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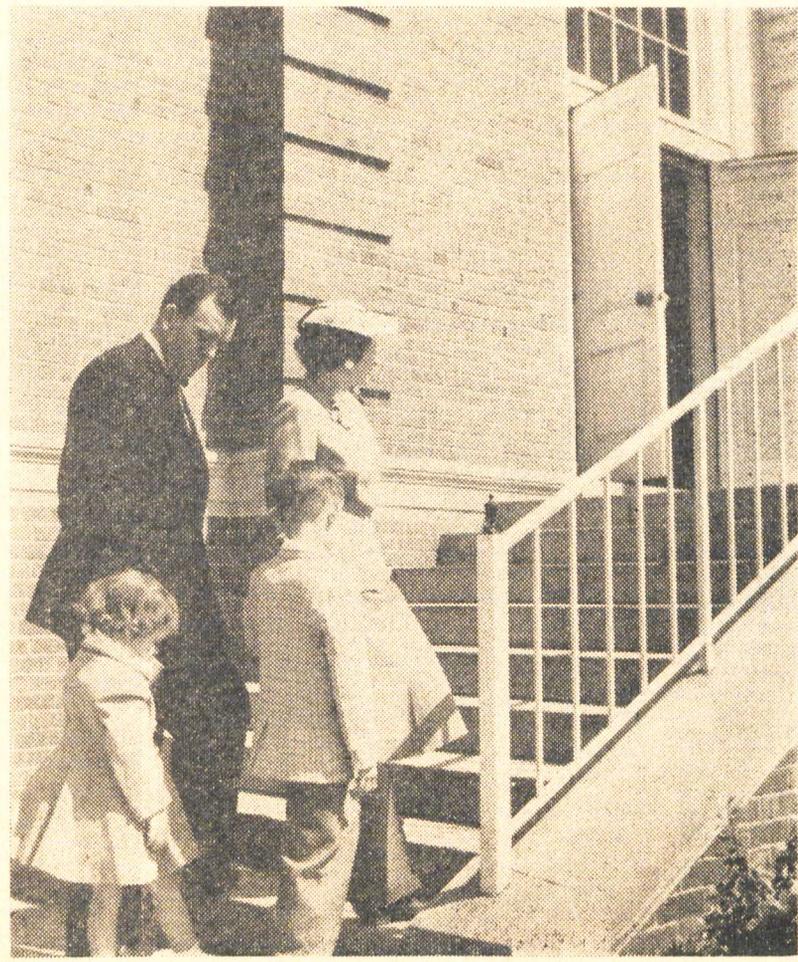
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June 1st, following the Liberty Quarterly Meeting held with Niangua Church, I was privileged to explain the promotional work, and bring a gospel message at Niangua, Amnity and New Liberty churches. Liberty Church observed the Lord's Supper and washed the Saints' Feet, Sunday afternoon, also ordained Jimmy O'Dell to the ministry of the gospel. The good number of fine young ministers responding to the call of the ministry throughout Missouri is encouraging, at the same time this also increases our obligations and responsibilities to our denominational enterprises; to provide more and better opportunities for all that desire to use them.

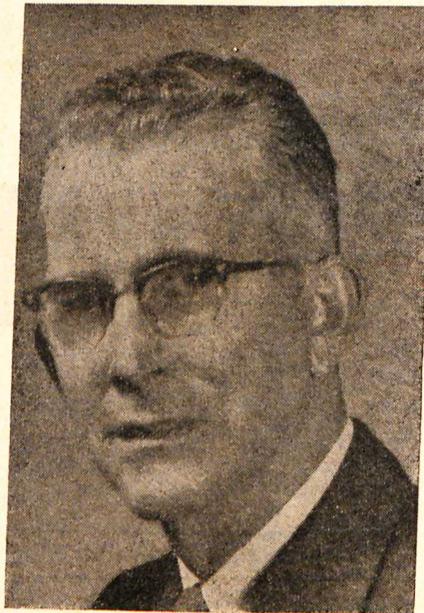
Kansas City First Free Will Baptist Church, now located on Old Santafo Road 9125, in their nice new building, was host to the Greater Kansas City Quarterly Meeting, June 8, 1963. Pastor, Sis. Alice Dickey, reported the church had recently held a good revival with souls saved and additions to the church.

The G. K. C. Quarterly Meeting received two new churches into their association. They were the Olivet Free Will Baptist Church of Marshall, Mo., and the Central Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City, Mo. I was privileged to preach Sunday morning in the Central Church now located on Harrison Street. They will be moving to their new location, 1112 East 77th Street on Highway 71, soon. Rev. James McAllister is the pastor and we are proud to acknowledge them as the newest church in the state.



Rev. Bud Hill, Editor
3100 Mt. Pleasant
St. Louis

THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER



Rev. Harry Beatty

I was with our second newest church in Jefferson City, Sunday night. I brought the message there. Pastor Earl Irish reported they had gained more new members and had contributed their first Cooperative tithe through the Mo. State Cooperative Plan this month.

Churches throughout the state ought to be challenged by these new organizations and contribute likewise. Thursday night, June 27, we joined with the Youth Camp workers and evangelist for the closing sessions of camp meeting where more than forty youths were saved in the two week session.

Friday night, June 28, I attended the Harmony Quarterly Meeting held at the Lead Hill Church.

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SERMON OF THE MONTH

Have Faith In God

Mark 11:22

One of the greatest needs of the hour in which we live is for every individual to have faith in God; in a world that is threatened with utter destruction by nuclear war; by communism a godless liberty destroying force that is spreading over the world like a great epidemic of fatal disease; Roman Catholicism reaching for control of the world; modernism movement that claims to know God yet denies the power of God; where is there safety, how can we escape the deadly destruction of all these forces? Thanks be unto God, there is a way, I John 5:4 the latter part of the verse and this is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith.

To have faith in God is first to believe that He is. There can be no dealing with an invisible God unless there is absolute faith that He exists; the power, and work of God is revealed in the heavens above us, Psalm 19:1-3. God revealed His wisdom to man through the prophets of old by inspiring them to write of things hundreds of years in the future. More than 80% of the prophecies recorded in the Old Testament have been fulfilled. No wonder we read in II Peter 1:19, "We have a more sure word of prophecy, whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place." But God has revealed Himself to us through His Son. In John 14:19, Jesus said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." In Christ God not only revealed His power, and wisdom but His love which is greater than man can conceive, much less explain.

We cannot be saved without faith, Eph. 2:8, "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God:" When men disbelieve the record God gave of His Son they make God out a liar. I John 5:10,

Man without faith in God is like a ship at sea without chart, compass, or destination, tossed about with the raging waves;

Faith in God comes by hearing. Rom. 10:17. Men do not call upon that which they do not believe, and they can not believe in that which they have not heard about, and the Word of God is the message we are to give the world that they may believe, and believing they may be saved.

Perhaps there has not a generation lived on the earth when the devil has tried harder to shake men's faith than in this generation. Even ministers (so called) who deny the authority of the Word of God, live licentious lives and think God will not bring every work into judgment with every secret thing. Eccl. 12:14.

Christ recognized the faith of the woman who pressed her way through the throng to touch the hem of His garment, Matt. 9:22 saying unto her, "Thy faith hath made thee whole."

Also in Matt. 9:29 Christ said unto the blind man, "According unto thy faith be it unto thee." And unto the woman who anointed the feet of Jesus as He sat at meat in the home of the Pharisee, He said, "Thy faith hath saved thee, go in peace."

In Hebrews 11:6 we find this statement, "Without faith it is impossible to please God for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Saving faith is not only knowing about God: believing that He is; but believing that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him, for salvation, sustaining grace, power to witness, strength to continue steadfast unto the end, but trusting Him yielding all unto Him, body and soul, and possessions. As it requires faith to be saved, accept Christ as our personal

REV. O. T. ALLRED
PASTOR of the GRANBY F. W. B.
CHURCH and MODERATOR of the
MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

Saviour as we came to Him humbly repenting of our sins, turning from sin turning unto Him, then by faith accepting pardon, forgiveness for every sin of our past life.

