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On The National Front

WITH OUR MISSIONARIES

Howard and Joan Filkins write: "‘Unusual’ is the word for this year at Ivory Coast. This trimester we had a great ‘Glory Week.’ Several of our boys made new commitments to the Lord, and some answered special calls. Our dorm has been a different place since then. Graduation was June 23, with 25 graduating this year. There have been numerous accidents and sickness throughout the year. We lost our business manager and dining hall supervisor in April because of sickness. Five staff ladies were in a car wreck but the Lord spared them injury . . . one boy got hit in the eye and had to be taken to the United States . . . others had emergency trips to the CB hospital which is 150 miles north of here. We had a very close call when a big log truck did not stop for an intersection and almost hit us. I could list many more happenings but through it all the Lord has made a way.

"Thank you so much for your faithful support that makes our ministry possible and for the prayers that undergird us with strength and His unfailing love."

Dr. and Mrs. Miley write: "It is spring in our area. The air is clean and fresh and you can actually see clearly the purple hills outlined on the horizon. This was not possible two weeks ago. The dust was horrible. We are enjoying our summer missionaries, Jeff and Susan Turnbough. The Lord is blessing and changing lives. LaVerne is teaching a new converts class preparatory to baptism. He is becoming more convinced daily that our emphasis should not be in the medical work but in going out in the villages that are wide open to the gospel as a result of the medical ministry.

"Thank you for your faithful support and prayers for the ministry here. Pray that we may accomplish His will in this land of His choosing."

Eddie and Sandra Payne write: "Although we

have been in the states for one year, we feel that we need to stay longer and the board has extended our furlough for one year. Please pray for us that our ministry will be pleasing to the Lord.

"Thank you for your support in our ministry. We are happy that you are concerned about getting the gospel to people around the world."

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Recently *Jerry Barron*, missionary to Guadalajara, Mexico, conducted services in El Tamale, a town approximately 800 miles south of Guadalajara which resulted in the conversion of six adults. Over 70 have been gathered together for services, and the new group desperately needs a pastor.

After conducting services just a few weeks in Newark, Ohio, the *Bill Adkisson* family reports that the church there is averaging 90 in Sunday school with 18 conversions for the month of April.

On May 15, 1977, *Wallace Hayes*, Home Missionary to Lebanon, Tennessee, conducted the first service in the new work there, and reports an attendance of 45 in Sunday school. The new group is meeting in a union hall there in the city.

The National Home Missions Board sponsored a retreat for National Home Missionaries May 16-19 at the Missouri State Free Will Baptist Camp Ground in Niangua, Missouri. Seminars were taught by *Rev. Robert Shockey*, *Rev. Roy Thomas*, *Rev. Jim McAllister*, and *Mr. Trymon Messer*. The camp schedule included worship services, fellowship, recreation, classes, and seminars. There were 38 missionaries present for this retreat.

TAG KILGORE EVANGELIST ASSOCIATION

Evangelist Tag Kilgore continues to serve the Lord in the field of evangelism. Brother Kilgore is a graduate of the Free Will Baptist Bible College and later attended Mid-America Baptist Seminary of Little Rock. He is married to the former Joy Wade and they have one son, Jason.

Evangelist Kilgore is recommended by *Rev. Robert Shockey*, *Rev. Ben Scott*, *Rev. Paul Kettelman*, and other leaders in the Free Will Baptist denomination. He may be contacted at this address and phone number: 201 Scott Avenue, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Phone (606) 437-4992

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TONGUES Have CEASED

by Rev. Grant Saverance

Recently on a St. Louis radio station, a minister made this statement, "If your church does not practice the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, it is an apostate church." He was saying in essence, that they were the only group that will make it to Heaven. I find within the Charismatic movement that they build their hopes on the emotional experience instead of the Person of Christ. We as Free Will Baptist preachers ought to stand against this evil—and I call it an evil because it is not a Biblical teaching. The devil is using this movement to get Christians away from growing and maturing in the faith.

What about the so-called "tongue movement" of today! The best way to counteract this movement is the Word of God—our authority. What does the Bible say about tongues or baptism of the Holy Spirit?

I would like to call your attention to the Book of Isaiah, chapter 28. Isaiah is a book which announces signs, or miracles dealing with God's plan. For example, recorded in this book are the signs of the coming Messiah, His virgin birth, His death, and His return.

I believe that Isaiah's message in chapter 28 deals with the great failure of the Jews of his generation. First of all, the Jews held the custodianship of Divine Revelation, and secondly they were to preach the gospel to all nations and languages. Time and time again the Jews failed in this second responsibility, and as a result, God had to discipline them through dispersion.

God called out a new "nation," a nation made up of many Gentile languages. He called people out of all nations, and these people became the Church. Today, believers from all parts of the earth, speaking many languages, Gentile languages, are responsible for that which Israel was responsible from Abraham to the Cross.

Let's read Isaiah 28:11: "For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people." Isaiah was speaking here to Israel. He was warning the Jews of a future time when their nation would be destroyed, and they would be scattered throughout the world. The Jews ignored the warning signs of national disaster and have been dispersed today and will remain dispersed until Christ returns.

