

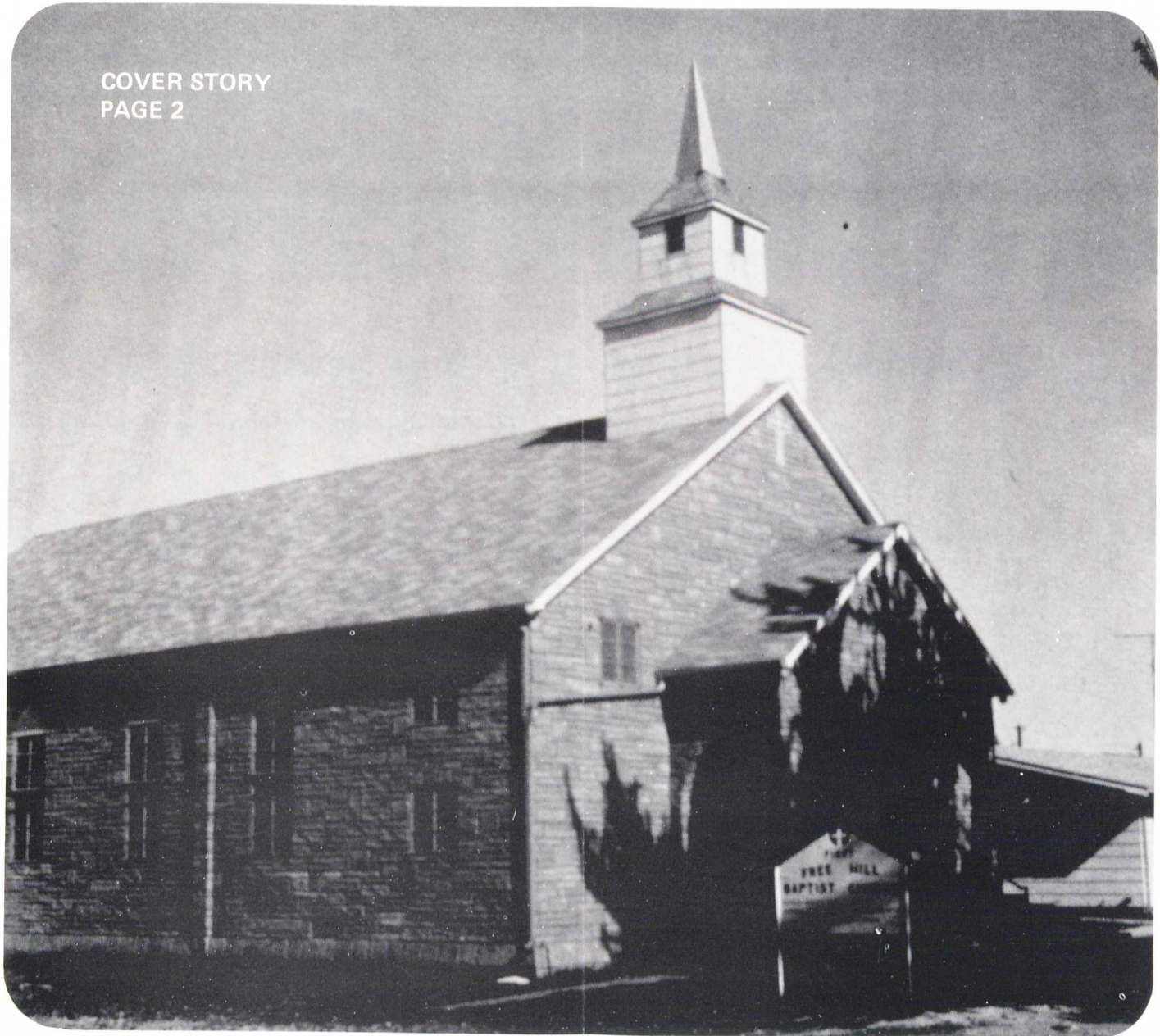
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The First Free Will Baptist Church of Kirksville, Mo. was built in 1953. Rev. Lester Jones was the first pastor, holding the first meeting in March, 1954.

Past ministers of the Free Will Baptist Church have been Rev. Jones, Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rev. Eustace Riggs, Rev. Leland Horton, and the present pastor is Rev. Andy Lay.

When the church was organized in September, 1953, there were 32 charter members and today the church has 126 active members.

In 1967, the Educational Building was constructed next to the church. This building is composed of Sunday school classrooms, a chapel, business offices and a large kitchen. Sunday school attendance averages 134.

