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# Thanksgiving and Missions

by editor, Clarence Burton

November is National Home Missions Month! Inasmuch as this is Thanksgiving Month, it surely is a wonderful time to express our thanks to God by giving a Thanksgiving offering to National Home Missions. Sunday, November 20, has been designated as National Home Missions Sunday.

As we give our thanks offering, let us thank God for the privilege of sharing the good news that Jesus saves. Then, let us thank Him for every missionary and every mission endeavor.

What a tremendous task the missionary faces as he goes into an area that oftentimes is without a fundamental gospel witness. Without a compassion from within that compels the missionary to say, "Here am I, send me," the work of spreading the

gospel and building churches for Jesus Christ would never be accomplished. Let us thank God that He has called missionaries from our denomination to be witnesses for Him in carrying the gospel that will give help to the helpless and hope to the hopeless.

This question must be answered: "And how shall they preach except they be sent?" The obvious answer is: They must be sent. The local churches must do the sending. What a privilege and a thrill to extend the outreach of the local church throughout the United States and other national home missions areas. Will we do it? Will we send them?

Let's read a letter from the General Director of the Home Missions Department.

We send you greetings from our National Home Missionaries and pray that you are enjoying God's best in these challenging days.


First, let me thank you for your prayers and support for National Home Missions. God is at work in our mission churches. Souls are being saved and Bible believing, teaching, and practicing churches are being built. I know you are thankful for this great work and want to be a continual part of our Mission effort.

I am asking our pastors to stand with us in these challenging days and we pray that you are MAKING PLANS to make SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1977, our greatest HOME MISSIONS SUNDAY.



Perhaps your church can give the WHOLE SUNDAY'S OFFERING TO NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS. This would really help our men on the field. In the event you do not feel your church could give the whole offering, PLEASE TAKE A SPECIAL OFFERING on this day, or use another Sunday, if you would have a conflict. It has been well said, "Our pastors are the key," and I believe that. We are counting on you to help us get the job done for our Lord.

We believe that you and your church can be a vital part of the Great Commission by making Sunday, November 20, or some other Sunday that is convenient, NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS SUNDAY.

Until He comes,



Robert L. Shockey  
General Director





## **CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS**

### **Youth Camp Board Meets**

The Youth Camp Board met recently at the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. These dates were set for the youth encampment next year, 1978: June 11-16, elementary; June 18-23, junior high; June 25-30, senior high.

During the meeting a minimum rate for camp insurance was set. It is one dollar for insurance whether it be for one day or one week.

It was decided that another boys' rest room will be built. The chairman, Rev. Lynn Wood, stated that this would be a fine project for a church that wanted to help the youth camp in a special way.



### **Hannon Church Celebrates Seventieth Anniversary**

The Hannon Free Will Baptist Church of Liberal, Missouri, held its homecoming on September 4, 1977, to celebrate her seventieth year. Three charter members are still with the church. They are Mrs. Pearl Lewis, age 91; Mrs. Edna Thornton, age 86 (these ladies are sisters); and Mrs. Gertie Crabtree. The sisters were presented potted plants by the pastor, Rev. Gary Elder. Mrs. Crabtree is a resident of a nursing home in Nevada, Missouri, and was unable to attend the homecoming service.

Three former pastors were present. Rev. Cecil Campbell, a former pastor, delivered the sermon at the morning worship. Rev. Winford Davis spoke in the afternoon, and Rev. Donovan Maxwell delivered the sermon at the evening worship.

A basket dinner was enjoyed by everyone in the new annex. Special music was given by the Nutting Trio of Joplin and Bob and Barbara Hopkins of Hannon.

A brief history of the church was given by Mrs. Alice Hoover in the afternoon. It is as follows: Before the Hannon Church was organized, there

were three Free Will Baptist churches in the area. These churches had come out of the "mother church," the Verdella Church.

The Hannon community held Sunday school in the townhall over the local grocery store. Rev. T. C. Ferguson began holding services on Thursday evening, following services at the Verdella Church. He held a three-week revival in August of 1907, and the Lord blessed with a great number of converts. The people wanted to organize a church. Brother Ferguson invited the late Rev. W. H. McKown to assist him. On Saturday evening, September 7, 1907, the church was organized with 19 charter members. A board of deacons was elected and ordained. They were L. C. Wade, E. S. Lewis, and John Reihart. Sister Frankie Wade was elected to serve as the church clerk. The church elected Rev. W. H. McKown to serve as the pastor and he served for ten consecutive years. Several other ministers have served as pastors of the church: Rev. W. H. York, Rev. Marion Cliff, Rev. Allred, Rev. Selph Jones, Rev. Zinn, Rev. Greenway, Rev. Turner, Rev. Harold Hoover, Sister Martin, Rev. Conrad Williford, Rev. Ussery, Rev. Charley Hatfield, Rev. Jim McCully, Rev. Harry Sterling, Rev. Nutting, Rev. Grover Terry (first full-time pastor), Rev. Glenn Murray, Rev. Mays, Rev. Russell Johnson, and the present pastor, Rev. Gary Elder.

