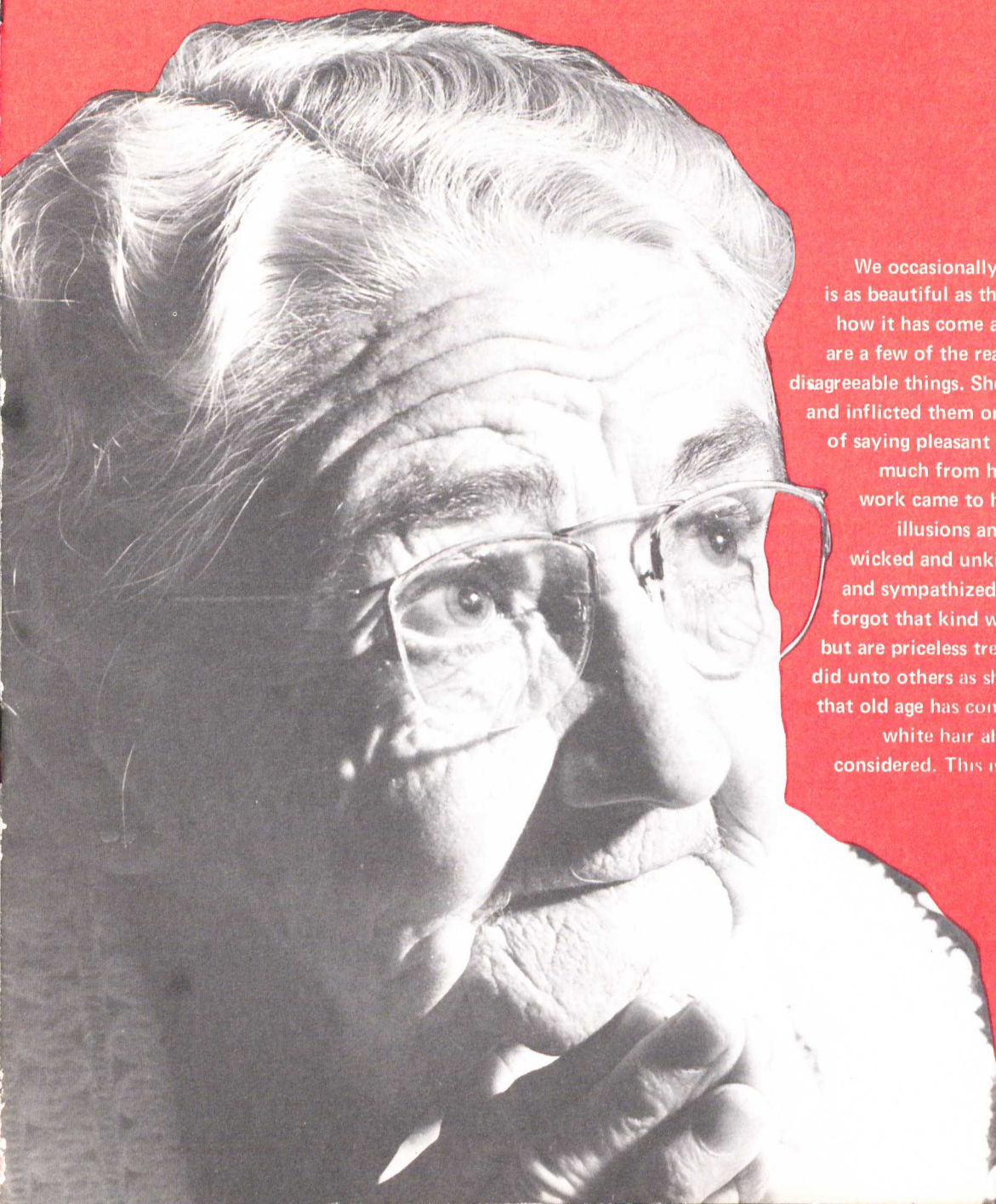


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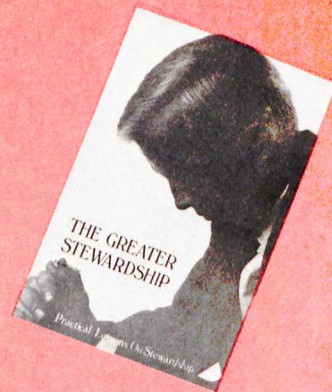
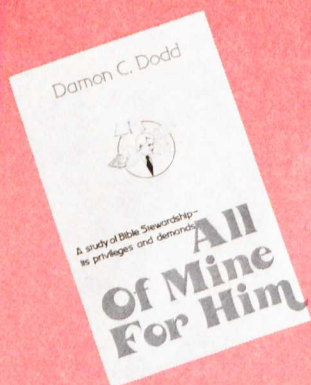
**"Voice Of Missouri Free Will Baptists"**



We occasionally meet a woman whose old age is as beautiful as the bloom of youth. We wonder how it has come about—what her secret is. Here are a few of the reasons. She knew how to forget disagreeable things. She kept her nerves well in hand, and inflicted them on no one. She mastered the art of saying pleasant things. She did not expect too much from her friends. She made whatever work came to her congenial. She retained her illusions and did not believe all the world wicked and unkind. She relieved the miserable and sympathized with the sorrowful. She never forgot that kind words and a smile cost nothing, but are priceless treasures to the discouraged. She did unto others as she would be done by, and now that old age has come to her and there is a halo of white hair about her head, she is loved and considered. This is the secret of a long life and a happy one.

