

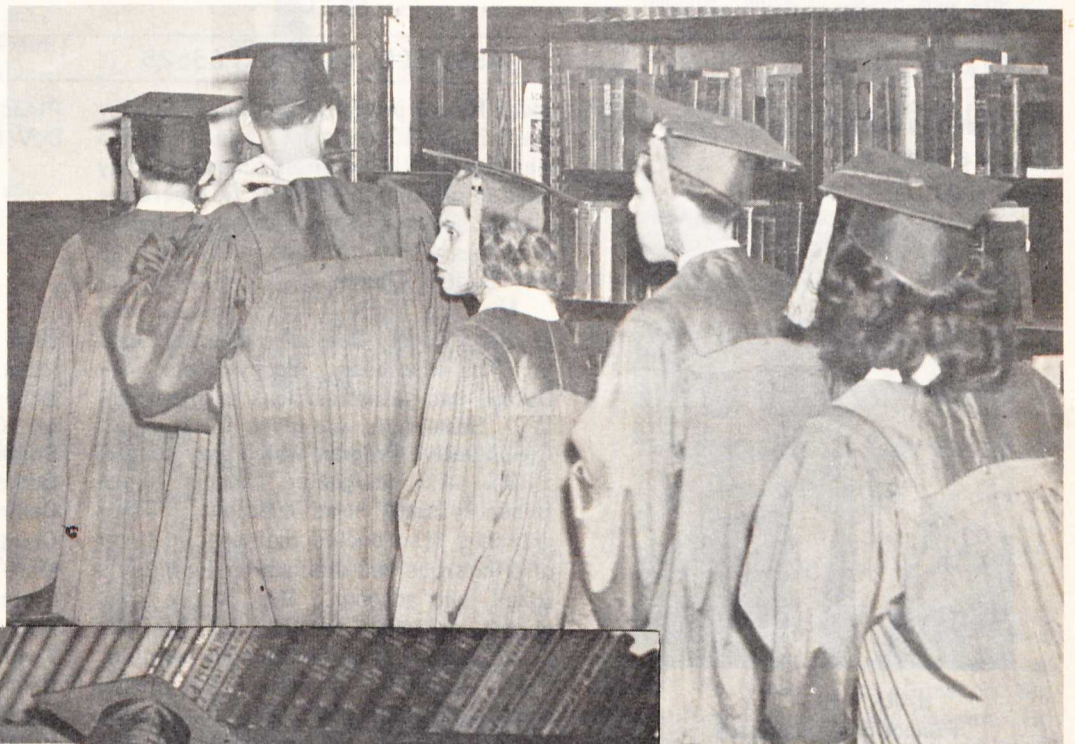
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Promotional Secretary's Corner



HARRY BEATTY
Promotional Secretary

APRIL, 1966

April 1st, I journeyed with promotional workers Tommy Roberts from Kansas, and George Waggoner from Illinois to Nashville, Tenn. for a two day semi-annual meeting held in the new headquarters building. Promotional men from several states and representatives of each department of the National Free Will Baptist Association were in attendance. This meeting accomplished great good, plus the splendid Christian fellowship and worship including the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Saint's Feet service Thursday evening.

I returned by way of Cave Springs Quarterly Meeting which was held with Liberty Free Will Baptist Church Saturday, April 2nd. Twenty-one churches represented with delegates. Time was

given for our promotional program. Sunday April 3, at 11:00 a.m., I delivered the message in the Norman Church. They gave an offering to Missouri Co-operative plan of support. Sunday evening I delivered the gospel message in Clifton Free Will Baptist Church.

Mine La Motte Church hosted the Madison County Quarterly Meeting April 9. The missionary, Bobby Poole, delivered two gospel sermons in this meeting. Some time was given for Missouri Co-operative Program which they support 100%, also designated support given Missouri state home missions. Their churches also pooled their special silver offerings received this quarter for Miley's travel fund account. Mrs. Miley conducted missionary services in Fredericktown Saturday night and Sunday morning. I was privileged to deliver the gospel message Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in Mine La Motte Church and the communion service message in Fredericktown Church Sunday evening. They had good participation in both Communion and Feet Washing services.

St. District Youth Rally assembled with Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church Friday evening, April 22, with real good representation and each church participated in the program. The Quarterly meeting also convened with Berkeley Church Saturday, April 23rd. I was delegated to deliver the 11:00 a.m. sermon. Time was given for our Missouri Co-operative program which is generously supported by this District. I delivered the sermon Sunday morning in North Side Free Will Baptist Church and Sunday evening in our O'Fallon Mission. Remember both of these in your prayers.

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Pleasant St., St. Louis, Mo. 63111. D.V.B.S. material is also available.

Harry Beatty

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS APRIL, 1966

Cape Girardeau	\$ 12.33
Viburnum	42.65
Beacon	84.95
Mt. Grove	167.33
South Side	150.00
Berkeley	224.26
Central	78.00
Grant Avenue	86.97
Monett	96.03
Carterville	20.00
Parkview	82.64
Twin City	44.62
Hannon	45.00
Flat River, First	274.25
Pleasant Hill	7.00
Myrtle	114.38
Rock Chapel	24.45
Mill Creek	65.00
Twin Oaks	68.00
Copper Mines	41.66
Overland	304.11
Festus, First	45.00
Olivett	21.45
Victory	83.95
Mine La Motte	16.74
North Side	40.87
Lebanon, First	150.00
Cabool	37.41
West Plains	34.00
Thayer	48.19
Kirksville	90.00
Twin City	50.74
South Side	162.00
Total	\$2,813.98

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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELDS

Dear Brothers!

I will give you a report of the revival meeting we just finished at the Hazel Creek Union Church in the Northeast Missouri Association. Our meeting began Monday night, April 25, and closed May 6 and Rev. Clifford Bowman of Waynesville, Mo. was the evangelist. The crowds were good every night and the spirit of the meeting was superb with full cooperation of the other Free Will Baptists in a very unusual way.

Bro. Bowman is a most unusual preacher. He is fearless to preach the Word and plain in presenting the way of salvation. He also is a faithful personal worker and was continually on the go visiting in the community and hospitals.

One young man stood and confessed that he had found Christ as Saviour on the road home after attending one of the services.

The spiritual condition of the Free Will Baptist Churches in this association is good and it is our hope to win many souls and thus promote God's cause everywhere.

Praying God's blessings upon the Free Will Baptist cause and Christians everywhere, I am

In His service,
Rev. Archie Cooper

CHURCH PLANS TO BUILD SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ROOMS

We the Smyrna Church greet you in the name of the Lord, and would like to report on the progress of our church.

We feel the Lord has really blessed us this past year.

Praise God for His blessings.

Our attendance has grown so much that we are now in the process of raising funds to build some Sunday School class rooms.

We are so thankful for our young pastor, Bro. Terry Forrest, who has worked so faithfully with our young people and also their leader and other officers and teachers of the church.

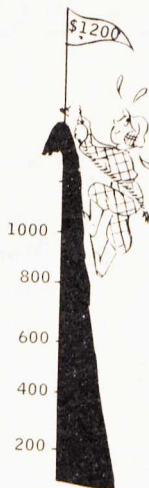
We request your prayers for Bro. Terry as he will be our pastor for another year, and will also be attending college.

Pray with us for a revival. May God give us a burden for the lost.

LEADINGTON CHURCH REPORTS

We are still happy and working for the Lord here. Our pastor has just returned June 1966

Miley's Travel Fund



OVER THE TOP

MISSOURI STATE REPORT OF MILEY'S TRAVEL FUND ACCOUNT FOR APRIL, 1966

Silver offerings contributed by the churches in Madison County Quarterly Meeting

Union Light	\$17.00
Viburnum	16.00
Mine La Motte	52.00
Twin Oaks	60.00
Mill Creek	13.60
Fredericktown	97.55
Copper Mines.....	14.65
Old Bethel	5.35
Total	\$276.15

Previous receipts	\$1206.77
Grand Total.....	\$1482.92

from a ten day revival at Topeka, Kansas. The Lord was very good and rewarded his efforts with twenty decisions for Christ.

It's good to know the Lord is still on the throne. But where are we? Doing our very best at all times???

It is so easy to feel we are doing our best, but Satan is always on the job and it is a constant fight to overcome. But praise God we have help if we only ask.

Since writing last we have had great sorrow in our church. One of our fine young ladies passed away at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. She was 16 year old Judy Barnes of Farmington, Mo., a junior at Farmington High School.

We will always miss Judy's smiling face at Leadington FWB Church.

We are happy to report an increase in our CTS since our last writing. Also our Sunday school is holding up real well.