It also requires faith to live a yielded, consecrated, devoted Christian life. By faith we comply with Romans 12:1, yielding our bodies a living sacrifice wholly acceptable unto God.

By faith we find joy in the service of God, for Christ said, John 4:34, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me and to finish His work."

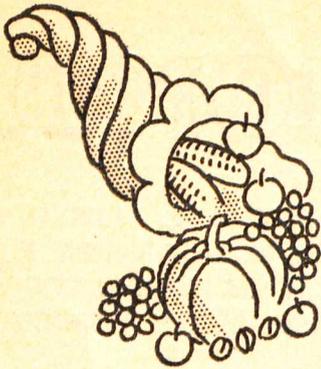
Also Heb. 6:10, "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work of faith, and labor of love." An active faith will produce works. In James 2:17 we read, "Even so faith if it hath not works is dead being alone." Also we are admonished in James 1:22 to be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving ourselves.

Last but not least we are admonished to return our faith. Col. 1:21-23, "And you that were sometimes alienated, and enemies in your mind by wicked works yet now hath he reconciled."

In the body of His flesh through death to present you holy and unblameable, and unproveable in His sight. If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel," and also Heb. 10:35-36, "Cast not away therefore your confidence which hath great recompence of reward, For we have need of patience that after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise."

Also Christ said unto those Jews which believed on Him, "If ye continue in my words then are ye my disciples indeed." John 8:31.

And may God encourage each one who reads these lines to cherish, cultivate, and retain your faith in God.



GLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD



USHERS REPORT

We, the Board of Ushers of the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church, 8900 Springdale, Berkeley 34, Missouri, would like to report to you through the Gem. We have 12 ushers at our church. Two have been added since this picture was taken and 2 were not present. Our Usher Board consists of: Bert Johns, Chairman James Gordon, Vice-Chairman; Ross Farmer, Secretary-Treasurer; Franklin Stroud, Herschel Chatman, Clarence Wallace, Conrad Rowan, Robert Montgomery, Raymond Salamon, Floyd Hesselmeyer, Willard Hovis and Irvin Kelsaw. Here is a group of men that are real consecrated men of God; men that we are truly proud of. We would like to tell you of some of the activities of our Usher Board. The Ushers are in charge of our church parking lot. If you so desire an usher will park your car for you and if not, they will show you where to park. In other words, we have valet parking service. We also have a fellowship dinner every fourth Sunday of each month to which everyone is welcome to come and fellowship with us. We have raised money to buy new usher coats which cost approximately \$200.00. We hand out our

bulletins and greet the people when they come in. We make ourselves acquainted with our many visitors and introduce them to our pastor and other members of the church in order to make them feel welcome. We keep the church well ventilated, operate the P. A. system and help in any other way we are needed. We try to be of assistance to our pastor and help in any way he requests. All in all our Ushers are a very active group of men working for the glory of God and doing many other things we do not have space to mention. Our chief aim is to serve our Lord and be in the complete will of God. Any time that there is something that we can do to make it more comfortable for any of you who attend our church please feel free to call on us. Pray for us that we might do more for our Lord. The Berkeley Ushers

Quarterly Meeting

The Quarterly Meeting of the Niangua Association of Free Will Baptists met with the Cedar Ridge Church, Long Lane, Mo., June 29, 30, 1963. Enrolled were 29 standing delegates, 6 ministers, 8 elected delegates, 7 visiting ministers, including Rev. Harry Beatty of St. Louis, Mo., also Bro.

Maynard and Sis. Lettie Moore of Springfield, Mo. The latter is a former missionary to Africa.

We had a good attendance with much spiritual rejoicing and special singing. The next Quarterly Meeting will convene with Baily Chapel, Tunas, Mo., Sept. 28-29, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

The 67th Annual Session of the Niangua Association will be held with Cedar Ridge Church, Long Lane, Mo., Aug. 8th at 3:00 o'clock p. m. through Friday, Aug. 9, 1963. Introductory sermon by Bro. Frank Linton, Springfield, Mo., Bro. Paul Bliss alternate. Bro. Len Gardner, Macks Creek is the Moderator. Alice Johnson, Urbana, Mo., clerk.

Alice Johnson
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Northeast Missouri

The regular Fifth Sunday meeting of the North-East Missouri Association met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kirksville. Special numbers were given by the different churches in the Association. A good message was delivered by the Rev. Kermit Crooks, pastor of the Martinstown and Shibley's Point churches. The next Fifth Sunday meeting will be held at the Hazel Creek Church.

From Kirksville

The Master's Men of First Free Will Baptist Church held their regular meeting on July 2 with twelve members present. Our visiting speaker for the evening was Rev. Rolla Smith from Nashville, Tennessee.

Former Missouri Pastor Dies

Rev. Mark Lewis, one of the former pastors of the Third Church, passed away on July 13, 1963. Rev. Lewis was a native of Missouri, and a wonderful worker for the Lord. He will be greatly missed in Michigan as the Moderator, and Foreign Mission Board member.

Union Light Church

God has richly blessed in our church this summer, and we are very grateful unto God for this. In May, the Rev. Gene Proffer, an Evangelist from California, conducted a three week's tent revival in the community near the church which we were grateful for 23 conversions and dedications. On June 10, the Rev. Charles Ross from Tenn., conducted a two week's revival in our church with 16 conversions and dedi-

cations.

On June 10, the Union Light Sunday School with the Liberty Congregation Methodist Sunday School had a one week Daily Vacation Bible School with 84 children present, using the Theme, "Christ's Way, My Way."

On June 30, five of our youth, followed the Lord in Christian baptism. The church is growing and pray with us as we carry the Lord's work forward in the days to come.

Free Will Baptists Rip Court Prayer Rulings

Federal court rulings against prayers in public schools were strongly criticized yesterday at the National Association of Free Will Baptists' convention at Cobo Hall.

Banning of prayers, said the Rev. Raymond Riggs, pastor of Bethany Church at Norfolk, Va., reflects a "brazen and atheistic conspiracy to

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 Overland Rev. Harry Asher
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THE MISSION FIELD

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J. A. Hoyt	\$ 15.00
South Side F. W. B. Church ..	196.20
Thayer F. W. B. Church	23.00
Overland F. W. B. Church	23.09
Rock Chapel F. W. B. Church	17.91
Oak Grove S. S. Class	20.00
Cooperative Plan of Support	208.81
Leona Holt	4.00
Meramec Heights F. W. B. Church, St. Louis	4.00
Beacon G. T. A.	4.68
Park View F. W. B. Church	15.00
Val Arnold	15.00
Trinity Baptist Church	35.00
Pleasant Hill Church	8.50
F. W. B. Ch., Fredericktown	40.00
Willow Springs Church	11.82
Leadington F. W. B. Church	17.00
Y. P. A., Fourth F. W. B. Church, St. Louis	6.79
Grace F. W. B. Church	52.00
Mr. L. R. Riggs	5.00
Jackie Wantland	20.00
First F. W. B. Ch., Monett	3.51
First F. W. B. Ch., Joplin	15.36
F. W. B. Church, Berkeley	90.00
Clifford E. Altis	26.00
Beacon F. W. B. Church	68.30
Rev. Grover J. Pingleton	2.00
Myrtle F. W. B. Church	15.08
D. V. B. S., First F. W. B. Ch.	12.15
Park View F. W. B. Church ..	25.00
Number One F. W. B. Ch.	10.00
Aulsbury Chapel Church	15.00
W. N. A. C.	210.27
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Total	\$1,235.47

**Missouri Receipts for June, 1963
For National Home Missions**

Co-op Headquarters	\$115.21
South Side F. W. B. Ch., St. Louis	54.40
Rock Chapel F. W. B. Ch., St. Louis	5.97
Festus First F.W.B. Ch., Festus	15.00
Meramec Heights F. W. B. Ch., Valley Park	3.00

Louis Wilhite, St. Ann	1.00
F. W. B. Ch., Fredericktown ..	20.00
Beacon G. T. A., Raytown ..	1.75
New Rock Springs F. W. B. Church, Mtn. Grove	10.04
Y. P. A. of Fourth F. W. B. Church, St. Ann	6.78
Willow Springs F. W. B. Ch. Woman's Aux., Mtn. Grove	3.00
Jerry Bowman, Lebanon	12.00
Grant Ave. F. W. B. Bible School, Springfield	56.76
Lehman R. Riggs, Jennings ..	5.00
Mary-Martha Circle, Mtn. Grove	5.00
First F. W. B. Ch., Monett	18.82
Rutha B. Altis, Independence	25.00
Myrtle F. W. B. Ch., Myrtle	5.00
No. One F. W. B. Church of Christ, Huggins	10.00
W. N. A. C. Hqts.	2.50
Merl's Chapel V. B. S., Cassville	5.00
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Total Receipts	\$381.23

MISSION REPORT

Dear Mission Workers:

The time has gone by so quickly and here I am again to tell you some more about Missions up here in North Mo.