—United Presbyterian





## New Stewardship Program Materials Available

Vital stewardship is a dimension needed in many churches. The potential for giving ourselves and our means to the service of Christ has never been fully realized. These new materials are designed to aid us in taking a step in the right direction.

These attractive four-color materials and step-by-step program for effective use are ready for shipment. They consist of the following:

1. *All of Mine for Him*—Dodd

This is a booklet containing six chapters plus a conclusion which can be used for a study course on stewardship sometime before or during your stewardship campaign.

2. *The Greater Stewardship*—Dollar

This is a booklet of four short stewardship lessons. At least four hour-long sessions should be spent on these lessons at some time prior to or during your stewardship month.

3. Stewardship Posters:

God's Plan

Who Is The Owner?

These attractive posters in eye-catching colors are to be posted throughout the campaign to

keep an emphasis on the program.

4. Stewardship Messages:

God Is A Generous Giver

Tithing Is Necessary

All Things Belong To God

God Demands An Accounting

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5. Tithing Commitment Card—

This attractive commitment card puts tithing on a high spiritual level.

6. Tithing-Budget Promoter Folders—

This colorful folder has a blank space on which you can imprint your local church budget for mailing to each family.

A suggested program of planning beginning eight weeks before the commitment day is set forth together with a suggested organizational plan.

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# I Am A Free Will Baptist! So What?



The singing was over now, and on this warm Sunday evening, one of the church members was testifying of God's goodness and mercy. During his testimony the gentleman proclaimed, "I am a Free Will Baptist by choice and I am proud of it . . . I believe the Free Will Baptists are closest to the true interpretation of the Bible." The congregation chorused aloud, "Amen!"

Sound familiar? Maybe you too have spoken of the merits of Free Will Baptist beliefs. That gentleman's words were sweet ones in this day of independence and infidelity. Certainly the devotion to our denomination is commendable. Still, sentimentality and emotionalism cannot replace the true substance of the statement, "Free Will Baptists are in my opinion closest to the true interpretation of the Bible." After the lump has gone down our throat and the tears have dried from our eyes, I think each one of us should ask ourselves, "So what?"

Let's address ourselves to our two outstanding doctrinal distinctives, namely "gospel call" and "perseverance." One of our Articles of Faith states, "God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect" (Article 9, FWB Articles of Faith). If we believe that all men could be saved, it must by all means imply some things for us concerning evangelism.

Comparisons, especially in religious circles, are not usually advisable. In this instance, however, it might be justified. So much energy is used in refuting the Calvinistic interpretation of Scripture (e.g., Christ died for a chosen group of individuals; their salvation is determined by divine decree and it can in no way fail to come to pass). I see no wrong in refuting an opposing belief as long as it is done responsibly and with intellectual honesty. Yet, while we do so, isn't it strange that some of these groups, numbering much less than the size of Free Will Baptists, have more foreign missionaries, more home missionaries, and a greater program of evangelistic outreach on the local scale?

Do we really believe in the free offer of salvation to all men? If we do, what are some implications of this FWB doctrine? Generally speaking, we should

endeavor to reach ALL races, cultures, and socioeconomic classes for Christ both at home and abroad. It borders on the ridiculous to be proud of overseas missions that reach minorities while we ignore the need here in America. More specifically, we should go beyond programmed and "packaged" evangelism efforts and seek to incorporate an evangelistic life-style, an every member, everyday evangelism into our lives.

We should never be content with our denominational missionary efforts. Missourians, the cooperative plan is an excellent program of support. It is designed to involve every state church in financial responsibility for state and national work. If there is a weakness, it is that a church may become complacent with the ten percent and fail to give more as they should. If you don't believe in missions, you do not believe Free Will Baptist doctrine. If you do not seek to increase your church and personal support to missions, both home and abroad, you do not believe in FWB doctrine.

Our methodology should also be influenced by our beliefs. Since we are convinced that every person can be saved, shouldn't we devote ourselves to the "person" within those people? We are not overshadowed by the thought that this person may *not* be of the elect. If we are confident the gospel can reach "whosoever will," do we have to limit ourselves to impersonal "take it or leave it" evangelism? If our doctrine is the truth, we can be encouraged by the ministry of the Holy Spirit. We cannot convict sinners; we cannot pull them into the kingdom. But to believe in the universal offer of salvation is to be confident of the active and effective work of the Holy Spirit who convicts, draws, and regenerates!

Some would reason that we do believe in Calvinism by noting our slipshod approaches and impersonal efforts, acting as if the "elect" will be saved regardless. Do we really believe our stated doctrine on the universal offer of salvation? If we do, surely it will grip our hearts and affect our efforts. Now the application is in your hands. We may differ in approach and attempt to accomplish this scriptural dictum in our own individual way. However, we must be guided and motivated by what



we understand the Bible to teach. Then we must seek to glorify God by practicing it.

The other FWB distinctive is stated in Article 12: "All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation." Within our denomination there are differing views on perseverance ranging from what some consider to be an insecure and fearful concept (unconfessed sin will cause loss of salvation) to a very strong and secure view (loss of salvation only by a onetime rejection of faith in Christ). Regardless of your position, you *do* believe in the possibility of losing one's salvation and that simple observation will serve as our next point.

Since we do believe it is possible for a person to lose his salvation, we should then treat that possibility as a real one. How much of our efforts are directed in a personal ministry to the believer? Is a crash course through one of our fine "new convert" materials consistent with our belief in the real possibility of apostasy? Isn't it amazing that many Christians who believe that it is *impossible* to lose salvation have outstanding programs for Christian development. They proceed with urgency and work diligently to enhance spiritual maturity. Common sense seems to dictate that those who believe in possible shipwreck of faith should be more conscientious in Christian growth than those who believe otherwise. Both groups should be motivated by the opportunity to glorify God through spiritual maturity not merely prevention of spiritual disaster. Which is the greater wrong? To preach eternal security and provide opportunities for spiritual growth OR to refute eternal security and then not even emphasize growth. Almost a contradiction, isn't it?