HELP!

The editor would desire the following assistance for stories in future issues of the GEM.

Does anyone know which is the oldest existing Free Will Baptist church in Missouri? What is the age of your church? A picture (black and white) of your church with a story of its history would be appreciated.

I would desire a picture and story of the establishing of the Missouri State Association at the Philadelphia church 56 years ago in Northwest Missouri. Can you help me?

Put the Gem editor on your mailing list to receive your church bulletins, newsletters, etc.

From the Editor

CHRISTMAS IS A TIME FOR ...

PRAISE

A TIME FOR SINGING and making melody in our hearts to God. A time for rejoicing that God in His desire to restore man to the righteous state would give a Son born from above. As the hymn writer so well wrote, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

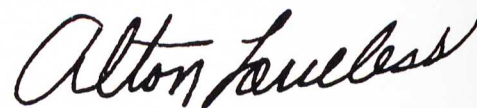
HOPE

The birth of Christ answers the hope of the universe. Fully planned of God and given at the correct moment in history is the hope of mankind. As God told man immediately after the fall, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; IT SHALL BRUISE THY HEAD, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Christ the hope of the world.

GLORY

"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST and on earth peace and good will toward men." What an inspiration the birth of Christ is in this season of seasons. Nothing can portray the birth of Christ better than our being the living and acting testimony that Christ lives.

From the GEM staff: Rev. and Mrs. Harry Beatty, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, and my family, wish to extend to you a happy Season's Greeting. And may the joy of Christ enrich your life in this Holy time of the year.



Alton E. Loveless



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"And Thou Shalt Call His Name Jesus"

By Virgil Manness

The angel of the Lord called upon a man stooped in his fears and doubts one night and gave him the assurance and joy of new hope not only for himself, his family, his nation, but for the whole world. Our world today stands in this place of fear and doubt even in the place of putting aside that which is the hope of the world, Christ.

In Revelation 12, the typology of Jesus' birth is recorded and the waiting hands of the devil are described by the writer, John, on the Isle of Patmos. Today the same can be said about the bride of Christ, the Church. The devil stands and waits for every opportunity to cause her defeat if possible. We must in this day realize the message which we possess and proclaim Jesus the Savior of His people.

The people of today, the rowdy minority and the silent majority both, I believe, are standing at the point of putting away their only hope of Salvation both for themselves, their families, their nation and the world, and the Church which possess Jesus. The church has one step at a time for the last 150 years been degraded, disrespected, and unexalted by those who have the ability, privilege and responsibility to hold her up.

Jesus was born in a lowly stable on the back side of town under the humblest of conditions. Jesus lived in a carpenter's home in the commonest of lives working with his hands. Jesus had poor folks for his friends and no place to sleep after he began his public ministry, and yet, he was the hope of the world. Those who followed him saw only temporal blessings; healing to the sick, sight to the blind, food for the hungry, hearing to the deaf, and yet he was Saviour of their soul not just satisfier of the flesh.

The disciples themselves seemed to miss the full glory of his presence until after he had been crucified and ascended out of sight into heaven. The world today cries as they then cried, "Hosanna, 'save us now.'" and yet are standing and rejecting him from their lives in daily living. Jesus came to die, but also to live in the heart of every believer, until the day of full redemption and full restoration could be completed.

It is very difficult to speak about his birth, without speaking of this death on Calvary where he paid the supreme price for sin. There, because of your sins and my sins, God laid upon Him the iniquity of us all.

Jesus was born in a lowly, humbled stable in Bethlehem and we to be saved must also be born in a lowly, humbled spirit. Jesus said, "Except ye be converted and become as a little child ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." Men must become meek and lowly before they can become strong and powerful for God.

The only way for America today to be saved is for Americans to bow down in the meek contrite spirit and look to Jesus. If America continues to destroy the Church, which offers salvation to the world and peace to the troubled hearts; America will fall and the world with her. Christmas is a time of year when all in the Christian world turn to look for "Peace on Earth Good will toward all men." I pray this year that we all realize that peace will only come as Jesus is given room in our hearts to live. Peace and good will toward all men will only come when the church proclaims, "Behold the hand maid of the Lord. Be it unto me according to thy word." Men, women, boys and girls need to be born into the family of God and this can only be accomplished when she, the church, travails in labor to bring forth children. Many have stated, "We want to enjoy the services and be happy in church programs," but the only thing that makes Heaven rejoice and the heart of any born-again child of God happy, is one who was lost to be converted to Christ and be saved.