We have visited seven places since we last reported. Our Jewell church near Kirksville is without a pastor, and we made this our second stop and continued there for several days. We had three conversions and the church was blessed in a spiritual way. They have a good prayer meeting every Tuesday night. Bro. Johnnie Adkins and others come out and do their best, but these dear ones need an old time revival, so help us pray that God will give it, and have services for full time.

Our next place was Connelsville. We were practically rained out here, just had a few each night. This is another place that needs our prayers. We have an afternoon Sunday School each Sunday. Bro. Johnnie Adkins comes out from Kirksville, or sends someone to superintend it.

The third place we visited was Shibley's Point. This is a Mission point. Bro. George Miller has charge and has a splendid congregation to preach to. We will go back there Friday afternoon and organize a Mission band.

We next visited our dear old Bethel church where we had revival meetings 19 years ago. We found a fine group of young people at Bethel and all we had to do was to change the name from "Young People's Union" to "Free Will Baptist League" and take them into our convention. We found our dear women ready for a Mission, and we organized with ten members. All are getting their uniforms. We planned while here to have an all day service the first Sunday in December for the Mission Workers and League Workers.

Bro. Miller is also pastor at Bethel and is doing a good work.

Our next visit was with our Green Grove church. They have a fine band of faithful women. All we had to do was to encourage them, and they are getting their uniforms and getting ready for the first Sunday in Dec. This church has no pastor; join us in praying for them to get one soon.

We next came to Low Ground. They have no pastor, but a little band of women are still holding on, but haven't met for some time. They are to meet this afternoon and reinstate themselves, and get to work. We had good crowds both nights and do pray that a real revival will break out at Low Ground.

We went from Low Ground back to Kirksville and got Bro. Geo. Miller and family and went to Martin's Town for Saturday night and Sunday. We had splendid services, and Bro. Willard Byrd our field worker in this Association met us here, and with the assistance of Bro. Miller, he organized a splendid League with 21 members. The church here has just been revived and I am sure our women will call for a mission later.

We are sending two subs and giving the names and amount sent for state work

Jewell church	\$3.15
Kirksville, street,	1.10
Bethel	1.00
Connelville35
Green Grove70
Shibley's Point30
Low Ground50
Martinstown	1.50

We would like to tell you more, but Bro. Brown may have to continue this.

Mission workers, don't forget the last Friday in each month as our fast day for Missions.

Yours for Jesus,
Lizzie McAdams

GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

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wipe the name of Jesus Christ out of our public institutions."

Mr. Riggs also scored "efforts to expunge the words 'under God' from the pledge of allegiance."

The trend set by the U. S. Supreme Court on prayer, he said, may carry over into private schools.

"The next step is to outlaw the name of Christian in all Christian and parochial schools which enjoy a tax exempt basis," he declared.

Mr. Riggs addressed more than 2,000 delegates at the morning session.

In the evening meeting, the Rev. Joseph Ange, pastor of the Central Free Will Baptist Church, Royal Oak, and chairman of the convention steering committee, said that over one billion of the world's population haven't heard the Christian gospel. Mr. Ange said missionaries must reach these people.

"We must evangelize or fossilize," he said.

Earlier in the day, board elections were held, and the Rev. Guy Owen, pastor of Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church, Connors and Longview, was named to the general board.

The Rev. Billy A. Melvin, executive secretary, detailed progress on publishing a hymnal for the denomination; establishment of a new service and completion of a Directory of Free Will Baptist Churches."

He also said denominational giving has shown a steady increase over the last four years.

—The Detroit News
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Editor's Note:

For the next few issues we will be using some articles from some old issues of the Free Will Baptist Gem. This second series of articles are taken from Vol. 4 No. 12 December 1932.

THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

A change in government postal regulations requires that publishers shall pay two cents for each return notice from a postoffice notifying the Editor that a copy of his paper has not been delivered. It happens quite often that a subscriber to the Gem moves or changes his or her address, but does not notify us. In such cases the postmaster will send us a notice and charge us two cents, thus it costs us two cents to find out that a subscriber has changed his or her address. Subscribers should notify the Editor when a change of address is made, giving both the old and the new locations.

"WEIGHED IN THE BALANCES"

It looks now like we will soon have saloons again; and I wonder if they will be any different from what we used to have. Even the Wets themselves are finding it quite a problem to decide just what they will do. Both presidential candidates, both party platforms, and most of the senators and members of congress are on record as being opposed to the saloon; but what a saloon is, is the question.

I suppose they will get it fixed up some way; for they must have beer. They howled for a change and got it; they howled for beer and it is promised to them.

We quote the following from the November issue of *The Defender*: "We WANT BEER" howled a St. Louis crowd to Presidential Nominee Roosevelt and he promised it to them. If Roosevelt is elected, and as these words are written, it looks like he will be, the future of the Country appears to be anything but promising. One wonders what kind of a cabinet he will appoint. Doubtless the Wet Roman Catholic Raskob will be given a position and it is rumored that Al Smith will be made Secretary of State, while certainly campaign manager "Jim" Farley, a member of the Knights of

Columbus will also be given some strategic position. The Tammany taunt which is so pronounced in New York City will put an odor of corruption on everything that it touches in Washington."

This gives a fair idea of what the large majority of the voters of U. S. A. voted for November 8, 1932. The worst of it is, that thousands on thousands of church members voted with the Wets, thus taking their stand with the enemies of the church and all that's good and right. This year's election was a test on Christian people, and, alas! many thousands have failed to stand the test, and cast their votes for the enemy. There was a Prohibition Ticket in the field with a good, clean, capable man at the head of it. It is said that there are more than 30,000,000 Christians in the United States—suppose they had all voted DRY! The people who wanted something better and voted for repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment to get it, will realize they haven't done so well when they see drunks by the score.

THIS DECEMBER issue of the Gem rounds out its four years as a publication. We sincerely hope and trust, and believe that the four years have been profitably employed in putting forth our paper, the F. W. B. Gem. It has cost something in money, time and effort, but we hope it has been worth while.

May the Lord bless all those who have, in any way, contributed to the support of the Gem.

The Editor wishes you all a real Christmas this year, and a happy, prosperous New Year, and prays for your continued good will and support for our paper for 1933.

Report of 5th Sunday Meeting Of Indian Creek Ass'n

The fifth Sunday meeting of Indian Creek Association was held at North Picher church, with the moderator, Eld. T. E. L. Curry in charge.

After Sunday school Bro. Curry called the house to order and read the Book of Jude.

A large delegation came over from the South Picher church and Bro. and

Sister Shipley from the Fairview church were with us.

The pulpit committee selected Bro. T. E. L. Curry to fill the stand at 11:00 o'clock. He took for his text, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord; put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand the wiles of the devil." It has been our privilege to know this aged warrior for some time, but we never saw him so filled with God's power. His silver hair shone like a halo, as he held the Savior high. The congregation was lifted away from the cares of life to bask in the sunlight of God's love.

As Bro. Curry directed our minds to look forward it seemed that Heaven's doors were opened and our hopes were strengthened to the extent that we realized, regardless of the many things that war against our souls, that there are some who will make Heaven their home.