HISTORIAN SEEKS ARTICLES FOR COLLECTION

Dear Friend:

I have been elected historian here in our state. I am seeking to locate all of the old minutes, treatises, books, pictures, pamphlets, periodicals, etc. that I possibly can for our collection. We have on hand the following scattered issues of the Free Will Baptist Gem: Sept., Oct., Nov., and Dec. 1959; Jan., March, April, May, June, July, Sept., Oct., November, 1960; Jan., Feb., Mar., April, May, June, August, Sept., Oct., Nov., and Dec., 1961; Jan., Feb., Mar., April, May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec., 1962; All issues for 1963; All issues for 1964; Jan., Feb., Mar., for 1965.

We would certainly appreciate it if we could get a complete set of the GEM.

Address to: Historian, Box 11277, East Durham Station, Durham, N. C. 27703.

Thank you and may God bless you.

Sincerely,
Ronald Creech

REPORT OF THE AULSBURY CHAPEL CHURCH

On April 16th Brother Mack Owens, a missionary from Canada, visited our church. He showed film slides on his work in New Hampshire and Canada. He also gave a brief talk on how his work progressed in the years he has spent in Canada. He had some material and pamphlets of the missions and some letters from friends who appreciated his work.

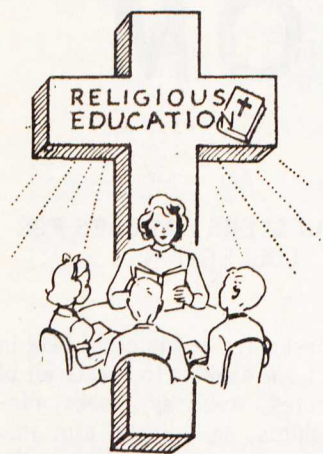
We have 25 church pews for sale - 10 ft. long. If interested contact Rev. Dean Burpo, 304 Buckley St., Flat River, Mo.

PASTOR RESIGNS

The Rev. Tommy Carlson has resigned the Willow Springs Free Will Baptist Church near Mtn. Grove, Mo. Rev. Carlson's last service will be June 19. Bro. Carlson is available for full time work. He may be contacted at the following address: Rev. Tommy Carlson, c/o Mr. Everett Carlson, 440 W. Wishart, Mo-nett, Mo. 65708.

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NEWS

FROM OUR COLLEGES



QUARTET PLANS TOUR

The 1965-66 Bible College quartet, the Crusaders, is making arrangements for a summer itinerary into the western states. The group includes David Chamberlin, freshman, from Wheelersburg, Ohio; Blaine Hughes, sophomore, from Columbia, Tenn.; Doug Henderson, freshman, from Austin, Texas; and Herman McFaddin, freshman, from Ashland, Ky.

Rev. Paul Kettelman, director of public relations for the College, reports that an excellent spirit has been evident in each of the quartet services. "Young people have been challenged by this quartet in a special way and many of them are making plans to attend the Bible College," he stated. As a result of the services on their first two weekends, the school received more than \$3300 in gifts.

The summer itinerary will take the quartet through 12 states: Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

BIBLE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT SERVICE TO HONOR 32 STUDENTS

Thirty-two students are completing requirements for their respective areas of study and were honored at the Bible College's commencement service, May 26, at 10:00 a.m. The following students are included in the group:

B. A. Graduates

Richard AdamsTennessee
 Ronnie BlanksArkansas
 Ernest Bowen..... North Carolina

Clarence Bruce..... Oklahoma
 Robert Bryan Virginia
 Ronnie Dail North Carolina
 Donald Grice Alabama
 Neil Hearn North Carolina
 Ronald Howland North Carolina
 Henry Hughes Virginia
 Keith KenemerMichigan
 Larry Mayhew California
 Jim McLain Tennessee
 Judy Morgan Oklahoma
 William Morris Georgia
 Ronald Niebruegge Tennessee
 Thurman Pate..... Tennessee
 Bobby Poole North Carolina
 Douglas Randlett.....Maryland
 Gerald Richmond..... Oklahoma
 Ann Rinehart Virginia
 Jack Stallings Missouri
 Bill Van Winkle..... Missouri
 German Vogel Argentina
 Jack Williams Louisiana
Th. B. Graduates

Les Carney New Jersey
 Jack Williams Louisiana

Christian Workers Diploma

Richard Cordell Tennessee
 Howard Pittman North Carolina
 Claudia Saratowski North Carolina

Business Certificate

Ann Booker Florida
 Phil Brinson North Carolina
 Donna Watson North Carolina

STUDENTS ELECT 1966-67 OFFICERS

Jimmie Ferrell, Smithfield, N. C. senior, was elected student body president on April 29 for the 1966-67 school year. Selected to assist him are Vice President Raymond Gartman, junior, from Hobbs, New Mexico; Secretary-Treasurer Dari Keiffer, sophomore, from Jerome, Idaho; and Chaplain Blaine Etterling, senior, from Sciotoville, Ohio.

Following the death of last year's president, Ray Lee, Ferrell served the remainder of the term, also editing the 1966 yearbook, the Lumen.

These students exemplify the spirit of leadership, integrity, and Christian character necessary to hold such positions of responsibility.



DR. L. C. JOHNSON

Dr. L. C. Johnson, president of Free Will Baptist Bible College, has been an instrument in the hands of God, furthering the work of this denomination. Under his guidance, and enjoying the blessings of the Lord's goodness, the school has grown from a student body of nine in 1942 to more than 350 this year.

Linton Carroll Johnson was born February 3, 1914, in Alma, Georgia. He was saved at the age of 14 during a revival at the Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church, but it was not until he was 17 that he fully committed himself to the service of God. He was licensed to preach in 1933 and ordained the following year by the South Georgia Association, representing the Pine Level Church.

Attending the University of Georgia for one year, Dr. Johnson completed his studies at Bob Jones College, Greenville, Tenn., graduating with the B.A. degree in 1939.

While completing his education, he pastored the Ashland City FWB Church in Tennessee. Among the other pastorates held by Dr. Johnson are the Glennville and Ebenezer churches in Georgia and Harmony Church in Lake Butler, Fla.

In 1942 he was asked to accept the presidency of the then-soon-to-be-organized Free Will Baptist Bible College. Agreeing to do so, he began administering the complex affairs involved in running a school during the first difficult years. Except for a three-year return to the pastorate in Tupelo, Miss., Dr. Johnson has continued in this position until the present time.

Both as a leader and as a husband and father, he has been a worthy example to set before the future leaders of our denomination.

Editor's Note: There will be an article on the various personnel of the Bible College for the next few months.

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WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

A little girl was lying in the floor drawing a picture. The mother asked, "What are you doing?" "I am drawing a picture of God." "No one knows what God is like," the mother said. "They will when I am finished."

The greatest need of mankind is that of God. The world has many great and wonderful blessings today, all of which are to be appreciated because they are a great boon. There are the heritages of the past, the things that have come to us as the results of the struggles, labors, sacrifices, and sufferings of our forefathers. They labored, sacrificed and suffered and we enjoy the blessings of civilization, freedom, and a rich store of wholesome traditions. Besides the heritages from the past centuries, we have the discoveries, inventions, and arts of recent days. Our lives have fallen upon pleasant places, for all around us there are numerous blessings.

But all the blessings we enjoy are no substitute for God. This is the supreme need of the human life. There is a saying of Augustine's, "Our hearts never rest till they rest in God," and this expresses a universal and imperative need. There is a universal sense of God and a need of God. It is imbedded within the moral nature of all men everywhere. (Rom. 1:19, 20). To crush the instinct and longing for God is to do violence to our nature. The only being in the world that is not satisfied with plenty is man.

The ox will lie down upon the grass and be content. Animals and fowl and birds are not troubled with those hopes and fears that possess mankind and fill the heart with perplexity. The only creature that knows and fears, is man. And in the midst of plenty he is not satisfied. And why not? Simply because he has not found rest in God.

Man was made for God and cannot be at rest without Him, unless he has crushed the longing for God and has marred his own moral nature. Infidelity is abnormal, it is a moral sickness. There is a spirit or moral nature in man that cannot be satisfied apart from God. The problem is, Where can God be found?

Every human being possessed with reasonable intelligence has some conception of God. But how vague and distorted it frequently is. Behold, the ruin and blindness of sin.

The fact of the matter is, we must remain in ignorance of God is we have only man's word. Plato, a heathen philosopher, wrote, "We must of necessity wait until someone from God shall come and instruct us." This is the philosophy
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of darkness and ignorance. God has revealed Himself. The Bible reveals God. The theosophics recorded in the Scriptures were real manifestations of God. God appeared to certain ones again and again, as the voice (word). The Angel of the Lord, in the fire, the cloud, the wind and the thunder. If we read the Bible we shall come to know about God.