I pray this coming New Year of 1970 the Church will *in deed* work to exalt Jesus in every community, on every job and in every life.

Editor's note: Virgil Manness is pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Waynesville, Missouri.



A SACRIFICE FOR CHRISTMAS

By William Evans

According to our Treatise, Free Will Baptists adopt the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice. Our churches encourage both personal and mass evangelism. We are evangelical and fundamental in our doctrinal stand. From the pulpits we admonish holy living. In other words, we have all the Biblical requirements for a vibrant Christian experience. Yet we have many among us who do not have the joy of a victorious life. Many are bitter and defeated with the attitude that both God and the Church have failed them. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the season, even Christmas has lost its significance. Let's

look again at the event which started it all. Maybe, just maybe, we have overlooked the prime element that was evident that first Christmas. That element was self-sacrifice. In Galatians 4:4 Paul says, "When the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." In other words, when the time was just right God sent His Son into the world, John tells us that this was because of the love God had for man. It was surely a thing God looked forward to — this opportunity for man's redemption — even though He was not happy that His only Son must suffer and die. But He willingly, sacrificially gave Him. Luke relates the visit of the angel to Mary. When asked to be the mother of the Messiah, she simply replied, "Be it unto me according to thy word." Joseph, who was a just man, was not willing to make Mary a public example. According to the law, she should have been stoned. But while he considered the situation, an angel brought him the message that this child was the promised Messiah, conceived of the Holy Ghost. This just man and pure maiden were willing to accept the gossip and vile remarks which certainly would make the rounds of Nazareth. The threat of slander could not daunt these two. They saw the Promised One as the Salvation of many, and they were willing to sacrifice their reputations that He might be manifested. Then there were the simple shepherds. When they heard the angels' story, they immediately began to investigate. Who would believe God's Son, the Promised One, had been born in a stable? Yet "when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child." They laid aside doubts, and even fear of ridicule, and proclaimed this child as the long-awaited Messiah. The price of sacrifice for each of these was high, but what about

Jesus? "Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained. But stripped Himself of all privileges and rightful dignity so as to assume the guise of a servant (slave), in that He became like men and was born a human being. And after He had appeared in human form He abased and humbled Himself and carried His obedience to the extreme of death, even the death of the cross!" (Phil. 2:6-8 *Amplified N.T.*) His was the supreme sacrifice! What about us? Are we trying to endure the shame and price of sacrifice? Too often we are like the inn keeper in Bethlehem:

Could I know
That they were so important? Just the two,
No servants, just a workman sort of man,
Leading a donkey, and his wife thereon
Drooping and pale, —I saw them not myself,
My servants must have driven them away;
But had I seen them, —how was I to know?
Were inns to welcome stragglers, up and down
In all our towns from Beersheba to Dan,
Till He should come? And how were men to know?

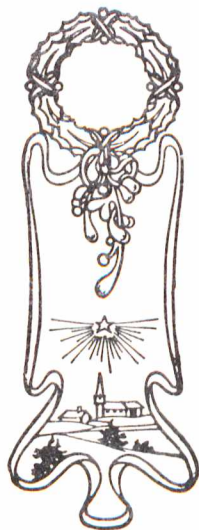
Had I known,
I would have turned the whole inn upside down,
His honor, Marcus Lucius, and the rest,
And sent them all to stables.
So you have seen him, stranger, and perhaps
Again may see him? Pray thee say for me
I did not know; and if he comes again,
As he will surely come, with retinue,
And banners, and an army —tell him my Lord
That all my inn is his to make amends.

—Amos R. Wells

But rather than hanging our heads in shame, let's commit the past to God. Then, give God the one gift He waits to receive — your life a living sacrifice.

Editor's Note: William Evans is Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Farmington, Missouri.