The word "stammering lips" in the Hebrew actually means guttural or staccato type language. It is generally a phrase which describes the guttural language of many of the peoples who surround Israel. I understand that Hebrew is a very smooth and flowing, close to musical, language. The Jews were proud of their language.

How would the Jews know when discipline had come? They would know by the great sign which God gave them through Isaiah, "For with stammering lips [staccato speech] and another tongue [language] will he speak to this people." Isaiah is saying, "You Jews are going to be evangelized—not with Hebrew language, but with the languages of Gentiles, which is stammering speech to you." Think of it, the Jews who were the custodians of the Word of God; who knew the law, but failed in their responsibility!

In Acts, chapter two, the first phase of the fulfilment is recorded. The day of Pentecost is the day the Church began. It must be remembered that the sign of the Church is something that had never occurred before in the history of the Old Testament.

When one is saved, that believer is put into union with Christ which is called "baptism of the Holy Spirit." Now the baptism of the Spirit is clearly defined in 1 Corinthians 12:13, "For by [means of] one Spirit are we all baptized into one body [body of Christ]." I understand that in the Greek, the verb "are baptized" is in the aorist tense, meaning that the action occurred in a point of time. The verb is also in the passive voice which indicates that it cannot be experienced, nor can it be improved upon, because it is something that God the Spirit does for us.

Verse 3: "And there appeared unto them [120 disciples] cloven tongues [cloven means different or divided tongues] like as of fire." Fire is a type of judgment in Scripture, and these tongues speak of judgment. This is the fulfilment of Isaiah 28:11—evangelized in Gentile languages.

Verse 4: "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues." Notice the word "tongues." Tongues means foreign languages, never an "unknown tongue or language." There is no such thing as an "unknown language." When the King James Version was translated (300

years ago), tongues always meant a language. In 1 Corinthians 14, the word "unknown" occurs eleven times, but it is in italics, indicating not in the original manuscripts.

"As the Spirit gave them utterance." Why was it necessary for the Spirit to give them utterance? There were two kinds of Jews in Palestine: the southern Palestinian Jews who were called Judeans, and the Galileans, who lived in northern Palestine. The Judeans were well trained academically; therefore, they spoke Latin to get along with Romans, Greeks, which were a part of the culture of that time, and Aramaic. However, the Galileans were uneducated, speaking only one language, Aramaic, and that poorly. Uneducated, they were going to be the means of announcing the curse to Israel. Remember, the curse was to evangelize in Gentile languages, but there was not one of them who knew a Gentile language. How could they do it? A temporary spiritual gift was provided for them to announce the sign.

It was the usual thing for the Jews to come from all over the world to observe the holy days in Jerusalem—"out of every nation under heaven" (verse 5). Let me remind you that the Jews had been living in other countries for 300 years; India, Asia Minor, and Africa.

In verse 6, it is made very clear "that every man heard them speak in his own language." What is so unusual about one speaking in "his own language"? These Jews were born outside of the land of Palestine. They had come back to the land, not knowing Hebrew, but speaking a foreign language—a Gentile language. "They were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?"

Please note that the gift of tongues was for *Jews* to hear the gospel. It was not for Gentiles. In light of this, it is not to be practiced today by anyone.

In 1 Corinthians, Paul said that the Corinthian Christians were probably the most carnal of all believers in the ancient world. Since they were out of line in many ways, you will not be surprised to learn that they were out of line with the use of the gift of tongues. Some of the Corinthians who had the gift of tongues were suddenly overtaken by ego and tried to make something out of the gift which the Bible does not warrant. They had erroneously concluded that they were a special type of believer. It is not unusual for believers to want to be something special in their own eyes, or to think that because they have had a certain experience, everyone else must have it too. Thus, in speaking to these Corinthians, Paul makes it very clear in chapter 12, verse 11, that this is a spiritual gift and that all spiritual gifts come through grace, not because of anything which they had done or from agonizing or tarrying. "But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will"—as the Holy Spirit wills.

On the basis of the Scriptural evidence, we have concluded that tongues have ceased. We are convinced that any who are willing to accept God's Word will reach the same conclusion.

Consequently, we are convinced that the modern

day tongue movement is *not of God*. We are not saying that all modern day tongues speakers are insincere. The reason you are seeing many follow this movement is because of the deadness of today's churches and the shallowness of much of modern "Christianity." They are seeking something better. The problem is that they seek for a non-Scriptural emotional experience, instead of maintaining a vital relationship with Christ.

Most of the "tongues speaking" today consists of pointless and repetitious jabbering. It is an ecstatic experience furnishing an emotional release and a boost to the ego. This is very dangerous to the individual who practices speaking in "tongues."

However, there is something even more dangerous. That is demonic glossolalia. There is such a thing as demonic tongues speaking. Pagan Greek oracles, Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, Jews, and Christians have spoken in tongues. It is sad to say but Christians hold the lead in tongues manifestations because of Pentecost. Some of this is clearly demonic. Isaiah 8:19 refers to demons who "peep" and "mutter" as they control the vocal chords of those through whom they speak. Several accounts in the gospels mention demons speaking by means of the vocal cords (Matthew 9; Mark 5; Luke 4; Luke 8).