Due to our doctrinal beliefs, we should have evangelistic zeal. If it takes so much effort to lead them to Christ, will equal time and effort for the edification ministry involving the remaining life of the believer be reasonable? To think not is foolhardy.

Here are some implications from our FWB doctrine of perseverance. If we truly believe in the threat of apostasy, we should give personal attention to the new convert. Praise the Lord, they are saved! But does that guarantee final salvation? Not according to our *Free Will Baptist Treatise*. New converts are significant persons who are babes in the Lord. Would you desert a newborn child? Would you neglect the personal needs and wants of your child? What about one of the Lord's newborn children? I am ashamed to admit that I have abandoned them. It takes too much time. It isn't as exciting and prestigious as "winning souls." "Oh, they should know what is right. Just keep coming to church every service, trust in the Lord, read the Bible and pray. Hallelujah, there you go."

Our churches should be saturated with emphases on Christian growth. This can never be over-emphasized! The fruit of Christian growth is outreach to others. Why don't our people witness? Why don't our people have a genuine love and concern for others? Those questions can be answered as you would answer this: "Why is a small child selfish and unable to help you do things around the house?"

First of all, the abilities are not present. Secondly, the interest has not been developed and cultivated. Most of our people are immature spiritually and ill-prepared to face life's situations. If you want strong evangelistic churches, preach and teach maturity. If maturity is not the factor in personal outreach you will have to stoop to making threats, producing false guilt, and becoming a spiritual arsonist—setting fires under people. Maturity will naturally nurture fires of concern **WITHIN** people.

If a brother or sister in Christ is faced with the threat of falling, how should our local fellowships respond? Why can't the church be a place of sharing, confessing, and mutual burden bearing? Can we have true fellowship without it? The Apostle Paul went beyond sharing the gospel message; he shared himself as a person with his people. The new convert is not a mere potential worker; he is much more. He is a marvelous creation of God who has been redeemed by Christ.

Did you notice the words, *till the end of life*, in the Article of Faith? Since the danger of apostasy does exist regardless of the length of the Christian life, that phrase should tell us something. Don't we tend to forget the faithful, the ones who have served for so long? Do you feel an obligation for a spiritual ministry to them too? We cannot escape the implication that when someone joins the body of Christ, we who are already abiding in the fold must make a lifelong commitment to that individual.

Although we can see the implication that preventive education is consistent with our doctrinal beliefs, let us not lose sight of the greater motivation of maturing in Christ—to become a complete person replete with the virtues of our Lord Jesus Christ so that we may bring honor and glory to the name of God. Prevention of apostasy and mutual ministries to one another are merely fruits as we endeavor to glorify Christ.

These are only several thoughts on the implications of two of our doctrines. We can meet the challenge of Scripture, can't we? If we are committed to our Lord, we want to obey His Word and practice it. Am I a living example of one who always utilizes these implications? No. I am far from fulfilling them. But I do want to live like I preach; I want to minister to people as individuals, not mere numbers; I want to share Christ with the world and I am sure you do too.

Let us get back into the Word of God. Look at the whole teaching of Scripture and ask God to make it alive in our souls. Must we be chained by extra-biblical traditions and ignore the teachings of our Lord? Our only hope for genuine freedom is found in the principle of Scripture.

Next time you hear someone speak of Free Will Baptists, don't hang your head. Lift it high, let your chest swell and an expression of confidence be reflected upon your face. Let us be an example to the world—people who truly practice what they believe!

About the writer: Rev. Daryl Ellis is the youth minister at the Grace Free Will Baptist Church in Arnold, Missouri. He is a graduate of the Free Will Baptist Bible College and is presently a student at Covenant Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri.



## **CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS**

### **New Work at Fair Grove**

A Free Will Baptist Mission has been started at Fair Grove, Missouri. Rev. James Crawford writes, "Our first Sunday services were July 3, 1977, with 30 present. On July 10 we had 44 present. We just feel like praising the Lord!"

He continues to write, "We first rented a small building; but, because of needed space, it was necessary to rent a larger one. The building presently being used is located on the main street in Fair Grove. It is easy to locate for anyone driving through or living in the community.

"Our needs are many. We need land on which to build. Then, of course we will need a building. The money that is being spent for rent could be used to apply towards paying for the purchased property. There are several fine families living in the community that are attending the services and there are some that live outside the area.

"We request the prayers of Christians above everything else. Pray that the mission will be able to reach many people for the Lord in this community. Then pray that the financial needs of the work will be met. Every gift that is given for the mission will be used exactly for that purpose."

Rev. James Crawford may be contacted at this address: Route 3, Box 53, Marshfield, Missouri 65706.

### **Wanted: Students Living in Rolla**

Rev. Dale Smith, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Mission in Rolla, Missouri, is anxious to be in contact with Free Will Baptist young people attending school in Rolla. He states, "Let's keep our young people in a Free Will Baptist Church." He may be contacted at this address and telephone: Hobson Star Route, Rolla, Missouri 65401; telephone, 314-364-3596.

### **Wonderful VBS at Parkview**

Mrs. Cleo Leonard, church reporter, writes, "We thank God for the blessings He has bestowed upon our church. Our Vacation Bible School averaged 67 in attendance. Sister Jean Jenkerson was the director. She did a fine job. Each worker had a prayer partner (someone that could not be at the Bible School but prayed each day for the worker), and it worked out beautifully. It was a big help and we had no discipline problems."