The Candle Light



*A Little light in Bethle-
hem,
No larger than a candle's
flame;*

*A wee, white light in
Bethlehem,
Silver and small it came.*

*And many slept and did
not see*

*The faint far gleam
when dark unfurled—*

*The little light that grew
to be*

*The light of all the
world.*

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS October, 1969

South Side FWB, St. Louis	38.50
Myrtle FWB, Myrtle	10.00
Jones Chapel FWB, Stork City	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Walden Robinson, Farmington	15.00
FWB Church, Salem	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Henry A. Jacobs, Fredericktown	5.00
Northeast Mo. Assoc. of FWB, Kirksville	24.00
Mr. Vernon E. Long, Festus	50.00
First FWB Church, Monett	20.00
Mr. Ronald Barr, Arnold	5.00
Central FWB, Kansas City	5.76
Mo. State Home Mission Board, Kansas City	864.32
First FWB Church, Mtn. Grove	32.00
Victory FWB Church, Avondale	32.95
New Home FWB, Hartville	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Vencie Long, Hartville	5.00
Richwood FWB, Richwood	9.00
Mrs. Lucy Postlewaite, Mtn. Grove	3.00
Louis Willhite, Bridgeton	5.00
Columbia FWB, Columbia	16.10
Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Denton, Farmington	10.00
First FWB Church, Fredericktown	30.00
Rev. & Mrs. William Evans, Farmington	6.00
Mr. L. R. Riggs, Jennings	100.00
Mrs. Francis Bowman, Marshall	4.00
Leadington FWB, Leadington	14.00
Coon Creek FWB, Hartville	31.00
Rev. & Mrs. James W. McAllister, Marshall	5.00
Ethel Thompson, Kirksville	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Bowman, Marshall	4.00
Mrs. Phillip Fry, Mtn. Grove	4.00
Pearl R. Alexander, Monett	5.00
Grant Avenue FWB Church, Springfield	5.00
New Rock Springs FWB, Cabool	6.00
First FWB Church, Berkeley	50.00
Fellowship FWB Church, Flat River	10.00
New Harmony FWB S.S., Greentop	43.85
Rev. & Mrs. O. T. Allred, Monett	10.00

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Dear Friends in Missouri,

Greetings from the State of Minnesota. Yes, we know that we are in this state representing the cause of Christ and Free Will Baptists because you pray, because you care and because you have shared of your financial means with us. The people of Missouri have been very faithful in their support of our work and for this we are indeed grateful.

We recently had our best service in Minnesota. We had 15 in Sunday school and 18 in morning worship. The presence of God was felt in a strong way in these services. There were two young un-saved families in the services and they were all under conviction. Please pray for them.

Last night no one showed up for prayer meeting. I went out on the cold street corner and found 9 teenagers and brought them into the warm church. There my wife taught them a flannelgraph story about Christ and we sang choruses. I think this is the first time I have literally "compelled them to come in." I had caught some of the same teenagers just a few weeks ago breaking one of our church windows and now some of them were hearing their first real gospel message. Well, such is Home Mission work.

The field is white and ripe unto harvest in these northern states. Will you pray that God will send forth more labourers into His harvest and that He will give us strength, knowledge, and direction in this work.

Thank you and may God bless all of you in your work for Him.

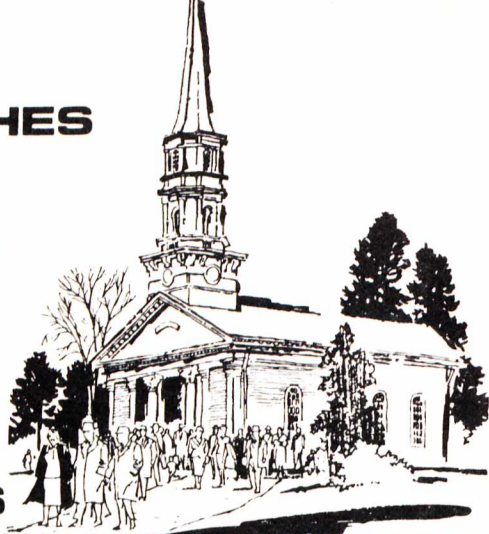
The Robert A. Francis Family
(Home Missionaries in Minnesota)

CHURCHES

PEOPLE

and

EVENTS



EVANGELIST JAMES McALLISTER SETTING DATES FOR 1970

Evangelist James McAllister, who has conducted revivals in Missouri, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, and Kansas since resigning the Central Church in Kansas City to enter full-time evangelism, is now scheduling revivals for 1970. If you are interested in scheduling Evangelist McAllister, write to P. O. Box 702, Marshall, Missouri 65340. ☐

PROMOTION FOR YOUTH CAMP AND HOME MISSIONS TO BE GIVEN

The Rev. James McAllister has been selected to promote the cause of both Home Mission projects and Youth Camp work for the state of Missouri during the months of January and February of 1970. Your invitation to have Rev. McAllister in either of these months should be written to P. O. Box 702, Marshall, Missouri 65340. ☐

MARSHFIELD CHURCH

The Marshfield church reports the blessings of God has been upon them and they continue to grow. Georgia Alexander, the church reporter, announces the church will host the District Sunday School convention the second Sunday of December. "The church is remodeling and nearly finished to which we thank the goodness of God," she writes. ☐

ALTON CHURCH

The Alton Church has just finished a revival with Rev. Dale Skiles and Rev. Billy Bailes as Evangelists. The church

reports the conversion of a teenage girl and the rededication of a mother.

