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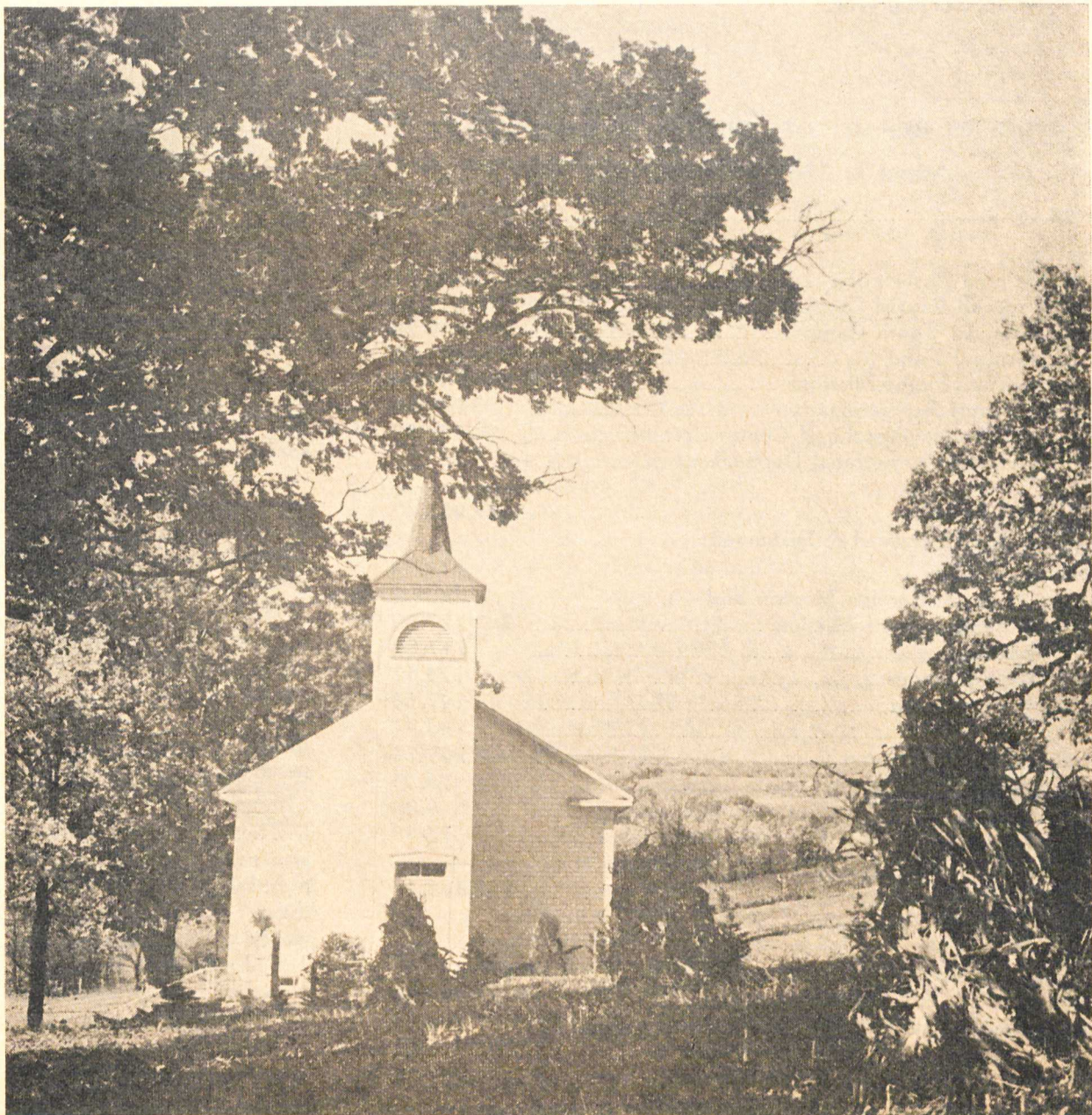
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60 % for National Association	\$10,790.01
05 % for Freewill Baptist Gem	899.20
05 % for Missouri Youth Camp	899.20
05 % for General Fund	899.20
03 % for Missouri Home Missions	539.54
01 % for Missouri Superannuation	179.80
01 % for Skyline Neighborhood Center	179.80
20 % for Missouri Promotional Department	3,596.67

\$17,983.42

Designated Gifts: Received & Disbursed:

Missions:

75 % National Foreign Mission and 25 % National Home Mission	\$ 227.63
Foreign Missions	117.80
National Home Missions	173.51
Missouri Home Mission	547.36
Missouri Youth Camp	48.94
Tennessee Children's Home	265.70
National League Department	16.13
Miley's Fund	6.00
Bill & Joy Jones Fund	73.40

\$ 1,476.47

Gem Fund:

Received:

Co-op fund	\$ 899.20
Subscriptions	1,398.39
Balance forwarded July 31, 1961	184.63

\$ 2,482.22

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THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

August has been a busy month indeed. The first two weeks I attended six yearly meetings: Liberty, at Youth Camp Grounds; Central Western, at Verdella Church; Ozark Association, at Mt. Tabor Church, near Camdenton; Indian Creek, at Joplin; Mission, at Mt. Grove; and South East Mo., at Desloge. Each association had good spiritual services and reported progress for the year.

Our State Association convened at Berkley City Church, which was a good yearly meeting in every way. Good preaching and new goals set for each department of our work. Following the state meeting, I went over the line north to our only church in Iowa, located in Bettendorf.

There is a great challenge here. This is a new organization and they are in a building program now. Pray for them. Since returning to Missouri 43 weeks ago, I have been in more than 100 Free Will Baptist Churches, preached in 98 churches and explained the co-operative plan of giving. Fifty-seven of these churches were not on the co-operative plan. Since then 24

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SERMON OF THE MONTH



Rev. Floyd Arnold, pastor of Faith Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri.

"Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

First of all let me say that I am not a pessimist, but an optimist, a minister of the Grace of God for human salvation, and this message is not to terrify or depress, but to warn of the grave danger of the hour.

It doesn't take an eagle's eye today to see that the world in which we live is in great distress. Something far more devastating than an earthquake has jarred the world out of its course and is breaking it to pieces.

Many clear thinking men in high places are deeply troubled about the things they see coming upon the earth and they do not hesitate to declare that the world cannot recover from its hurt unless by a miracle.

Discontent is something in the hearts of millions and unrestrained passions are being let loose on the world.

It is not surprising that thinking men everywhere are looking for anarchy,

lawlessness, the overthrow of civilization and complete chaos.

Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, in his address to the American Society of International Law on May 13, 1940, said this:

"The specter of a new descent into the conditions of International Anarchy which characterized the dark ages looms on the horizon today.

I am profoundly convinced that it menaces the civilized existence of mankind of every nation, every individual should be actively on guard."

Professor Guglielmo Ferrers of the University of Geneva, said this as far back as August 10, 1939.

"Fear, hatred between states, social classes, parties, growing distress in the whole world; the progressive sterilization of capital and labor, the degradation of intelligence, more and more enslaved to might, the confusion of all standards of measure, intellectual and moral anarchy, in which good and evil, truth and falsehood, reason of madness, right and wrong are distorted to such a point that it is discriminate between them: Selfishness, violence, ferocity which are becoming more and more the rule in relations between men and states."

Yes, we will have to agree, all of this has come to pass and I dare say that our civilization is doomed and I believe, within this generation.

The eyes of this country's citizens are fixed almost constantly on the recurring explosive international situations and as a result the thought stirs uneasily in many a mind: Is America on the way out?

A Christian Psychologist, H. C. Witherington, in his book Psychology

Mobilization of our forces

and on an all out offensive

Ephesians 6:11-24

Of Religion, has analyzed the decline of a Nation to be on this order.

1. A Nation forgets God.
2. Mental behavior deteriorates.
3. Physical wreck and national bondage complete the ruin.

Toynbee, a noted historian, states that the characteristic sign of a civilization that is on the way out is a widespread contempt for moral law and order.