But finally the Word came forth from God, and deity became human. (John 1:1,14). In Jesus Christ, incarnate God is revealed and explained (John 1:18). Yes, God became human that He might be really and truly known. What a mystery. Here we stand in awe as we wonder and meditate. Oh, the holy rapture. I know Jesus and I know God. In the Bible we have definite knowledge about God. It reveals God's nature and character and attributes. And what does the Bible say about God?

Our Lord, speaking with the woman of Samaria, tells her that "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him, must worship Him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24). That God is a Spirit is a description of the nature of God. Spirit is characterized by self-consciousness, self-activity, and personally. Intelligence is also attached to spirit. And there is the absence of the material.

It may help us to at least approach this mystery if we remember three things these words tell us about God.

These words indicate that God is invisible. Angels are invisible because they cannot be seen. God is invisible because He cannot be seen. (John 1:18; 1 Tim. 6:16). God is Spirit, and in pure spirit, there is nothing for the eye of sense to see.

These words tell us that God is independent. Being Spirit, He has no parts; if He had, He would be dependent on them as we are. Parts are finite, and can never make infinity. We may lose a member of our body and upon many materials and earthly things for our existence, but God is not dependent upon anything for His existence. He is eternal and self-existent - the "I am that I am" (Exod. 3:14). God is absolutely independent of anything and everything.

These words show that God is indivisible. He has no parts, no limits, and no boundaries. The aged Thomas Watson is quoted as saying, "God center is everywhere, and His circumference is nowhere." Even when He dwells in unnumbered souls, God is not divided, for He is Spirit.

In 1 John 1:5 we read: "God is light and in him is no darkness at all", or,

literally it is, "Not a speck of darkness." Light is the element that reveals or makes manifest (Eph. 5:13). Light is pure element. It cannot be defiled neither corrupted.

Light is the symbol of purity. It cannot be defiled. It is one of God's gifts to man that men have never been able to stain with their sin and wickedness. The air may become foul and filled with impurity and injurious to health. Water may be polluted and dangerous to human life; but light is always pure and undefiled. Light is therefore the symbol of God's essential, infinite, perfect, and stainless holiness.

Light is also the symbol of God's joy. Light is ever radiant and joyous. "Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun" (Eccl. 11:7). What a glory and radiance the sun sends forth. Like the sun, God is unceasingly raying forth His Nature toward all His creatures. In one of his sermons, Spurgeon says, "God made the world on the plan of cheerful giving". This telling sentence analyzed, means that God made the world according to His own nature. Of the sun in the physical heaven, it is written: "There is nothing hid from the heat thereof." (psa. 19:6). God is light, and therefore He sheds abroad His knowledge, goodness, and grace as freely and as widely as the sun does its joyous radiant beams of light. If we do not enjoy them, it is because we shut our hearts against them. Let us open wide our hearts to God's generous light.

In 1 John 4, verses 8 and 16 it is written: "God is Love". Love is the passion to give other blessings and happiness. God loved the world and gave the supreme gift of self-sacrifice and beneficence.

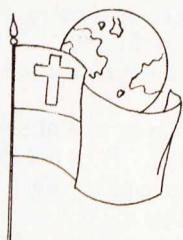
We are not to understand from these words that God is simply loving. That is true, but this is far beyond that. To speak of God as being loving is to speak of an attribute of God, but to speak of God as being love is to speak of what He is in the very essence of His being. Love is so fully and perfectly the nature of God, that love is God and God is love. To say of a rich man that he is wealthy is to say that he possesses wealth, but to say, if it could truthfully be said he is wealth, would be to say that there is no wealth apart from Him. In this absolute and perfect sense God is love. There is no love apart from God.

Since God is love, He always was love. God is eternal in His being, and being love, He always was love. Love

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THE



MISSION



FIELDS



JANIE ALDRIDGE
Ivory Coast



JIMMY ALDRIDGE
Ivory Coast

Dear Friends,

The dry season was unusually long this year - lasting five months. The heat was intense, the dust terrific, and we had to haul water from the river. But a few weeks ago the rains began, bringing cooler temperatures and an abundance of water. Everything is green and growing again.

Not only have we received showers of blessings in the rains, but showers of spiritual blessings. Let us share these with you. On Easter Sunday, we baptized nine who had testified to their faith and had learned the catechism for new converts. Eleven young people received Bibles here at the Koun church after memorizing prescribed verses. There have been four conversions in recent weeks and others continue to show interest. Bible school continues to be a blessing. The dormitory and classroom buildings are completed. Much literature has been distributed.

With every dollar you give, every prayer you pray, you are participating in the above blessings. Thank God for them and enter into the joy of what He is doing.

Realizing that God moves in answer to prayer, we share the following requests with you. (1) One of the students is in the hospital, has had surgery and is recovering slowly. His name is Jeremiah Noufé. Pray for his recovery. (2) There are nine remaining weeks of Bible school. Pray that this will be a time of spiritual blessing and growth for us all. (3) Pray for victory in the lives of new converts who face a staggering battle with the fetishers (idol worshippers) in their villages. (4) Pray for a harvest of souls among the Agni tribe.

News briefs: The Palmers leave for America in two weeks. Dr. Ruby Griffin is arriving from Europe next month. The Mileys will be returning this summer. Pray for these as they travel.

The Lord is good to us - blessing with good health, meeting material needs, encouraging us when discouraged. So we praise Him.

In Christ,
Jimmy and Janie Aldridge

Dear Friends of Missions:

Progress is no accident. The Free Will Baptists of Missouri have a rich heritage which you have in so many ways shared with others. The Holy Spirit has sent young men and women from your churches to regions beyond.

Your missionary giving indicative of your compassion for souls everywhere. The following records are encouraging:

1959 - \$10,967.00

1962 - 19,482.00

1965 - 29,936.00

"To God be the glory." However, He has chosen to use men in advancing His kingdom. I do thank your promotional secretary, Rev. Harry Beatty, for the promotion which he has given this work in your state. Your editor, Rev. Bud Hill, of the Free Will Baptist Gem is to be commended for the emphasis he has given to missions in your publication. We are indebted to your pastors for the wonderful cooperation which they have given in planning conferences and itineraries. Your Woman's Auxiliary Convention, whose stated purpose is to teach and promote missions, has shared with us in missionary projects. Several of your pastors have taken the initiative to set in motion an active mission program in their local churches.

We have many open doors. A plea comes from Japan for more missionaries. The field council of the Ivory Coast has requested that their staff be doubled in the next three years. There is desperate need in India with a strong possibility of using medical and educational missionaries there now. We have many opportunities in Latin America.

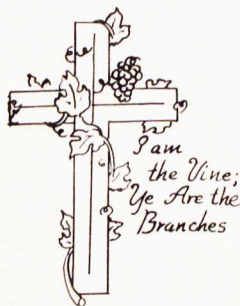
Pray with us for God to move on our churches to provide personnel and support for these fields.

Sincerely in Christ,
J. Reford Wilson, Gen. Dir.
Board of Foreign Missions

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS

MISSOURI - APRIL, 1966

Oak Grove Ch., Mtn. Grove	\$ 15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Jacobs,	
Fredericktown.....	5.00
Richwoods Ch.	6.00
FWB Ch. of Berkeley	142.00
Trinity Ch., Bridgeton	118.00
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hatfield,	
St. Louis	6.00
South Side Ch., St. Louis..	277.86
Alton FWB Ch.	100.00
Smyrna FWB Ch., Alton ...	25.11
Garfield FWB Ch., Couch ..	55.35
Myrtle FWB Ch.	47.58
Garfield S.S., Couch	20.00
Beacon FWB Ch., Raytown .	10.00
Hazel Creek Union Ch.,	
Kirkville	106.10



Thayer FWB Ch.	45.07
First FWB Ch., Mtn. Grove.	68.00
Hurryville Ch., Farmington .	54.00
First Ch., Fredericktown ...	40.00
New Harmony S.S., Greentop	29.14
Grace FWB Ch., Arnold	10.00
Grace FWB Ch., Arnold	44.76
Mr. & Mrs. Glen D. Murray,	
Kansas City	100.00
Hannon FWB Ch., Liberal ..	100.50
Twin Oak Ch., Fredericktown	40.00
Hannon FWB Ch., Liberal ..	45.00
First FWB Ch., Springfield.	20.00
Parkview Ch., Desloge	40.00
Mr. Floyd E. Green,	
Harrisonville	115.00
Willow Springs Ch.,	
Mtn. Grove	14.28
Madison Co. Quarterly	
Meeting, Fredericktown ...	170.00
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Fry,	
Mtn. Grove	1.00
Fourth Ch., St. Louis.....	90.00
First Ch. Children's Groups,	
Monett	14.00
Parkview Ch., Desloge	15.81
Fellowship Ch., Flat River ..	52.50
Grace Ch., Arnold	138.00
St. Francis Quarterly	
Meeting, Farmington	106.66
Madison Co. Quarterly	
Meeting, Fredericktown ...	20.12
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Aldridge,	
Grandview	10.00
Overland Ch., Steadfast	
S.S. Class	23.30
Mr. Valentine Arnold,	
Florissant	25.00
Beacon Ch., Raytown	26.35
First Ch., Kansas City	20.00
Central Ch., Kansas City	107.89
Victory Ch., Avondale.....	55.00
Kirkville Ch.	104.36
Grant Ave. Ch., Springfield..	44.93
First Ch., Berkeley, CTS,	
Young People's Class	48.00
Overland Ch.	24.00
Hazel Creek Ch., Kirkville..	34.00
New Harmony Ch., Kirkville.	33.50
Kirkville Ch.	34.00
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Willhite,	
Bridgeton.....	3.00
First Ch., Aurora Lad. Aux..	13.00
Aulsbury Ch., Farmington ...	29.00
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Muse,	
Alton	10.00
Cooperative Plan	434.35
WNAC	54.75
Total	\$3,442.27