She continues to write, "Satan has been buffeting us about somewhat but God is with us and our people have stood with God. Pray for the church that we will always stand for that which is right. The church will be in revival services with Rev. Rick Cash as evangelist on September 12-18."

Rev. Guy Leonard is the pastor.

### **Ordination Service at Thayer**

Randy Hood, son of Rev. and Mrs. Glen Hood, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Thayer, Missouri, was ordained to the gospel ministry in a special service on July 24, 1977. The service was held at the church in Thayer.

Rev. Randy Hood is a senior ministerial student at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Oklahoma. He plans to attend seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, following graduation at Hillsdale. He is a member of the Grace Free Will Baptist Church in Moore, Oklahoma, and preaches at every opportunity.

The church at Thayer reports a fine Vacation Bible School. The enrollment was 106 with an average attendance of 87. Several made profession of faith and rededications. Rev. Glen Hood, pastor of the church, served as director.

### **Blessings at the First Church in Flat River**

Brenda Hoehn, church reporter, writes, "How good the Lord has been to the church. Unlike so many churches of the area that have had summer slumps, the First Church has had an increase. The average attendance for Sunday school is 180 and is steadily climbing to the 200 mark."

Brenda continues to write that the Vacation Bible School was a great success. The average for the two departments was 80 and 106. They recently received into their fellowship a young family, the Nick Leonards. Brother Leonard has brought a great deal of enthusiasm among the young people.

Rev. Ken Goff is the pastor.

### **Anniversary at Kingsway**

The Kingsway Free Will Baptist Church at Springfield, Missouri, celebrated its fifth anniversary on Sunday, July 31, 1977. Special revival services were held that weekend with the Singing Jones Family and Evangelist Stanley Jones.

The ladies of the church served dinner at the church on Sunday and good fellowship and singing were enjoyed in the afternoon. At the evening service a young man was ordained to the ministry. The pastor, Rev. Gene Terry, delivered the message.

The Singing Ledbetters were at the church for a special service on July 8, 1977. On Wednesday, August 3, the Singing Bradshaws were at the church for a special service. The Lord has blessed with four people being saved and two following the Lord in water baptism. These blessings have been enjoyed the past few months.





### Twin Oaks Continues to Grow

The Twin Oaks Church located near Fredericktown, Missouri, continues to grow under the leadership of the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Truman Huffman. The church began an expansion program in August, 1976. The church now has eight new classrooms and the auditorium will seat approximately 250. There have been 28 professions of faith and 22 baptized during the past year. Twenty-seven people have united with the church over the same period. The church has a weekly visitation program and a church program that has a place for all ages. The following figures show the growth: 1972-50; 1973-58; 1974-63; 1975-82; 1976-90 and 1977 (6 months)-94. This is the growth pattern of the Twin Oaks Sunday school.

Pastor Huffman states, "The Lord has given my wife and me much to enjoy at the Twin Oaks Church. The people have been a special blessing to work with. We are thankful for each one."

### Attack Seminar at Joplin Church

Rev. N. R. Smith, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Joplin, Missouri, has announced that Rev. Bob Shockey will be with the church for revival services during the week of October 2. He states this as a note of interest to all people in that area; Brother Shockey will be holding a seminar relative to the program called ATTACK following the Tuesday evening service.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Pastor and Layman's Seminar

Date: September 19-21

Place: Youth Camp, Niangua, Missouri

Cost: \$20.00 for one; \$30.00 for husband and wife

Principal Speaker: Dr. John Broger

Pastor and Worker's Conference

Date: September 12-14

Place: First Free Will Baptist Church, Decatur, Illinois

Speakers: Reverends Bob Shockey, Roy Thomas, Paul Thompson, and Tom Malone

Church Evangelism Conference

Date: April 24-26, 1978

Place: First Free Will Baptist Church, Farmington, Missouri

### Thank You from Children's Home

Rev. James Earl Raper, superintendent of the Children's Home in Greeneville, Tennessee, writes, "With much appreciation we are writing to say 'Thank you' for remembering the Children's Home with your recent gifts. Our newest addition to the home is Patricia Langdon, 13 years old, from Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Two of our boys returned to live with their families. School starts August 24. Summer vacations have about had it. We are grateful for your interest, prayers, and support of this work."

## With Our Missionaries

The Robert Francis Family, missionaries to Minnesota, write, "I would like to express my appreciation for the gifts received. Your interest in our ministry in Minnesota is appreciated. It is because of people like you that we are able to go and establish a church. I want to assure you that we will be using this money for the cause of Christ. Your continued support is needed and appreciated. We should be in Minnesota by the first of August."

The Carlisle Hanna Family, missionaries to India, write, "With a new Communist Party of India Marxist government in power in our state, we cannot know how favorable our conditions will be. We feel the need for more prayer for us and the church. People who were so open to our witness before seem very indifferent now. It has been such a joy to have Don with us this summer. He returned to the states in August. Mark has begun his senior year of high school in India and Brenda Kay and her husband live in Atlanta. An extra special treat was ours this summer when my sister Iris visited for nearly a month. A year ago our account was deficit by several thousand dollars but because many of you have given faithfully and sacrificially we rejoice today that our account is in good condition. We greatly appreciate your faithful support. We count on you to stand with us as we labor together."