Is this true today?

Let us take a brief look at some statistics. There is a murder every 58 minutes, a forcible rape every 34 minutes, aggravated assault every 4 minutes, a robbery every 6 minutes and growing worse by the day. A serious crime every 15 seconds, a burglary every 1 minute, a car theft every 2 minutes, more suicides than ever before. During the past five years 4,000 children between the ages of five and eighteen committed suicide, more divorces than ever before.

Televisions and movies are deluding the youths minds.

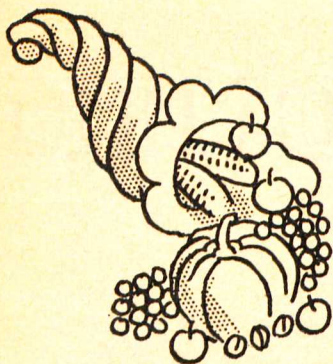
When Nikita Krushchev visited Hollywood he was shown only one movie set, asked what he thought about it he said, "it represented decadence."

Recently the screen industry solemnly announced that henceforth perversion and homosexuality would no longer be barred from the screen provided the subjects were handled with delicacy and taste. May God help us to realize that they are drowning our children in violence and vice.

Yes, America is in an advanced moral decline.

Remember the Christian psychologist and historian states that the characteristic sign of a nation that is on the way

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GLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD

Leah Fund Draws Enthusiastic Response

There is real testimony to the great esteem in which the late Leah Waddell was held by her fellow FWBBC alumni in the warmly received memorial fund. A recent letter to alumni from Jack Paramore announced this fund.

To this date, July 27, \$930.82 has been so designated. A part of the alumni building plaque is to include an appropriate statement which will indicate the sum given on the memorial.

This response has been a real boost to the alumni drive during the otherwise slow summer months.

Pastoral Change

The Rev. Dales Jones, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River has accepted the pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church at Lebanon, Mo. and he and his family left the latter part of August for their new location.

The Jones family, Dale, Farron and two children, David and Beth, have been very faithful in the church work. Under their three years leadership the church has prospered both spiritually and materially. There has been an abundance of additions to the church. The educational building was completely redecorated, a new modern public address system was installed throughout the church and various other improvements have been made on the church property, including the complete furnishing of the church office.

Under Mrs. Jones leadership there has been an A-1 Woman's Auxiliary organized and four branches from the Auxiliary which includes Y. P. A., G. T. A., B. A.'s and the Missionary Midgets and these age groups take in from the eighteen year olds on down through the four year olds.

The Sunday School and League have also grown spiritually and materially.

The Rev. Jones has been active in the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting of which he served as moderator and has participated in the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting, Missouri State Association and National Association of Free Will Baptists. During his stay here he has worked faithfully with the Vacation Bible School and each school has seen boys and girls make their decisions for Christ. Also the church has had inspirational revivals. He has been active as an honorable member of the Christian Business Men's Committee. He served as president of the Flat River Ministerial Alliance and was a regular speaker on the morning devotional on radio station K. F. M. O.

The church regrets seeing the Jones family leave, but pray God's richest blessings on them and they will be sincerely missed in all phases of the church and denominational work of the area.

Mission Rally

The Fifth Sunday Mission Rally of the Central Western Missouri Association convened with the Wagoner Free Will Baptist Church near Stockton, Missouri July 29, 1962. Following the Sunday School time, Bro. Charley Hoover, the president, took charge of the service. The congregation was asked to sing "Victory In Jesus" and "Amazing Grace," after which Bro. Orville Fogar led in prayer. Rev. Lester Hilton brought to us the morning message using as his text, I Corinthians 15:58. His theme was "Being Steadfast, Unmovable." We were dismissed for the noon hour by Bro. Ross Thomas.

The afternoon session began with the singing of "Heavenly Sunlight." The devotion was by Rev. Austin and prayer by Bro. Kenneth Smith. The program for the afternoon consisted of choruses, readings and different groups rendering special numbers.

During the business session the old officers were re-elected for the coming year.

The next session will meet with the Independence Free Will Baptist Church near Stockton, Missouri September 30, 1962. A speaker for this service will be chosen by the host church. We were then dismissed in prayer by Sis. Lowell Martin.

Worldwide Bible Reading

Christians in America are being urged to join with Christians in fifty other countries in the 19th annual program of Worldwide Bible Reading, sponsored by the American Bible Society.

Every day, from Thanksgiving to Christmas, in what has been called "the world's largest Bible reading class, millions of people throughout the world will read simultaneously a pre-selected passage from the Bible, each in his own language.

One American Christian has written



REV. O. T. ALLRED: Moderator of the State Association for the coming year.

that, for him, "taking part in Worldwide Bible Reading is an experience of the highest type of Christian unity. When I read the selected passages from my own Bible, and know that the verses I am reading are being read at the same time by millions of other Christians of many denominations, nationalities and races, all over the world, I realize that through the Word of God we are truly bound together in one worldwide Christian fellowship.

"Far more important that our individual differences of belief and practice and interpretation is our common dependence on the Bible for our knowledge of Christ and His teachings."

The suggested readings are listed in the Worldwide Bible Reading book-mark, of which over thirteen million copies are distributed free each year in English alone.

A sample bookmark is included in a free packet of Worldwide Bible Reading materials being mailed this month to about 180,000 pastors. If your church has not received its packet by September 30th, you can get one by writing the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

The idea for Worldwide Bible Reading originated during World War II, when a lonely Marine on Guadalcanal wrote his family in Philadelphia to suggest that they seek to maintain close spiritual ties by agreeing on selected Bible passages in advance and reading them together on the assigned day, wherever each member of the family might happen to be. At the request of the mother, the American Bible Society provided a list of suggested readings. A year later the Society published a similar list for general use, and the program was soon adopted by churches and individual Christians in many parts of the world.

PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP

(July 1, 1962 to June 30, 1963)

Proposed Receipts:

State Cooperative Fund	\$1,000.00
Free Will Offering	1,400.00
Registration (Meals, Tuition & Insurance)	2,600.00
From Renters	90.00
Refreshment Stand	1,140.00
Renting of Camp	260.00
Amount for Improvements (Special Projects—New Well)	1,300.00

Total Proposed Receipts \$7,790.00

Expenditures:

Utilities	\$ 400.00
Groceries (Meats, Milk & Commodities)	1,450.00
Supplies for Refreshment Stand	931.78
Insurance	425.00
Kitchen Help (Cook & Helper)	200.00
Labor on Improvements	300.00
Material for Improvements	250.00
Labor on Preparing Camp for Session	250.00
Mileage for Board Members & Camp Personnel	425.00
Paper plates, Cups, etc.	210.00
Restroom Supplies	50.00
Crier (Supplies, Paper & Printing)	75.00
Postage	17.50
Printing (Program, Cards, etc.)	80.00
Locker Rent	12.00
Amount Paid Caretaker During Session	200.00
(Regular & Rented) Bible School & Other Literature	60.00
Repairs & Labor	275.00
Incidentals (Gas & Oil For Tractor, etc.)	325.00
Amount to be Paid on Out- standing Bills	553.72
New Well	1,140.00
Other Improvements	160.00
Total Expenditures	\$7,790.00

OFFICERS OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION

Moderator: Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett,
Missouri.
Assistant Moderator: Rev. O. T. Dix-
on, Mtn. Grove, Missouri.
Clerk: Rev. Chesley R. Hill, Valley
Park, Missouri.
Treasurer: Rev. Harry Beatty, St.
Louis, Missouri.

New Members Elected To General Board

Cave Springs Ass'n.: Davey Combs.
Central Western Ass'n.: Glen Rehkop.
Indian Creek Ass'n.: James McCully.
Laclede County Ass'n.: Bill Eden.
Liberty Ass'n.: Ronald Clifford.