Rev. Grover Pingleton assumed the pastorate of this fine church in the Cave Springs Association in June and has led this church to nearly doubling their attendance since that time.

The church has recently bought a new piano and carpeted the stage, front section and aisle of the church auditorium. ☐

BLUE EYE CHURCH

The Mt. Olive Church of Blue Eye welcomed their new pastor and wife the Rev. and Mrs. Tommy Carlson with a church dinner on their first Sunday of services, November 2nd. ☐

PASTORAL CHANGES:

Rev. Earl Langley to Independence Mission from Ashland City, Tennessee.

Rev. Tommy Carlson to Blue Eye from Myrtle.

Rev. Seldon Bullard to Leadington from Bristol, Tennessee.

Rev. Glenn Murray to Pleasant Home from Hannon.

Rev. Hollis Walker, Jr., to the Carterville Church.

Rev. O. T. Allred to the Monett Church. ☐

NEW HARMONY CHURCH, GREENTOP

The New Harmony Church near Greentop in Northeast Missouri report a successful revival with Rev. James McAllister as the Evangelist. The Rev. Archie Cooper, pastor, states, "We witnessed twenty or more who came to

the altar seeking salvation or for rededication. Brother McAllister is a fine preacher with a warm heart and understanding of people. He used the greatest of wisdom in preaching, giving the invitation, and dealing with people. I whole-heartedly recommend him to any and all who are in need of a revival in their church." ☐

INDIAN CREEK QUARTERLY MEETING

The Indian Creek Quarterly meeting met with the Neosho Church November 8th. New officers elected to serve the coming year were: Rev. Tommy Carlson, Moderator; Rev. Billy Joe Gentry, Assistant Moderator; and Mrs. Delois Loveless, Clerk. The next meeting will meet February 9th at the Pleasant Grove Church near Anderson. ☐

NORTHEAST MISSOURI DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL — CTS CONVENTION

The Northeast Missouri District Sunday School — CTS Convention met at the New Harmony FWB Church October 18 and 19. The theme of the convention was, "Young People's Work in the Local Church."

Rev. Eddie Altus, a member of the State Sunday School — CTS Board was the convention leader. He brought with him four young people, to demonstrate the denomination's various competitive activities and to express young people's view points in regard to the ministry of the Sunday School and CTS.

The Saturday night service was given primarily to a CTS emphasis. Rev. Altus reviewed all the materials published by the CTS Department and demonstrated their use.

Sunday afternoon the emphasis was on the Sunday School ministry to young people. The approximately 50 Sunday School and CTS teachers, officers, and sponsors attending the convention came away with many new ideas and insights as well as a fresh enthusiasm for this work.

The out-going officers, Ken Stilwell, president; and Fletcher Riley, vice-president, were commended for their service to the district convention.

Newly elected officers are Mrs. Violet Lay, president; Andy Lay, vice-president; and Mrs. Bernice Thomas, secretary. ☐

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OFFERS HOSPITAL INSURANCE

The Department of Retirement and Insurance of the National Association of Free Will Baptists are offering a plan of Hospital Insurance for members of Free Will Baptist churches. This group plan will pay up to \$15,000.00 in cash for the treatment of cancer as well as the other usual benefits while in hospital care.

If you desire information relative to the new program of Hospital Insurance, write Department of Retirement and Insurance, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. ☐

November, 1969

ONLY 35% OF CHURCHES SUPPORTING BIBLE COLLEGE

In a recent analysis of the churches financially supporting Free Will Baptist Bible College, the Reverend Paul Kettman, director of public relations, noted that during the 1968-1969 fiscal year 442 churches, about 35 percent of those affiliated with the National Association, gave anything to the school.

Church gifts to the school's general and building funds ranged from one dollar to ten thousand dollars. He also noted that 74 Free Will Baptist Churches gave amounts exceeding \$500. Of that number, the gifts of 31 churches exceeded \$1,000. The gifts of individuals within churches made directly to the Bible College or gifts made through cooperative programs were not included.

In the first four months of the 1969-1970 fiscal year, 12 states have increased their giving to the school over last year. They are: Alabama, Colorado, Hawaii, Illinois, Michigan, Mississippi, MISSOURI, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Missouri has given 35% of their quota as of October 31. Our giving from June to October totaled \$4,253.01 which was an increase of \$378.37 over the same period of last year.