The Larry Incoes Family, missionaries to Panama, write, "We praise the Lord for His many blessings to us during our first year in Las Tablas. During the month of March we were able to have our annual Daily Vacation Bible School on Isla de Canas. During May we began meetings twice a month for the young people. As a result of this we have had ten young people to make profession of faith. During the month of June, Larry had English classes three nights weekly. The most recent developments in our work have been a new ministry in a small town a few miles from Las Tablas. Pray that we will always be faithful to seek His will as each opportunity presents itself."





## Youth Camp Was Great!

Youth camp was a new and exciting experience for me this year. I was asked by my church to sponsor five girls during elementary week of youth camp. Being a first-year sponsor, I was confronted by the usual anxieties and qualms of "Could I handle it?" and "Would I be able to answer their questions?" Although nervous, I must admit that I was just as excited as the girls were.

The day before we were to leave, I received a telephone call with an offer for a summer job starting the week of camp. I explained the situation to my prospective employer. He was very cooperative and allowed me to start the week after camp. Everything seemed to be working out so perfectly, and I began to realize that it was all coming from the hand of the Lord. I prayed that I would be able to fulfil whatever plans He might have for me.

Arriving at camp, we were rushed through a hectic afternoon of registration, cabin assignment, unpacking, and making new friends. Thus, began one of the most memorable weeks of my life.

The daily schedule consisted of classes in the morning, recreation in the afternoon, and church in the evening. Each was such fun that it was hard to tell which the children enjoyed most. I enjoyed the evening service most of all. The evangelist, Brother Tom Blubaugh, spoke to the children in a way that even the youngest could understand. His first message explained how God handmade each of them a little different from the rest. In one sermon, which I especially enjoyed, Brother Blubaugh demonstrated how Jesus cannot fit into our hearts if we have sin there. The children enjoyed these services too. Each night when the invitation was given, the altar was full and so many accepted Christ as their Savior. It was such a blessing to see these children come to God with humbled hearts and tearstained faces.

As the week drew to a close, I found myself wishing it were not over. I had grown to love everyone there. I am so thankful that God provided such a week of experience for me. It has made me stop and think about my life and what I want to accomplish for God. I have written the following poem expressing these feelings:

I want to be someone  
Who can share my love.  
I want to be someone  
Guided from above.

I want to be someone  
Who can comfort those in pain.  
I want to be someone  
Whose life isn't lived in vain.

I want to be someone  
Who can help those in need.  
I want to be someone  
Unselfish and void of greed.

I want to be someone  
Who can give my all.  
I want to be someone  
Who can get up when I fall.

I want to be someone  
Who can be all of these,  
But more than anything else,  
Someone of whom God is pleased.

—Gayla Orrell

About the writer: Gayla Orrell is a member of the Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church at Tunas, Missouri. She is very active in the work of the church and is interested in youth activities throughout the state. She will be attending college this fall.

## Promotional Secretary's Corner

by Clarence Burton

July was a hot month! However, we can say, whether it be hot or cold, wet or dry, we will rejoice in the Lord.

My first trip in July was on July 2 to be with the Cave Springs Association. It met with the Royal Oak Church. The host pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Adrian, and the church hosted the meeting very well. The fellowship was great and the food delicious. The preaching by Brothers Todd and Simpson was a challenge and blessing. The moderator, Brother Stephens, always directs the services well.

On Sunday, July 3, it was my privilege to be the guest speaker for a joint community church service at Hartville, Missouri. Rev. Bud Arnold extended the invitation in behalf of the ministerial alliance. It was a pleasure being present and preaching at this service. That Sunday evening I was with the Berkeley Church. It is always enjoyable to be with these warm friendly folks. What a blessing they have been to my family. Rev. and Mrs. Van Winkle are



right at home in the St. Louis area and it is obvious the Lord is blessing their ministry.

The following Saturday I was in some home territory again. I met with the Southeast Missouri District Association. I enjoy being with these people. The fellowship is wonderful. Brother Joe Braddy is the newly elected moderator and does the job quite well. Brother Statler delivered the morning message and it blessed the hearts of each one. The next day I was with the Twin Oaks Church. This is a fine growing church. Rev. and Mrs. Huffman are having an effective ministry in that community. We spent Saturday evening with some very good friends, Clifford and Juanita Skaggs. The fellowship and food were great.

On Sunday, July 17, I was with the Pleasant Hill Church for the morning worship and Sunday school. The people were very hospitable and Rev. and Mrs. Honeycutt are leading the church in a building program. I was blessed being with these folks. That afternoon Vivian and I began the trip to Detroit, Michigan, for the National Association. We appreciate it, and we did enjoy attending the association. What a blessing to be able to hear so much preaching and teaching, and it is always so great to see and fellowship with so many wonderful people. I pray the meeting will motivate us to do more and make us aware afresh and anew of our responsibility to God.

The Saturday following the National Association I was with the St. Louis District Association. The Grace Church hosted this meeting and as always it was great. This is a fine church with a fine pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Glen Rehkop. I appreciate this District Association and its leadership. It is a blessing to be with them. Rev. Russell Spurgeon is the moderator and he serves with a capable Executive Committee and officers of the association. Charolette Tallent, missionary to France, delivered the morning message. It was a message that reflected the love and concern of a missionary. May the Lord bless this fine Christian young lady as she serves the Lord. (May I be a little personal and mention that Vivian and I enjoyed a nice visit with my sister and her family in Indiana and some very good friends, Paul and Pearl Pratt and Carrie, on our return trip from Detroit to St. Louis.)

The next Sunday, July 24, we had the privilege to be with the Bailey Chapel Church. The people are always very warm and friendly. Brother Frank Linton was recently elected as the pastor of this church. I am sure the church will do well under this dedicated minister's leadership.