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Rev. O. T. DIXON: Assistant
Moderator of State Association for
coming year.

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Rev. Elmer Turnbough.

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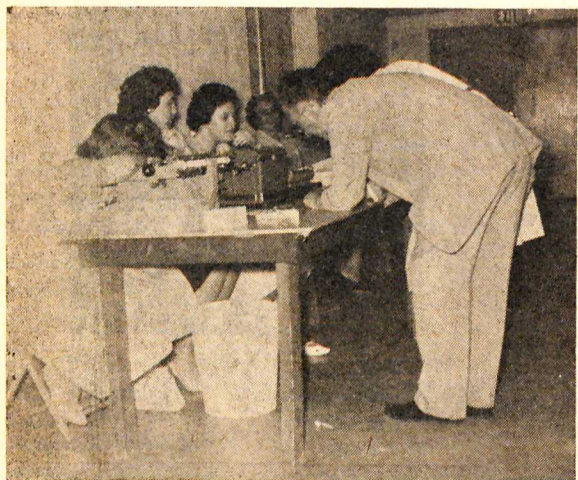
Sunday School and League Board:

Rev. Albert Halbrook.
Mr. Hubert Harral.
Rev. James Earl Raper.
Rev. Albert McFarland.
Lawrence Combs.

ALUMNI CHAPTER MEETS

The Missouri State Alumni Chapter met during the State Association with approximately twenty-five present. Rev. Charles Thigpen brought the after-dinner message stressing the various items needed at our Bible College and what we as friends and Alumni need to do to help. At the close of the meeting the following officers were elected: President, Rev. Grover Terry of Springfield, Mo.; Assistant Moderator, Rev. James Earl Raper of Flat River, Mo.; Sec.-Treas., Sis. Dorris Raper of Flat River, Mo.; Assistant Sec.-Treas., Rev. Chesley R. Hill of Valley Park, Mo.

State Meeting



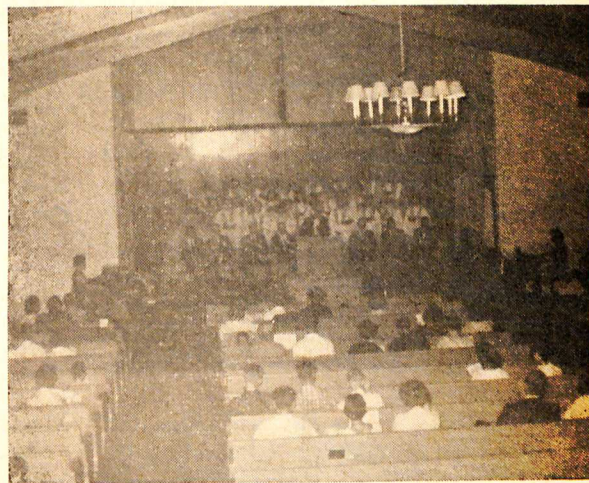
Registration—More than 500 Registered



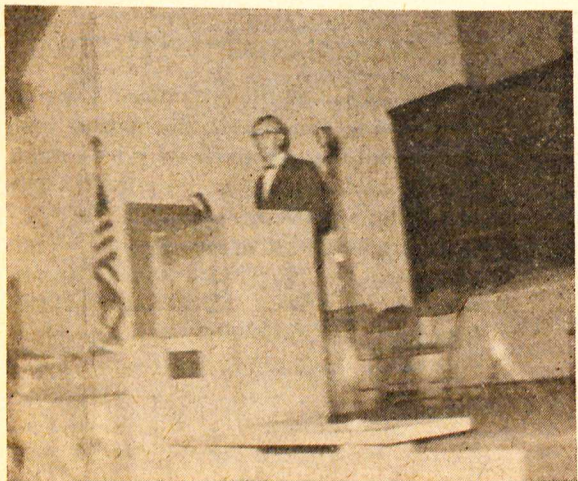
Rev. Roger Reeds Calls the Session to Order



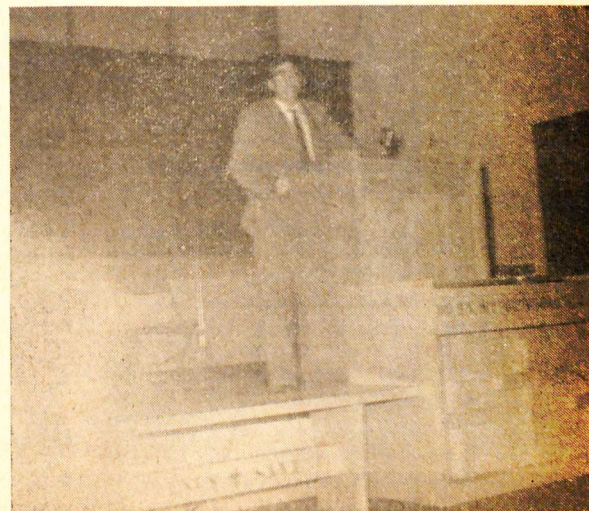
Rev. Davie Combs Leads in the first Devotion



The Berkeley Choir Sings

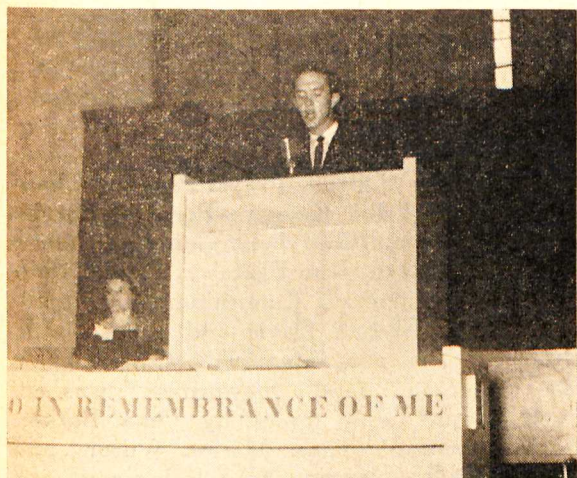


Rev. Lester Jones Delivers the Introductory Message



Rev. Dan Cronk Preaches

In Pictures



Gordan Beatty Sings a Solo



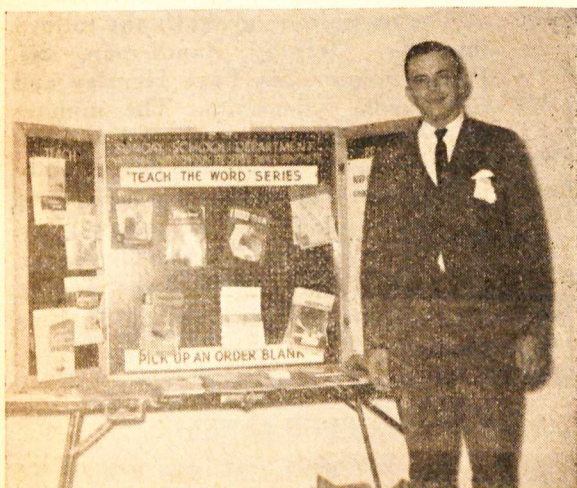
Linda Dixon Gives a Reading



Sis. Trula Cronk Speaks



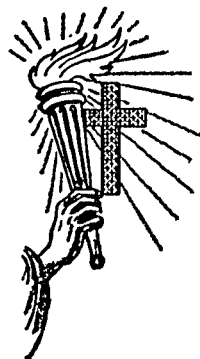
The Officers of the State Woman's Auxiliary



Rev. Roger Reeds Sells Sunday School Material



Sis. Eunice Edwards and the Model for the G. T. A. Outfit.



Woman's Auxiliary

NOTICE

ALL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY NEWS SHOULD NOW BE SENT TO:

MRS. LESTER JONES

502 W. ELIZABETH,

KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI.