The Lord has blessed the church by calling out several full-time workers. At present a young licensed minister, Lynn Smith, and a young lady, Brenda Selvey, are students at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College.



Front L to R: Becky McCully, Karen Jackson, Sherman Mohr, Tamme Naumann, Charlinda Vincent, Middle L to R: Eudora Stephens, Alice Stephens, Robert Sharry, Mark Stephens, Back L to R: Don Lombard, Karen Stephens, Daryl Ellis.

### **Youth Group Visits FWBBC**

A group of young people, with pastors and adults, visited the Free Will Baptist Bible College on September 26, 27.

Mr. Bert Tippett writes, "It was a pleasure to have this group on campus. The college is hosting visits for many young people and their sponsors across the denomination. If any pastors, youth directors, or other youth workers would like information on visits they may write, Mr. Tom Sass, 3606 West End Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37205."

There are 23 students from Missouri at Free Will Baptist Bible College this semester.



Gary Adkisson, Cape Girardeau  
 Kenneth Bailey, Viburnum  
 Christi Barr, St. Louis  
 Brenda Davidson, Mtn. Grove  
 Ed Dean, Kansas City  
 Jan Felts, Springfield  
 Tony Gale, DeSoto  
 Richard Greenup, Columbia  
 Wayne Hale, Flat River  
 Dallas Henderson, Festus  
 Alvin Hook, Lee's Summit  
 Gaye Hook, Kansas City  
 John McClure, Cassville  
 Dave McGowan, Mtn. Grove  
 Sandra McGowan, Mtn. Grove  
 Donnie Moss, DeSoto  
 Cindy Nichols, Viburnum  
 Debbie Sinning, Mtn. Grove  
 Ted Stephens, Festus  
 Mark Tallent, St. Louis  
 Jeff Turnbough, Viburnum  
 Pam Turnbough, St. Louis  
 Gary Underwood, Williamsville

#### Thanks from Camp Superintendent:

Rev. Bud Arnold, superintendent, Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, writes: "Doris and I would like to thank the pastors and the churches for their donations to purchase a lawn mower for the camp. Sister Frances Bowman spear-headed the drive for the needed money at the recent seminar held at the campgrounds. She did a great job. We would like to express our thanks also to the Youth Camp Board for helping in so many ways in the operation of the work at camp. We hope we can continue to be of service to each church in the state as we serve the Lord."



Evans—Broger—Lay

#### Pastor and Layman's Seminar Successful

The seminar held recently at Free Will Baptist Youth Camp with Dr. John Broger as principal speaker brought many favorable comments. Pastor Jim Mertz writes, "What a delightful and very informative conference! With the relaxed atmosphere of the youth camp and the superb teaching, God spoke to my heart, reinforcing my faith in His blessed Word. I appreciated the basic lesson of using the powerful Word of God to deal with everyday problems. I plan to teach our lay people these concepts in order that they may deal better with some of life's problems." Mrs. Sharon Ruble writes, "Having taken the Nouthetic Counseling Course in M.B.I., I found the seminar to be an excellent follow up. Being informed on how to deal with life's daily

problems, through the Word of God, can only enrich and add to a Christian's spiritual growth." Pastor Jim McAllister writes, "The retreat for ministers and laymen was good in that it gave some needed solutions to problems that pastors face every day. The fellowship was, as usual, tremendous. This is one time when pastors have the opportunity of meeting with other pastors without pressing commitments to take away the joy of fellowship." Lucille Beatty writes, "Super' is how I would express my feeling regarding the seminar. I feel that we were fortunate to have such a man as Dr. Broger. I am sure that the lessons will help each of us in our behavior with our fellowman and ourselves." Pastor Guy Leonard writes, "The seminar helped me as a minister and gave me much that I could use to help God's people. I didn't go there to learn how to counsel, but I did go to learn how to use God's Word more effectively in dealing with people's problems. I did that and came away refreshed and blessed." Pastor Bill Evans writes, "The seminar offered the most applicable experience in pastoral training and counseling I have ever attended. It dealt with a very direct and simple technology that Free Will Baptists have believed but have not practiced very well. The presentation and challenge on anger was especially practical."

#### Promoted to Glory

Mr. Willie J. Dettmer was called to be with the Lord on August 17, 1977. Brother Dettmer was a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Fredericktown, Missouri, for 31 years. He served in various capacities such as music director, superintendent of the Sunday school, and trustee.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hallie Dettmer, and three daughters.

The funeral service was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Fredericktown. Rev. Joe Braddy, the pastor, officiated.

