8:1 for we read, "There was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles." Verse 4 continues, "They that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word." When we talk about the mission of the Church, we are not limiting it to the mission of the preacher only. The mission of the Church, every Christian's job, is to be a witness.

The Bible does not exempt any believer from the responsibility of witnessing. To share the gospel with those who do not know Him is the main reason you and I are still on planet Earth. We are witnesses now! It's a part of our lives. We can be faithful or unfaithful witnesses. We can be true or false witnesses, good or bad witnesses. Once, however, we have trusted in Christ, we no longer have the choice of whether we are going to witness or not. The only choice we then have is just what kind of witness we plan to be.

It is interesting to note that Christ's first instructions to His new followers in the first chapter of Mark were, "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." His last instructions on this earth to His disciples were, "But ye shall receive power . . . and ye shall be witnesses unto me." Our Lord began and ended His public ministry with the command to be witnesses and fishers of men. The primary business of every Church, therefore, is to introduce men to Jesus. The big job of every member of every Church, the world over, is to tell men about Jesus and His power to save. We are to win men to Christ. I care not what else we may do, if we fail here, we have utterly failed. We have other work to do but this is fundamental, foundational, and first!

A recent sermon preached before a packed house found the Monday newspaper reporting the minister as saying to his congregation, "The biggest problem facing churches today is what to do about riots, violence, and racism." I would challenge that minister or any minister to prove by the Scriptures that this is the main task facing the Church. The above mentioned Scriptures from the words of Jesus show the main task to be the salvation of souls, the changing of the

hearts of men, the bringing of this nation as well as other nations to their knees before Almighty God.

Not only are we to introduce men to Christ, but we are also to lead them to be obedient followers of Christ. The Bible, in no uncertain terms, teaches that baptism is the first act of obedience of a newborn soul. Baptism is a symbol of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. When a soul is saved by Christ, he should immediately put on the emblem of salvation; he should be immersed. The Bible teaches no other "mode" of baptism.

The third facet of the command of Christ found in Matthew 28:20, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," is the part of the mission that requires the most patience and time. The Bible teaches both spiritual obstetrics and spiritual pediatrics. We are to make disciples and then to teach disciples.

After a person has the assurance of his salvation, he should be led to develop a vital prayer life. He should be directed into a simple Bible study either in his home or in the local church.

Now these are the marching orders of the church. This, and this alone, is our program. A Church which is not winning souls, baptizing converts and teaching them, is not a true New Testament Church. Everything we do must point in this direction. Every sermon preached, every song sung, every class taught, every visit made, and every dollar given is to have as its final goal the salvation of souls.

Years ago, it was harvest time in the great wheat fields of the Dakotas. Hundreds of men came to work the fields which covered thousands of acres. One day a group of children were playing in the field. They came in at nightfall but a little three-year-old boy was missing. His mother was frantic. Her boy was somewhere out in the vast fields, subject to all the dangers of the elements. When the harvesters came in, they set out to find the boy. All night they searched and couldn't find the boy. All the next day and all the next night they searched in vain. Finally one man said, "I know we are all tired, but let's try one more thing. Let's join hands and walk across the fields and search every foot of ground." So they joined hands and started out. In a few hours time someone shouted, "Here he is." And in a little crevice overgrown by grain they found the dead body of the little boy. They took the little body and put it in his mother's arms and said, "We did our best." And the poor brokenhearted mother said, "I am not blaming you. I know you did your best. But, oh, why didn't someone think of joining hands together before you did?"

That's what we need to do today. There are lost souls all around us in the fields of sin. Why don't we join hearts and hands and prayers and tears and go out to win them?

About the writer: Rev. Roger Harwell is the pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Berkeley, Missouri. He is actively involved in state and national work. He is presently serving as clerk of the Missouri State Association.

Promotional Secretary's Corner

by Clarence Burton

March is a busy time of the year. But it is a wonderful time of the year. Spring! The things which have been dead and asleep during the winter become alive. There is a freshness and newness in the air. I like springtime. The Lord has blessed, as always, throughout this past month. I feel as did the psalmist, "Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." The cooperative receipts have been very fine, and I always appreciate and enjoy the warm fellowship with God's people.