Dear Christians, do not be misled into an emotional or demonic imitation, because God's Word indicates that the real gift is no longer given.

"If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 14:37).

Paul said the mark of a spiritual man is his acceptance of God's words.

About the writer: Rev. Grant Saverance is the pastor of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Missouri. He is active in both state and national ministries. At present he is serving on the General Board of the Missouri State Association.

MY CHILD'S PRAYER

When my child prays, it's so fresh and new—
It lifts up my heart 'cause it's honest and true.
Not selfish like mine can sometimes be—
But thanking you God from A to Z.
It might be food that's just been sent—
Or needed rest when the day is spent;
Maybe a church bell that's just chimed—
Or could be a tree that's just been climbed.
My child's prayer is not hurried or rushed—
And wherever we are it's surely not hushed.
My child prays as if talking to you—
Oh that my prayer could be like that too!
This lesson I've learned from one so young—
It's what's said from the heart, and not from the tongue.

by Yvonne Baynes
Berkeley Free Will
Baptist Church

CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS



Success at Sedalia

Rev. James Stovall, pastor of the Sedalia Mission reports the building program is progressing very well. The women of the church raised the money for the decking and the roofing. (The church is especially thankful for this.) It is anticipated the work will be completed in the near future. The auditorium of the church has been rearranged making it larger; new and larger classrooms have been added providing adequate space for additional people.

Pastor Stovall states that this building program would not have been possible without the perpetual loan fund. He states also that the Lord is blessing the mission with new people and a stability within the group that is attending. Prayer is requested for this relatively new work.

Wonderful VBS at Waynesville

Mrs. Karen Southwell writes that the church held its annual Vacation Bible School during the week of June 20 through 24. The average attendance was forty. The Bible School lessons centered around the parables of Jesus. The high point of the school was that two young girls made profession of faith in Christ.

The following Sunday morning, the mother of the music director was visiting from Oklahoma and she received Christ as Savior. On Sunday evening, a baptismal service followed the Vacation Bible School program.

So the First Free Will Baptist Church of Waynesville had a revival as a result of the Vacation Bible School. Since the school, two primaries have made profession of faith.

The offering from VBS which amounted to over fifty dollars was designated to the Bob Francis account.

Rev. Murray Southwell is the pastor.

Mt. Vernon Church Reports Successful VBS

The average attendance for the Vacation Bible School held at the Mt. Vernon Church was 24. This

was their first VBS. The offering was \$33.28 and was designated to the Clint Morgan account.

The people of the church are very thankful for the blessings of the Lord concerning the Bible School and the progress of the church.

Rev. James McCully is the pastor.

Copper Mines Reports Fine Revival

Marie Graham from the Copper Mines Church reports the Lord blessed with a wonderful revival. Rev. Ronnie Graham, the evangelist, preached with power and conviction. There were five conversions.

The church enjoyed a successful Vacation Bible School during the month of June.

Rev. O. D. Matthews is the pastor.

Summer Activities at South Side

"We enjoyed a successful week of Vacation Bible School from May 23-27, with an average of seventy-two," writes Sue Winchester.

Sunday, July 10, was Mission's Sunday. A special offering was received for the Francis family. That evening the church held an ice cream social as an expression of appreciation to Rev. and Mrs. Dann for the work done as interim pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Grover Terry began their work as new pastor and family on July 17.

Homecoming Day Announced at Hannon

Pastor Gary Elders writes, "Greetings in the name of the Lord, to all our friends throughout Missouri and other areas."

The Hannon Free Will Baptist Church extends a cordial invitation to former members, relatives, and friends to its Homecoming Day Service, which will be held on September 4, 1977. The church will be celebrating its 70th birthday.

There will be special singing, special speakers, and a time of fellowship. For additional information please phone (417) 843-6715.

Fine Report from Fourth Church

"Greetings from the Fourth Church as we labor together in winning souls to our Lord Jesus Christ," writes Brother Leamon Killian. He writes that the recently elected pastor Rev. Ken Dodson and his family have moved into the church parsonage. The church is happy to work with this servant of the Lord.

Since the last report, the church has purchased additional property which gives more parking space. The Gray Summit Mission has been reactivated by the Fourth Church and Rev. Johnny James has been elected to serve as mission-pastor. (Anyone having relatives or friends in that area may write Rev. Ken Dodson, 2227 McCausland, or Rev. Johnny James, 2150 January, St. Louis, 63110.)

The young people are very active in the Fourth Church. A group attended a Youth Conference. After returning they got their rock recordings (that they formerly enjoyed) and built a bonfire and burned them. One young person testified that he thought about giving his records to someone else, but after some consideration felt that they would not be good for anyone. The youth are involved in a soul winning endeavor under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Mike Rhoades.

The cottage prayer meetings held by the church are in their third year. The people feel the Lord has blessed through these monthly meetings. The meeting will be held this month at the home of Brother Walter Meiers.