#### Church Organized at Willow Springs

On September 29, 1977, the Wayside Free Will Baptist Church was organized in Willow Springs, Missouri. The Missouri State Home Missions Board directed the service. The board members are: Reverends Cliff Bowman, Lawrence Thompson, Don Lombard, Glen Rehkop, and Tom Owens. There were 24 charter members: John Beasley, Pat Beasley, Ralph Cook, Opal Cook, RaDell Emerson, Judy Emerson, Craig Emerson, Jill Emerson, Chad Emerson, Gary Gibson, Linda Gibson, Donald Heard, Mary Heard, John Heard, Leslie Heard, Oneta Holloway, Neta Holloway, Paul Jones, Lillie Jones, Dale Shaw, Jo Ann Shaw, Bill Watkins, Nona Watkins, and David Watkins.

The following were elected to serve the church: pastor, Rev. Ralph Cook; trustees, John Beasley, Donald Heard, and Gary Gibson; advisory board, Bill Watkins, RaDell Emerson, and Dale Shaw; clerk, Nona Watkins; general secretary and treasurer, Lillie Jones.



## Report on Funds for National Association 1978

Inasmuch as this State Associational year is into the seventh month, it might be well to note and be reminded of the proposed amount for each association.

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

Some associations have raised the money and some associations are holding money in the association until the goal is reached. It would be well for each association to check and note what amount is needed to meet the goal. At the pleasure of the association the money is to be sent to the promotional secretary inasmuch as he is to serve as the collection agent. Monies that have been turned in have been placed in a special savings account as directed by the Missouri State Association. Checks should be made payable to Missouri State Association and marked "Special Fund, National Association, 1978."

### REPORT FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CTS BOARD

The Sunday School and CTS Board met recently in Rolla, Missouri. They confirmed these dates: Missouri State Competitive Activities will be held on Saturday, May 6, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Joplin. The deadline for entries is April 15. The ATTACK program was discussed and more information will be forthcoming.

### MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS GIVING SEPTEMBER 5 through OCTOBER 5, 1977

Olivet	\$ 225.00
Purdy	5.00
Purdy Auxiliary	15.00
Hannon	135.00
Cape Girardeau	8.19
DeSoto	100.00

Grace	35.00
Macedonia Auxiliary	25.00
Myrtle	60.82
Berean	10.00
Flat River, First	91.33
South Fremont	106.00
Berkeley	25.00
Rock Chapel	105.00
Lebanon	10.00
Sedalia	48.24
St. Francois Co. Qtly. Mtg.	60.00
Hurryville	30.00
West Plains	70.00
Fellowship	15.00
Joplin	25.00
Fourth	26.79
Union Light	24.00
Thayer	28.00
Cooperative Receipts	2,092.88
Total	\$3,376.25

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### COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS September 1977

20.00% Missouri State Home Missions	\$2,092.88
16.25% Promotional Department	1,700.47
4.50% General Fund	470.90
5.25% Youth Camp	549.39
2.00% GEM	209.28
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	209.28
2.00% Christian Board of Ed.—MBI	209.28
52%	5,441.48
7.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	732.52
13.00% Foreign Missions	1,360.38
9.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	941.79
7.00% Executive Department	732.51
6.50% National Home Missions	680.19
2.50% CTS	261.60
2.50% Retirement & Insurance	261.60
.25% Laymen's Board	26.16
.25% Theological Commission	26.16
48%	4,290.39
Total Disbursements	\$10,464.39

The Psalmist said, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name."

### MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING September 1977

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS	
Fourth	\$50.00
Vergel Maness	\$31.00
Bob Francis	19.00
South Side	\$94.00
Bob Francis	\$89.00
J. D. Norris	5.00
Olivet	\$50.00
Leland Horton	\$50.00
Bethel	\$31.36
Dale Smith	\$ 5.00
Vergel Maness	11.36
Bob Francis	15.00
Farmington	\$45.00
Bob Francis	\$40.00
General Fund	5.00
Thayer	\$4.00
Mark Vandivort	\$4.00
Lebanon, First	\$12.00
Bob Francis	\$10.00
General Fund	2.00
Total	\$286.36



MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS	
Thayer	\$28.00
Poplar Bluff	\$25.00
T. Owens	2.00
General Fund	1.00
Total	\$28.00

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE	
Farmington	\$25.00

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE	
Mine La Motte	\$100.00
Myrtle	100.00
Thayer	100.00
Total	\$300.00

MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP	
Fourth	\$10.00
Parkview, Desloge	10.00
Thayer	10.00
Olivet	10.00
Total	\$40.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS	
Fourth	\$331.00
Steve Lytle	\$225.00
Jerry Pinkerton	30.00
Bill Fulcher	50.00
Charolette Tallent	26.00
South Side	\$25.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$ 5.00
Charolette Tallent	15.00
Bill Fulcher	5.00
Kingsway	\$65.75
Joe Haas	\$65.75
Kirksville	\$79.57
Jerry Pinkerton	\$15.00
Howard Filkins	64.57
New Harmony Sunday School	\$74.74
Jim McLain	\$37.37
Dr. L. Miley	37.37
Walnut Grove	\$10.00
Lynn Miley	\$10.00
Olivet	\$92.00
Mabel Willey	\$20.00
Jerry Pinkerton	10.00
Lynn Miley	10.00
Bobby Poole	37.00
Howard Filkins	5.00
Lonnies Sparks	5.00
Jim McLain	5.00
Bethel	\$9.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$4.00
Charolette Tallent	5.00
Farmington	\$55.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$35.00
Howard Filkins	5.00
General Fund	15.00
Thayer	\$32.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$12.00
Dale Bishop	5.00
General Fund	15.00
Lebanon, First	\$235.55
Clint Morgan	\$117.78
Jerry Pinkerton	117.77
Black Oak	\$25.00
Eddie Payne	\$25.00
Hickory Grove	\$25.41
Steve Lytle	\$25.41
Gateway	\$25.00
Howard Filkins	\$25.00
Total	\$1,085.02

### COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS September 1977

Alton	\$ 61.00
Calvary, Conway	147.00
Lebanon, First	215.00

Fourth	187.00
Sedalia	56.57
Cartersville	27.06
Houston, First	120.09
Myrtle	92.52
Purdy	100.00
South Side	328.22
Macedonia SS	9.00
Pleasant Ridge	35.80
Berkeley	475.44
First Mission, Kansas City	77.72
Mt. Pisgah	48.00
Kirksville, First	30.00
Faith	145.52
Bailey Chapel	22.00
Monett	247.10
Kingsway	55.75
Hurryville	79.50
Hurryville	92.70
O'Fallon	86.56
Hopewell	65.00
Fredericktown, First	211.00
Hartville	128.71
New Harmony SS	6.58
Joplin	264.10
DeSoto	450.00
Poplar Bluff	10.48
Pleasant Hill	33.38
Number One	47.74
Byrd	22.54
Mine La Motte	24.00
Merl's Chapel	52.82
Verdella	94.63
Poplar Bluff	5.62
Beacon	325.50
Waynesville	91.85
Cape Girardeau	125.00
Malden	76.89
Grace	576.00
Olivet	175.00
Bethel, Festus	235.00
Cabool	111.61
Copper Mines	105.00
Buffalo	173.47
Rock Chapel	22.65
Union Grove	150.00
Marshfield	80.10
Freeman Chapel	165.08
Farmington	739.27
New Rock Springs	50.00
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Thayer	140.24
Wolf Creek	105.50
Grant Avenue	300.00
Happy Home	57.85
Old Bethel	20.00
Parkview	50.00
Myrtle	101.42
Willow Springs	182.39
Fourth	337.00
Royal Oak	28.00
Oskaloosa	72.04
Poplar Bluff	6.18
Union Light	60.50
Twin Oaks	300.00
Fordland	114.95
Cuba	45.68
Black Oak	10.00
Poplar Bluff	10.43
Leadington	189.67
Hickory Grove	49.47
Union	60.00
Central	300.00
Mill Creek	53.00
Mill Creek	69.09
New Harmony SS	6.08
Hannon	135.00
Monett	273.33
Fellowship	50.00
Gateway	60.00
Total Cooperative Receipts	\$10,464.39



# From the Desk of the Promotional Secretary

by Clarence Burton



September is one of those beautiful months! It gives us a touch of the fall with a reminder of the summer. In Missouri we can enjoy the four seasons. In thinking of the beauty of the seasons, only the wisdom of God could have prearranged the beauty and harmony of colors that give us pleasure and delight as we look upon His handiwork.

When I think of His wisdom to plan and His power to create, I am reminded of a verse of Scripture I have read several times. It is Ephesians 3:20: "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." What a promise and yet what a condition! He is able and will do, as we meet the condition of allowing Him to work through and in us.

The Lord is continuing to bless our state work. We are eternally grateful for this. The cooperative receipts for September were a little below the monthly budget; therefore, we are approximately 300 dollars below our six-month quota. However, we are running ahead of last year in ratio and, of course, in monies. But we must not let up or we will fail to meet the yearly budget. If every church would support, there would be more than enough. However, this follows the same principle of every church member not supporting the local church. Pastor, if the church you are leading is not supporting this unified plan, I am praying that you will be able to lead it to support this plan that undergirds our state work and shares in a worldwide ministry.

It was my privilege to visit these meetings and churches in September. On Friday, September 2, I met with Rev. Rufus Coffey, Dr. Malcolm Fry, and the pastors in the Kansas City area. We made some initial plans for the National Association which will meet in Kansas City next year. The following evening, I was with the Central Western Association which met with the Oskaloosa Church. We enjoyed two meals—a delicious dinner by the host church and a spiritual meal by Rev. Connie Carriker. Brother Charlie Hoover does a fine job as moderator. The next day I was glad to be with Rev. and Mrs. Bob Dickey and the Oskaloosa Church. This church has been a faithful supporter of cooperative giving. That afternoon I enjoyed a fine service at the Hannon Church. The people were celebrating their seventieth anniversary. (An article concerning this appears in this issue of the *Gem*.) Rev. Gary Elder is the pastor of this progressive church. That evening I was able to see the new

auditorium of the Marshfield Church. It is very adequate and beautiful. The fellowship with Rev. and Mrs. Dale Broyles and the church was nice. I appreciate the faithful support this church has given our state work.