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS MISSOURI - APRIL, 1966

Southside Ch., St. Louis ..	\$ 3.00
Richwoods Ch.	6.00
First Ch., Monett	20.00
Mr. H. W. Gourley,	
Springfield	10.00

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Mt. Pisgah Ch., Cabool	10.00
Overland Ch.	25.00
First Ch., Fredericktown ...	20.00
Jones Chapel, Stella, Mo...	24.55
Mtn. Grove Ch.	4.00
Lad. S.S. Cl., Copper Mines	
Ch., Fredericktown.....	4.00
Mr. Floyd E. Green,	
Harrisonville	10.00
New Home Ch., Hartville ...	10.00
Fourth Ch., St. Louis.....	85.00
New Harmony Ch., Greentop.	2.00
Mrs. Pauline Means,	
Willow Springs, Mo.	5.00
Mrs. Oma L. Scott,	
Mtn. Grove, Mo.....	2.50
Mary-Martha Cir., Mtn. Grove	5.00
Young Peoples Cl., CTS	
St. Louis	30.00
Mine La Motte Ch.....	28.46
Leadington Ch.	21.20
Leadington Ch.....	6.15
Copper Mines Ch.,	
Fredericktown.....	26.00
Twin Oaks Ch., Fredericktown	28.65
Kirkville Ch.	10.00
Mrs. Pearl Alexander, Monett	5.00
Miss Janet McGowan,	
Mtn. Grove	5.00
Kirkville Ch.	12.00
Kirkville Ch.	10.00
FWB Ch., Cape Girardeau ...	9.66
Mr. Louis Willhite, Bridgeton	3.00
Cooperative Plan	239.65
Total	\$680.82

Dear Friend of Missions,

"\$17,573.04," answered the book-keeper when she had closed the books for April. Her statement was the answer to my question, "How much money do we need to catch up the deficit accounts of our missionaries".

I looked at this figure again and again after it was placed before me, each time with mixed feelings. My first thought was, "That's too much money to ask our people to give this month." Then I started reading the names of the missionaries

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Rev. & Mrs. Lloyd Durbin
New Home Missionaries to O'Fallon, Mo.
Mission

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS REPORT

The Mission in Cape Girardeau averaged in the twenties last month. A report of the revival will be given next month.

The State Board, in conjunction with the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting Home Mission Board, has hired Rev. Lloyd Durbin, of Mine La Motte, Mo. as missionary to the O'Fallon, Mo. Mission. Rev. Durbin is to assume mission work May 22.

Rev. Durbin has enjoyed a fruitful ministry with the Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Mill Creek, Missouri for the past six years. The attendance in the small rural church has near doubled under his ministry.

The mission work is a venture of faith for this very capable family. Pray for them daily as the mission grows through their efforts for Christ.

More monthly pledges are needed to underwrite the work in O'Fallon. The salary of \$50.00 weekly will be paid by the state board to supplement the salary paid by the District Quarterly Meeting. Will your church make a \$10.00 a month pledge as the others have done? Please!!

The following churches have responded financially for April:

Twin Oak, Fredericktown	\$ 15.00
State Woman's Aux.:	
Kirkville	2.00
Berkeley	12.12
Parkview, Desloge	10.00
Fellowship, Flat River	15.00
Merls Chapel, Cassville	11.34
Mine La Motte, Fredericktown .	5.00
Carterville Church.....	7.33
Union Light, Patton	10.00
Central, Kansas City	10.00
First, Farmington	10.00
Hazel Creek, Kirkville	3.90
*First, Flat River,	
Jr. Girls S.S. Class	3.56
State Ass'n - Coop, Fund ...	351.75
Total	\$467.00

*New contributors under new set-up

"Thanks" to each of you pastors and churches for your continued support and confidence in our state mission work. Pray and give toward success! We wish to recognize Rev. E. M. Kennedy, pastor of the First Church of Flat River, for the first gift to home mission under the new set-up. As you noted, the Jr. Girls Sunday School class made a contribution. We want to commend the teacher of that class, too.

Send your home mission gifts to Bob L. Jones, 103 West Murta St., Fredericktown, Mo. 63645.

Bob L. Jones, Sec.-Treas.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

JUNE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MONTH

Send all reports to:
Mrs. Peggy Davis
2301 Conn.
Joplin, Mo.
By the 15th of each month.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 19 - Father's Day
Superannuation Sunday
July 11-14 Little Rock, Ark.
WNAC National Association
Monday, July 11, 5:00 p.m. WNAC
Dinner Marion Hotel - Hall of Fame -
\$2.50 per plate. Write for tickets
from Nashville --- limited amount of
tickets.

AUXILIARIES REPORTING

West Plains - First FWB
Neosho - First FWB
Lemay - Faith FWB
St. Louis - Dist. Woman's Auxiliary
Convention
Flat River - Fellowship FWB
Thayer - FWB

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

St. Louis District Woman's Auxiliary
Convention met for their annual meeting
Tuesday night, March 8, at the Trinity
Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting
was well attended and inspirational to all.

The congregation sang "Jesus Saves".
Prayer by Mrs. Lucille Beatty. Congre-
gation sang "To The Regions Beyond."
Reading by Mrs. Lois DePriest, "The Cry
of Blood." The Grace Arnold Trio, con-
sisting of Norma Kennedy, Mac Long and
Wanda Huitt, sang "Heaven Will Surely
Be Worth It All."

Business meeting called to session by
our president, Mrs. Erma Hogan. Offer-
ing - \$29.25.

Speaker for the evening, Mrs. Glenda
Fulcher, missionary to Uruguay. Her sub-
ject was "Witnessing", using the book,
"You Can Witness With Confidence."

The program was enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting will be the fourth
Tuesday night of September which will be
September 27, 1966.

Mrs. Lillie Tallent, Cor. Sec.
St. Louis Dist. Woman's Aux.
Convention

"THE DYNAMIC OF ALL - PRAYER"

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Thayer-
Free Will Baptist Church met with 17
members and one visitor present.

Our missions chairman had received a
letter from the Jimmy Aldridge family in
Ivory Coast.

The program was given by the program
prayer chairman.

We observed our pre-Easter Week of
Prayer and a study course on prayer the
week before Easter.

The book used in the study course
was "The Dynamic of All-Prayer." A
group of the ladies presented a skit on
Friday night entitled, "Unto the Least of
These."

A special offering of \$38.71 was re-
ceived at this service for foreign mis-
sions.

The auxiliary also sent \$16.00 to the
state project, "Go Another Mile for the
Mileys."

At our June meeting we are having a
miscellaneous shower for the Youth
Camp.

Gay Combs, Cor. Sec.

FAITH-FUL FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

Faith Auxiliary met with 13 members
present and one visitor. We now have a
membership of 17.

Our meeting was dismissed in prayer
by Sis. Mertz. We turned in our dime
folders which will go to our missionaries.
We will tour a School for the Blind May
23 and give them a cash donation of
\$10.00. We will go to a nursing home
May 18 and give each lady a handker-
chief and a potted plant to the oldest
lady. We voted also at our meeting to
give \$25.00 toward our vacation bible
school in July. Pray that our auxiliary
will continue to grow and that each of us
will be spiritually stronger in our faith.

Sis. Wanda White, Cor. Sec.
Lemay, Mo.

"INDIA"

Fellowship Ladies met at Flat River,
Mo. Monday, May 2, 1966, for their co-
laborer study and to elect officers for the
coming year. Twenty-two ladies were
present to receive the blessing on India
by Volene Wilson. Silent prayer for mis-
sionary. Each lady held in her hand a
"Take-Home Prayer Reminder," of a pic-

ture of a missionary, a flower and map of
India on it.