A final note of interest concerning the young people is a Rock-O-Thon (this consists of rocking in a rocking chair for hours and hours) that was held with the proceeds being used to help with the expense of the parking lot.



Many Blessings at Malden

The Lord is blessing the mission work at Malden. The people have purchased property on South Highway 25 and the building is adequate for the needs of the church. However, the mission-church has a vision and plans are under way for a small addition which will give the people better accommodations.

The attendance has remained rather consistent considering the summer months and the Lord is blessing with souls being saved and rededications.

Rev. Dale Blackwell is serving as the interim pastor.



Rev. Tony Butcher, member of the South Fremont Free Will Baptist Church has announced that he is available for camps, special meetings, and revivals.

Brother Butcher gives this background information. He is a graduate of Nazarene Bible College. He was ordained in the Church of the Nazarene in 1973 and has had six years of pastoral experience. He was commissioned as an evangelist for two years. Brother Butcher was born in Mountain Grove, Missouri, in 1941 and now resides in Springfield.



Pastor and Layman's Conference

Date: September 19-21

Place: Youth Camp, Niangua, Missouri

Cost: \$20.00 for one; \$30.00 for husband and wife (Includes room and board, lectures, insurance, and some literature)

Principal speaker: Dr. John Broger

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

JOHN C. BROGER

Born Nashville, Tennessee, October 30, 1913; attended Georgia Institute of Technology 1934; Southern California College 1936 to 1939; and Texas A&M 1942.

Director, Office of Information for the Department of Defense, Washington, D.C. since 1961; Deputy Director in the same office 1956 to 1961; Consultant to the Joint Chiefs of Staff on Psychological Warfare 1954 to 1956.

Current responsibilities include over 1,000 radio and television stations in 27 foreign countries and 9 U.S. Territories, 1,900 newspapers, 1,400 periodicals, and annually 70-80 publications and 20-30 motion pictures for use throughout the U.S. Armed Forces.

Enlisted U.S. Navy World War II (1942-1945), promoted 1944 to Warrant Electronics officer. Wrote and/or edited 38 textbooks and manuals for Naval radio and radar training, later flew in Pacific with Night Torpedo Squadron 91, Task Force 38; received Presidential Unit Citation, two battle stars. Left the Service as Lieutenant senior grade in Naval Intelligence.

Received AMVETS Annual Americanism Award 1956; Freedoms Foundation Awards 1958 and 1965; Vice-Chairman Armed Services Committee for President's People-to-People program 1956 to 1961; Trustee Freedoms Foundation; Doctor of Laws honorary degree Wheaton College 1965; National Association of Evangelicals Layman of the Year 1968; Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Medal 1973.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 1

WHEREAS:

The ministers of the Missouri State Association have no retirement plan or hospital plan sponsored by the Local, District, or State Association.

Be it resolved that an in-depth study as to the feasibility of such a program be sponsored by the State Association.

RESOLUTION 2

WHEREAS:

Church reports from Associations within our state that meet after our state meeting are at least two (2) years old, by the time they arrive at the National Association.

Be it resolved, that a study be made as to how these churches reports can be more current.

RESOLUTION 3

WHEREAS:

That we live in a time of permissiveness morally, mentally, physically, and spiritually is evident in the behavior of our society daily. Sin is paraded as liberty, perversion as human rights, while godliness is labeled as bigotry and ignorance.

WHEREAS:

One area of focus at this time is the thrust of the "gay" community to force themselves into our community, church, and school life.

WHEREAS:

Anita Bryant has taken a leadership position to oppose such an infringement in "our" rights.

HEREBY:

Be it resolved, that the Missouri State Association go on record as commending her for her stand against the "gay" movement.

Be it further resolved that our moderator be instructed to send a telegram of congratulations to Anita Bryant on the victory at the polls in Dade County, Florida, on June 7, 1977, and to offer her our assistance if and when she comes to Missouri to support her "Save Our Children" campaign.

RESOLUTION 4

As a matter of information, be it resolved that the churches in Missouri be made aware of the fact that the Columbia Metropolitan Community Church is an organization of homosexuals, and it is our understanding that there are other groups with a similar name that are engaged in similar activities.

RESOLUTION 5

(Resolution on Charismatic Movement)

WHEREAS:

There is no clearcut statement in our Treatise regarding our position on spiritual gifts;

AND WHEREAS:

The charismatic movement is infiltrating and bringing division in many of our churches:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

That we adopt the following statement as our position on this subject:

Because of numerous denominational beliefs, we are frequently asked what we as a church believe the Bible to teach in regard to spiritual gifts and ministries. In response to this, the Missouri State Association takes this opportunity to share what Free Will Baptists have believed for 250 years, and the body of truth we embrace and teach. We believe the Bible teaches:

(1) The Holy Scriptures stand alone as the life-giving Word of God, pointing us to Jesus Christ, the crucified, resurrected and coming again Son of God. Thus, we gladly affirm our belief in the divine inspiration, truthfulness and authority of both Old and New Testament Scriptures in their entirety as the only written Word of God, without error and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. We also affirm the power of God's Word to accomplish His purpose of salvation. The message of the Bible is addressed to all mankind, for God's revelation in Christ and in the Scriptures is unchangeable.