It was on Friday, September 9, that I met with the Bootheel District Association. Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Williams and the Sikeston Church were host to the meeting. This association is growing and giving fine support to the state work. How wonderful to share in the Lord's work.

I began revival services with the Belton Church on Sunday, September 11, and continued through the following Wednesday evening. Rev. Bill Christensen is the pastor of this fine church. These folks made me feel at home away from home, and they are giving full support to our state ministries. It was a pleasure being in the homes of the pastor and his family and of the friendly folks of the church.

The following Sunday we especially enjoyed being with the new mission work at Fair Grove. The Lord is blessing Rev. James Crawford and his family as they lead in this new work. It is growing and they have already adopted the cooperative plan.

The last Sunday in September we were with Rev. and Mrs. J. W. King and the Wilderness Church. This was great fellowship and a delicious dinner. That evening we enjoyed being with Rev. Gary Mitchener and the Cotton Creek Church. Vivian has relatives in this church, and it is a joy to preach to and fellowship with them.

I went to Mt. Harmony to close out the month. The Northeast Association was combining a Yearly Meeting and Bible Conference with Evangelist Stanley Jones and the Jones Family Singers as guests. It was a great service. I always look forward to the fellowship of Rev. Glynn Campbell, moderator, other ministers, and the fine folks in that area.

We ask again that you continue to remember this ministry in prayer. We are so grateful for the Lord's blessings. We know that you share in this as you give your financial and prayer support. If I may be of any help to you, do not hesitate to ask.

Please make all checks payable to and mail to Missouri State Association, P. O. Box 991, Lebanon, Missouri 65536.

*With Our  
Missionaries*

Dr. and Mrs. Miley write: "Yesterday was a full day. Following the morning service, we went down to the river where four followed the Lord in baptism. Several pagans watched (and heard) from the bank, sober and thoughtful. I pray that the Holy Spirit will somehow use this experience to break through their hard shell of paganism and turn them to himself. After lunch, two carloads went to a bush



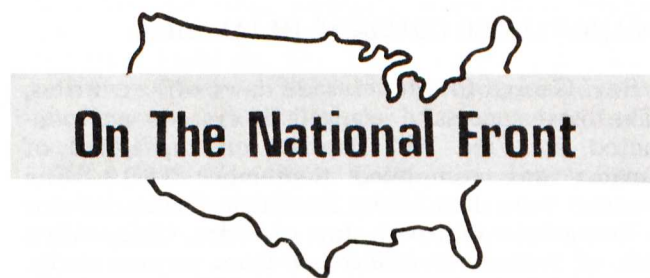
village (real bush with grass five feet tall in the road) where a Christian wanted to destroy his fetishes . . . . . Clint and Lynette and their boys left September 2 for France. Then, the Lord willing, they should be here by next Christmas . . . May God richly bless each of you. Truly we thank God for every remembrance of you. We value your prayers more than we can tell you.”

The Bobby Poole family writes: “Never before have we gotten back into the work so quickly and so smoothly. Almost everything fell into place with the minimum of difficulties. When we arrived, there was a busload of church people waiting for us. We went through customs without paying, loaded our baggage on the bus, and made the four-hour trip to Ribeirao Preto. . . . The responsibility here is great. The city has a population of over three hundred thousand and has so very little Christian witness. We need prayers for: Bob in leadership position; the teenage boys that are finishing high school and also taking courses in the Bible Institute; the Vasconcelo family that has serious illness; and a building project inasmuch as rent is so very high . . . Thanks for your continued support.”

The Fulcher family writes: “Thank you very much for your prayers for us during the recent months. As most of you know we had a safe trip back to the states the end of May, a busy summer, and are now living in a rented house in St. Charles, Missouri. . . The children seem to be happy in school. Bill has been having deputational services in Missouri, North Carolina, and Michigan. It is always a blessing to be able to visit with the churches that have been praying for and supporting us, and to share with them what the Lord is doing in Panama. If you would like to have us for a service, please contact Brother Van Kluyve at the missions office or us. Our address is 3421 La Salle, St. Charles, Missouri 63301. The telephone number is 314-724-3490 . . . Please continue to pray for the work in Panama. Recent reports of the work in Agua Buena and Betainia have been a little discouraging . . . Thank you for your financial help. Our account has been held up reasonably well since we returned, but we will have to raise a tremendous amount of money before we can return to Panama. Please continue to send your contributions to our account.”