Each lady received a rosebud to place
in a vase before her topic was given. The
rosebuds were given to the mother who was
saved at the youngest age. Sarah Bur-
cham received them, being saved at nine
years of age.

Pat Morris gave a talk on Volene Wil-
son's work in India and her life.

Business: \$37.50 in coupons were
sent to the orphanage in Tennessee; 6 get
well and 2 sympathy cards were sent.
Officers were then elected for the coming
year. Dismissed by Pat Morris.

Della Getz, Cor. Sec.

STUDY COURSE

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Neosho
Church met Tuesday evening, May 3, at
the church for a study course on our man-
ual. A good lesson was held, following
with a question and answer period.

By the time this is printed the Neosho
Church will be in a revival crusade with
Rev. Ted Davis of Joplin bringing the
messages each night, starting May 16.

A prayer request was made for one of
our young people; that they will choose
their own college instead of another de-
nominational college. We ask everyone
to join us in praying for this request.

Virginia Pogue

"BOX FOR PROVISION CLOSET"

The West Plains, Mo. Free Will Bap-
tist Auxiliary met for our regular meeting
May 2 with 51 members and one visitor
present.

Each officer gave a successful report
of their work.

We are mailing a large box of towels,
pillow cases, wash cloths, sheets and
some Tupperware to the provision closet
in Nashville for our missionary.

Mrs. J. O. Stubblefield gave the aux-
iliary a quilt top and lining and we quilted
it for our Children's Home in Greenville,
Tenn.

It was motioned and second we send
\$30.00 to the foreign missions and ear-
mark it for the Rev. Wesley Calvary funds.

We are having a youth revival to begin
June 13 with Rev. Terry Forest as evan-
gelist. Pray for our youth through the re-
vival effort.

Hattie Sims, Cor. Sec.

Free Will Baptist Gem

Pictorial Happenings At The Woman's Auxiliary Workshop



Mrs. Jean Williams
State Study Course Chairman



Mrs. Lucille Beatty, State President,
and Mrs. Thelma Ford, local president,
look at display on Africa.



State Officers enjoying lunch and making
plans for the state meeting.

Mrs. LaVerne Miley, missionary to
Africa, was the special speaker for the
workshop.



Members of the skit given at the workshop,
Joplin Auxiliary.



Auxiliary women from all over the state
enjoying a time of fellowship.

June 1966

YOUTH CAMP REPORT



GOALS FOR 1966:

The goals for this year are: Pre-Teens - 400; Teens - 300.

WE CAN DO THIS!

The best kind of advertising for Youth Camp is ones who have been to Youth Camp tell others what Youth Camp means to them. If you attended Youth Camp last year make plans to attend again this year. Let's make this one of the most wonderful years we have ever experienced at Youth Camp.

DATES FOR YOUTH CAMP:

Pre-Teens (ages 7-12) - June 20-June 25.

Teens (ages 13-19) - June 27-July 1.

COST:

Pre-Teens - \$9.00 - Teens - \$10.00 (Same as last year)

CAMP WORKERS:

Pre-Teens:

Camp Director Dale Skiles
 Evangelist Johnny Land
 Playground Supervisors Leland Horton & Teddy Davis
 First Aid Attendants Frank & Peggy Giunta
 Pianist Carolyn Lovelace
 Music Director Tommy Carlson
 Refreshment Stand Bonnie Deatherage
 Swimming Pool Supervisor Grover Pingleton
 General Cabin Sponsors..... Rev. & Mrs. Grover Terry
 Registrar Pam Sell

Teens:

Camp Director Glen Rehkop
 Evangelist Cliff Bowman
 Playground Supervisors James Reed
 First Aid Attendants Frank & Peggy Giunta
 Pianist Sammie Davis
 Refreshment Stand Bonnie Deatherage
 Swimming Pool Supervisors Grover Pingleton
 Registrar Pam Sell

MISSIONARIES FOR TEEN SESSION:

Rev. & Mrs. Bill Fulcher, missionaries to Uruguay, will be at the Teen Session. Inasmuch as Bill and Glenda are on furlough, the Youth Camp Board feels very grateful that this couple can be at Camp this year. Bill will be teaching the course "The Five Dimensions of Missions". Glenda will be teaching the course "God's Will For My Life". It would be wonderful if

every teenager could avail themselves of these classes. This should be an experience our young people will never forget.

YOUTH CAMP NEEDS:

100 spoons
 100 forks
 6 water buckets
 Salt & pepper shakers
 Sugar dispensers for dining tables
 Dish cloths
 Dish towels
 Playground equipment

BIBLE BOWL & TIC-TAC-TOE:

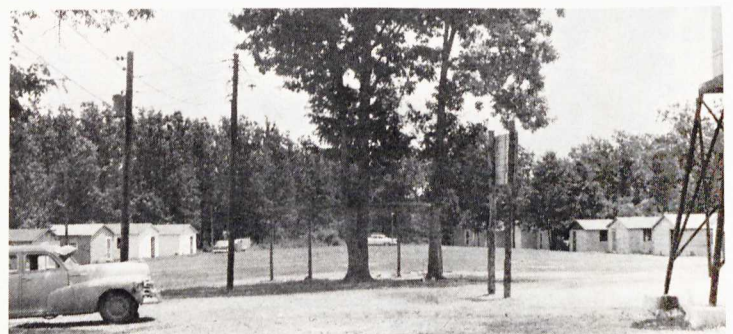
The State Sunday School and CTS Board will be conducting state-wide Bible Bowl and Tic-Tac-Toe games. This should be very interesting and enjoyable for everyone.

CONTAINERS FOR YOUTH CAMP EXPANSION:

Special offerings have begun coming in for the Youth Camp Expansion Project (enlarging the dining area and completing work in classrooms). If you have not begun receiving contributions for this, why not begin immediately? A container placed in some conspicuous spot in the church will enable people to make a contribution for this endeavor. Let's everyone help promote this project.

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DON'T FORGET TO PRAY!



Free Will Baptist Gem



SHERRIL JUSTICE

AHEAD LIE THE GOLDEN YEARS

Welcome parents, friends, and teachers. I feel as though expressing appreciation to parents, teachers, and others who have helped to make our graduation possible.

It is an honor to be worthy of the chance of being Salutatorian to such a fine class. I appreciate their help and that of my other friends very much. They have meant a great deal to me throughout my high school days. I will miss them very much.

The next period of our lives is referred to by our psychology book as the golden years, the prime of life. In these years will be the establishment of lifework, and for most of us, marriage and a home. These years are active and flourishing.

Many people fail to enjoy these years because of the responsibilities and duties life demands of us. True these do reach their peak during this time but even so none of us need to be cheated out of the joys this period has to offer.

If we will give our all to life and to overcoming its obstacles and leave the rest to God, we can make a go of life, for life cannot deny itself to the person who gives his all.

Many people spend hours worrying that could be spent enjoying life. As Tyron Edwards has said, "Anxiety is the rust of life, destroying its brightness and weakening its power."

When we entered high school there were many uncertainties about what lay ahead for us. As the weeks and months passed, the way smoothed out before us. Now we have solved these problems or they have solved themselves.

Tonight we pause; exams are over, our high school days are past. Life and love await us. And these we will share with God. As William Allen White has said, "I do not fear tomorrow for I have seen yesterday and I love today."

"Every morning lean thine arms awhile upon the window-sill of Heaven and gaze upon the Lord. Then with that vision in thine heart, turn strong to meet the day."

Emerson declared a tremendous truth "They conquer who believe they can." We can fill our minds with thoughts of faith, confidence, and security or we can think in terms of fear and uncertainty. The first will enable us to make the most of life and enjoy what it has to offer. The choice is ours.

Life can be wonderful if we remember these words: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and ALL these things shall be added unto you."

Sherril Justice, Salutatorian Address
Given at Purdy High School, May, 1966

(Sherril is a member of the First FWB Church, Monett.)

June 1966

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CHURCH OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY

Rev. Glen Rehkop of Kansas City, Mo. was the evangelist in a revival meeting held at the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church in Desloge, Mo. from April 11 through April 20. Many of our members were unable to attend because of illness in families but, in spite of difficulties, there is victory to report. Four were saved during the revival meetings and two more were saved during the Sunday morning worship hour of May 1st.

On April 17 the church celebrated its 38th anniversary. This time came during the revival and the special day was spent in an all day service. Three were saved in the morning service. What a blessing to crown the day. Dinner was served in the church basement and Christian fellowship was good. In the afternoon there were guest speakers, Rev. C. B. Dees of Desloge, Mo. and Rev. John Long also of Desloge.

Rev. and Mrs. Long have made Desloge their home and are members of Parkview Church, but Rev. Long continues to to anywhere he is called to preach.