May God's blessings rest upon you, Bro. Curry, and may God permit us to hear you preach from that same text after we have all passed beyond the portals of glory.

Bro. Jeffries followed, taking for a theme, "Are you acquainted with Jesus?"

Dismissed with prayer.

Dinner on the grounds.

Called together at 2:00 p. m. by singing, "Thine the Glory." Prayer by Charlie Landreth. Scripture reading by Eld. T. E. L. Curry, Hebrews I. Prayer by Bro. Shipley. Song, "When the Light Has Gone Out in Your Soul," by Maud Davidson.

Voted to hold the next 5th Sunday meeting at South Picher church, to meet on Friday night before each fifth Sunday.

The stand was filled in the afternoon by Annabelle Craig. Sister Craig spoke on "Christ's Charge to the Church," and how it behooves each of us to keep in mind the things Jesus would have us to do, as every day finds us one day nearer Home, and Heaven will not be our home if we come short performing the task God has set before us.

A fire filled praise service was led by Brothers Charles Landreth and Gilliams. This was one time when some

the Past

od fashioned people got together in an old fashioned way and God blessed us with a lot of old fashioned grace.

May God bless Bro. and Sister Brown and all of His dear children scattered everywhere.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Shipley.

Yours for the kingdom,
Annabelle Craig, Clerk protem.

Cavespring Quarterly Meeting Report Myrtle, Mo. Oct. 31, 1932

Cavespring first Quarterly Meeting for conference year 1932—1933 met with Walnut Grove church on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in October, 1932. Introductory sermon was delivered by Elder H. C. Crase, pastor.

Saturday morning conference assembled at call of the clerk. Singing by the choir. Scripture reading by the clerk. Prayer by Bro. E. L. Brewer.

Moderator, present, called the routine of business until time for the 11 o'clock divine service, when the stand was supplied by Elders J. R. W. Harbison and E. E. Winfree.

After enjoying a feast of God's love a sumptuous dinner was served.

Business was again taken up and disposed of.

Elders T. J. Dunkin and B. H. Woodring supplied the stand at 7:30 o'clock p. m. and brought soul-stirring messages, which caused much rejoicing in the Lord.

Our conference had the representation of fifteen churches by letters and delegates.

Sunday at 9:00 a. m. our Ministers' Conference assembled with moderator, E. L. Brewer presiding. First two subjects were taken up then adjournment was taken for 11 o'clock divine service, when the stand was filled by two of our young ministers, H. H. Beatty and C. R. Bryan. They gave us soul-lifting messages. And while God's love was showered on us who were inside, the much needed rain fell on the outside. But another fine dinner was spread after God's children had enjoyed a feast to the soul, and everybody enjoyed a feast to the body.

Conference was called, a deacon was ordained, the program was completed,

the parting hand was taken amid much rejoicing in the Lord.

Our next meeting will be with Shilo church, eight miles north of Thayer, Mo., on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in January, 1933. Everybody come praying for God's love to abound throughout the vicinity of Shilo. Introductory sermon on Friday night before by the pastor.

May God bless our conference, Gem and readers.

Elder E. E. Winfree, Moderator,
Elder H. C. Crase, Ass't Mod.,
Eld. J. R. W. Harrison, Clerk
H. F. Young, Ass't Clerk.

REPORT OF REVIVAL MEETING

Plattsburg, Mo., Nov. 22, 1932.
Dear Editor and Readers of the Gem:

On Monday night, October 24th, Elder Cecil Campbell and myself began a meeting at the Mt. Zion church, nine miles north of Plattsburg, Mo.

Bro. E. T. House is pastor of this church and helped us in the meeting.

We found a welcome among the good people of the community and found the Christian people willing to do their part. While there three souls were saved and were baptized by Bro. House, November 14th.

Our meeting was interrupted by rainy weather and snow, yet we had meeting every night but one. Although the attendance was not large, we had good interest.

We ask the prayers of God's people everywhere, that we may ever be found submissive and faithful to our Lord and His cause.

—Elder Noel Turner

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and Gem Readers:

I am writing to tell you folks about the revival meeting we had at the Mt. Zion church, near Plattsburg, Mo.

Elders Noel Turner and Cecil Campbell were in charge and our pastor, Eld. E. T. House, helped where most needed.

The meeting continued for three weeks. Three precious souls were saved in their homes (by personal work). They were baptized by Bro. House.

The Christian people were greatly benefited and feel like going on and

doing their duty for the Lord.

While a great number were not saved, that we wished to see saved, we are thankful and praising the Lord for the three who were saved.

Bro. Turner and Bro. Campbell did some wonderful preaching, and we hope they will be able to come back to preach for us again. May the Lord bless the young men and women who give their lives to preach the Gospel of our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

May the Lord bless each and every one of the Gem family.

Yours for Jesus,
Melba White

Report of the Carlow Revival

It has been so long since I have written anything for publication in the Gem that I think it is about time I was speaking up in meeting.

Since last spring I have held no revival meetings until just lately. I have been preaching to one church steady for one Sunday in each month, and I have been preaching some on other Sundays and have helped some in revivals held by other preachers. Most of time I have been farming and doing carpenter work, but a few weeks ago I went to Carlow and held a revival meeting with the F. W. B. church of that place. In spite of bad weather and corn shucking time and two other revivals going on at the same time near Carlow, God gave us a fine meeting, and the community and the church were greatly revived spiritually. There were nine professions, nine joined the F. W. B. church, and eight were baptized.

I did all the preaching in the meeting and Eld. John McKown, one of our young preachers who lives near Carlow did all the baptizing.

As a result of the meetings a prayer and Bible study class was started. They have an all year round Sunday School.

The meeting was finally practically stormed out with a snow storm. I am planning to go back and hold some more meetings with this church later.

This church is a member of the N. W. Mo. Association. Several churches in this Association have had fine revival meetings this fall, and this Associ-

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OUR YOUTH SPEAKS

REPORT ON YOUTH CAMP SESSIONS FOR 1963

by C. H. Burton, Jr.
Promotional Secretary,
Youth Camp Board

"Wonderful," "I've enjoyed it the most," "I can hardly wait until Youth Camp time next year" — these and many other similar remarks were made by those who attended Youth Camp this year. This is indicative that our young people love the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. Perhaps this is the reason we had two record-breakers this year. There were **261 enrolled for the Pre-Teen Session and 201 enrolled for the Teen Session.**

Let's note some of the highlights of the sessions held this year and see what is being done to help shape and mold the lives of our young people that they might be faithful servants of the Master.

The first service in the morning is chapel. A devotional thought is given by one of the students or one of the camp workers. Then, God's blessings are invoked on the Camp. The campers feel that, when God is met early in the morning His presence and guidance can be felt throughout the day.

Next, comes the class sessions. The subjects this year were "What Free Will Baptists Believe," "Free Will Baptist Heritage," "The Importance of Visual Aids in Teaching" (a biblical lesson was taught by the use of visual aids) and Camp Bible School for the lower age group of the Pre-Teens. The father of a pre-teen stated, after talking with his child who attended this year's session, "My child knows more about Free Will Baptists than I, and I have been a Free Will Baptist for several years." This speaks well for our class sessions.

In the afternoon the campers enjoy a time of recreation and singspiration. Surely God is pleased for us to develop physically as well as spiritually.

The day goes by in a hurry — it's 7:15 — time for cabin prayer meeting. This is a time when hearts are prepared for the evening Evangelistic Service. Often times decisions are made for Christ in these prayer meetings. At the Pre-Teen Session, six boys made decisions for Christ in a prayer meeting service.

It's 7:45 and time for the Evangelistic Service. What a wonderful feeling — sitting in the open tabernacle

singing praises to the Lord in song and being drawn into His presence in prayer. It would be well if every Free Will Baptist in Missouri could attend at least one of these services.

God has been preparing hearts — now it is time for the preacher to give God's message. The message goes forth in power—the invitation is given. A young man walks down the aisle and kneels at the altar—a young lady walks down the aisle and kneels at the altar. Others move out under the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Ministers and Christian workers begin counseling with the ones at the altar—prayers are offered boldly to the Throne of Grace and souls are saved; praise God souls are saved.