The Robert Francis family writes: “Greetings from Minnesota! That’s right. On August the fourth we became residents of Minnesota again. I finished itinerate on a Sunday night in Muldrow, Oklahoma. I got to St. Louis late Monday afternoon and, with much help, loaded a Ryder truck on Tuesday and began our move. . . As we moved into our new home there was sadness, confusion, and joy. We were sad to leave Missouri and to know we would be separated from Becky, who had enrolled as a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College . . . We were confused with a new freeway system, school system for Bobby, and locating in a new neighborhood. We had joy because Free Will Baptists had prayed, given, and sacrificed that we might begin this work. . . There is much to be done. We know for we have been here before. But, God is good and

with His help it will be done . . . Now that we are here we will need more than ever your continued prayer and financial support.”



## NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS NEWS

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Shelby, North Carolina, was organized August 28, 1977, and became self-supporting. The work was begun by Missionary Jason Salyer in June, 1973. . . . October 2 was the first anniversary for Missionary Larry Powell in McAllen, Texas. The church will celebrate the occasion with a ground breaking ceremony for their new \$200,000.00 building. . . . Missionary David Bigger held his first service in the new church building in Ponca City, Oklahoma, August 21, 1977.

## FIRST SERVICES IN FLAGSTAFF

The Sunset Free Will Baptist Church in Flagstaff, Arizona, conducted its first service on October 2, 1977. There were 30 people from Flagstaff that attended one of the two Sunday services. There were 15 people visiting from Phoenix and Prescott, Arizona and Columbia, Missouri. The prayer meeting attendance was 16.

The mission church is sponsored by the National Home Mission and the Arizona Mission Boards. The Flagstaff Church is the eighth Free Will Baptist Church in Arizona. Mark and Louise Vandivort and family say, “We wish to thank each of you who has prayed and given to help make this beginning possible.” They request prayer for these special interests: Follow-up program, Home Bible Study, Child Evangelism, and Teen Bible Club.

If there are those who have friends or relatives in the Flagstaff area and would like for the Vandivorts to contact them, please send this information to Rev. J. Mark Vandivort, 3365 N. Loma Vista, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001 (telephone 602-526-3817).

## PASTORS’ AND WORKERS’ CONFERENCE AT FAIRMONT PARK

Heading the roster of speakers for the Pastors’ and Workers’ Conference is Dr. Bob Gray of Jacksonville, Florida. Along with him are well-known Free Will Baptists: Dr. Joe Ange, Rev. Don Pegram, Rev. Richard Adams, and Rev. Ronald Creech. The date is November 21-23.



Registration for the convention should be sent to the Pastors' and Workers' Conference, %Fairmont Park Free Will Baptist Church, 3232 Brest Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia 23509. Or this number may be called 804-855-3125.

### EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE IN JAMAICA

Rev. George C. Lee, crusade news officer, writes, "The most successful evangelistic crusade ever conducted by Free Will Baptists on the island of Jamaica was completed September 12-19. The meetings were directed by Dr. Calvin Evans, director of Evangelistic Outreach, Inc. of Pedro, Ohio, with a staff of five other evangelists from various states. Two musical teams accompanied those who preached and provided help in counseling.

Evangelist George C. Lee shared the gospel with over 600 young people at William Knibb Memorial School and 200 of them accepted Christ as Savior.

The entire evangelistic team left Jamaica feeling closer to the Lord and having the strong feeling that perhaps they were strengthened and blessed more than the Jamaicans as they observed their strong Christian witness and desire to serve God.

### FWBBC ADDS NEW WEST END PROPERTY

Free Will Baptist Bible College recently purchased its fourth piece of property on the 3600-block of West End Avenue, according to President L. C. Johnson. The 80' x 200' lot and 10-room building were bought on October 10 for \$80,000.00. The property adjoins the college's present Patton property on the west. No plans for its use have been announced.

The college's Christian Service Department continues to bear fruit in their service for the Lord. In September, the students reported 164 decisions for Christ and 218 rededications. They distributed over 11,000 tracts and dealt with 2,337 people about their souls.

### REV. GLEN JONES PROMOTED TO GLORY

On September 17, 1977 Rev. Glen Jones of Lebanon, Missouri was called to be with the Lord. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Alma Hammerand, and one son, Ferris Jones, of Lebanon, nine grandchildren and one greatgrand child. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Norma Capps, and one son, Rev. Dale Jones.

Rev. Jones was ordained to the ministry in October 1921. He held pastorates in Laclede, Miller, Wright and Dallas counties. He was serving as pastor of the 2nd Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon, Missouri when his health necessitated his resignation.

Funeral services were held at his home church, the New Home Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Clarence Burton and Reverend Joe Fulkerson officiated at the service. It was said of Rev. Jones at his memorial service, and rightly so, "He was a preacher of the Word and he lived what he preached."

### HILLSDALE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 7-11

Five missionaries will be featured during the annual Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College Missionary Conference on November 7-11, according to Rev. J. Reford Wilson, director of missions at Hillsdale.