INSTEAD OF THE "GEM" OFFICE IN ST. LOUIS

FROM WEST PLAINS:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church met August 6th at the church with nine members and one visitor present. The meeting was opened by singing, "Take My Life and Let It Be." The president, Sis. Claudie Combs, read from Mark 12:41-44 and Matt. 26:7-13. Prayer by Gracie Stevens.

In our business meeting we voted to have a bake sale and a rummage sale August 18th. The Program Chairman, Addie Atkinson, led us in the presentation of our program. Topics were given by Gracie Stevens, Eudine Atkinson, Hattie Sims and Louise Lewis. Our closing prayer was by Ruby Blankenship.

Cor. -Sec., Ruby Blankenship

FROM KANSAS CITY:

The New Hope Woman's Auxiliary met August 7, 1962 with ten members and one visitor present. The service was opened with a hymn and an altar prayer. The topics of our study course were given by Helen McAllister, Carrie Ross, Joan Jones and Barbara Stephens. We were dismissed in prayer.

Immediately following the benediction, a shower was held in the dining room hall for Rev. and Mrs. Jack McAllister.

FROM JOPLIN:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church met

August 13th for their regular monthly meeting. There were ten members and one visitor present. The opening hymn was "Give of Your Best to the Master." The president, Mildred Hutchings, read from Mark 12:41-44 and Matthew 26:7-13. Prayer by Dessa Byrd.

The Program Chairman, Mrs. Hollingsworth, gave the introduction to our lesson and the topics were given by the following: Shirley Hunter, Doris Cantrell, Edna Haynes and Mildred Gandy.

Our business session included plans for a rummage sale and the adoption of a Home Missionary and his family (Rev. and Mrs. Mack Owens).

We were dismissed in prayer by Barbara Oxendine.

Our refreshments were served in our new building, recently purchased by the church for classrooms.

FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River had their monthly meeting August 7th in fellowship hall of the church. The theme was, "Near the Cross," and the opening remarks were made by President, Farron Jones, followed with the Scripture reading. Prayer was offered by Alberta Davis.

During the business session, new officers were elected: President, Genevieve White; Vice President, Eileen Hard; Secretary, Jean Blakeley; Treas., Oma Barker; Study Course Chairman,

Lizzie Williams; Prayer Program Chairman, Edith Keeney; Personal Service Chairman, Marybelle Gammon; Youth Chairman, Jean Blakeley; Pianist, Shirley Vineyard; Entertainment Committee, Alberta Davis and Lillie Smith.

The program, "The Christian Woman: God's Stewardess," was enjoyed with topics by Oma Barker, Lizzie Williams, Marion Wilson, and Beulah Henson. The closing song was "Take the Name of Jesus," followed with the benediction by Genevieve White.

The retiring president, Farron Jones, was presented a farewell gift from the Auxiliary. The Rev. and Mrs. Dale Jones and family will be leaving the later part of August for Lebanon where they will reside as they have accepted the pastorate of the Free Will Baptist Church there.

Cor. -Sec., Jean Blakeley

FROM KANSAS CITY:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Victory Free Will Baptist Church met July 24th with eight members present. The meeting was called to order by the singing of the song, "Bringing In the Sheaves." Prayer by Sis. Fredia Klingsmith. Scripture by Sis. Eula Payne.

The topics were given by the following: Sis. Dorothy Randleman, Sis. Fanny Painter, Sis. Faye Hensley and Sis. Fredia Klingsmith. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Also we voted to have monthly projects. New officers were elected for the coming year as follows: Sis. Larna Blackard, Sis. Carlene Clevenger, Sis. Reva Prinz and Sis. Faye Taylor. The benediction was given by Sis. Eula Payne.

FROM COPPER MINES:

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the church August 14th for their monthly program study. Meeting was called to order by the president, Sis. Esther

Hovis. Songs, "I Surrender All" and "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Prayer by Sis. Edith Underwood. We then had a very good testimonial service. The report from the Yearly Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was given by Sis. Christine Halbrook. We had our Scripture reading and then the topics were given by Sis. Marquerite Darnell, Sis. Esther Hovis, Sis. Madge Hovis and Sis. Christine Halbrook. The benediction by Sis. Narie Graham.

Cor.-Sec., Dorothy Hovis

FROM SPRINGFIELD:

The Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met at the church July 19th with twelve members and two visitors answering roll call. We sang, "Bringing In the Sheaves" and then were led in prayer by Sis. Braxine Evans. The Scripture reading was taken from the Book of Jonah. We dismissed into our different Auxiliaries.

During the Ladies' business meeting, the following items of business were conducted: reports of various committees were given; report of the Secretary-Treasurer of the work done in the past year. Motion made and carried that the Corresponding Secretary send flowers to those who are in the hospital.

Our program followed with Sis. Marilyn Boaz, Sis. Braxine Evans, Sis. Cathy Green, Sis. Olive Smith and Sis. Jean Grissom giving topics.

The Y. P. A. reported that their project for the coming year was to collect coupons to be redeemed for the orphanage. The G. T. A. project is to send a book or game to some child that is in the hospital. We were dismissed in prayer by Orville Points.

FROM NORTH EAST MISSOURI:

The North East Missouri Woman's Auxiliary Rally was opened by singing, "Joy Unspeakable." Rev. Cletus Nichols led in prayer. After the next congregational song, our president brought the devotion from I John 3:1 and I John 4:9-13. Sis. Myrtle Jones and Sis. Bernice Thomas sang, "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus."

The program was as follows:

A quartet number, "Oh, What A Saviour," by Hazel Creek Church.

A reading by Sis. Mildred Gilliam entitled, "The Closed Door."

Duet, "Hold My Hand Precious Lord" by Sis. Mona Chrisman and her daughter.

A reading, "Tommy's Prayer" by Sis. Sylvia Sevits.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sevits sang a duet, "Homesick for Heaven."

Prayer by Sis. Myrtle Jones.

Rev. Jim McLain then brought the evening message using as his text a portion of Luke, the fifth chapter.

It was announced that a Youth Bible Conference would be held in November starting on Thanksgiving Day and continuing through Saturday.

We were dismissed in prayer by Sis. Annabell Riley.

Sec.-Treas., Sis. Leona Thompson

FROM KANSAS CITY:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Victory Free Will Baptist Church met August 6th with nine members present. The meeting was called to order by the president, Sis. Evelyn Rehkop. The opening song was, "I Gave My Life for Thee." Prayer by Sis. Eula Payne. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. The Scripture reading was taken from the Book of Mark by Sis. Faye Hensley.

The introduction to the program was given by Sis. Faye Taylor and the topics were given by Sis. Carlene Clevenger, Sis. Eula Payne, Sis. Rena High and Sis. Fredia Klingensmith. At the close of the program we were dismissed in prayer.

Cor.-Sec., Dorothy Randleman

FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Fellowship Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met at the church on Wednesday, August 8, 1962 at 7:30 p. m. for our Co-Laborer Study. Devotional by our president, Doris Raper. Song, "Follow Jesus," followed by Scripture reading. Prayer by Sis. Ollie Smith.

Business session:

Reading of the minutes and treasurer's report by Sis. Alberta Turley.

Thirty dollars was sent to the Waids to buy school clothes for the children.

Song, "I Gave My Life for Thee." The service was turned over to Sis. Edith Brooks for our study.

Topic 1: "To Him that Needeth," by Sis. Hilderbrand.

Topic 2: "Of the Gospel," by Minnie Burcham.

Topic 3: "Of Your Life," by Doris Raper.

Topic 4: "With What Results," by Bernice Dodd.

Dismissed by Wanda Ragsdale.

Cor.-Sec., Minnie Burcham

FROM NORTH EAST MISSOURI:

The North East Missouri Woman's Auxiliary Conference assembled in conference July 20, 1962 at the Kirksville Free Will Baptist Church with the president presiding. The first item of the day was the appointing of the Nominating, Resolution and Appreciation committees. The afternoon session began with the congregation singing, led by Sis. Joan Filkins. The theme was, "Blessed Are Ye that Sow Beside All Waters." The Watchword was "With-Hold Not Thine Hand." Led in prayer by Sis. Carey. Sis. Jones brought the devotion from Ecclesiastes 11:1-6. Prayer by Sis. Jones. The reports from the various Auxiliaries were read as information.