On Monday, March 1, I met with the Youth Camp Board. The following Saturday I met with the Liberty Quarterly Meeting at the Conway Church. A wonderful meeting. On the first Sunday of March it was my pleasure to be with the Hartville Church. What a blessing. On Thursday and Friday I met with a committee of the National Sunday School Board

in Nashville, Tennessee. The following Sunday, March 14, I was with the Oak Hill Mission in St. Clair. It is always a joy to be there. I enjoyed attending a Sunday School Seminar at the Bethel Church, March 19 and 20. A fine staff of workers from the National Sunday School Department presented a helpful workshop. I was with the Bethel Church on Sunday morning and the South Side Church, Sunday evening. It was a blessing to be with these pastors and churches. The month was closed out with the Northeast Yearly Association. Wonderful services. On the last Sunday in March I was with the Low Ground Church for the morning service and with the Hazel Creek and First Church in Kirksville for the evening service. This was a united service. It was a wonderful blessing to be in the service and bring the message. (An article relative to this is in this issue of the *Gem*.)

Every day the mail arrives and each time I submit my report to the *Gem*, I am always thankful for the pastors and churches that share in cooperative giving. This is a way we can do things together for the Lord that would be impossible to do separately.

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NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

South Side FWB Church	13.00
McCoy	2.00
L. Russell	1.00
V. Maness	5.00
J. Dunn	5.00
Olivet FWB Church	30.00
Vergel Maness	25.00
Larry Powell	5.00
First FWB Mission Kansas City	20.00
Vergel Maness	20.00
Low Ground FWB	5.00
L. Horton	5.00
Mountain Grove, First FWB Church	50.00
Vergel Maness	10.00
L. Horton	10.00
L. Powell	30.00
Fredericktown, First FWB Church	100.00
General Fund	100.00
Total Giving for National Home Missions	218.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS

South Side FWB Church	100.00
B. Fulcher	5.00
J. Haas	5.00
J. Pinkerton	5.00
L. Palmer	85.00
Evangel FWB Church	142.00
H. Filkins	74.50
Lynn Miley	33.75
B. Fulcher	33.75
Kirksville, First FWB Church	75.00
J. Pinkerton	75.00
Olivet FWB Church	80.00
Lynn Miley	20.00
H. Filkins	5.00
J. Pinkerton	10.00
M. Willey	20.00
L. Sparks	5.00
B. Poole	20.00
Berean FWB Church, Independence	21.45
H. Filkins	21.45
New Harmony FWB Sunday School	36.70

Dr. Miley	18.35
J. McLain	18.35
Thayer FWB Church	31.00
Dale Bishop	31.00
Mountain Grove, First FWB	190.00
General Fund	135.00
Mike Cousineau	15.00
T. Willey	40.00
West Plains FWB Church	65.00
H. Filkins	15.00
General Fund	50.00
Fredericktown, First FWB	100.00
General Fund	100.00
Total giving for Foreign Missions	841.15

FILKINS SPECIAL ACCOUNT-MISSOURI PROJECTS

Merl's Chapel FWB Church	32.00
Gateway FWB Church	25.00
Kirksville, First FWB Church	42.00
Total	99.00

FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP

Olivet FWB Church	10.00
Thayer FWB Church	20.00
Total	30.00

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Mountain Grove, First FWB Church	265.57
Fredericktown, First FWB Church	100.00
Total	365.57

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE NASHVILLE

Fredericktown, First FWB Church	100.00
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MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Thayer FWB Church	76.50
T. Owens	22.00
Poplar Bluff	43.00
Gen. Fund	11.50
Sedalia FWB Mission	45.00
Gen. Fund	45.00
Monett FWB Church	15.00
Gen. Fund	15.00
Gateway FWB Church	20.00
T. Owens	20.00
Bethel FWB Church	20.00
T. Owens	20.00
Total	\$176.50