This year forty-four decisions were made at the Youth Camp Sessions. Also a young lady made a commitment of her life to Christ for a special kind of Christian service. These things happened this year. But this is experienced each year at Youth Camp. Approximately 800 decisions have been made for Christ at Youth Camp. From this group several are now serving as ministers and missionaries. Surely we can say along with David "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

The Lord has also blessed with material blessings. The Youth Camp Board undertook the project of installing a new well and pump this year. The total cost of the project is \$1170.14. Thus far \$937.83 has been received. This leaves a balance of \$232.31. Inasmuch as several have not responded to this who have said they will (we are depending on these for this needed money) it is anticipated enough money will be received in the near future to pay the balance. The Youth Camp Christian Corps has rendered a very beneficial service in helping to raise the needed money for the well. May the Lord bless these young people in a special way. A complete list of the churches and auxiliaries that have given and the amount given will be shown in the near future.

In thinking of the way the Lord has blessed the Youth Camp this year, in past years and in anticipation of future blessings surely it would be well to say with the Psalmist "O come let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let

us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a King above all gods." (Psalms 95:1-3)

WHAT YOUTH CAMP MEANT TO ME

Youth Camp is like a little piece of heaven. You have a feeling of Christ being everywhere. There is an atmosphere of Christianity all the time. Everyone is so nice and sweet.

Youth Camp helped me to grow more spiritual minded. Youth Camp will make you change your whole attitude about everything. It will help you appreciate what Christ has done for you in the past.

The classes are so interesting that they will make you want to do something for the Lord to repay Him for what He has done for you. The evening services were so wonderful. There were 23 decisions for Christ, and one girl who announced her call to the mission field. To see so many young teen-age kids go to the altar to be saved or rededicate their lives just makes your heart burst with joy. Mae was really a wonderful cabin sponsor. She was so much fun to be with.

It's pretty hard to put into words what Youth Camp meant to me, but all I can say is it was wonderful. If you have never been to Youth Camp you should go. I know you too will receive a blessing from it as I did.

This was my first year at Youth Camp but I plan to go next year.

Charolette Tallent

WHAT VOCATION SHALL I CHOOSE?

Eph. 4:1, 14, 15; I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.

Today there is great emphasis on the question of what vocation to choose. A great deal is being done in the field of vocational guidance for young people. Many colleges and

universities as well as high school guidance counselors are giving tests which bring out the personality traits and interests of the teen-agers. They feel by doing this they can get the young person to put his finger on the occupation he wishes to achieve. Then some teen-agers have no choice. They find it hard to secure a job after graduating from high school or college, and they are happy to take anything they can get.

Every young person, before choosing his vocation, should analyze himself. Only you know yourself. Decide whether you have the "ambition" and "desire" to advance your education, or if you are satisfied with your high school education. Decide which type of work you prefer. Do I prefer working with my hands, or my head? Do I like to work with people, or by myself? Do I object to being told what to do and like to be my own boss?

Then you must take your skills into consideration. Can I write fluently? Can I speak before people well? Am I interested and talented in art? These are just a few examples since each of us has our individual talents.

The first step in choosing your vocation is answering this question, "What do I like to do best?" What you are interested in and what you can do the best in is probably what you can do most successfully.

During the past decade it has become increasingly true that young people must be prepared to create jobs rather than merely to look for them. You cannot sit back and expect someone to bring an opportunity to you. If employment agencies have turned you away, before you get too discouraged try doing something that you like to do and create your own job. Jesus told Simon Peter, when he was having a poor catch of fish one day, to "launch out into the deep." When Simon did that, his results were amazing.

Just to assure yourself of a good vocation, specialized training is unbeatable. There are no short cuts to a genuine education. **Anyone** that tries can receive a good education. This challenge is up to **you** as the individual. No one else can do it for you. What vocation are **YOU** about to choose? Be sure it is one that will bring glory to God.

Judy Pogue
First F. W. B. Church
Fredericktown, Mo.

From West Plains:

Our Y. P. A. meeting was opened with a prayer by our sponsor, Bro. Clark Stephens. Jaunita Henry gave the treasurer's report. Beverly Moss gave a report on Youth Camp. There were eleven members present. Our program "Give Me Liberty" was discussed by the group. Games were played after the meeting. Dismissed by Venita Adkisson. Refreshments were served the group by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Cor. -Sec., Venita Adkisson

From North-East Missouri:

Our regular Youth Rally which is held on Saturday evening preceding each Fifth Sunday was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kirksville. Besides the special numbers that are given by the Youth we also had a Youth Film. This was a very good film and was very helpful to us, as youth.

The Kirksville Y. P. A. made a miniature mission station and had it on display. Lila Hiatt was elected president for the coming year.

G. T. A. Reports

The G. T. A. of the Fourth Church of St. Louis were host to the Y. P. A., July 20th, at the home of the sponsors Bro. Joe and Sis. Alice McDonald.

Bar-B-Q'd hamburgers, weiners, Kool-Aid and Iced Tea was the menu and all enjoyed playing games together.

Bro. Louis and Sis. Marion Willhite are the sponsors of the Y. P. A.

Much progress has been made with our youth in the past year but we still need your prayers.

St. Louis District Youth Rally:

The St. Louis District Youth Rally was held at the Southside Church, July 27, 1963 with a very large crowd present. Rev. Billy Van Winkle brought the devotional and the Girl's Trio from the host church sang, "Hand In Hand with Jesus." Immediately after this, officers for the coming year were elected. Randy McFarland of the Southside Church was elected president. Diana Land of the Grace Church as vice-president. Emma Skiles of Southside as secretary-treasurer. Judy Smith, Fourth Church as pianist. Sandy Avetta, Faith Church as song leader. The Advisory Committee consists of Rev. Al McFarland, Rev. R. B. Spurgeon and Rev. Max Courtney.

The third round of the Bible Bowl was then begun with Trinity Church

winning from the Festus Church on forfeit. Then Grace Church was victorious over the Faith Church by the score of 130 points to 55 points. The next round brought together the only undefeated teams and the Meramec Heights Church won over the Southside Church 85 points to 10 points. In the final round, Fourth Church defeated Trinity, who was playing two games to catch up, by answering an extra question in overtime. This was another successful Youth Rally.

KNOWS THE BOOK — Winner of the National Sword Drill, a contest for Free Will Baptists in the 13 to 15 age group, is Rebecca Brewer, 14, of Florence, Ala. The Sword Drill tests youngsters on their knowledge of persons and events in the Bible and contestants are given only seconds to locate the reference given them.

—News Photo

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

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Saturday, June 29, I attended the Laclede Quarterly Meeting held at the New Hope Church.

Sunday, June 30, I attended the Fifth Sunday Quarterly Meeting held at the Cedar Ridge Church.

Each of these meetings granted time for the Cooperative Program, and purchases of Bibles and other materials were made from the Book Store Display.

Rev. Glenn Jones brought his farewell message at the Lynn Street Free Will Baptist Church, Sunday morning in Lebanon. I was privileged to bring the evening message, and the church gave an offering to the State Cooperative Program.

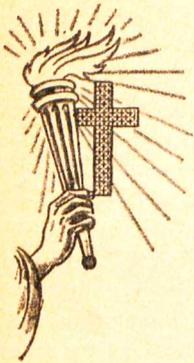
Even with three churches giving to the Cooperative Plan for the first time the receipts for June were below normal.

Rev Harry Beatty

JUNE RECEIPTS, 1963

Olivet	\$ 16.72
Thayer	35.49
Victory	74.42
St. Louis South Side	47.10
Farmington	38.98
Leadington	114.19
Springfield First F. W. B.	46.16
Hickory Grove	30.97
Carterville	13.25
Jefferson City First F. W. B.	9.03
Copper Mines	38.17
Faith & Hope	16.87

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Woman's Auxiliary



Mrs. Lester Jones

Editorially:

We have received an increased amount of reports this month. We shall use as many of them as we can. If your report is not in this issue it will be in the next issue.