The committees brought their reports and all of them were accepted. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Sis. Myrtle Jones; Vice President, Sis. Mildred Gillian; Youth Chairman, Sis. Margie Sevits; Stewardship-Prayer Chairman, Sis. Alta Mikel; Study Course Chairman, Sis. Velma Willman; Personal Service Chairman, Sis. Hilda Nichols and Secretary-Treasurer, Sis. Leona Thompson. Prayer by Sis. Jacobs.

An essay, "The Worth of the Family Altar," was given by Sis. Eva Pearl Sponsler. The rest of the program was as follows: Duet, "Is Your All On the Altar?" by Rev. and Mrs. Cletus Nichols. A solo, "Our Best," by Mona Chrisman. A poem was given by Mrs. Fern Kelsey entitled "Growth." A playlet called "Know Your Auxiliary" was presented by the Kirksville Church's Auxiliary. Rev. and Mrs. Jim McLain gave their testimonies concerning their plan for going to the mission field. A special prayer was had on their behalf led by Sis. Joan Filkins. The minutes were read and accepted. We were dismissed in prayer by Sis. Stella Gates.

Sec.-Treas., Leona Thompson

NOTICE

to

ALL CHURCH TREASURERS

Please make all checks to the Cooperative Plan of Support Payable to:

Missouri State Association
Of Free Will Baptists

Thank You



THE MISSION FIELD

Annual Missionary Conference Set October 9-10

NASHVILLE, TENN.—

The Thirteenth Annual Missionary Conference at Free Will Baptist College is set for October 9-10. A capacity crowd is expected to converge on the college's Memorial Auditorium for the yearly event.

Representing the denomination's foreign mission department on the program will be missionaries in the states on furlough—the Daniel Cronks from India, Dave Franks from Brazil, and the Dan Merks and Lonnie Sparkses from Ivory Coast, Africa. Other special features are planned.

The board of foreign missions will meet in semi-annual session during the week. Interviews are scheduled with candidates and furloughed missionaries in addition to regular items of business.

Ivory Coast Missionaries Are Robbery Victims

ABIDJAN, IVORY COAST—

Free Will Baptist missionaries became victims of hit and run money snatchers while shopping in this city for the Ivory Coast Free Will Baptist Mission.

The Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones were robbed of 200,000 francs, \$816.32 in American money, while shopping in an Abidjan store.

Missionary Jones, acting field director for the Ivory Coast, had come to Abidjan to withdraw necessary mission operating funds from the local bank. A deposit of \$1,230.00 had arrived, one month's operating expenses for the Ivory Coast work. He immediately withdrew approximately two thirds to meet immediate needs. It was this amount that was stolen.

The couple had placed the funds in Mrs. Jones' purse as a safety precaution. The purse was carried on her arm the entire time. However, while in the store Mrs. Jones discovered the purse open and the money gone.

Such thefts are a common occurrence in Abidjan, and neither the store di-

rector nor the police gave any encouragement regarding apprehending the thief or recovering the stolen money.

What We Have Helped To Do For Home Missions

In **Waipahu, Hawaii** four were saved under the ministry of Brother Luther Sanders and ten ladies attended the Woman's Auxiliary meeting.

In **Vancouver, Washington** seven were baptized and came into the new church under the ministry of Brother Johnnie Postlewaite. A parsonage and church building were purchased.

In **Anchorage, Alaska** Brother Lee Whaley conducted a very successful Vacation Bible School assisted by Joy Rice and Rudene Kennedy. Average attendance was near seventy.

In **Washington, D. C.** the work is growing even in these summer months, with three being baptized according to Brother Kenneth Walker.

In **Monterrey, N. L., Mexico** nine members were added to the church reports Brother Arthur Billows.

These are days that challenge us as never before to "step up" our missionary program. Your prayers are sincerely requested.

Yours in Him,
H. E. Willis
Director-Treasurer

National Home Mission Offerings

MISSOURI—Receipts for July, 1962

W. N. A. C., Hqts.	\$ 2.50
South Side F. W. B. Church,	
St. Louis	29.10
Mo. State Ass'n. of F. W. B.,	
St. Louis	6.42
First F. W. B. Church,	
Fredericktown	20.00
Finis E. Sorrell, Thayer	1.00
New Harmony S. S.,	
Greentop	39.22
Beginner S. S. Class of	
Victory F. W. B. Church,	
Avondale	3.76
H. S. Vandivort, Cabool	20.00
Grant Ave., F. W. B. Church,	
Springfield	50.00

Berkeley F. W. B. League	5.00
Fellowship F. W. B. Church,	
Flat River	10.00
Grant Ave. Missionary Mid-	
gets, Springfield	1.00
Mrs. A. E. Fry, Monett	10.00
Mary & Martha Circle,	
Mountain Grove	5.00
New Rock Springs Church,	
Mountain Grove	15.21
Bertha L. Dennis, Mountain	
Grove	1.00
Martinstown F. W. B. Church,	
Worthington	10.00
Oma L. Scott, Mountain	
Grove	5.00
Richwoods F. W. B. Church	20.00
Myrtle F. W. B. Church	5.00
Rutha Altis, Independence ..	14.00
Grant Ave. Adult League,	
Springfield	5.00
Aulsbury Chapel Mary &	
Martha S. S., Bonne Terre	10.00

TOTAL \$288.21

Foreign Mission Offerings

MISSOURI—July, 1962

No. 1 F. W. B. Church of	
Christ	\$ 8.80
Anonymous	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Barker	2.00
South Side F. W. B.	
Church	93.80
Grant Avenue F. W. B.	
League	10.00
New Harmony Sunday	
School	35.68
Missouri State Association	19.24
Oma L. Scott	3.00
Oak Grove Sunday School	
Class	15.00
Free Will Baptist Church,	
Fredericktown	40.00
Trinity F. W. B. Church	210.00
Y. P. A., Springfield	4.00
Willow Springs Church	12.64
Happy Ridge Woman's	
Auxiliary	10.00
Hurryville F. W. B. Church	29.53
Hazel Creek Union Church	59.22




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An Unprecedented Challenge

\$100,000.00 In Two Weeks

OCTOBER 14-28, 1962

Remember The "Two Big Weeks" In October

-  **TELL** others about this opportunity to share in the Free Will Baptist future. Encourage them to have a part.
-  **PRAY** for the provision of this need and the extension of our ministry around the world.
-  **GIVE** to make possible this much needed building which will house the various departments of our work.

TOGETHER WE WILL

SHARE

HOW DO WE PROPOSE to raise the \$125,000.00 needed for this new building? We invite you to share in the Free Will Baptist future. You may do this through the purchase of a share.

The plan is this. We are praying for 1,500 individuals and 500 churches that will buy one or more shares in our future. All shares are in the amount of \$50.00. When payment for a share is received, the church or individual will receive an attractive 8½ x 5½ share. (Your share is actually a gift, but this is our permanent record to you of your share in our future.)

Churches or individuals that buy five or more shares will be "Advancement Contributors." These churches and individuals will be listed on a bronze plaque to be placed in the entrance hall of the new building.

Your indication now, on the opposite form, of your desire to share in our future will be a great inspiration to us. We dare not fail to meet the challenge which is ours as Free Will Baptists. Thank you for your consideration of this need and may God bless you.

During the recent session of the National Association announcement was made of an effort to raise \$100,000.00 in two weeks. Because of the very rapid development of our denominational ministries it was felt that a bold move was needed to meet the challenge of a new Headquarters Building.

Never in the history of Free Will Baptists have we undertaken such a task, but because it is our desire to continue the expansion of our ministry to the glory of God and the salvation of souls, we are giving ourselves to this effort.