Special singing was by the Berryette trio from Fredericktown, Mo. Sue Morris, our church organist, and Charles Miller, our choir leader, also sang in the service.

The Parkview Free Will Baptist Church was organized by Rev. Lizzie McAdams on April 17, 1928. The church was formerly an old school building. On May 21, 1957 a tornado damaged the building extensively. It was torn away and the now present building was finished and dedicated in 1958.

Former pastors of the church are Rev. Lizzie McAdams, Rev. Tommie Franklin, Rev. C. B. Dees, Rev. James Miller, Rev. Noel Greenway, Rev. James Barker, Rev. John Long, Rev. Bud Hill, Rev. Elmer Turnbough, and Rev. Jessie Webb. Rev. Grover Terry is now pastoring the church.

On April 3rd there was a St. Francois County Sunday School Convention held at Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Mo. The Junior Choir from Parkview was on the program for special singing. Our Sunday School received the attendance banner for having the greatest percentage of its enrollment present. Charles Miller, from Parkview, is president of the convention and Kenneth Dodson, also from Parkview, is secretary.

Our Vacation Bible School will begin May 31, 1966 and continue for two weeks. Mrs. Nellie Rasnic is director and Mrs. Effie Mathews is assistant di-

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THE PLACE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Rev. Andy Lay, Pastor
First Free Will Baptist Church
Kirkville, Missouri



"And Lord bless all the young people of our church" is a sentence we often hear repeated in prayer in most of our churches. We all believe in praying for the young people in our churches, but how often do we act upon our prayers? The Apostle James illustrated mock faith saying: "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; Notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" (James 2:15-16) Likewise, we could ask; what good does it do to pray for our young people if we do not do all we can to let God bless them through us?

By the term young people, we mean Junior and Senior High School age youth who are generally included within the ages of 12 to 18. Authorities in every walk of life today realize the unlimited resources available in young people both for good and evil. Educators concentrate their efforts of influencing society to this age group. A prime target for communist infiltrators are the schools of our nation. Parents of teenagers are told of the tremendous influence of their homes by law enforcement agencies, schools, and churches. Business, the arts, the sciences, ideologies, and philosophies all find prime prospects for believers and workers in young people.

Dare we as a church place any less value than the world on the potential invested in young people. We have not only their minds and lives to consider, but their souls as well. Young people, then, offer to the church a challenge.

Whether we like to admit it or not, our churches are running competition with other agencies and isms for the hearts of our youth. We dare not do less than our very best to capture their hearts for Jesus' sake.

What can we do? Each local church must answer this question specifically according to her own resources and the specific needs of her youth. We can, however, observe some general principles that all should keep in mind.

First of all, young people need to be

taught and ministered to. The emphasis upon activity and service threatens to over-shadow this truth. But let us keep in mind in our ministering that young people are not adults; they do not have the same needs as adults; nor is the point of contact with young people the same as with adults. We, then, cannot carry on a church program for adults and expect young people to enjoy it and profit by it, and find their place in it. (Thank God for those outstanding youth of our churches who have; to our shame!) Each church needs a teaching program that is geared to young people's ratio. Teachers and counsellors (in addition to the pastor) must strive to "fit in" with young people so that they may minister to youth on youth's level. This is the purpose of graded Sunday schools and divisions in the CTS, to separate young people from children and adults. But mere organizational divisions are not enough. The whole approach, method, and even atmosphere, must be geared to young people. This is an example. Young people would also "rather see a sermon than hear one." The best kind of pulpit preaching and classroom teaching are strangely ineffective without a whole lot of the right kind of "life living." This involves more than the pastor, and parents, and youth sponsors, as important as they may be. This involves every church member. My, what a sacred trust-----our example!

Not only do young people need to be taught and ministered to, but they also need to be given an opportunity to minister. Everyone who has served in any kind of teaching capacity knows that the kind of study he puts into his preparation to teach is by far more meaningful to his own life than the best kind of study done as a student. Young people need this kind of opportunity. Rarely would it be advisable to make one of this age group a regular Sunday school teacher, but why not once in a while? As a substitute teacher to younger classes or on Youth Sundays, maybe in Vacation Bible School; let them know the sweet flavor of ministering.

There are innumerable outlets for youth to minister, but hardly will they find them

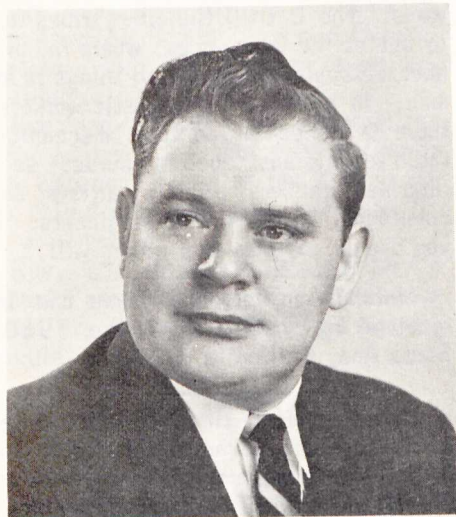
by themselves. Let the sponsors suggest the opportunity, schedule the date, give the necessary instruction and guidance, then let the youth do it. A few possibilities are: tract distribution, house to house visitation, visiting young people of their own age, street services, jail services, nursing home and hospital ward services. Your own locality may suggest other places where your young people may profitably minister. The church trusts their young people with the propagation of their "gospels." In far too many instances we would have to do some fast talking to deny what our actions seem to declare---that we do not trust ours with the gospel. Young people need the blessings of ministering, of leading, of serving. Care should be taken in this area, however, so as not to overburden a young person, and eventually discourage him. A discouraged soul will be slow to excel again.

Finally, let it be noted that young people need also to be guided and encouraged toward right goals for their future. The first and second years following high school seem to be the critical points here. Many of the major decisions of his life are made during this period. Shall he marry now? Whom? Shall he go to college? Where? What business or profession shall he enter? How big a part of his life shall the church play? How big a part his occupation?

We may leave these questions to the high school or college counsellors to answer for him, or we may leave him to work them out in his own yet immature knowledge. Or we may carefully, delicately, prayerfully counsel him from the Word of God, including the spiritual perspective which may be dangerously left out of the other sources.

How are we facing the challenge of youth? What place do the young people have in your church? Are you ministering to them? Are you giving them opportunity to minister, as well? Is your church properly availing to them counsel and guidance in their life's-coursing decisions?

As we evaluate, let's act, now; for Christ's sake, for soul's sake.



HOMER E. WILLIS

whose accounts are deficit. These pictures came to me:

A man in faraway Alaska with his wife and children, winning souls for Christ...

A man, his wife, and five children in a large city building a church for Free Will Baptists...

A devoted, trained, and talented pastor in a large capitol city building a church...

A family of six who have sacrificed much to establish our work in Canada...

A lady who has given her entire life to Christ and our church, now needing our help...

A precious family five thousand miles from us in the South Pacific doing a great work for God...

Yes, these and many other pictures came to me - then I reached for my checkbook and wrote a check for \$100 to apply to these accounts. Now, I am asking you to help, in Jesus' name.

Here are some ways you can help at this crucial hour:

1. As a friend of missions, send your personal gift - be as generous as possible.

2. As a leader in your church, make arrangements for a special offering to be given from the treasury or received at this time.

3. As a member of a local and/or State Mission Board, perhaps some funds can be sent from these treasuries.

4. Encourage your church to give the Vacation Bible School offering to National Home Missions.

5. "Adopt" one of the missionary families whose account is deficit and pray for them and give to their account until the deficit is erased.

6. Please help get National Home Missions included in the regular giving from your church.

I feel better already, for I know that I

can count on you to respond to this need. Friends of missions have never forsaken the missionaries in a time of testing.

These are the servants of God and our church whose accounts need your gift now:

Godwin, Alaska	\$ 123.53
Henderson, Austin	513.32
Johnson, Alaska	3605.91
Ledlow, Montgomery	691.35
Murphy, Youngstown	1372.42
Owens, Nova Scotia	2084.65
Postlewaite, Portland	1510.65
Yeley, Ohio	136.15
Sanders, Hawaii	569.28
Shade, Kansas	2271.77
Harwell, now in pastorate...	166.77
Perry, Ministry in Nebraska	2230.75
Walker, project comp.D.C. .	1087.48

Fry, project comp. Tucson .	321.16
Sharry, project comp. Kansas	114.97
Miscellaneous accounts	772.88
	\$17,573.04

If your offering is sent through your church, district, and/or state office, be careful to designate it National Home Missions; money marked only Home Missions may not reach us.

Your past gifts have made it possible for the National Home Mission Department to sponsor missionaries in twenty (20) states, plus Canada and Mexico. We now have ninety-four (94) people in the "home mission family".