We received the following announcement too late for last month's issue:

At the State Auxiliary Convention last year item number six of the Resolutions Committee read as follows: That we comply to Article IV, page 22 of the Manual and add as delegation: all local officers plus three elected delegates from each local Auxiliary.

We urge each Auxiliary to send delegates and as many local officers as possible. Each visitor will also be very welcome. Let us make this our best Convention to date both numerically and spiritually.

From Kansas City

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church met June 25 which opened by singing "He Keeps Me Singing." Prayer by Emolene Moser. Scripture was taken from Psalms and Proverbs. Special prayer for missionaries in Africa led by Alma

NOTICE

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

MRS. LESTER JONES
408 NORTH MARION ST.
KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI.

INSTEAD OF THE "GEM" OFFICE IN ST. LOUIS

Mason. Topics were given by: Edna Carder, Fern Smith, Alma and Vivian Mason. Business meeting was called to order. A letter was read from Bro. Ellison at A. M. Missions thanking us for our offering and prayers and telling of plans to organize a new church July 4th.

Secretary's report read and amended that the money in the treasury be given for draperies for the baptistry. We voted to leave the curtains which were put up for temporary purposes, instead of putting draperies on the baptistry. Officers were elected as follows: President, Edna Carder; V. President, Eula Howard; Sec.-Treas., Fern Smith; Assistant Sec., Vivian Mason; Program Chairman, Alma Mason; Benevolence Chairman, Vallie Grout; Study Course, Emolene Moser; Youth Sponsor, Janice Watkins; Cor.-Sec., Lela Freeman; Ann Smickers was elected to assist the Program Chairman with helps and special services. Voted to write Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Mason a letter of appreciation for the stove given. Dismissed in prayer by Lela Freeman.

Cor.-Sec., Fern Smith

The Auxiliary of Northside Church met July 16th, at the home of Sis. Guinta. Our meeting was opened with singing of a chorus, followed by prayer.

The meeting included election of new officers.

The following were elected to these offices: President, Vivian Miller; Vice-President, Patsy Heflen; Youth Chairman, Kay Case; Study Course Chairman, Sue Mills; Program-Prayer Chairman, Carolyn Pope; Personal Service

Chairman, Peggy Guinta; Recording Secretary-Treasurer, Nadean Shaver; Cor.-Sec., Carol Whaley.

Following election our program was presented and we were dismissed in prayer by Sis. Cook.

From Cuba, Missouri

Cuba Woman's Auxiliary met May 28th. Opened by singing and prayer by Sis. Todd. Sis. Pingleton read the Scripture. We discussed getting a carpet for the church and if anyone is in Rolla or Sullivan, check on it. Program-Prayer chairman, Sis. Ellis took charge. Sis. Lucille and Sis. Ellis sang, "Is He Satisfied?" Topics were given as follows: Lorene Todd, Lucille Blume, Helen Brown and Mable Kitchen. Sis. Ellis read a poem. We discussed baking a cake or pie each week for Sis. Ritchhart starting at and following through the alphabet. Dismissed in prayer by Sis. Ellis.

The Auxiliary met again June 25th. Scripture reading by Sis. Jo Pingleton. We then had an altar prayer. The report of officers was given. It was announced that Sis. Ritchhart asked us not to bring any more baked foods because of a diet. The following officers were elected: Sis. Jo Pingleton, President; Sis. Lucille Blume, Vice-President; Sis. Ruth Bailey, Secretary; Sis. Geraldine Dickens, Cor.-Sec.; Sis. Mable Kitchen, Treasurer; Sis. Creason, Study Course Chairman; Sis. Helen Brown, Personal Service Chairman; Sis. Todd, Program Prayer Chairman; Sis. Ellis, Program Chairman. We voted to order Sis. Bailey a secretary book.

The offering was \$4.44. Sis. Jo, Sis.

Jewell, Sis. Lucille and Sis. Helen were elected as a committee to see about the rug for the church. The meeting was turned to the Program Chairman who turned it to Sis. Mable. She had a very interesting lesson on the ten commandments. The ten commandments were discussed in order as they come by the following: Helen Brown, Ruth Irvin, Sis. Jo, Sis. Ellis, Sis. Todd, Sis. Blume, Sis. Irvin, Sis. Jewell, Sis. Geraldine and Sis. Hayes. Sis. Ellis read a poem. Dismissed in prayer by Sis. Blume. Refreshments followed.

Cor. -Sec., Geraldine Dickens

From West Plains

The Auxiliary met July 1st with eleven members and four visitors present. Meeting opened with a song. A special song was sung by Jaunita and Catherine Henry accompanied by Venita Adkisson. Scripture was given from III John and Acts. New officers elected are: President, Ella James; Vice President, Addie Adkisson; Recording Secretary, Hattie Sims; Corresponding Secretary, Eudene Adkisson; Treasurer, Evalee Lassiter; Personal Service, Gracie Stephens; Study Course, Claudia Combs; Youth Chairman, Linda Riley; Program-Prayer, Effie Lou Moss; Special Music, Opal Alsop. Addie Adkisson gave the lesson introduction. Topics were given by: Louise Lewis, Eudene Adkisson, Betty Bell. Ezekiel 18 discussed by Hattie Sims.

Cor. -Sec., Eudene Adkisson

From Flat River

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Church are so glad to come in and visit a little while with our many friends in Christ, and who are laborers together for Christ. We had many blessings through the past for which we are thankful to God. We met July 4th for study and prayer and election of officers. God was very near as we chose: Sis. Raper, President; Wanda Ragsdale, Vice President; Ruth Williams, Program-Prayer Chairman; Mrs. Hilderbrand, Study Course Chairman; Mrs. Baker, Personal Service Chairman; Bernice Dodd, Youth Chairman; Alberta Turley, Recording Secretary and Treasurer and Minnie Burcham, Corresponding Secretary.

Cor. -Sec., Minnie Burcham

From Springfield

Grant Avenue Woman's Auxiliary, G. T. A.'s and Missionary Midgets met

June 27th at 7:30 p. m. Scripture reading by President from II Corinthians 8:1-5. Prayer by Sandra Pointer. Treasurer's report given by President in the absence of the Treasurer. Roll call answered with Scripture verses, with eleven members present. Monthly reports filled out and an offering of \$8.75 received. The following officers were elected: President, Margaret Dixon; Vice President, Georgia Glenn; Secretary, Ila Edwards; Treas., Delma Branson; Study Course Chairman, Braxine Evans; Program Prayer Chairman, Geraldine Edwards; Personal Service Chairman, Lizzy Patton; Corresponding Secretary, Dorcas Wiseman; Y. P. A. Leader, Mary Fortney; G. T. A. Leader, Mrs. Orville Hefner; Missionary Midgets, Janice Dooly; Youth Chairman, Jean Grissom.

There was a study course at Mrs. Glenn's, June 28th at 2:00 p. m. The program chairman, Mrs. Wiseman took charge and read from John 1:1-5, 3:19-21, and 8:12. Prayer by Maxine Smith. Topics were given by: Braxine Evans, Margaret Dixon, Geraldine Edwards and Georgia Glenn. A missionary quiz was used at the close of the program with prayer by Mrs. Wiseman. Dismissed by Kathy Green.

Cor. -Sec., Braxine Evans

From Myrtle

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Myrtle church met with seven members present. Meeting was called to order by the president, Geneva Sorrell. Scripture, Revelation 3:5, was read by Ora Clark. Prayer by Elaine Skiles. Minutes and treasurer's report read and approved. In our previous business session we voted to sponsor our youth at Youth Camp. Ten youth went and the expense was seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). A nominating committee was appointed to select our officers for the following year. The committee was: Bernice Cantrell, Elaine Skiles and Ora Clark. We voted to retain the same officers. The lesson study, "A Beautiful Flower" with topics by Sis. Bernice Cantrell, Sis. Mary Alice Wisheart and Sis. Elaine Skiles. The lesson was very interesting and enjoyed by all.