We are anxious that you join with us now in prayer that God will bring this need to the hearts of our people. Your place in this is strategic. Do not fail us!

—Clip and mail today—

Here Is A Share In The Free Will Baptist Future

God being my Helper, you can count on me for _____ shares (\$50.00 each) in 1962. I will pay as indicated.

\$ _____ per month Name _____

\$ _____ now, \$ _____ Address _____

by _____ Date _____

\$ _____ by _____ Date _____

\$ _____ enclosed Church _____

(This may be pasted to a post card.)

ONE OUT OF SEVEN

At least one person out of every seven, in the U. S. A., picking up a newspaper or magazine, was confronted with information about Worldwide Bible Reading in 1961.

This seventh person (shall we call him Mr. Smith?) did not have to go to church to be introduced to Worldwide Bible Reading. Perhaps he picked up his newspaper and read an editorial or feature story. (Newspapers across the country reaching over 12 million readers gave this kind of space to Worldwide Bible Reading.) Many others mentioned the program. Newspapers with over 600 thousand customers listed the selections.

Mr. Smith could have been taking a trip and found a bookmark in his hotel room. Twelve hundred hotels received bookmarks for their rooms. Mr. Gene White, manager of the Pick-Bankhead, Birmingham, wrote the American Bible Society, "I have noted in the past that these bookmarks have a tendency to disappear and would appreciate your increasing our number by an additional 300." The Society received many other appreciative letters.

Perhaps Mr. Smith was hospitalized, — chaplains in hospitals distributed over 37,000 bookmarks to patients. If Mr. Smith looked at popular or denominational magazines, he may have seen the Worldwide Bible Reading poster, a feature article, or the daily selections listed, (over 12 million magazine readers were exposed to information about Worldwide Bible Reading).

Mr. Smith may have bought a book and found a bookmark in it, (650 bookstores offered the bookmarks to their customers.) One bookshop in Auburndale, Florida, sent out 7,000 bookmarks in a mailing. He might also have received a bookmark through a public library.

He may have received a bookmark in his bag of groceries. One woman in Missouri enlisted the aid of boy scouts, college students and friends to leave the bookmarks in doctors' and dentists' offices, beauty parlors, motels, libraries, and grocery stores.

If Mr. Smith were a member of a Kiwanis, Lion's or Rotary Club, he may have received a bookmark from his Program Chairman, (bookmarks were made available to 8,371 of them).

If he were an employee of Westinghouse Electric, he could have picked up his company paper and seen in the

double column, "Faith for our Day," an article about Worldwide Bible Reading and a list of the daily selections. Other house organs also gave a boost to the program.

Of course, if Mr. Smith were a church-goer, he most certainly saw the Worldwide Bible Reading poster, "The Word for the World," and received a bookmark and a bulletin insert.

Even if Mr. Smith were traveling

overseas, he might have received a bookmark and a bulletin insert in English from a church he attended. Over thirty thousand posters were titled in foreign languages overseas and bookmarks were printed locally with the same artwork. (Thirty-two countries overseas used Worldwide Bible Reading materials.)

In 1962, the American Bible Society will search for new ways to reach the other six people.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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Disbursed:

Editor	\$ 622.00
Printing & Cuts	1,938.71
Supplies & Miscellaneous	154.31
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	\$ 2,715.02
Deficit	\$ 232.80

Missouri Promotional Department:

Received:

20% Co-operative Receipts	\$ 3,596.67
Gifts & offering from Churches	391.32
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	\$ 3,987.99
Transferred into Promotional Department August 1961 ..	\$ 2,000.00
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	\$ 5,987.99

Disbursed:

Salary (40 weeks)	\$ 3,000.00
Housing	183.15
Travel Expense	741.48
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	\$ 3,924.63
Balance July 31, 1962	\$ 2,063.36

General Fund:

Received:

Minute Money and Offerings	\$ 183.64
Telephone—(Reimbursement)	87.59
5% Co-operative Receipts	899.20
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	\$ 1,170.43
Balance Forwarded July 31, 1961	\$ 1,128.87
Received from Building Fund Account	1,026.00
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Total	\$ 3,325.30

Disbursed:

Headquarters Building	\$ 1,026.00
General Board Travel Expense	443.25
Postage	61.98
Picture Cuts, Etc.	83.56
Telephone	315.45
Clerk Expense	139.00
Honorarium	100.00
Miscellaneous	66.15
Headquarter's fuel, lights & water	179.60
State Minutes	220.50
National Association Delegates	60.00
Headquarter's Building Insurance	172.92
Legal Fee (Incorporate Missouri State Association)	200.00
Interest (Headquarters Building)	300.00
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Total	\$ 3,368.41

Deficit as of July 31, 1962	\$ 43.11
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FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS

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Beacon F. W. B. Church	11.00
Mrs. G. W. Hopper	5.00
F. W. B. Church, Desloge ..	29.00
F. W. B. Church, Desloge ..	30.00
Garfield F. W. B. Church ..	38.08
F. W. B. Church, Berkeley ..	5.00
Beacon F. W. B. Church	5.00
Martinstown F. W. B. Church	10.00
Anonymous	4.00
Park View F. W. B. Church ..	30.00
Mildred Wallace	50.00
Patricia Payne	1.00
First F. W. B. Church, Springfield	88.14
Mr. & Mrs. Lester Barks	10.00
Myrtle F. W. B. Church	13.91
Mrs. John F. Summers	6.00
Aulsbury Chapel Church ..	67.15
Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Altis ..	14.00
Missionary Midgets, Beacon Church, Kansas City	3.06
Northeast Missouri F. W. B. Youth Groups	3.00
Vacation Bible School, Greentop	31.39
Mr. James A. Britton	12.00
W. N. A. C.	21.15
W. N. A. C.	7.50
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	\$1,053.29

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1962—1963

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
First Church, Springfield												
Victory, Kansas City	62	85	85	79	73							
Mt. Pisgah												
Copper Mines	57	92	87	87	89							
Fellowship, Flat River	165	192	209	209	195	201	197	188				
Leadington	39	45	38	43	39	42	40	44				
Farmington	74	92		96	97	86	93	88				
Fourth, St. Louis	72	79	86	74	73	77	66					
Mill Creek	29	46	48									
Berkeley City	185	212	202	254	216	237	213					
Richwoods	40	61	53	60	62	67	62	60				
Hannon												
Joplin	78	94	75	89	78	74	89					
Kirksville	63	82	86	91	85	81	86					
Grant Ave., Springfield ..	108	126	124	143	121	131						
Hazel Creek	35	53	52	47	55	58	58					
Twin Oak	43	53	58	60	59							
South Side Church	110						168	199				
New Hope, Kansas City ..	78	95	107	139	93	97	96					
Mine La Motte	16	28	34	38	31	43	34					
First Church, Waynesville ..			32									
First Church Kansas City ..												
First Church Lebanon	58	73	74	77	83	67	76					
Overland Church	88	139	140	155	150	138	126	136				
Neosho	64	60										
First Ch., Mtn. Grove	245	298	296	364	329	307	338					
Myrtle	41	63	58	63	62	75						
Festus												
Bethel, West Plains	108	128	138	153	145	136						
Desloge	102	122	114	122	121	112	111	116				
First Ch., Fredericktown ..	133	166	166	180	165							
Thayer	85	117	115	122	108		107					
Meramec Heights	27	28	35	40	34	39	40	35				
Skyline Armourdale Ch.	70	88	107									
First Church Monett	108	120	123	123	118							
Faith, Lemay	70	95	113	113	107	104						
Union Light							104	123				
First Church, Flat River ..							149					

It Happened In Brazil

Los Angeles, Calif. (MNS)—In Brazil, missionary Tom McIntire and his family were living next door to a location where a Catholic Church was being built, reports the Rev. B. H. Pearson in the August issue of his **World Gospel Crusaders** paper. As no water was available for mixing cement, Mr. McIntire showed a neighborly spirit by furnishing water for the building operation.