(2) Jesus Christ was eternally with the Father from the beginning, was Creator and is Sustainer of the world. That He voluntarily submitted himself to the Father's will to become the "Lamb of God" to redeem mankind, even before the creation. That He was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary, was born and lived a sinless life for approximately 33 years, died on a cross outside Jerusalem to pay the debt of sin for man, was buried, rose from the grave on the third day, appeared to numerous disciples on various occasions, and after forty (40) days ascended to the Father. He will come again in literal bodily form.

(3) The Holy Spirit is equal with God the Father and God the Son. That these three—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—are one God; each with particular works to accomplish in keeping with the character of God. We receive the gift of the Holy Spirit at the same moment we receive Christ as Savior and Lord; God sets us apart for himself

and makes us His Holy temple, and the Holy Spirit comes to indwell the temple. At the time of our confession, the Holy Spirit baptizes us into union with Christ—places us in the body as the member that pleases Him, and gives us the gifts to fulfil our position in the body.

There are at least fifteen (15) gifts listed in the Scriptures. Eleven (11) of these are service gifts and are for the fulfilling of the work of the church until Jesus comes. Six (6) of these eleven (11) are *nonverbal* gifts—we don't hear much about these, for they don't call attention to themselves, though they are often a powerful means of communication through action. They are:

- (1) The Gift of Service (Romans 12:7)
- (2) The Gift of Giving (Romans 12:8)
- (3) The Gift of Leadership (Romans 12:8)
- (4) The Gift of Helping Others in Distress (Romans 12:8)
- (5) The Gift of Faith (1 Corinthians 12:9)
- (6) The Gift of Distinguishing True Spirits from False (1 Corinthians 12:10)

The *verbal* service gifts are:

- (1) The Gift of Prophecy (which is speaking God's revelation, complete in Bible) (1 Corinthians 12:10)
- (2) The Gift of Teaching (Romans 12:7)
- (3) The Gift of Wise Speech (1 Corinthians 12:8)
- (4) The Gift of Putting Deepest Knowledge Into Words (1 Corinthians 12:8)
- (5) The Gift of Stirring Speech (Romans 12:8)

Then there were the sign gifts. They were the gifts of miracles, tongues, interpretation of tongues, and healings. The Bible teaches that these sign gifts were given to confirm His presence and power in the *apostolic* group to the unbelieving world. Because of their visibility they were called "sign gifts." They attracted attention to themselves. With the completion of the Bible and God's confirmation of His presence in the early church, the purpose for these gifts ceased, and thus *they* ceased. Many people today in their desire for the visible, rather than walking by faith, have cried out, "Give us a sign," forgetting that God has given His FINAL REVELATION in Jesus Christ.

We agree completely that God does, at times, intervene and supercede known natural laws and perform a "miracle." We agree that God does, at times, heal without human intervention, and we rejoice with Him at those times.

Therefore, when God intervenes and performs acts that are considered a miracle, or chooses to heal without human intervention, it is not the "sign gifts" as was given to the apostolic church, but rather it is the touch of a loving, Heavenly Father who chooses in His sovereignty to grant blessings.

The Bible does not teach that it is the will of God for all to be healed as a part of the Atonement.

An area of grave confusion in today's churches is that of tongues. In 1 Corinthians 13:8 Paul tells us that tongues will cease. By "tongues" we mean that people were speaking known languages which they had never studied or learned previously. The gift was a sign of judgment to the Jewish nation that God had turned from them to form a Gentile church. With the rejection of Jesus Christ and His followers by the Jewish nation, and the destruction of Jerusalem by the armies of Titus, the purpose for this gift was ended. Whatever may be the source of the tongues movement today, it is also working in cults, hinduism, and voodoo priests. Paul warned the Corinthians not to be carried away as they had in the past by dumb idols.

The Bible teaches that, when the purpose for the sign gifts was fulfilled, those gifts ceased from God and the others continued, to enable the church to carry out her mission.

This Statement of faith and practice is not given for the purpose of argument or debate—nor is it in any way intended to be a thorough theological paper. Its intent is to convey in every day layman's language what we as Free Will Baptists believe, and will continue to be taught in our churches and preached from our pulpits.

In no way are we insinuating that people who do not agree with this doctrinal statement are not Christians, nor that they are insincere believers.

The Scriptures tell us that His gifts are given to unify believers and for the work of the church. Thus, if division and contention in His church are the result of spiritual works, there should be close examination, for the Spirit of God does not bring upheaval and strife among His people.

This statement is not to be understood as being an addition to our National Treatise or in conflict to its statement.

RESOLUTION 6

Be it resolved that the Missouri State Association express our appreciation to the Grant Avenue Church, its pastor and staff, the Free Will Baptist Churches of Springfield for their gracious hosting of this session of Missouri State Association.