Mr. Kettman reports that monthly giving to the school, while good, is averaging \$1,500 less than what is needed to meet the 1969-1970 gift quota of \$175,000. He points out however, that giving in the later half of the year usually picks up. He is hopeful of raising the entire gift budget by May 31, 1970. ☐

MERL'S CHAPEL CHURCH

The Merl's Chapel Church celebrated their 40th Anniversary Sunday, November 9th, with special services throughout the day. Four of the 10 former pastors were present and two charter members of the church. The Anniversary climaxed a week of revival with the Rev. Billy Joe Gentry as the Evangelist. Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys is the pastor of this church. ☐

STATE HOME MISSION BOARD ASSUMES INDEPENDANCE MISSION

The State Home Mission Board has assumed full sponsorship of the Independance Mission. The mission has called the Rev. Earl Langley of Ashland City, Tennessee to pastor and has sought the full assistance of the Mission Board's support in aiding their work. The Board reports their need of additional support to promote their work at an increase of \$300-\$400 per month of present giving. The Board chairman noted that it takes \$265.00 per week at present to pay Missionary salaries alone in the supported mission projects. ☐



MYRTLE CHURCH

The Myrtle Church reports the loss of one of their oldest members in the passing of Mr. Javan E. Cantrell, October 10th. He was 88. ☐

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

The St. Joseph mission sets new Sunday School record with 74 in attendance. The mission averaged 51 for October. ☐

O'FALLON CHURCH

The O'Fallon Church reports a one conversion and three rededications during October with three new members received during the same period.

Pastor Dale Underwood is leading this fine church in an upward growth both spiritually and numerically. ☐

GENERAL BOARD MEETS

The General Board of the Missouri Free Will Baptists met November 11th at the Headquarters building in St. Louis. Members and visitors present were left to right, kneeling, Rev. Virgil Manness, Rev. Lawrence Thompson, Rev. O. T. Allred, Rev. Grover Pingleton, and Rev. Bill Evans. Standing: Rev. Len Gardner, Rev. Vernon Maggart, Rev. Andy Lay, Rev. Glenn Rehkop, Rev. James McAllister, Rev. Clarence Burton, Mr. Homer Mosier, Rev. Wayne Waggner, Rev. George Bryant, Rev. Harry Beatty, Mr. Howard Filkins, Rev. Roger Harwell, and Rev. Woodrow Matthews. (Gem Editor, Alton E. Loveless, is not pictured though present.) ☐

Woman's Auxiliary Editor
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BE A WITNESS THIS SEASON

As we are approaching this holiday season, let us remember why we have the privilege of having a Christmas Holiday. I pray that we will celebrate the birth of our wonderful Saviour in the right way this year. There is no better way to celebrate His birth than to have a Pre-week of Prayer and witness to others of God's wonderful love to us in that He sent from heaven His ONLY BEGOTTEN SON to redeem the world from SIN. Let us especially pray for our missionaries in their fields of labor, that God will use them in spreading this GREAT GOSPEL to the ends of the earth. Let us also pray that those of us who can not go will pray more and send a more generous LOVE OFFERING than ever before, that many SOULS might be reached.

Jo Pingleton
Personal Service Chairman
Rt. 3, Box 14A
Alton, Missouri

MISSIONARY PRAYER PARTNERS

Prayer Partners in your Auxiliary can meet two needs: more power and more fellowship with one another. Here are some suggestions for monthly meetings:

1) Make name tags appropriate for the month. Include a prayer request on each of these. Make 2 of each color or object. Let the ladies match the colors or objects for their monthly prayer partner.

2) Write a Bible verse on one side of your paper and your prayer request on the other, then cut them into 2 parts like a puzzle. Have each take one piece as they come in and match puzzle parts for their monthly partners.

3) For February you might cut out red hearts and write the missionary couples on them (one name on each

heart). You could match the husband and wife couple for partners that month and pray for the couple you and your partner have.

Let the prayer partners spend time together at your meeting in prayer to share requests. Encourage them to write each other's requests down and pray about them during the month and to spend extra time together if possible.

There will be numerous ways to use this idea, so "do your own thing" and help make your Auxiliary a POWER LINE.

Kathy Jo Lay,
Stewardship-Prayer Chairman
506 W. Elizabeth, Rt. 5
Kirksville, Missouri 63501

Proverbs 5:21 — "For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and he pondereth all his goings."