After the church was finished, as an expression of gratitude for this friendly act, the priest of the new church invited Mr. McIntire to preach for him and show a Christian film. The church was packed out. After showing the film the missionary preached a Gospel sermon. The people and the priest liked it so much that they invited Mr. McIntire to return and preach again, and the priest requested an outline of the sermon so that he could preach it on television. Another priest present at the meeting invited Mr. McIntire to show a film and preach at his church also.

United World Mission Reports Blessing In Cuba

St. Petersburg, Fla. (MNS)—Roy Ackerle, Latin America field secretary of the United World Mission, reports that their work in Cuba is going steadily forward under national leadership. "Every one of our national pastors is still at his post," he said, "and our Las Palmas Bible School already reports a record enrollment for next year." The mission's property and buildings have not been confiscated by the Cuban government.

A successful convention was held at the end of the Bible school term, with people from many churches attending. Antero Acory, director of the mission's national workers in Cuba, said "We had to feed about 150 people every day, and we were able to take care of them. We obtained permission from the authorities to kill an ox, and we also had to obtain permission to transport the piano from Havana to the Bible School fifty miles away. We had all we needed, even milk and chocolate for breakfast."

Letters from our Readers

Our Dear Friends:

"... for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter." (Ecclesiastes 10: 2b)

Free Will Baptists are now faced with the greatest challenge in their entire history. Time is fast running out as far as evangelizing the world is concerned. At best, we can only hope to scratch the surface—but still we must "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

God has given us the means by which to speed up evangelization. I am speaking specifically for mission aviation. The airplane is the most expedient and efficient means of propagating the gospel. The airplane must be employed in our own missions program if we hope to get the job done.

Have you stopped to realize that an airplane can actually go places that are utterly impossible to reach by other modes of transportation? There are many villages in Africa, Central and South America, and other countries where there are no roads by which to travel. Without the airplane, the Auca Indians in Ecuador, South America, would never have heard the good news of salvation!

Not only is the airplane's importance felt in opening new areas of work, but it is also an aid in transportation for the Missionary. The plane travels to a destination in 20 minutes which would take a missionary on foot 3 days to reach. Can you see the time and energy saved in this respect?

Another very vital service to be considered is emergency assistance. In case of serious illness or accidents, the plane has actually been known to save lives, and as a result, souls were saved. (For a good reference, read *Jungle Pilot*.)

Expensive? Yes, it's expensive. But the important question is, are lost souls worth it? Jesus said, "For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt. 16:26) No price is too great if it will help save one soul from hell.

This is the challenge we would leave

you first of all—pray for us daily. Then, support us financially that we may complete the training here in Miami and place wings on the gospel, for there are many who have yet to hear that Jesus loves them and died to save them.

Yours for Lost Souls,
Bill and Barbara Phipps

Dear Bro. Bud:

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and want to take this opportunity to tell you of the wonderful revival He sent to us and the many rich blessings which He bestowed upon us during the meeting.

The Rev. Harry Asher was our evangelist and from the very first night of July 2, on which we had a wonderful altar service with practically the entire congregation in the altar seeking a closer walk with God and pouring out their hearts in prayer in behalf of the lost, to the moment when the final benediction was pronounced, we had a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit and could feel His mighty power.

During the two weeks service we saw 6 souls saved to the glory of God and 1 addition to the church plus a great revival spirit in the church.

On Sunday following the meeting there were nine persons who followed the Lord in baptism and 2 more additions to the church.

We are much in prayer that this revival spirit will not abate but will grow greater with each passing day and that our church will continue to grow and prosper in the work of the Lord.

To this end we also desire the prayers of all the churches throughout the state.

Our church is located 6 miles west of Lebanon, Mo., on Highway 66 and we would certainly give a warm invitation to any of our fellow Christians that might be in our area to stop in and worship with us and if at any time you are in the area please come by that we might get acquainted and fellowship together.

May God richly bless your work and life is our prayer.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Ronald Clifford

Dear Readers:

We are happy and proud to share with you the news of the ordination service at Meramec Heights Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday night, August 18, when Bro. Sam Waller was ordained a deacon. Also Bro. Hugh Stogsdill received his first year license to preach the gospel. I know Bro. and Sis Waller and Bro. and Sis. Stogsdill desire your prayers as they endeavor to serve the Lord in these capacities.

We received a new church member into our church and we will be having a baptizing in Sept., the Lord willing.

Recently, Bro. Jim Honey and Bro. Kinka were guest speakers at our Wednesday night service. We expect to have Bro. Charles Barker and Bro. Bob Hesselmeyer in the near future. These are young men in the ministry, and our prayers for them as they continue to preach God's Word is that they will look to God and strive to serve Him and not man.

Meramec Heights Church desires your prayers that God's will be done as we labor together for the Master.

Sunday School average for August, 35.

Mary Lou Lynch
Church reporter.

OBITUARY

Maude Jane Pembroke was born April 29, 1893 at Bendavis, Missouri to Mr. and Mrs. William T. Robinson (both deceased) and departed this life August 16, 1962, her age being 69 years, 3 months, and 18 days.

She was united in marriage to Clarence E. Pembroke on August 29, 1912. To this union were born four children: Wesley (now deceased); Roy of Walnut Creek, California; Clelia Pierce of Rt. 2, Cabool, Missouri and Myrtle Reeds of Nashville, Tennessee.

She was converted at an early age and united with the Rock Springs Free Will Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member until her death. Her illness had kept her from active service for some time.

She leaves to mourn her passing besides her husband and three children, four brothers, Luther, Glenn, Ira, and Roy; one sister, Pearl Baney; six grandchildren; three great grand children; and a host of other relatives and friends.

THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

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of these have given an offering to the Promotional Department, or adopted the co-operative plan outright. Thus the co-operative receipts increased approximately 1% over the preceding year. Last year the National Association received 60% of the co-operative receipts, and allocated to eight departments.

This forthcoming year the National will receive 55%, Missouri Home Missions 9%, Missouri Youth Camp 5%, Free Will Baptist Gem 5%, General Fund 5%, State Superannuation 1%, Missouri Promotional Department

20%. We have \$6,650.00 of church bonds available. Let us hear from you.

MOBILIZATION OF OUR FORCES AND AN ALL OUT OFFENSIVE

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out is a wide-spread contempt for moral law and order.

There is a great need today for the mobilization of our forces and an all out offensive against sin.

In II Timothy 3:1-5 and other places we find the Great Apostasy predicted, the enemy has attacked the church and Christians in open warfare and bless your heart, there is no room for cowards, we must fight and fight

hard while there is yet time.

Let us take a quick look at some of the evil movements in the world today that will greatly affect your future, I might say that your Bible foretells about each of these.