The last week in July we were with folks that seemed like homefolks. We were with the Ballews Chapel Church and the fine pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Dale Pitts. It was our privilege to serve as pastor of this church after graduating from Free Will Baptist Bible College. It was our first full-time work. It was such a joy to be back with them and they were so very kind and nice to us. I pray the Lord will bless the pastor and his family and all the wonderful people as they labor together for the cause of Christ.

Well July, as other months, has come and gone. It was a fine month relative to *cooperative giving*. As

you will note, the receipts reflect a fine response from the churches. May the Lord bless the faithfulness of every pastor and every church. I am thankful that we have a unified plan whereby we can do together what we could not do individually. The Lord has blessed this ministry of giving and we trust that He shall continue to as we honor Him with the tithes and offerings.

Please make all checks payable to and mail to Missouri State Association, P. O. Box 991, Lebanon, Missouri 65536. By way of information the phone number is 1-417-6537. If I may be of any help in any way, please do not hesitate to call or write.

## MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS GIVING JULY 5 through AUGUST 5, 1977

Cape Girardeau .....	\$ 21.82
DeSoto .....	100.00
South Fremont .....	208.50
Berkeley .....	25.00
Hurryville .....	30.00
Hannon .....	284.00
Flat River, First .....	70.53
Sedalia .....	91.74
Purdy .....	14.00
Olivet .....	225.00
Houston .....	61.00
Myrtle .....	75.87
Columbia .....	14.18
Berean .....	10.00
Rock Chapel .....	95.00
Grace .....	47.00
Farmington .....	30.00
Joplin .....	25.00
South Side .....	5.00
Fellowship .....	17.00
Victory .....	40.00
Fourth .....	31.28
West Plains .....	70.00
Lebanon, First .....	5.00
Lebanon Youth Group .....	5.00
Thayer .....	62.65
Cooperative Receipts .....	2,551.57
Total .....	\$4,216.14

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## MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING July 1977

FOREIGN MISSIONS	
Bethel .....	\$5.00
Jerry Pinkerton .....	\$5.00
Kirksville .....	\$75.00
Jerry Pinkerton .....	\$54.00
Howard Filkins .....	21.00
Mountain Grove, First .....	\$142.50
General Fund .....	\$130.00
Dennis Teague .....	12.50
Mt. Vernon Mission .....	\$10.00
Clint Morgan .....	\$10.00
Mt. Vernon Mission .....	\$33.28
Clint Morgan .....	\$33.28
Eastern Gate .....	\$140.00
Archie Mayhew .....	\$80.00
Jerry Pinkerton .....	60.00
Mountain Grove, First .....	\$50.00
General Fund .....	\$50.00
Walnut Grove .....	\$10.00
Lynn Miley .....	\$10.00
Thayer .....	\$41.00



Jerry Pinkerton	\$40.00
D. Bishop	1.00
New Harmony Sunday school	\$32.64
Dr. Miley	\$16.32
J. McLain	16.32
Black Oak	\$21.50
Walter Ellison	\$21.50
Oak Hill, Union	\$24.37
Jerry Pinkerton	\$24.37
Lebanon, First	\$155.00
Clint Morgan	\$77.50
Jerry Pinkerton	77.50
Total	\$740.29

#### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Bethel	\$82.68
Bob Francis	\$77.68
Vergel Maness	5.00
Mountain Grove, First	\$62.00
Mark Vandivort	\$62.00
Mt. Vernon Mission	\$10.00
Dale Smith	\$10.00
South Side	\$405.73
Bob Francis	\$405.73
Mountain Grove, First	\$20.00
Leland Horton	\$20.00
Mountain Grove, First	\$32.00
Mark Vandivort	\$32.00
Thayer	\$21.00
Mark Vandivort	\$21.00
Oak Hill, Union	\$24.38
Bob Francis	\$24.38
Total	\$657.79

#### MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Bethel	\$10.00
Perpetual Loan Fund	\$10.00
Lebanon First Youth Group	\$5.00
General Fund	\$5.00
Thayer	\$62.65
General Fund	\$23.65
T. Owens	12.00
Poplar Bluff	27.00
Lebanon, First	\$5.00
T. Owens	\$5.00
Total	\$82.65

#### MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP

Thayer	\$10.00
Oak Hill, Union	10.00
Fourth	10.00
Total	\$30.00

#### HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Mountain Grove, First	\$70.00
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#### CHILDREN'S HOME, GREENEVILLE, TENNESSEE

Mountain Grove, First	\$20.00
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### COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS July 1977

20.00% Missouri State Home Missions	\$2,551.57
16.00% Promotional Department	2,073.14
4.50% General Fund	574.10
5.25% Youth Camp	669.79
2.00% Gem	255.15
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	255.15
2.00% MBI	255.15
52%	6,634.05
7.00% Hillsdale College	893.06
13.00% Foreign Missions	1,658.51
9.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	1,148.21
7.00% Executive Department	893.05
6.50% National Home Missions	829.26
2.50% CTS	318.94
2.50% Retirement & Insurance	318.94
.25% Laymen's Board	31.89
.25% Theological Commission	31.89