Missionaries included in the conference activities will include Rev. Rolla Smith, general director of Foreign Missions; Rev. Robert Shockey, general director of Home Missions; Miss Barnard, first missionary sent out by the National Association; Rev. Ernie Deeds, missionary to Brazil, and Miss Arilla Wode, an appointee to the Ivory Coast, West Africa.

These will be featured in daily chapel services, classes, and nightly services on November 7-11. Evening services will begin at 7:30.

### SPECIAL NEED AT HILLSDALE

There is an urgent financial need at Hillsdale! The Executive Committee of the Missouri State Association authorized Rev. Lynn Wood to send out a letter for a special appeal. I am using this letter, *almost* in its entirety, to help in this appeal. (I am changing the month from October to November.)

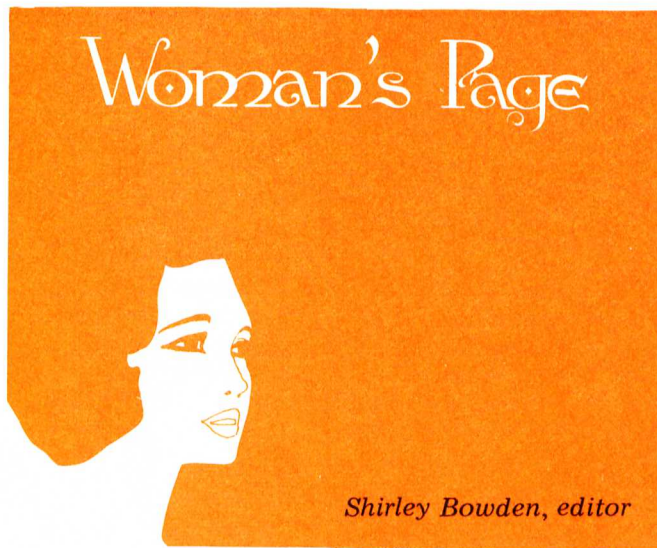
As you are aware the college raised more than the \$60,000.00 proposed to receive matching funds from the Broadhurst Foundation, for the building of Four-Plex dormitories; in fact they raised in excess of \$80,000.00. Thus \$28,000.00 was used to tie on the sewer with the city of Moore. They had to go under Interstate 35 thus incurring quite an expense. So, here is the critical need. Building costs have skyrocketed, making the extra money raised necessary for the building; and thus construction has slowed because money has been used to tie on to the new sewer system. Draining of the lagoons, landscaping and making the lagoon area ready for their designed use, plus the \$28,000.00 already spent on the sewer system, makes the need of \$40,000.00 very crucial.

Now the proposal; we would like to urge every church in Missouri to receive an extra *special* offering during the month of November.

Remember, seventeen Missouri students are there, counting on us here!

Just send your offering to our Promotional Office, Rev. Clarence Burton, P. O. Box 991, Lebanon, Missouri 65536





### News from Local Auxiliaries

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of O'Fallon, Missouri, installed new officers on May 15, 1977. They are as follows: President, Carolyn Lombard; Vice-President, Judy Hill; Secretary-Treasurer, Terry Flowers; Program Prayer Chairman, Marion Flowers; Personal Service Chairmen, June Allen and Nellie Lauritzen; Editor, Patti Sutton; and Historian, Sharon Hamilton.

The installation service was held with Karen Stephens giving the purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary, stressing that our main emphasis in auxiliary is missions. Carolyn Lombard then spoke on "Who is Responsible?" Following that, slides were shown on our mission work in Old Mexico. Geneva Gremminger sang "So Send I You" and "Follow Me." Brother Bob Allen prayed the dedication prayer. Each month the auxiliary has a special Project. The following is a list of some of the projects: the state project, which goes to missions, that was adopted at the state meeting; the youth camp at Niangua; books for the church library; the WNAC General fund; purchasing flags and hymnals for the new sanctuary; and giving approximately \$400.00 towards purchasing choir robes.

A study course is being planned for the month of November to be given by Karen Stephens. She will be reviewing the book entitled *An Introduction to the Study of Missions* followed up later by Glenda Fulcher, missionary to Panama.

The auxiliary continued to grow during the summer months for which we are thankful. (Submitted by Patti Sutton)

Things are really starting to buzz around the Mountain Grove Auxiliary. We are planning a Tupperware party to get some special items for the provision closet.

Our ladies voted to sponsor a family night for our entire church to be held one Wednesday night each month before prayer meeting. This month it will be a potluck dinner along with our special WNAC emphasis program. We haven't been doing much with our pre-weeks of prayer the past year or so, and we're going to kick this off again with some new

enthusiasm.

We are saving our small coins each month to be given to the Student Loan Fund in the spring. Our Action Group is planning a Silent Auction with the money going to some of our special action projects.