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS MARCH 1976

Pleasant Grove (Cope)	\$34.89
Beacon	100.00
Walnut Grove	68.00
Cape Girardeau	197.70
South Side	332.17
Lebanon, First	374.00
Salem	20.00
Oak Hill, St. Clair	89.51
Shell Knob Mission	17.48
Merl's Chapel	50.73
Byrd	20.00
Hartville	38.54
Bailey Chapel	40.00
Hannon	168.00
Columbia	150.00
New Rock Springs	50.00
Gateway	98.05
Hurryville	124.39
Kirkville, First	30.00
Macedonia	12.00
Berkeley	525.74
Bethel	216.00
Mill Creek	63.22
Olivet	130.00
DeSoto	550.00
Oskaloosa	30.00
Victory	96.00
O'Fallon	17.59
Alton	49.25
Pleasant Ridge	27.65
Rock Chapel	32.33
Carterville	31.47
Waynesville	92.50
Fordland	25.00
Buffalo	99.93
First Mission, Kansas City	86.04
Berean, Independence	88.00
New Harmony Sunday School	16.21
Thayer	170.20
Mtn. Grove, First	430.54
Hopewell	37.31
Grace, Arnold	471.00
Sedalia Mission	30.00
Verdella	97.64
Freeman Chapel	96.84
Happy Home	34.32
Mine La Motte	22.50
Copper Mines	85.00
Marshfield	94.53
Low Ground	20.00
Martinstown	40.00
Black Oak	30.00
Niangua	60.06
Leadington	188.37
Calvary, Conway	318.00
Old Bethel, Patton	30.00
Union, Success	60.00
Cape Girardeau	138.00
Sedalia	11.10
Oak Hill, St. Clair	74.26
Myrtle	231.24
Union Light	23.25
Houston	129.21
Thayer	98.80
Pleasant Grove (Cope)	23.89
Grant Ave	260.71
Purdy	46.26
Union Grove (Dec.—Mar.)	220.00
Hurryville	96.48
Bethel	175.20
Monett	302.20
Trinity	325.00
West Plains	230.85
Beacon	100.00
Willow Springs	184.98
Fredericktown, First	664.36
Faith	117.72

Fourth	335.48
Farmington	540.73
Parkview, Desloge	50.00
Fellowship	50.00
New Rock Springs	50.00
Hartville	28.95
Berean, Independence	95.00
Alton	39.12
Waynesville	66.00
Total Cooperative Receipts	\$11,217.49

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS MARCH 1976

20.00% Missouri State Home Missions	\$2,243.50
16.25% Promotional Dept.	1,822.84
4.00% General Fund	448.70
5.50% Youth Camp	616.96
2.50% Gem	280.44
1.75% Sunday School & CTS	196.30
2.00% Missouri Bible Institute	224.35
52%	\$5,833.09
7.00% Hillsdale	785.23
13.00% Foreign Missions	1,458.28
9.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	1,009.58
7.00% Executive Dept.	785.23
6.50% National Home Missions	729.14
2.50% CTS	280.43
2.50% Retirement & Insurance	280.43
.25% Laymen's Board	28.04
.25% Theological Commission	28.04
41% National Association of FWB	\$4,599.17
Total Disbursements	\$11,217.49

Missouri Woman's Auxiliary Financial Report

Missouri State Project "Fill Filkins Workshop"	
Balance as of March 10	\$811.81
Missouri State Project—Perpetual Loan Fund	
Balance brought forward	577.88
Willow Springs Aux.	55.05
First FWB Church, Cape Girardeau, Mo	100.00
Trinity Aux.	4.04
Kansas City Dist. Assoc.	25.00
Grant Ave. Aux.	71.00
Mtn. Grove Aux.	40.00
Lebanon Aux.	28.00
Houston Aux.	26.00
Waynesville Aux.	22.00
Cabool Aux.	10.00
New Life Aux. (Licking)	14.00
Mission District	209.76
Myrtle Aux.	156.00
Bethel Aux. (Festus)	2.63
Berkeley Aux.	15.00
Grace Aux.	14.85
Jr. Class (New Life FWB Church, Licking Mo)	4.00
Bethel Aux. (West Plains)	50.00
Balance as of March 10	\$1,424.21