Does it not seem strange that in every country, people have a religion? The consciousness of man, wherever found, is aware of a supernatural being, and for the most part, an extended life after death. Even the American Indian, when first discovered, looked forward to his "happy hunting ground." The Mohammed, the Hindu, the Shinto and all other people of various religions are indirectly crying out, by their unique forms of worship, to an eternal being.

Yes, the part of man, which became a living soul, when God breathed the breath of life into Adam's body of clay, constantly yearns for the relationship that exists between the Creator and his creation.

Salvation is much more than a religion, more than an intellectual opinion. The distance between a religion and salvation, or the distance between heaven and hell is the distance between the head and the heart. (Proverbs 23:7) "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Our purpose in living is simply to

glorify God. We came into this world with nothing, and it is certain that we can carry nothing out. (1 Tim. 6:7). Only what is done for Christ is worthwhile. He gave a commission prior to His departure (Matt. 28:19, 10) which is applicable to all of His, yet how few of us are ardently involved?

Many, oh, many never realize what is the reason for their dissatisfaction with life. Many worship substitutes with no real deliverance from gloom. It is not only the people in heathen religions who experience this dissatisfaction, but many believers, who follow afar, become victims of despondency and turn to other means for fulfillment of the soul. Since the eyes of the Lord are upon us, what are we doing to serve our purpose for living?

For this Christmas season, I would like to offer to Auxiliary women a suggestion which would be effective in teaching this oncoming generation a very true but much neglected adage, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

So many young people have not found this truth through experience, thus, the desire to receive appears to be uppermost in their thoughts. As Christians it would be helpful to sponsor a small group of children in leading them into a shopping spree for the benefit of a shut-in or retired minister. Such an effort serves a dual purpose, but the primary aim is to permit the children to learn the joy of giving to the less fortunate.

Mrs. Lucille Beatty, Field Worker
3100 Mt. Pleasant Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63111

DO YOU REALLY CARE?

A missionary to China relates this incident:

My Chinese was very sketchy, but I was learning. I knew there was no hope of being able to speak or teach in meetings. However, I found comfort in the thought I could at least be friendly and learn the ways of the Chinese people. But how wrong I was!

One day I was alone in the little room I shared with a nurse. I decided to do my nails. I heard footsteps and a wavering voice at the door. It was an old

Pictured are ladies from the Joplin Auxiliary during a recent Prayer-Brunch. Left to right, seated: Mrs. Mildred Gandy, Mrs. Florence Flaxbeard, Mrs. Doris Cantrell, Mrs. Barbara Oxendine. Standing: Mrs. Wilma Whitley, Mrs. Delois Loveless, Mrs. Francis Meador.

Chinese grandma.

"Where is the nurse?"

I explained she was out, but would soon be back. And so she came in and waited. I continued "doing my nails", occasionally glancing in her direction. After about thirty minutes, my roommate returned.

They sat down together — my roommate listening, praying, comforting. Despite my limited knowledge of Chinese, I managed to follow the gist of their conversation. After a while the little grandma left, whole in spirit.

Then I thought — for half an hour I had been with her, and I was "doing my nails". I couldn't have preached to her because I didn't know the language, but I could have listened. That day I learned the importance of having heart-eyes to see, and ears to listen to the needs of others.

Can you identify with this missionary? Do you see beyond yourself and your family to glimpse the heart-needs of others?

Christ often spoke of loving and caring about others; but more frequently He demonstrated it. He was not too aloof to talk with the Samaritan woman; too proud to associate with publicans and sinners; too impatient to listen to His disciples; or too busy to bless the little children. You see, He cared!

Are we like a caterpillar that binds itself snugly in silken threads of a cocoon anticipating that soon it will become a beautiful butterfly? That caterpillar spins its home with everything it needs inside. It isn't aware that there are other caterpillars struggling to prepare their cocoons. It does not notice that some are battling under tremendous burdens, or impossible circumstances. That caterpillar has its cocoon all snug and "comfy". That's all that matters.

Are we so absorbed in ourself that we do not look beyond our little circle of friends to the ones who need help? These ones do not need a lecture, or advice, or even a brow-beating. They need Jesus.

Try listening, not judging. Try sharing their burden, understanding their circumstances. In other words — really care! How they will rejoice when they find the One whom you have found!

What about those who need Jesus? Are you too busy spinning your cocoon — making your own life? Do you really care about them?