1. What about the Great Ecumenical movement. The concept of one church for one world has captured the imagination of millions, but let me say this, if people would take a close look at their Bibles and accept God's Word for the answer, we would have to say that this is the great evil church, the apostate church spoken of in the 13th and 17th chapters of Revelation. Your Bible clearly reveals that it will come
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EVERY CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

OUR GOAL: 2,000 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Every Church Family Plan is the best plan ever used by Free Will Baptists to keep their membership informed. It is currently being used by the Gem and our national magazine Contact. The plan is simple. The church clerk makes out a list of the names and addresses of all the families in the church. (Be sure each home is represented on the list.) This is sent to the Gem editor and he adds the names to the mailing list of the Gem. As the Gems are sent out the editor bills the church for the amount of copies sent out to their members. Names may be added or dropped at any time. The plan remains in effect until the church requests that it be discontinued. It does not expire. By using this plan every family in every church that subscribes to the plan will be informed of denominational activities. This is the best plan for your church. Why not use it? Here is a list of the churches who are currently active in the Every Church Family Plan:

Fellowship	Rev. James Earl Raper
Amity	Rev. Robert Carlson
Black Oak	Rev. Wm. Reeves
New Lebanon	Rev. Ronald Clifford
Leadington	Rev. Robert Wilfong
Copper Mines	Rev. Willard Darnell
Myrtle	
Kirksville	Rev. Lester Jones
Overland	Rev. Harry Asher
Berkeley	Rev. Harvey Hill
Farmington	Rev. James Barker
Verdella	Rev. Winfred Davis
Richwoods	Rev. Gaylord Huckaba
Old Bethel	Rev. Clarence Burcham
Mt. Zion	Rev. Ralph Cook
South Side	Rev. Al McFarland
Thayer	Rev. W. H. Bostic
Carterville	Rev. Wm. Beazley
Fredericktown	Rev. C. H. Burton
Pleasant Grove	Rev. Tommy Carlson
Martinstown	Rev. Kermit Crooks
Hannon	Rev. Junior Ussery
First, Flat River	
Alton	Rev. Millard Ehrhardt
Third, St. Louis	Rev. R. B. Spurgeon
Salem	Rev. Robt. Linville
First, Waynesville	Rev. Cliff Bowman
Grace, Arnold	Rev. John Land
Faith & Hope	Rev. A. A. Hogue
Skyline	Rev. E. J. Wilson
Union	Rev. Ezra Butts
First Church, Aurora	Rev. Edward Climer

Springfield	Rev. Henry Long
Neosho	Rev. Robert Duck
Mine La Motte	Rev. Albert Halbrook
Union Light	Rev. O. D. Matthews
Bethel	Rev. Davie Combs
Mt. Pisgah	Rev. Fred Wynn
Fourth, St. Louis	Rev. Max Courtney
Twin Oaks	Rev. Truman Huffman
Victory	Rev. Glen Rehkop
Mill Creek	Rev. Lloyd Durbin
Beacon	Rev. Woodrow Matthews
First, Kansas City	Rev. Alice Dickey
New Hope	Rev. James McAllister
Merl's Chapel	Rev. O. T. Allred
Oskaloosa	Rev. O. J. Mackey
Jones Chapel	
Pleasant Ridge	Rev. M. K. Cline
New Harmony	Rev. Mildred Gilliam
Grant Ave	Rev. Grover Terry
Monett	Rev. Tommy Day
Aulsberry Chapel	Rev. Dean Burpo
Lebanon	Rev. Dale Jones
Mountain Valley	Rev. Homer Smith
Liberty	Rev. David S. Jones, Jr.
Desloge	Rev. Elmer Turnbough
Meremac Heights	Rev. Bud Hill
Mendota Mission	Rev. Alta Mikel
Festus	Rev. Chester Weir
Little Vine Church	Rev. Robert Carlson
Pleasant Hill Church	Rev. J. W. King
Macedonia Church	Rev. Selph Jones
First Church, Greenfield	Rev. Lowell Martin
Hickory Grove	Rev. Ralph Cook

MOBILIZATION OF OUR FORCES AND AN ALL OUT OFFENSIVE

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into existence and rise to great power and that the Roman Catholic Church will be at the head of this great body. Time and space will not permit me to elaborate on this subject, but I hope that each Christian who reads this message will realize that we as Free Will Baptists should have no part of this great movement.

In the second chapter of Daniel we find history pre-written. In the great dream of King Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel led by the spirit of God, revealed to the great King that the last great gentile world power would be the Great Roman Empire.

It will undergo a great political, religious and economical revival and will rise to great power and then the stone would smite and crush its evil system.

The Roman Church right now is undergoing a great religious revival and through this great Ecumenical movement the Catholic Church will rise to greater power than ever before in the history of this world.

Through the great European common market, this same church is experiencing one of its greatest ecumenical revivals. This Euomort will blossom into one of the greatest Catholic super states that this world has ever known.

This is also revealed in your Bible and when she rises into this new economical and religious power and the ten kings join with her for one hour, then the Lord will come back to earth and destroy it. May God help us to realize just how close the second coming of our Lord is.

There is also at this very moment a vicious advance launched in the world today to undermine the Bible and do away with its' authority.

In the St. Louis Globe Democrat recently I read this article, "Minister proposes censoring of Bible." London—Dr. Leslie Weatherhead, former president of the Methodist conference, would like to censor the Bible. He said he would like to go through the whole Bible and be very free with a blue pencil. "The Bible was written," said Dr. Weatherhead, "by human men who wrote stories of situations as they saw them in their day. This has led to irrelevances now. We have learned much since those times." He went on to say that the Old Testament was completely outmoded.

Some of our leading theologians today are saying that the Bible is full of myths and fairytales.

The Reverend James A. Pike, Episcopal Bishop, of California recently startled many United States churchgoers when he declared that he does not believe in the biblical account of the virgin birth of Christ. It is a primitive religious myth, he says, and Joseph, Mary's husband was probably the physical father of Jesus.

Asked to name other religious myths, Dean Pike mentioned Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden.

He does not believe in a sky-high Heaven and a red hot hell. All I can say, If this so called man of God doesn't change his ideas, he will find out just how real and how hot hell is.

The dean's revolt has made many a Protestant congregation sit up and take sharp notice of the fact that a new kind of young man seems to be answering the call to the ministry.

The Red Book's researchers talked with more than a hundred students at leading theological schools including Yale Divinity, Union Theological Seminary in New York City, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Augsburg College Seminary in Minneapolis. How does this group of Theological students feel about the "Dean Pike Heresy?" About half of them agree with him. Only forty four percent believe in the virgin birth of Christ. Only twenty nine percent believe there is a real Heaven and Hell. Only forty percent believe that Jesus ascended physically whole into Heaven after His crucifixion. Eighty nine percent answered yes to the question, "Do you believe in the Divinity of Jesus?" A number however, wanted to define the word divinity to suit themselves. Two percent didn't believe in immortality of man. Only one percent are convinced there will be a second coming of Christ.

May God help these young men and may their eyes be opened before it is too late. This should make us even more proud of our own Bible college in Nashville, Tenn.

Yes, there is a great need for the mobilization of our forces and an all out offensive against sin.

Our churches must launch an offensive now, there isn't much time left for us to work. We, as Free Will Baptists, must organize our forces and put all into the attack and let me say that we need to be devoted to our cause.

Church members need to be as devoted to their cause as the communists are to theirs. The communists are capturing 1,000 square miles per day. They boast that by 1970 they will have complete control of the world. Many of our own leaders say they are ahead of schedule. Why are they making such gigantic strides forward? Let me read you a report that will show you why. This is a commitment of a communist to his cause. This statement was made by a young American and reveals the total extent of the communist to his cause. He said, "There is one thing about which I am indeed earnest. It is the socialist cause. It is my life, my business, my religion, my wife, my bread and meat. I work at it in the day time and dream about it at night. (I wonder how many Free Will Baptists are this concerned about the cause of Christ.) I am inseparably bound to it. I have already been in jail because of my ideas and if necessary I am ready to go before a firing squad to die for it."

A genuine communist lives in virtual poverty. He turns back to the party every penny he makes above what is absolutely necessary to keep him alive. (How many Free Will Baptists live in virtual poverty and turn back to his church every penny he makes above what is absolutely necessary to keep him alive?)

"We have a code of conduct, a way of life, a devotion to our cause that no religious order can touch or match." This, my friend, is why they are turning the world upside down for their cause.

If we were as devoted to the cause of Christ, we, too, could turn the world upside down.

The church and the Christian life is the only hope for the world. We need to wake up and mobilize our forces and launch an offensive against sin now.

The United Nations is not the answer, the Peace Corps is not the answer, the stock piling of Atomic Power is not the answer, the mobilization of our Armed Forces is not the answer for salvation and safety. The Lord gave us the answer and may God help America and each one to realize this while there is yet time.

"If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land..."—II Chronicles 7:14,