(Note: This was received after the articles had been sent in last month)

"Fill Filkins Workshop" balance as of April 10	\$1,271.48
Perpetual Loan Fund	
Balance as of March 10	\$1,424.21
Thayer Aux.	84.00
Olivet Aux.	1,177.30
South Side Aux.	5.20
Bethel Aux. (Festus)	3.19
Fourth Aux.	4.00
Victory Aux.	100.00
Berean Aux. (Independence)	70.00
Beacon Aux.	108.80
Bank of Thayer (Interest on Deposit)	3.66
Total as of April 10	\$2,980.36
*Bethel Aux. (West Plains)	200.00
*Oak Hill Mission	25.00
*(Not given through state office)	

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MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION PROGRAM

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1976

THEME: "LET FREEDOM RING"

"Freely ye have received, freely give." Matthew 10:8b

Music Director Kay Wilbanks
Organist Elaine Spurgeon
Pianist Ted Wilbanks

9:30 A.M. Helen McAllister, Presiding
Opening Hymn Congregation
Welcome Jean Francis
Response Patsy Braddy
Theme Song "Joy Is The Flag"
Bicentennial Special Kathy Lay
Seating of Delegates

10:45 A.M. Recess

11:00 A.M. Congregation Sings
Special Music Beacon Trio, Raytown
State Woman's Auxiliary Choir
Message Rev. Carlisle Hanna
Offering For Missions

12:00 Lunch

1:30 P.M. Sandy Smith, Presiding
Congregation Sings
Special Music Sue Cook—Beacon Trio
Skit—"Freedom Through Christ" .. Lucille Beatty
Business Session
Adjournment

5:00 P.M. Auxiliary Banquet Marie Hanna, Speaker
(Special Music by the Scott Family)

The Auxiliary Banquet will be at the Pattonville Sr. High School Cafeteria at 5:00 P.M. The cost will be \$2.50 per person. Each woman is encouraged to dress "old fashion" for the banquet. Make plans to attend.

Auxiliaries in the News

The March meeting of the Fellowship Auxiliary proved to be a very interesting one. Mrs. Jean Williford presented the program "Spiritual Mountains" while her daughter, Mrs. Diana Wallace, sketched a beautiful mountain scene in acrylic paints. The program seemed to be written especially for Jean as she told of some of her own personal mountains she has had to climb. It was a very inspiring program and brought to the mind of many of the auxiliary members some of the mountains they have had to climb.

The auxiliary made a "Friendship Quilt" of polyester blocks and presented it to Bonnie Doggett before she moved. The auxiliary prints a monthly paper to keep the women informed of the activities. A "Calendar Offering" was taken by the women for the month of March, and this amount was sent to a young man from our church attending the Bible College. A Banquet for Mothers is being planned for May. The auxiliary has been gaining in strength the past several months and is averaging about 18 in attendance.