41%	\$5,230.69
Total Disbursements	\$12,757.80

### COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS July 1977

Viburnum	\$ 15.00
Shiloh	14.70
Bailey Chapel (Niangua)	25.00
Happy Home	63.07
Byrd	119.07
Calvary, Conway	125.00
Bethel, Festus	300.00
DeSoto	500.00
Belton	326.00
Flat River, First	1,232.96
Old Bethel	20.00
Pleasant Home	129.55
Sedalia	45.75
Grant Avenue	150.00
Hannon	104.00
Number One	33.72
Macedonia Sunday school	12.00
Kingsway	49.52
Purdy	70.00
First Mission, Kansas City	67.93
Cuba	111.89
Mt. Pisgah	41.00
Pleasant Ridge (Niangua)	26.59
Mountain Grove, First	331.70
Trinity	325.00
Monett, First	245.39
Waynesville, First	56.00
Cope	17.13
Hurryville	86.22
Wolf Creek	138.62
Faith	119.82
Berkeley	431.52
Cape Girardeau	139.94
Grace	541.00
Pleasant Hill	15.00
Rock Chapel	23.17
Verdella	100.99
Aulsbury Chapel	288.05
Wolf Creek	113.75
Mountain Grove, First	384.16
Hartville	31.09
Central	200.00
Fredericktown, First	218.00
Mill Creek	53.15
Poplar Bluff	10.39
Richwoods	143.36
Freeman Chapel	76.91
New Life, Licking	65.25
Joplin, First	162.43
New Prospect	6.31
Thayer	110.91
Buffalo	105.53
Copper Mines	130.00
Marshfield	84.64
Mountain Valley	190.14
The Jones Family Evangelistic Team	259.41
Granby	73.68
New Harmony Sunday school	5.91
Houston	111.80
Black Oak	10.00
Flat River, First	1,334.16
Oak Hill, Union	242.14
Fourth	324.00
Poplar Bluff	10.00
Poplar Bluff	7.70
Leadington	197.47
Central	250.00
Farmington, First	819.73
Berkeley	426.53
Willow Springs	156.95
Total Cooperative Receipts	\$12,757.80

Let us be grateful for another fine month.



## RECENT RANDALL HOUSE RELEASES

*Biblical Graphics*—Roger C. Reeds  
348 pages \$4.95 (pb) \$6.95 (hb)

Leroy Forlines says, "The book *Biblical Graphics* by Dr. Roger C. Reeds surveys the complete process of how the Bible came into existence, and how it has come to us in the form of English translations.

"*Biblical Graphics* will be interesting to those who would like to simply read through the book for an overall view of how we got our Bible. It is written in a clear and readable style. Those who are interested in how language developed and who enjoy reading about different languages will find the first chapters readable and profitable. These chapters lay the foundation for a conclusion that is important for us to keep in mind as we study the Bible. 'God did not create some heavenly language in which to reveal His Word to mankind . . . The languages that were used were the ordinary languages of the day' (page 46 of typewritten manuscript). Some may prefer to begin their reading with chapter 4. From that point on the reading will be easier.

"While the readability of *Biblical Graphics* makes for interesting reading for those who would desire to read it through, it will be valuable for other purposes. It will serve as a reference book for those who wish to refer to it when a particular need arises in Bible study. Brief treatment is given to each of the human authors and their writings. Attention is given to other writings that came into being between the Old and New Testaments and after the writing of the New Testament."

*The Maturing Christian*—Douglas J. Simpson  
48 pages \$1.00

Doug Simpson is no stranger to Randall House Publications. He previously authored *The Apocalypse* and *The Book of Daniel*. The North Carolina native has been actively engaged in educational circles on an international level. He has served as a writer, editor, layspeaker, local church worker, and university professor in both the United States and Canada.

*The Maturing Christian* is the latest work from his pen. In this booklet Dr. Simpson properly diagnoses the reason for superficial spiritual growth and prescribes the appropriate scriptural remedy. This is interesting and informative reading. Every Christian will be benefited by this booklet.

*Now That You're Saved*—Richard Kennedy  
28 pages \$.50

This booklet is the outgrowth of the pastoral ministry of Rev. Richard Kennedy of Greenville, North Carolina. It was necessitated by the phenomenal growth of the church he pastors. New converts, in growing numbers, demanded that he prepare and teach a course of instruction for new converts. This booklet, in a workbook format, puts the convert directly into the Scriptures to find answers to problems he faces immediately following conversion.

This inexpensive booklet will enable any pastor to help new converts to grow in grace and knowledge. It is available from Randall House Publications or from the author.

These three publications will be released during August and September, 1977.

*A Survey of the Entire Bible* compiled and edited by H. D. Harrison was released at the National Association in Detroit, Michigan, July 18, 1977. \$11.95 (hb)

This 714-page hardbound volume is the collective work of seven different authors, each of whom is presently engaged in Christian education. Most are professors in a Bible college. The authors are Dr. Stanley Outlaw, Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, Rev. Ralph C. Hampton, Jr., Dr. Robert Picirilli, Rev. Leroy Forlines, Dr. Charles A. Thigpen, and Rev. Milton Worthington.

This survey will be valuable for pastors, teachers, and laypersons.

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## NEED FOR OLD NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Rev. George C. Lee is searching for these copies of the National Association Minutes: the third annual session, 1939, the sixth and the seventh annual sessions. He has duplicates of the following and would like to make an exchange: tenth, twelfth, and the fifteenth annual sessions. He may be contacted at this address and phone number: Victory Free Will Baptist Church, 1806 Wayne Memorial Drive, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530. Phone 734-7670

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MOORE—A three-hour course in Free Will Baptist History and Doctrine has been added to the external studies curriculum at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, according to Thomas L. Marberry, director of external studies.