RESOLUTION 7

Be it resolved that a standing vote of appreciation be made to the officers of the state for their fine leadership this year working without assistance.

Lynn Wood, Chairman
Jim Mertz
Lawrence Thompson
Don Lombard
Guy Leonard

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS GIVING JUNE 5 through JULY 5, 1977

Hannon	\$ 152.00
DeSoto	100.00
Grace	94.00
Olivet	225.00
Berkeley	25.00
Hurryville	30.00
Flat River, First	61.52
Myrtle	62.88
Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary	6.00
Rock Chapel	75.00
Union Light	24.00
O'Fallon	62.95
West Plains	70.00
South Side	5.00
Fellowship	17.00
Fourth	38.61
Victory	113.00
Oak Hill	145.50
Thayer	36.00
Lebanon	5.00
Pleasant Ridge	16.61
Cooperative Receipts	2,125.43
Total	\$3,490.50

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COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS June 1977

Kingsway	\$ 71.16
Faith	194.22
Fellowship, Flat River	50.00
Grace, St. Louis	632.00
Hartville	44.93
Sedalia Mission	38.53
Macedonia Sunday School	18.00
Verdella	150.55
Beacon	359.47
Marshfield	108.32
New Harmony Sunday School	7.19
Myrtle	113.45
West Plains, First	331.25
Oskaloosa	39.51
Poplar Bluff	19.40
Hannon	152.00
Berean	91.96
DeSoto	500.00
Hurryville	100.00
Bailey Chapel, Niangua Assoc.	35.00
Oak Hill, Union	224.06
Berkeley	493.35
Olivet	175.00
Mill Creek Church	49.87
Number One	33.87
First Mission, Kansas City	76.00
New Rock Springs	73.00
Community	37.14
New Prospect	16.33
Merl's Chapel	61.80
Joplin	220.25
Mine La Motte	20.00
Thayer	90.42
Malden	92.80
Rock Chapel	25.45
Copper Mines	95.00
Twin Oaks	250.00
Carterville	51.15
Central	250.00
Fredericktown, First	474.61
Waynesville	160.00
Leadington	231.00
First Church, El Dorado	5.00
Buffalo	97.65

Union Grove	200.00
Shiloh	30.84
Cabool	94.10
Liberty	95.00
Lebanon, First	237.00
Farmington	830.68
Union Light	49.00
Freeman Chapel	114.36
Jones Chapel	297.82
Oskaloosa	29.83
Fellowship, Flat River	50.00
Union	60.00
Black Oak	10.00
Fourth	375.00
Gateway	48.00
Olivet	175.00
Willow Springs	149.59
Parkview, Desloge	50.00
Hopewell	174.40
Alton	61.84
Malden	91.53
South Side	293.90
Beacon	294.70
Myrtle	72.36
Hickory Grove	46.49
West Plains, First	260.00
Total Cooperative Receipts	\$10,627.13

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS June 1977

20.00% Missouri State Home Missions	\$2,125.43
16.25% Promotional Department	1,726.91
4.50% General Fund	478.22
5.25% Youth Camp	557.93
2.00% Gem	212.54
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	212.54
2.00% MBI	212.54
52%	5,526.11
7.00% Hillsdale College	743.90
13.00% Foreign Missions	1,381.52
9.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	956.44
7.00% Executive Department	743.90
6.50% National Home Missions	690.56
2.50% CTS	265.68
2.50% Retirement & Insurance	265.68
.25% Laymen's Board	26.57
.25% Theological Commission	26.57
41%	4,357.12
Total Disbursements	\$10,627.13

We are grateful to the Lord for another fruitful month.

Note: Adjustments for *April and May* disbursements to correspond with the allocation set at the recent Missouri State Association will reflect in checks sent out this month.

Therefore, \$99.93 will be disbursed from the *Gem* allocation and be put into the General Fund; \$49.96 will be disbursed from the Youth Camp allocation and put into the Sunday School & CTS.

MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING June 1977

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Thayer	\$36.00
General Fund	\$ 4.00
T. Owens	1.00
Poplar Bluff	31.00
Lebanon, First	\$5.00
T. Owens	\$5.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$16.61
General Fund	\$16.61
Total	\$57.61

MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP (Continued on Page 10)

Olivet	\$20.00
Thayer	10.00

Fourth	10.00
Total	\$40.00

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Oak Hill	\$60.00
Dale Smith	\$60.00
Olivet	\$120.00
L. Horton	\$55.00
M. Vandivort	65.00
Thayer	\$17.00
M. Vandivort	\$12.00
General Fund	5.00
South Side	\$104.00
B. Francis	\$104.00
Total	\$301.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS

New Harmony Sunday School	\$43.20
Dr. Laverne Miley	\$21.60
Jim McLain	21.60
West Plains, First	\$259.90
Howard Filkins	\$ 20.00
General Fund	239.90
Olivet	\$209.00
Bobby Poole	\$119.00
Jerry Pinkerton	30.00
Lynn Miley	10.00
Joe Haas	5.00
Howard Filkins	10.00
Jim McLain	10.00
Lonnie Sparks	5.00
Mabel Willey	20.00
Gateway	\$50.00
Howard Filkins	\$50.00
Thayer	\$24.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$23.00
D. Bishop	1.00
Lebanon, First	\$235.00
Clint Morgan	\$117.50
Jerry Pinkerton	117.50
Pleasant Ridge	\$16.61
General Fund	\$16.61
Black Oak	\$17.62
Jerry Pinkerton	\$17.62
South Side	\$116.00
C. Tallent	\$16.00
J. Haas	5.00
B. Fulcher	5.00
J. Pinkerton	5.00
L. Palmer	85.00
Hickory Grove Sunday school	\$19.91
Steve Lytle	\$19.91
Total	\$991.24

Niangua	125.00
Northeast	150.00
Northwest	50.00
Southeast	400.00
St. Francois	500.00
St. Louis	500.00

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Promotional Secretary's Corner

by Clarence Burton

June was the month of the Missouri State Association and Youth Camp. It was a great month. The Lord surely blessed in our State Association, and Youth Camp was great. We shall remember for a long time the memories of the sweet fellowship and blessings from Heaven.

My first meeting in June was with the Liberty Association. Rev. Jim Mertz delivered a very fine and helpful message at the morning worship. Rev. Jack Day, the moderator, handled the order of service very well. It was a good time in the Lord.

It was my privilege to be with Rev. and Mrs. Don Strauser and the Community Church located at Potosi, Missouri, on Sunday, June 5. This church is growing and the vision it has is reflected in the desire and attitude of the pastor. They give full support to the cooperative plan.

The second week of June was the Missouri State Association; therefore, Monday through Thursday was used at Springfield. On Saturday, June 11, I met with the Bootheel District Association. This meeting was held at the Poplar Bluff Mission. The association had scheduled Rev. Jim McAllister as the special speaker. He delivered, as always, a challenging and helpful message. It is no wonder that the Farmington Church has grown. Rev. Denzil Durbin, pastor of the Poplar Bluff Mission, is the moderator of this newly formed association. He injected a lot of enthusiasm into the services.

On Sunday, June 12, I was with Rev. and Mrs. Dale Kester and the First Free Will Baptist Church at Koshkonong, Missouri. This young pastor and family are enjoying the blessings of the Lord with this church. The fellowship is always enjoyable.

The following Sunday, Vivian and I had the pleasure of being with Rev. and Mrs. Fidel Bridges and the folks at the Bethel Church in El Dorado Springs. The Lord blessed in the service. This is a warm friendly church. That Sunday evening we were with the Stockton Mission and Rev. and Mrs. Lavell

REMINDER: Moderators and Clerks of the District Associations

If the association which you serve has not begun to raise the money allocated for it to help with expenses of the National Association which will convene in Kansas City next year, it would be well to start right away.

Listed below is the breakdown for each association as adopted by the Missouri State Association in 1976.

Cave Springs	\$425.00
Central Western	425.00
Indian Creek	600.00
Greater Kansas City	600.00
Laclede County	100.00
Liberty	400.00
Mission	800.00

Reeves. This is a beautiful new building located near the high school and is very accessible. (Anyone visiting the Stockton Lake should drop by for a visit.) The pastor and his wife are very sincere and dedicated servants of the Lord. It is always a joy to be with them and fellowship in the Lord.

On the last Sunday in June, I was with the fine folks at Hartville and Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Arnold. The church was contemplating giving full support to the cooperative plan. The Arnolds are enjoying an effective ministry and it is evident the Lord is blessing the ministry of the church.

So, the month of June ended. But, we are just getting started in this new associational year. If we will give heed to and follow the preaching delivered at the Missouri State Association and reflect the love and zeal that was evident at the Youth Camp sessions, we will have a great year! Let us trust God for it and even thank Him in anticipation.

May the Lord bless the faithful supporters of cooperative giving as we share in a total ministry for Christ. Another church adopted this unified plan—the Wolf Creek Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. R. E. Helsey is the pastor of this fine church. May the Lord bless them as they share in this proportionate plan of giving.

Please continue to remember this ministry in prayer. The Lord is blessing for which we are thankful. We are fully aware of this. Without His blessings, this work will come to nothing. So, pray and give that we can share in this great ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thanks to everyone for the kind hospitality. It is appreciated very much.

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A PLACE WITH HIM

When I think of all the many things

The Lord has done for me,
I can't forget about His love
That day on Calvary.

He died upon a cruel cross
That we today might live,
With joy and peace within our hearts
Which only God can give.

He has a place prepared for us
A place beyond compare,
I'm waiting for that final call
So I can live up there.

I have some loved ones waiting me
God called to live with Him,
I'm looking forward to that day
I'll reunite with them.

There'll be no sorrow, pain, or tears
In that great home above,
We can spend the endless ages
Where all is peace and love.

by Fern Smith
First Mission, Kansas City
In memory of her loved ones.