Yours for Christ and Missions,
Homer E. Willis, Gen. Dir. Treas.
Home Mission Board

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1965

	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	December	January	February	March	April
Fellowship, Flat River	194	171	218	275	254	247	261	241	261	297	309
New Harmony Church								39	39	36	
Farmington		96	91	85	91	103	97		150	126	148
Liberty-Phillipsburg	64		60	58	68	72	69				
Berkeley City	264	259	257	335	309	297	302	280		304	384
Richwoods	50	49	50	54	49	48	37	46			
Kirksville	123	117	126	111	101	95	100	96	100	99	106
Grant Ave., Springfield	199	190	197	184	205	191	185	205	202	211	216
Hazel Creek		45	44	39	41	36	41	40	41	43	45
Mine LaMotte	34	37	40	32	31	28	29	31	29	30	
First, Flat River		91	92	70	86	91	92	82	81		
Overland Church	155	139	167	168	189	185	163	167	196		
First, Mtn. Grove	310	327	306	332	323	317	313	297	319	338	
Desloge	110	111	107	113	112	105	113	100	99	101	114
Mill Creek, Fredericktown	66	61	67	69	74	70	63	61			
Union Light	114	106	115	110	106	111	115	116	99	107	102
First, Springfield	171	166	177	188	206	189	192	180	201	194	235
Sunnyview Church	63	57	69	63	62	64	65	54	66	57	62
Cape Girardeau Mission										23	
Hannon	68	67	56	57	56	61	53	55	58	64	63
First, Monett	123	117	121	123	133	126	131	120	126	124	124
Garfield-Couch	51	44	47	50	47	49	46	48	46	49	
Leadington	105	87	107	124	136	130	122	128	197	154	159
First, Fredericktown	139	147	160	171	193	178	191	164	164	188	191
Copper Mines	76	79	96	75	87	80	89	67	66	75	
Meramec Hgts., Valley Pk.			35	37	34	30	30	35	30	40	51
Fourth Ch., St. Louis	97	80	93	112	133	116	138	109	118	117	134
Twin Oaks Church	64	61	59	60	59	58	59	54	54	56	68
West Plains	198	187	180	191	183	175	177	187	191	198	205
Belton			21	32	39	40	33				
Southside	152	141	154	156	159	148	131				
First, Lebanon	106	94		99	113	114	123	114	126	108	128
Myrtle Church			71	72	80	67	75	70	72	73	
Twin City Ch., Festus	40	42	49	53	45	35	43	37	35	54	50
Joplin		92	93	93	97	93	92	88	79	87	96
Grace Church	150	115	146	157	171	146	165	179	188	207	213
Salem	38		41			34					
Aulsbury Chapel Church		61	65					54	53	54	
Trinity Church, St. Louis	82	78	88	96	116	97	95	112	122	117	126
Faith Church, Lemay				53	64	64	64	74	80	92	114

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rector. The theme is "God's Word for My Life."

Rev. Grover Terry held a revival at Mill Creek Church which started on May 2nd. Rev. Lloyd Durbin, a former member of Parkview and resident of Desloge, was the pastor of the Mill Creek Church at this time.

Rev. Terry and Rev. Durbin exchanged pulpits for the Sunday night service of May 8th. The meetings continued to May 13th.

"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his." II Timothy 2-19a.

MOTHERS HONORED



We here at the Twin City Free Will Baptist Church are very happy to send a picture to the Gem paper of our oldest and youngest mothers.

We presented to them a beautiful red and white corsage.

Our oldest mother is Granny Brown (age 84) who is a very faithful attender. She relates many wonderful experiences in her years of Christian work. It is a great challenge to the younger people.

Our youngest mother is Mrs. Sally Knott, age 24. We are very proud of all our mothers.

"CALL OF THE BIBLELESS TRIBES"

By Jim Hefley

Foreign laymen with special skills are making the interdenominational Wycliffe Bible Translators an international Christian peace corps. Recently in Mexico City I talked with Adolfo Lopez Mateos, president of Mexico from 1958-64, and met the latest group of Wycliffe recruits on their way to the mission's jungle survival camp in southern Mexico.

Mateos expressed to me his warm admiration for Wycliffe's service in Mexico where the mission has 275 translators and support personnel. "Dr. Townsend (Wycliffe's general director) and his peo-

ple are great ambassadors," he declared.

I discovered that eleven of the newest Wycliffe recruits are from outside the United States, but all are planning to serve in countries other than their own. Laurie McIntosh is from Australia, a civil engineer by trade, and a 1965 graduate of Wheaton College. Keith Forster, a South African and certified public accountant, attended Columbia Bible College. He is the first citizen of his country to be accepted into the mission group which has home offices in Santa Ana, California.

Three were single girls. Muriel Parrott, an English nurse and midwife, attended the London Bible College and before joining Wycliffe spent 12 years in missionary medical work in Chile. Joan Boswood formerly taught deaf children in Birmingham, England. She anticipates translation work in the jungles of Brazil and thinks her teaching experience will help in analyzing and putting into writing a primitive language. The third single girl is blonde Shirley Funnell, a native of Ontario, Canada, who attended Syracuse University. Miss Funnell taught journalism in high school and helped with the Laubach literacy organization while at Syracuse.

Three married couples were included in the international group. Jim Wilson, a farmer, is from southern Scotland and his wife Jennifer from Manchester, England. Both attended the Glasgow Bible Training Institute. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Griffith are also from England. Jack Popjes is a native of Holland, but his wife is from Alberta, Canada. Popjes will probably be assigned to the new Wycliffe mission in Surinam, formerly Dutch Guinea. The official language is Dutch, which Popjes already speaks, but he and his wife will likely serve in a primitive Indian tribe.

New recruits numbering 185 during 1965 have swelled the ranks of the Wycliffe Bible Translators to over 1700. About half are full-time linguists and translators, seeking to translate the Scriptures into the primitive tongues of the Bibleless tribes of the world. The remainder are support personnel who man the supply lines to the front-line translators.

W. Cameron Townsend, the co-founder and General Director of Wycliffe, estimates that 6,000 more translators and support personnel are needed.*

At his request, Evangelist Billy Graham made this special appeal:

"This is a year in which to escalate the giving of the Bible to the world. There are still more than 2,000 languages in which as yet no Bible exists. But you can help to do for 2,000 tribes what John Wycliffe did for us 600 years ago.

"If you cannot translate the Bible into a tribal tongue, you might help in other ways. The 2,000 Bibleless tribes live in out of the way places, where the pioneer missionary has to be all things to all men. In addition to linguistic workers, there is a need for aviators, mechanics, radio technicians, doctors, nurses, secretaries, teachers, printers, artists, accountants, builders, and engineers. If you cannot go, pray that others will."

*Information for appointment can be received by writing: P. O. Box 1960, Santa Ana, California, 92702.

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REVIVAL AT COPPER MINES CHURCH

We at the Copper Mines Church are still enjoying the blessings of the Lord. We have been in a revival with Bro. Bob King, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Farmington, as the evangelist. There were no souls saved, but we believe the church has been helped by the preaching of Bro. King. He truly preached the Word of God, the kind of preaching that gets its power from "Thus saith the Lord". We had special singing each night by members of our church and other neighboring churches which we were thankful for their help. Pray for us that the Lord will bless our church and that we will grow.

THE CHURCH GOES ON

We at Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Mo. are still enjoying the blessings of the Lord. In the month of April we saw six decisions for Christ and seven additions to the church. These are great victories for the Lord. We attribute these to the power of God.

Since the first of December our church has witnessed three other great victories. God has called three dear saints of God, members of our church, to be with Him. A memorium to Ray Sherril, Frank Johnson and Addie Hughes.

CHURCH CALLS NEW PASTOR

The Meramec Heights Free Will Baptist Church near Kirkwood, Missouri, has called as its pastor, Bro. John Peterson of Overland, Missouri. Since Bro. Peterson has been there the church has planned to build rest rooms and a nursery onto the church. A few weeks ago the church broke their Sunday School record of 63 by having 64 in Sunday School. The Lord is truly blessing this church.

Free Will Baptist Gem

PASTORS RESIGN

The Rev. Bud Hill has resigned the First Free Will Baptist Church in Monett, Missouri. Bro. Hill's future plans are indefinite.

Rev. James Henson has resigned the Sunnyview Free Will Baptist Church near Lebanon, Missouri and the church has called Rev. Roy Jones as pastor for the coming year.

Rev. Otho Boyd resigned the Merl's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Cassville, Missouri. His plans are indefinite.

CHURCH PLANS REVIVAL

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Fredericktown, Missouri is planning a summer revival to begin June 12-22 with Rev. A. L. McFarland, pastor of the Southside Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis as evangelist. Pray for this meeting.