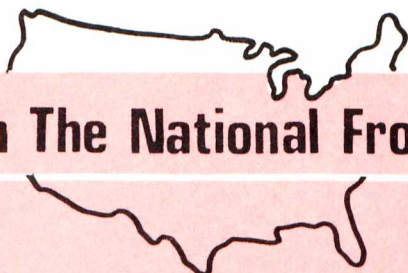
"We believe that this course is going to be very beneficial to students who would like to know more about the history and beliefs of our denomination but who cannot attend courses on campus," Marberry explained.

Textbooks for the three-hour course are the *Treatise* of Free Will Baptists and books by two leading Free Will Baptist scholars—Dr. J. D. O'Donnell and Dr. William Davidson. In addition, there are cassette tape lectures by Thomas Marberry and J. Reford Wilson.

"Cost for this course is \$75 plus a \$10 matriculation fee charged to first-time students," Marberry said. "This cost includes all textbooks and other necessary materials."

The History and Doctrine course may be used to satisfy part of the degree requirements at Hillsdale. Anyone who would like more information about the course should contact the Department of External Studies at Hillsdale in Moore.





## On The National Front

### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS 1977

Over three thousand people traveled to Detroit, Michigan, and attended the Forty-first Annual Convention of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The weather was hot but the fellowship was great; the preaching and workshops were challenging, and the reports encouraging. A record breaking budget of \$5,354,000 was adopted. This includes the budget for all departments.

The National Association took a strong stand against homosexuality and for capital punishment. The WNAC also adopted a resolution stating that they agree with Anita Bryant's position regarding the homosexual issue and commended her for her stand and encouraged each auxiliary to encourage its members to send letters of support.

The officers elected for the National Association were: Moderator, Evangelist Bobby Jackson; Assistant Moderator, Dr. Melvin Worthington; Clerk, Pastor Waldo Young.

As a footnote, the missions offering received Wednesday evening was \$9,184.00.

*Reminder:* The National Association will meet next year, 1978, in Kansas City, Missouri.

### MISSOURI AHEAD ON GENERAL FUND GIFTS TO FWBCC

Missouri is still running ahead on its gifts to the general fund for the Free Will Baptist Bible College. According to a report from the college, Missouri is above its quota by \$6,909.04. The college is anticipating one of its best years in 1977-78.

### BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE OFFERS SEMINAR

The Board of Retirement and Insurance is offering its services for a seminar, "Developing a Senior Adult Ministry for the Local Church." Included in subjects to be discussed are: Need of Older Adults, Ways to Utilize Talents and Skills of Older Adults in the Local Church, Pre-retirement Planning, etc. For additional information write Rev. Herman Hersey, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.



## Points for Pastors

by Jim McAllister

We will continue this month with the subject of church worship. Here are some specific aids to a good worship service:

*Begin on time. Have regular, well-trained ushers and train your people to allow the ushers to seat them when they arrive late. Don't allow ushers to seat people during prayer, Bible reading, or special music. The ushers should be appointed by the pastor, trained by the pastor, and taught to assist the pastor. They should always wear ties and jackets when serving. Strive to create a sense of oneness in the service. Establish some definite aims: Is the service aimed at evangelism, stewardship, teaching, adoration, or worship? Have an appropriate prelude before the opening time so the people may be unified in thought. Maintain proper ventilation. Have a well-trained and prepared choir. Follow an order of service.*

Singing is an important part of all worship services. Everyone likes to sing. The pastor and music director must work in close harmony in selecting hymns. The music director must realize that the pastor is in charge of the entire service. He should cooperate 100 percent with the pastor. The music helps bring the congregation into an emotional oneness enabling them to be conscious of the presence of the Holy Spirit. However, the music can be a hodgepodge of unpractical, ill-prepared, nondoctrinal, and worthless stringing together of words and chords. The music department can be a unifying ministry, or it can cause utter chaos, thus becoming a curse to the cause of Christ. I usually turn the music over to my director with understandable directions as to what kinds of music I want and what is and is not acceptable. It has worked wonderfully here in Farmington.

Little things make a difference: the songbooks straight in the racks, church clean, chairs straight, microphone cords untangled, choir coming in orderly, rising and sitting in unison, and church climate comfortable. All these things will help create a worshipful atmosphere.



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## Woman's Page



*Shirley Bowden, editor*

## News From South Side Auxiliary



On May 17 we had a personal shower for Jean Francis. We have certainly appreciated the fine work she has done as she has labored tirelessly in various

capacities in our church and auxiliary. We wish her and her family all the best as they soon leave for Minnesota. We will really miss them.

Work has begun on the remodeling of our church kitchen. It is exciting to know our auxiliary was able to raise a good part of the money for this project.

Our recent project is to help Becky Francis and Pam Turnbough as they prepare to leave for college. Young people are always needing supplies such as toothpaste, shampoo, etc., and it is a small way we can help.

We have started a Missions Prayer Project that we hope will help our ladies to learn more about the work and workers of our various mission fields. For the month of August we will try to learn as much as we can about Ivory Coast. Each lady has an assignment to learn and report on at our meeting.

Pray for our auxiliary as we work together to further the work of God.

Sue Winchester  
Missions Prayer Chairman

Recommended reading: (All books are available at the Lebanon Bible and Bookstore)

*Who Cares About the Missionary?* Collins, Moody Press

Gladys Aylward, *The Little Woman*. Aylward and Hunter, Moody Press

*Kept for the Master's Use*. Havergal, Keats Publishing House

*Be Joyful*. Wiersbe, Victor Books (Has Leader's Guide)

*What Happens When Woman Pray*. Christenson, Victor Books (Leader's Guide)

*Sense and Nonsense About Prayer*. Strauss, Moody Press

*By Death or Divorce . . . It Hurts to Lose*. Young, Accent Books