Points for Pastors

by Jim McAllister

The worship service in the average church is either a hodgepodge of noise, confusion, and disturbance, or so solemn it becomes absolutely meaningless. Our worship service should mean something to the congregation. When they leave they should know they have worshiped God. In order for this to be a reality, constant thought, planning, and prayer should be put into the preparation of the program for the service.

Our English word "worship" is a combination of "worth" and "ship" and denotes recognition of values in a person or object. In the Christian sense, worship is the response of man's total personality to his Creator. Archbishop Temple said that "in worship the conscience is quickened by the holiness of God, the mind is nourished by the truth of God, the heart is opened to the love of God, the will is surrendered to the goodness of God, and the imagination is purified by the beauty of God."

Though tradition is sacred in most churches, have a *reason* for doing everything. Make sure you maintain continuity in the service. God is not the author of confusion. Have order and organization in all services. God always did everything orderly. Do not drag out announcements. Print them, and only remind the audience of the more vital items. Watch, lest you develop irritating and distracting habits while in the pulpit. Begin on time so you can end on time.

When speaking, talk loud enough to be heard by all. Stand straight, *dress neatly*, speak distinctly, and quit when you are finished. Remember, the most important part of the service is the preaching of God's Word. You should strive to preach well-organized, spiritual, enjoyable sermons. Make sure your sermons deal with daily living. Preach the Bible in a colorful, animated, bright, and cheerful manner. Undergird the message with much prayer. Try to get men into the service. To do this, you must preach sermons of interest to men. Get the man and you will get his family. Be friendly and lead your people to be warm and friendly.

You are leading your people in worship. Be worshipful in your attitude, dress, and manner. Yet be light and happy. Make the people aware that God wants them to worship Him in "spirit and in truth."

A false show of piety and humility is not worship. Do not lead your people into Phariseism; lead them into sincere worship.

Woman's Page

by Shirley Bowden, Editor

MOUNTAIN GROVE NEWS

The Auxiliary of the Mountain Grove Free Will Baptist Church is well and going strong. They have just begun the new year with the election of the following officers: President, Mrs. Bonnie Maxwell, Vice-President, Mrs. Jo Hurtt; Secretary, Mrs. Deloris Phelps; Treasurer, Mrs. Yvonne Huett; Program Chairman, Mrs. Jo Ann Wood; Social Chairman, Mrs. Eula Perry; Mission Prayer Chairman, Mrs. Lena Freeman; Mission Action Chairman, Mrs. Elgin Upshaw; Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. Wilma Walls.

The Executive Committee met recently to outline and discuss plans for the auxiliary year.

The Mission Action group is currently sponsoring a child from the orphanage in Greeneville, Tennessee. They had a chuck wagon dinner which was opened to the public. Proceeds went to finance the young people's trip to the National Association. The group has long range plans to purchase and furnish a cabin at the Youth Camp for their youth.

The Mission Prayer group is planning a cottage prayer meeting with the afflicted and shut-ins, an all day prayer retreat to be held in the summer. They have also made lap robes, taken food, and made many sick calls.

The Mission Study group sponsors the church library. A Library Board composed of five ladies and the pastor back the rules and regulations. The group has its own banking account supported by ten dollars a month from the group and ten dollars from the church each month. Overdue charges are also added to the account. The group adds at least one book per month and encourages adding books with honors and memorials.

(This was submitted by Mrs. Bonnie Maxwell, President of the Mountain Grove Woman's Auxiliary.)

MOTHER'S DAY TEA



The Educational Building of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kirksville was the setting for a Mother-Daughter Tea on May 2. The hall was decorated by the Kirksville Actionettes, using green, lavender, and white—the auxiliary and Actionettes colors. The theme was "Bloom Where You Are Planted." Colorful floral name tags were presented to 53 mothers, daughters, and guests.

Our district president, Sister Lottie Campbell, officiated and welcomed each one, and also led in prayer. Sister Velma Wellman led the group in singing "Scattering Precious Seed." Three generations of Sister Mona Chrisman's family, from the Martinstown auxiliary, sang "My Mother's Bible." Sister Helen Barnett gave a timely, original reading entitled "What Is A Christian Mother?" Our oldest mother present, Mrs. Cleo Cooper, age 90, was presented with a corsage. She gave the reading "Are All the Children In?" Sister Maizie Sevits, from the Hazel Creek auxiliary, read "Shine Just Where You Are" and "If Jesus Came to Your House."

The speaker for the occasion, Sister Lynette Morgan, appointee to Ivory Coast, Africa, was presented a corsage. She challenged us to be the mothers God expects us to be in whatever circumstances, taking time out to show love to our children and to discipline in love. She brought out how Satan can depress Christian women and how God is the answer. She used the story of Mary and Martha from Luke 10 as examples for us to learn true service. She urged us to bloom for God by giving over to Him and growing gradually as a flower into full bloom for Him.

Sister Morgan, who is Sister Lena Miley's granddaughter, received a shower of many useful items of clothing, materials, and money for their work in the Ivory Coast.

Sister Maizie Sevits closed in prayer. The group enjoyed refreshments of punch, coffee, and cookies during the time of fellowship.

*Mrs. Maizie Sevits
District Secretary*