We enjoyed a very special program at our regular monthly meeting, Oct. 3, 1977. Our program chairman, Jo Ann Wood, really did a good job on Spiritual Fashions. She was complete with a lovely costume from the 50's and she brought some very good points on how Christian women should fashion their lives.

The Leah Mae Study Group served refreshments after the meeting. The Mary-Martha prayer group is sponsoring a cottage prayer meeting each month in the home of a shut-in or older member. They are having good Bible studies. (Submitted by Jo Hurtt)

### Treasurers' Report 1976-1977 State Project Hanna's Handy Helpers

April 30 Balance Brought Forward	\$2,390.49
Mountain Grove Auxiliary	10.00
Houston Auxiliary	20.00
Waynesville Auxiliary	10.00
Bethel Auxiliary (West Plains)	15.00
Merl's Chapel Auxiliary	10.00
South Side Auxiliary	39.00
August 31, 1977 Total	\$2,494.29

### 1977-1978 State Projects

<b>Pinkertons on Wheels</b>	
Macedonia Auxiliary	\$200.00
Thayer Auxiliary	40.00
Myrtle Auxiliary	50.00
Willow Springs Auxiliary	1.29
Bethel Auxiliary (Festus)	6.33
Grace Auxiliary	8.50
South Side Auxiliary	22.00
August 31, 1977 Total	\$328.12

### Francises to the Field

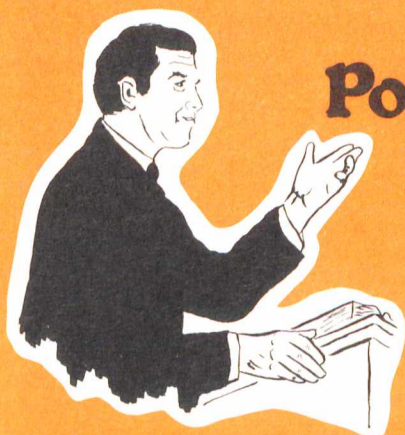
Farmington Auxiliary	\$10.00
Myrtle Auxiliary	50.00
Willow Springs Auxiliary	1.29
Cuba Auxiliary	10.00
Bethel Auxiliary (Festus)	79.00
Grace Auxiliary	8.50
South Side Auxiliary	3.90
August 31, 1977 Total	\$163.29

### Missouri Home Mission Loan Fund

Northeast District Auxiliary	\$30.00
Mountain Grove Auxiliary	10.00
Willow Springs Auxiliary	2.84
Myrtle Auxiliary	50.00
Bethel Auxiliary (Festus) 1	66.33
Grace Auxiliary	8.50
South Side Auxiliary	3.90
August 31, 1977 Total	\$111.57

The total offering received at the retreat for Glenda Fulcher was \$196.55.





## Points for Pastors

by Jim McAllister

The pastor must visit his people, his prospects, his sick, and his unsaved, and he must visit much.

A casual study of the Bible shows that *Jesus* visited His flock. Pastoral calls to Mary and Martha, innumerable visits to the sick and dying, as well as to the bereaved, were a common task of our Lord. We know He visited the unsaved. Peter, John, and Paul were *visiting* pastors.

Zechariah 11:16 talks of a "shepherd in the land, which shall not visit those that be cut off" and Jeremiah 23:2 refers to a shepherd who scatters the flock and "have not visited them."

The "visitation" in both Old and New Testaments at its core is "oversight that shows concern for." The idea of visiting is closely related to the matter of shepherding. The pastor is a shepherd over the flock. It is his business to watch over the flock, and he can do this best by visiting them. So it is safe to say that God expects the pastor to visit his people.

There is a general visitation ministry which involves all kinds of visitation. There is a specific congregational ministry when the pastor goes out with specific goals in mind. Then there is personal individual ministry. Here the pastor goes out to help a particular individual.

Before beginning a visitation ministry, the pastor would do well to study a good book on etiquette. This might save him some embarrassing experiences.

**MAKE HOME CALLS:** Set a goal of at least 40 calls per week. The pastor comes as the representative of Jesus Christ. Lead the conversation around to a discussion of Jesus Christ. Don't make the calls either too lengthy or too short. Scripture reading and prayer are always appropriate. Keep these rules in mind: Don't visit during mealtime; or if they have company; or if you will interrupt a planned outing. Keep in mind that you are there to help them grow in their spiritual life and show them the love of God.

**VISITING THE SICK:** (Matthew 25:31-36 and James 5) A ministry of mercy—visiting the sick, the bereaved, the imprisoned, and the needy—led by the pastor, carried on by the deacons, and enlisting all the congregation is a necessary part of any church's ministry. When visiting the sick:

1. Plan the visit—Why is the patient in the hospital? Is it wise to visit now?
2. Go on request, or on a short pastoral call.
3. Recognize that the needs for visiting are to glorify God and encourage the sick.
4. Be sure to display a happy spirit.
5. Obey hospital rules.
6. Quote Scripture and pray.
7. Never lie to patients.
8. Always witness about Christ.