Cor. -Sec., Ora Clark

From Lebanon

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church met Tuesday evening with twelve members present. Meeting opened by singing, "He Keeps Me Singing." Prayer by Alpha Admire.

Scripture, Mark 12:28-34 by Farron Jones. Secretary and treasurer gave report on previous meeting. Following the business session the lesson "Their Words Reveal Their World" with topics by: Esther Sutton, Marylyn Allen, Beth Florence and Farron Jones. The work our missionaries are doing in Africa is great so let's pray for them. Benediction by Elvis Brayboy.

Cor. -Sec., Henrietta Garrett

From Lebanon

Lynn Street F. W. B. Church circle met May 27th at the home of Myrtle Cornelison. Meeting opened by singing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and prayer by Delia Marcum. Sis. Vineta Broyles read I Peter 3:1-18. Sis. Betty Broyles, president asked for roll call with Bible verses. Several poems were read. There were ten members present with one new member joining, Sis. Laura Ford. The Secretary is Sis. Mary Lindsey. We now have our church paid for and our church circle has had a great part in helping to accomplish this. We do thank God that He has blessed us in many ways and trust that we may be able to accomplish much more to His glory.

Cor. -Sec., Myrtle Cornelison

From St. Louis

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First F. W. B. Church at Berkeley met for the election of officers. Officers are as follows: President, Mildred Dobkins; Vice President, Gusta Barks; Secretary-Treasurer, Maril Wood; Sis. McColoster and Sis. Cantrell Assistant Cor. -Sec.; Sis. Jerry Plummer, Program Prayer chairman; Sis. Wallace and Marie Forster, Study Course chairmen; Sis. Hill and Sis. Lewis to send cards to our missionaries and families.

A candle light installation service is planned in the near future. Pray for us that we will always be on fire for the Lord and do His blessed will. There is so much to be thankful for as we have just finished our new church for which we give God praise.

We gave our boys and girls who graduated this year a tea Sunday at 4:30 p. m. in the church basement. A small gift was presented to each one. Sis. Donna Lix gave the devotional. Bro. Lawrence Combs, who was the speaker, gave them several good points. We are proud of our young people. They have just had a youth revival, with several saved and rededicated.

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State Meeting Program

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

of the
FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
August 20-22, 1963

Host: NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION,
Kirksville, Missouri

Meeting Place: Kirk Auditorium

CONVENTION OFFICERS

Rev. O. T. Allred-Monett, Mo.,
Moderator.
Rev. O. T. Dixon-Springfield, Mo.,
Assistant Moderator.
Rev. Chesley R. (Buddy) Hill, Jr.,
Valley Park, Mo., Clerk.

TUESDAY EVENING - August 20

7:30 p. m. We Sing Praises to God
7:45 p. m. Convening of the Session
Rev. Chesley Hill, Jr.,
Clerk
Welcome -- Rev. Lester
Jones
Response--Rev. Woodrow
Matthews
Moderator's Message--
Rev. O. T. Allred
Appointment of Commit-
tee on Committees
Introductory Message --
Rev. William Hill,
Pastor Hazel Park FWB
Church, Detroit, Mich.
9:15 p. m. Benediction

WEDNESDAY MORNING - Aug. 21

9:00 a. m. Devotional--Edwin Wade
Credential Committee's
Report
Corresponding Letters
Received
Seating of Corresponding
Messengers
Reading of By-Laws
Report of Committee on
Committees
9:55 a. m. Adjourn for Woman's
Auxiliary Program

WEDNESDAY EVENING - Aug. 21

7:30 p. m. We Sing Praises to God
7:45 p. m. Devotional -- James
McAllester
8:00 p. m. Message -- Rev. Albert
McFarland
9:15 p. m. Benediction

THURSDAY MORNING - August 22

9:00 a. m. Devotional -- Rev. Robert
Wilfong
9:15 a. m. Business Period
Report of Statistician
Report of General Board
Report of the Youth Camp
Board
Report of State Treasurer
Report of State Promo-
tional Secretary--Rev.
Harry Beatty
Report of Business Com-
mittee
11:00 a. m. Message -- Rev. Gene
Rogers

12:00 Noon-Adjourn for Lunch

THURSDAY AFTERNOON - Aug. 22

1:30 p. m. Open Devotional
1:45 p. m. Business Period
Report of Business Com-
mittee
Report of the Superan-
nuation Board
Report of the Missions
Committee
Report of the Obituary
Committee
Report of the Placement
Committee
Report of the Temperance
Committee
Report of the Publications
Committee
Report of the State Sun-
day School and League
Board
Report of the Nominating
Committee
4:30 p. m. Adjourn

THURSDAY EVENING - August 22

Optional with entertaining Association

PROGRAM PERSONALITIES

Allred, Rev. O. T.
—Pastor, Merl's Chapel Church
Beatty, Rev. Harry
—State Promotional Secretary
Dixon, Rev. O. T.
—Pastor, Grant Ave. Church,
Springfield
Hill, Rev. Chesley
—Pastor, Meramec Heights Ch.
Hill, Rev. William
—Pastor, Hazel Park Church,
Detroit
Jones, Rev. Lester
—Pastor, Kirksville Church

Matthews, Rev. Woodrow
—Pastor, Beacon Church, Kansas
City, Mo.

McAllester, Rev. James
—Pastor, Central Church, Kansas
City, Mo.

McFarland, Rev. Albert
—Pastor, South Side Church, St.
Louis, Mo.

Rogers, Rev. Gene
—Pastor, Mountain Grove Church

Wade, Edwin
—Supt. of S.S. at Mountain Grove
Church

Wilfong, Robert
—Pastor, Leadington Church

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

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ation this year ought to show a large
increase in membership.

There seems to be a kind of a re-
vival wave going through this part of
the country this fall. Many churches
of other denominations also have had
fine revival meetings and many souls
have been saved.

Yours for Christ and the church,
Eld. T. C. Ferguson, Weatherby, Mo.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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Ten were baptized this last Sunday
evening. The ladies are endeavoring
to raise money for different things, by a
fish fry every month or so. Also other
auxiliaries have one almost every Fri-
day evening on the parking lot. Come
on out and have your supper with us,
you neighboring churches.

Assistant Cor. -Sec., Bernice Cantrell

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

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Mine La Motte	11.00
St. Louis District	216.48
Merl's Chapel	13.45
Sunnyview	3.00
Lynn Street, Lebanon	7.00
Hannon	25.00
Fellowship	75.00

Total Received \$832.28

Disbursed:

National F. W. B. Association	\$457.75
Missouri Promotional	166.45
Missouri Home Missions	74.90
Missouri Youth Camp	41.62
Gem	41.62
General Fund	41.62
Missouri Superannuation	8.32

Total Disbursements \$832.28
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OBITUARY

Sister Kate Smith fell asleep in Jesus at her home on June 12, 1963 at the age of 71 years, 2 months and 3 days. She was born in St. Clair, Missouri, a daughter of Frank and Maggie Skaggs on April 9, 1892.

She was united in holy matrimony to Ben Smith on January 8, 1910. To this union 10 children came to bless this home, 2 preceding her in death.

Those who survive are: Her Husband, Ben Smith; 3 daughters, Mrs. Emma Messex of House Springs, Mo.; Mrs. Catherine Boyer, Mrs. Aurelia Bowman, of Richwoods; 5 sons, Joe and Clarence of Richwoods, William of Union, Mo.; George of Cadet, Mo., and James of Desoto, Mo., 22 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Sis. Smith was converted and baptized about 45 years ago and united

with Mount Zion Baptist Church, near St. Clair, Missouri and later transferred her membership to the Free Will Baptist Church at Richwoods, Missouri, where she remained a faithful member until her death.

Her funeral services were at the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church on June 15th. Officiating was Rev. Floyd Arnold of Lemay, Missouri, assisted by Rev. Gaylord Huckaba, her pastor.

She was laid away in the Prospect Cemetery near Lonedell, Mo., waiting for the resurrection day, to come forth with all the other saints who have died in the Lord.