CHURCH GOES FULL TIME

The Hannon Free Will Baptist Church on May 5 voted to go on full time basis. They had been on half-time. The church voted to pay about \$200.00 a month with a possibility of a job for the pastor driving a school bus. If there are any ministers interested in this church they may write to Eldon R. Thomas, Liberal, Missouri. The pastor for the past few years has been Rev. Lester Nutting, who has resigned.

LORD BLESSING AT FREDERICKTOWN

We have had 20 conversions the last two months in regular services and homes. Many have been baptized and joined the church, too. The Lord has really blessed with a spirit of revival the last six months. We are rejoicing in the Lord and thank him for all his blessings.

Rev. Bud Hill, Editor
Free Will Baptist Gem
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St. Louis, Missouri 63111

We of the Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church want to extend a cordial invitation to all delegates, ministers, and guests who will be attending the State Association when it convenes with us this year.

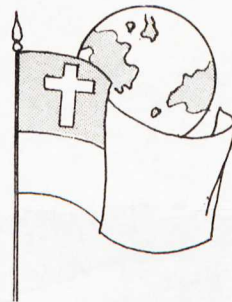
I am listing several motels for your consideration and trust that you will feel free to make reservations early due to the fact that this is a busy time of the year in this section.

We again want to extend a cordial invitation to the city of Lebanon and trust
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that many shall come to spend the entire days of the convention here with us. Our new auditorium is available and the facilities should prove to be a blessing to all of you.

Yours for Christ,
Dale Jones, Pastor
Lebanon FWB Church

MUNGER MOSS MOTEL
FOREST MANOR MOTEL
BELL MOTEL
CAPRI MOTEL
WHITE SANDS MOTEL
RED FOX MOTEL
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CLOVER LEAF MOTEL
SHEPHERD HILLS MOTEL
DREAM VILLAGE
JOY MOTEL
TRAVEL TOWN MOTEL



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is coequal with God. This takes us back into the eternity, past love, we know, must have an object.

On whom did God bestow His love before the creation of man? Surely not upon the material universe, for that could not respond. We never read, either, that God loved the holy angels. God from all eternity loved His own begotten Son, and both the Father and the Son found the object of their love in the divine Spirit. And no, in time, God loves a lost and ruined race and His own dear children, and throughout all eternity, He will shower His love upon those who have been redeemed by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Hebrew letter declares, saying, "Our God is a consuming fire". (Heb. 12:29). Fire is a consuming element. It is destructive. In relation with God, it shows His relation to sin and evil.

The God who is love is also a God of Justice and wrath. The greatest display

of God's righteousness ever given, was that of Calvary, where He made His sinless Son to be sin for us sinners that we might be saved and made the righteousness of God in Him. (II Cor. 5:21). God is infinitely and perfectly holy and will never save a sinner at the compromise of His holiness and righteousness but only on the ground that His holy law has had its claims met and the Holiness of God had all its demands satisfied. This is what Christ accomplished by His redemptive death and now God can be just and at the same time justify the sinner who believes on Christ (Rom. 3:24-26). Christ bore the penalty of sin on the cross and now all who will may be saved. But the sinner who rejects Jesus Christ and does not believe on Him abides under the wrath of God in the future. The great day of His wrath is coming, when judgment will be meted out to the ungodly.

This solemn teaching is graphically depicted in the last book of the Bible; that is, the book of the Revelation. Beginning with chapter six through eighteen we are given a picture of the wrath of God poured out upon a godless world, in the great tribulation. It will be a sad and terrible day for unbelieving mankind. The Lord Jesus shall appear from heaven with the angels of His power in flaming fire, rendering vengeance to them that know not God, and to them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall suffer punishment, even eternal destruction from the face of the Lord Jesus and from the glory of His might. At this great event the fire of God's holy displeasure will be manifested in judgment upon those who are not saved.

Then, once again, in the very end of the consummation of God's eternal plan, and at the judgment of the great white throne those whose names are not found written in the Book of Life shall be cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:15).

Surely God is not to be trifled with. His righteous judgment will some day be meted out. How blessed that men may escape this judgment by believing on Jesus Christ, the Blessed Son of God.

Rev. Luther Gibson, Pastor
First Free Will Baptist Church,
Mountain Grove, Mo.

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55% Nat'l Ass'n	\$1,547.68
1% Mo. CTS	28.14
2.5% Youth Camp	70.35
4% Gem	112.56
8% General Fund	225.12
12.5% Mo. Missions	351.75
17% Promotional Dept.	478.38

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WHY THE BIBLE COLLEGE REFUSES TO ACCEPT FEDERAL AID

Free Will Baptist Bible College has recently found itself at the focal point of a great deal of publicity. This widespread attention came as a result of the College's Board of Trustees' decision to accept no form of federal aid. The action was taken when the federal government recently demanded the signing of an "Assurance of Compliance" statement relative to the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Since 1959, students at the Bible College have been eligible to receive loans from the federal government under the National Defense Education Act (NDEA), with the school acting as agent for distribution of the funds. "The school in no way benefited from these funds, except to help the students pay their bills," stated Dr. L. C. Johnson, president.

A few weeks ago a statement appeared in the press and over the radio-television media that Free Will Baptist Bible College had rendered itself ineligible to continue receiving NDEA student loans because of failure to comply with the Civil Rights Act. The school was given 20 days to sign the "Assurance of Compliance" and become once again eligible for these loan funds. "It appears," observed Dr. Johnson, "that the federal government is more interested in giving us the money than we are in getting it. Our objection to signing the 'Assurance of Compliance' was not based solely on the race question - rather, the main basis for our decision was our opposition to any form of government control over the school. The terms under which we entered the NDEA program in 1959 have been changed in Washington so that we no longer find them acceptable."

In May, 1965, the Board of Trustees voted not to sign the "Assurance of Compliance" on the basis that the Bible College is owned and operated by the National Association of Free Will Baptists and should be under the control of no other body. Concerning government aid, Dr. Johnson declared, "The school has never received any money for construction purposes or anything of that nature. We've never asked the federal government for any such funds."

BIBLE COLLEGE STUDENTS RAISE \$7,800 FOR EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

A check for \$7,812.18 was presented by the Free Will Baptist Bible College Student Body to Dr. L. C. Johnson, president, on April 27 during the regular chapel hour. The gift, which came as a total surprise to the College



administration, was the result of a project begun by the late student body president, Ray Lee, shortly before his death. Bearing the code name, "Project SEE" (Student Expansion Effort), the money was designated to go into the school's current multi-million dollar expansion drive. Upon initiating the campaign, Lee challenged the 300-member student body to raise a minimum of \$25 each from friends and relatives. Acting president, Jimmie Ferrell, carried on with the project following Ray Lee's death, and made the presentation of the check to Dr. Johnson.

FOOD SHOWER FROM MISSOURI

Mrs. Henry Anderson of First Free Will Baptist Church in Joplin, Missouri, stands with Dan Farmer, Business Manager of Oklahoma Bible College, viewing groceries brought as a gift to the College. The groceries were gathered by the Woman's Auxiliaries from the Indian Creek Association of southern Missouri. According to Mr. Farmer, such gifts as these from various auxiliaries have been a big boost in keeping the pantry supplied in the College kitchen this year.

PROGRESS REPORT FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE EXPANSION PROGRAM

	Giving By States			Commitments By States
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	
Ala.	\$...\$ 58.00...	\$ 180.00	Fla.\$ 3,000
Ark. 60.00...		Ga. 3,000
Fla.	100.00	... 3,050.00...		Ill. 1,000
Ga.	25.00	...		Mich. ... 1,500
Idaho.	18.00	Miss. ... 2,500
Ind.	200.00	...		Mo. 1,500
Kan.		11.23...		N.C. 11,800
Ky.	421.00	Ohio 2,000
Mich.	25.00	...	75.00	S.C. 1,000
Miss.	40.00	20.00...	525.00	Tenn. ... 4,000
Mo.	5.00	140.06...	600.00	Va. 10,000
N.C.	1,425.60	1,385.81...	1,910.00	Total \$41,300
Ohio	1,010.00	1,350.00...	2,430.48	
S.C.	658.38	99.42...	85.24	
Tenn.	220.00	385.00...	483.26	
Tex.		125.17...	1,088.72	
Va.	11.70	
W. Va.		18.45...		
Faculty & Students .	16.00	88.00...	15.24	
Total	\$3,724.98	\$6,791.14	\$7,843.64	

Total gifts received 8/65 through 11/65	\$ 7,591.85
Total gifts received 12/65 through 3/29/66	24,924.76
(incl. bonds & other assets)	
Total commitments	41,300.00
Total gifts and commitments	\$73,816.61
Total individual \$1,000 gifts	13
Total individual gifts in excess of \$1,000	3