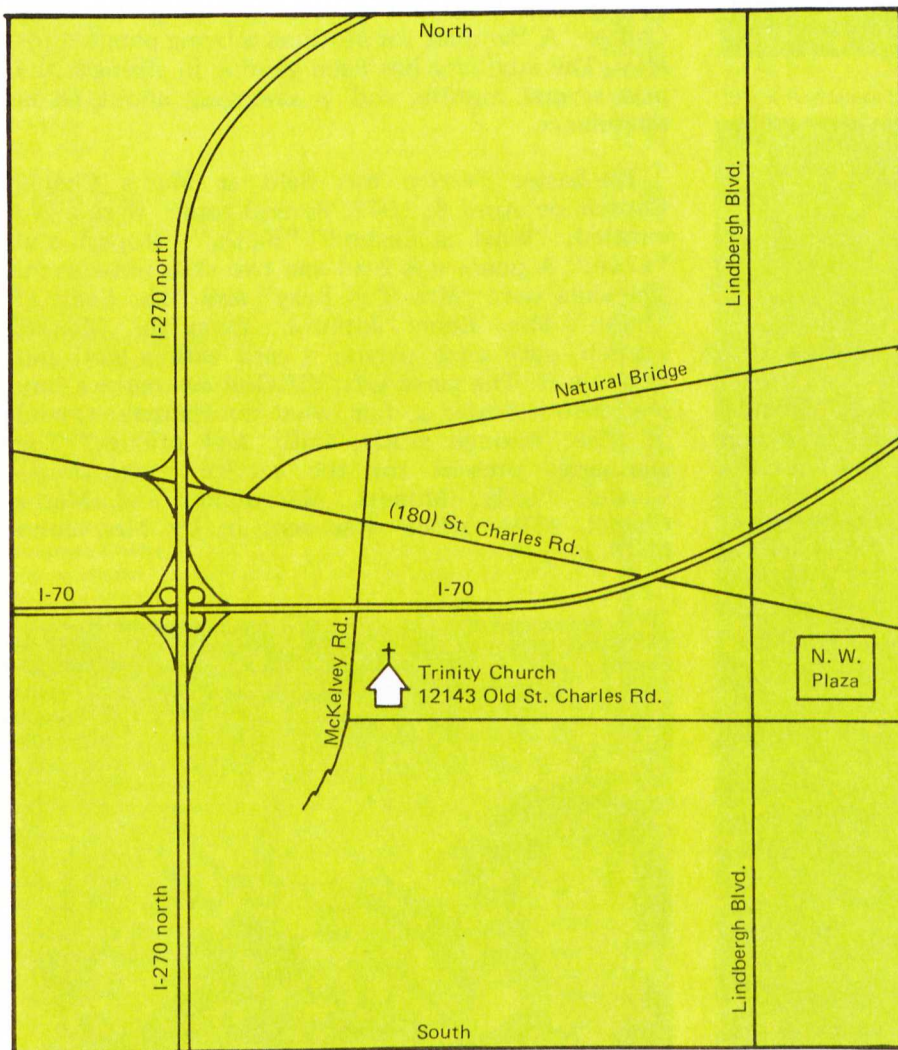
Pre-Easter Service was held at Merl's Chapel Church on April 6, 1976. Several topics were given entitled, "What is Easter?" "Faith," "Hope," and "Love." A poem was read and two skits were given. The skits were "Mrs. Too Busy" and "The Least of These." Mrs. Elmer Johnson, from the Monett Church, gave each person a card with a seed and verse on it. The verse was, "If God can make a tiny seed into a flower so fair, what can He make O soul of thee, through study, faith, and prayer." The auxiliaries present for the service were: Jones Chapel, Purdy, Monett, Macedonia, and Merl's Chapel. (This article was sent in by Mrs. John McClune.)



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DIRECTIONS:

Coming from Southwest

I-44 to I-270 N ... I-270 N, 15 miles to St. Charles Rd. turn-off ... Exit right on St. Charles Rd ... Right on St. Charles Rd. for ½ mile to McKelvey Rd ... Right on McKelvey Rd., ½ mile to corner of Old St. Charles and McKelvey Rd.

Coming from West

I-70 to I-270 North ... ½ mile north on I-270 to St. Charles Rd. exit ... Right ½ mile on St. Charles Rd. to McKelvey Rd ... Right on McKelvey Rd., ½ mile to the corner of Old St. Charles and McKelvey.

Coming from South

I-55 to I-270 ... I-270 N for 25 miles ... Exit at St. Charles Rd. exit and follow directions as given above.

Many Restaurants within one mile of church such as McDonald's, Steak 'N Shake, Ponderosa Steak House, Jacks or Better, Red Lobster, Mine House, Dairy Queen, Mr. Steak.

Map showing location of all these will be available at the Registration Desk at the church.

See you there!