Her funeral was under the direction of Casey-Lenox Funeral Home of St. Clair, Mo.

"How precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Mrs. John Ackerson, Reporter

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1962—1963

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
Mt. Pisgah	72	70	84	77	67	84						
Copper Mines	103	101	94	85	87	79	61	75	82	95	84	
Fellowship, Flat River	197	188	187	188	204	194	179	178	192	214	201	191
Leadington	40	44	52	47	44	59	49	54	61	62	55	53
Farmington	93	88	81	97	86	93	75	87	87	93	81	74
Mill Creek	55	56	53	54	58	56	52	49	71	82	68	64
Berkeley City	213	226	264	262	243	246	230	241	366	343		
Richwoods	62	60	73	58	57	57	44	49	47	50	55	54
Beacon	79	77	78	92	81	83	88	91	87	102		
Kirksville	86	82	68	83	84	83	62	66	65	79	78	
Grant Ave., Springfield ..		128	125	129	128	112	116	127	135	153	135	
Hazel Creek	58	57	57	63	65	62	39					
South Side Church	168	199	188	185	183	183	162	191				
New Hope, Kansas City	96	114	103	105	96	93	88					
Mine La Motte	34	31	26	28	31	30	19	26	30	40	33	25
First Church Lebanon	76	70	92		66	66	57	61	65	66	51	51
Overland Church	126	136	133	141	141	138	133	137		162	150	
First Ch., Mtn. Grove	338	335	335	335	342	335	304	317	357	385	357	316
Myrtle	69	65	68	81	75	76	69		79	78	71	
Bethel, West Plains		130	157	155	153	162	143	164				
Desloge	111	116	112	112	103	110	83	103	127	128	107	114
Thayer	110	104	118	110	102	108	98	107	105	120	108	102
Meramec Heights	40	35	38	34	38	37	27	27	32	29	38	
Faith, Lemay	98	98	94	109	99	112	89	96	102	106	92	85
Union Light	104	123	108	118	112	118	89	103	103	117	111	116
First Church, Flat River ..	149		132	138			104	112	144	131	123	
Liberty, Phillipsburg						64	48	74	78	97	81	
Olivet Church, Marshall					18	19	24	31	17	19	19	14
Festus Church				67	56	53	46	49	46	59		
Northside St. Louis						69	71		80	73	82	
First Church, Springfield							133	159	154	189	169	145
Grace Arnold	89	82	88	150	118	138	133	141		150	129	114
Joplin	82	81	83	87	80	96	77	87				
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana ..								20	20	24	20	22
Fourth Church							54	60				
Central Mission, K. C.									47	51	46	
Alton Church										96	96	
First Church K. G.							50	52	58	66		
Sunnyview Church										49	52	
First Ch., Fredericktown								166	165	180	165	
Salem Church												

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

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At the close of a revival in which souls were saved, the Cave Springs Church was host to the Cave Springs Quarterly Meeting, July 5th and 6th. This church has recently erected a new sanctuary and it was filled with a full delegation from each church. Time was given for the Promotional work on the program. I also held services in two other churches while in this district.

July 15th through July 18th, I attended the Twenty-seventh Session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Detroit, Michigan. Good soul stirring messages were preached at each worship service. There was also harmonious business sessions and many new goals set for our denominational attainment. I also attended the funeral service of our beloved brother, Rev. Mark Lewis, former Missouri pastor, held in Detroit July 16th.

July 24th, enjoyed mid-week prayer service with the Farmington Church and their newly elected pastor, Rev. Everett Hilliard. Missouri welcomes him and his family.

July 25-26, the West Plains Church entertained the Cave Springs Yearly Meeting. All churches were represented by letter or delegates. I was privileged to bring one of the messages during this session. The West Plains Church was organized in cooperation with Missouri Home Mission Board, Dec. 20, 1956 and has developed to

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Letters from our Readers

Lebanon, Mo.
July 15, 1963

Dear Editor, Rev. Hill:

Just a few lines, as you haven't heard anything about us for quite awhile. We thought perhaps some of Brother and Sister Free Will Baptists would be interested to know of our great blessing as we dedicated our church to Christ.

The Lynn Street Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon Mo., enjoyed a great blessing on Sunday, July 7th. We had our regular services in the morning. Our pastor, Rev. Vinita Broyles, brought her first message which was well received. A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour. "Basket dinner" and the fellowship was wonderful.

Evening services opened about 1:30 p. m. by congregational singing. A special song by the church quartet. Louie McNellis gave a brief history of the church. Rev. Sis. Broyles turned the services to Rev. Leo Curtis of Ashford, Ala. Bro. Curtis based his message on II Chronicles, 2nd chapter and others. He made a very interesting address concerning the church. We were very happy. Sis. Mary Lowry being the oldest charter member, gave the dedication prayer. Bro. Louie McNellis being the only one left in the church who signed the mortgage, had

the pleasure of burning it. A large crowd was present for the occasion, our sister churches of Laclade Association, Sunnyview Church and Happy Hill Church. From the Niangua Association was Cedar Ridge Church, Buffalo Church and Bailey Chapel. We were all so happy. Our hopes of a few years had come into being. Truly we do thank the Lord for the things we have been able to do.

We were so glad we could get Rev. Curtis for this occasion, as he helped to organize the church and was its first pastor. We want to thank every one who had a part in making this possible, and if any of our brothers and sisters from over the State of Missouri or anywhere else, are in Lebanon, Mo., you are invited to meet with us at the Lynn Street Free Will Baptist Church, across the street from the City Cemetery on north Highway No. 5, and now Bro. Hill we would be happy if you would pay us a visit, if you should be in Lebanon at any time. So I'll be close wishing all our brothers and sisters many happy blessings.

Yours in Christ,
Louis McNellis
311 Polk St.,
Lebanon, Mo.

Dear Bro. Bud:

We are sending in our average attendance for the month of June. Our

average attendance is 51 at Sunny View.

We had our Vacation Bible School at Sunny View the first two weeks in June. We had an average attendance of 70 pupils during the two weeks. Mrs. Betty Rubles was our superintendent.

We enjoy reading the Gem and enjoyed the item about the beginning of our Free Will Baptists.

God bless you all in your work for our Lord. Pray for us.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ,
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Eden

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

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be one of our outstanding churches in Missouri, fully participating in the Missouri Co-operative Plan of Support. Rev. Davie Combs is the pastor.

The Bonne Terre Church and Bro. C. B. Dees royally entertained the St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting July 26-27, 1963 with a full house and all churches represented and good spiritual services. They gave time for the Promotional work.

The Co-operative receipts for July are above \$2,000.00 which we ought to average to meet our monthly budget. Hope to see many of you at the State Meeting at Kirksville, Mo.

GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

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Pastoral Changes

Rev. Clarence Burcham has resigned the Old Bethel Church due to ill health and Rev. Ronnie Graham has been elected pastor of the church for the coming year.

Rev. Bud Hill has resigned the Meramec Heights Church in St. Louis effective August 18. He will assume the pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, Missouri August 25th.

Rev. O. T. Allred has resigned the Merl's Chapel Church and has assumed the pastorate of the Granby Church.

Rev. Otho Boyd has taken the pastorate of the Merl's Chapel Church.

The First Church of Farmington, Missouri has called as its pastor for the coming year, Rev. E. D. Hellard from Texas.

Rev. Teddy Davis has assumed the pastorate of the Free Will Baptist Church in Joplin, Missouri.

The Jones Chapel Church has called Rev. Jensen for pastor for the coming year.

Officers and Board Members of the State Association

OFFICERS

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Assistant Moderator Rev. O. T. Dixon, Springfield, Mo.
Clerk Rev. C. R. (Bud) Hill, Valley Park, Mo.
Treasurer Rev. Harry Beatty, St. Louis, Mo.

THE GENERAL BOARD

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North East Mo. Ass'n.	Mr. H. E. Mikel	1 Yr.	1963
North West Mo. Ass'n.	Mr. Milford House	1 Yr.	1963
South East Mo. Ass'n.	Rev. R. B. Spurgeon	1 Yr.	1963
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