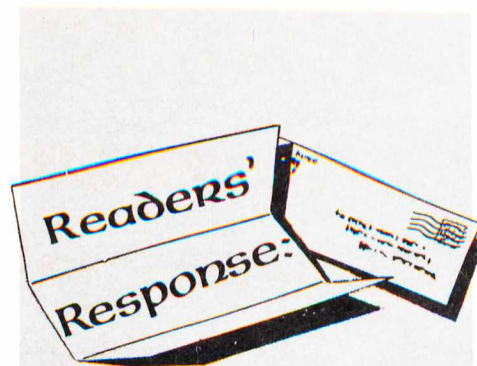
Mrs. Brenda Evans, President
305 W. Columbia
Farmington, Missouri

AUXILIARY NEWS BRIEFS

- The **INDIAN CREEK** Woman's Auxiliary convention met recently at the Neosho church for a Study Course on the Manual taught by Mrs. Jewell Campbell with thirty participating. The District reports a new Auxiliary has been organized at their Granby church.
- The **JOPLIN** Auxiliary with 9 members present heard Mrs. Barbara Oxendine speak on "Think About This."
- The **MOUNTAIN GROVE** Auxiliary reports good attendance and projects being met without any problems. The reporter stated, "the Auxiliary presented a special program in an evening service entitled "Emphasize Month." A note of interest was included in their report in that they had a "School Days" program where each member dressed and packed their lunch as they did in their school days.
- The **FELLOWSHIP** Auxiliary also had a School Days program in association with the beginning of public school. Their program consisted of a Recitation on "The Bible in the Schools" and a pop quiz on our Missionaries.
- The **ALTON** Auxiliary held study courses on "In the Barley Field" and the Book of Ruth.
- The **MONETT** Auxiliary gave funds to the Miley account and gave fresh fruit to the shut-in of their church during their last project. Their program consisted of a skit of "How not to have an Auxiliary meeting."
- The **BERKELEY** Auxiliary gave their September offering to the Mayhews and their October to the Wilkerson account. They honored their teaching ladies that can't attend their meeting on Family night.
- The **WEST PLAINS** Auxiliary sent \$10.00 to the Hanna and \$10.00 to the Cousineau accounts. Each member is to bring a useful article to the next meeting to be given to the Children's Home in Greenville, Tennessee.
- The **LEBANON** Auxiliary reports a Bake Sale and recent meeting with 15 present heard the program, "Hem, Him and Her."
- The **PARKVIEW** Auxiliary held their recent meeting at the Rest Haven Nursing Home in Flat River with 24 present.

● The **PARKVIEW** Church hosted the District Auxiliary meeting with Farmington, Fellowship and Parkview represented. Their project of making aprons and scarfs for converts in Africa produced 33 items brought by the represented groups.

● The **FESTUS** Auxiliary are to meet with the Chatmans Home for the Aged during their Pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer. They will give sundry items to the Billows in Mexico in January.



"The Gem looked better than previous ones. Keep up the good work."

L. D., Mtn. Grove

"May God bless you as you assume your duties as editor."

D. F., Mtn. Grove

"I appreciated the fine job on your first issue of the Gem."

C. B., St. Louis

"We were about to drop the Gem until we saw the October issue. We were well pleased and desire to continue."

A. L., Kirksville

"I really liked the new Gem Format. However, some of the type was rather small."

J. M., Marshall

Editor's Note: I realize that sometimes the type style is small but hope you, and everyone alike, will realize that sometimes it is necessary to reduce the type size down in order to get the material on that page. We must accept it smaller or completely leave it out which of course would not be advisable either. I do hope you will understand that we wish to better the Gem with each issue of experience and invite your prayers and aid.



SPOTLIGHT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Averages for October

Trinity, St. Louis	151
West Plains	147
Farmington	124
First, Lebanon	113
Joplin	98
Parkview (Desloge)	94
Willow Springs	91
DeSoto	76
O Fallon	60
Hannon	53
St. Joseph	51
Salem	41

(We invite every Sunday School to report their averages that it may be reported in this column.)

STATE HOME MISSION GIVING: (10-5-69 to 11-5-69)

Coop Receipts-Oct.	\$996.03
Willow Springs Church	10.00
Fellowship Church	15.00
Coppermines Church	20.00
Hannon Church	23.65
Olivet Church	25.00
Victory Church	14.78
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Victory	18.82
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Ruby Brewer	2.00
Low Ground Church	5.00
Fellowship Church	15.00
Low Ground Church	5.00
Willow Springs Church	10.00
Braxine Evans	15.00
Victory Church	10.00
Rock Chapel Church	18.00
James McAllister	5.00
Mill Creek Church	15.00
	\$1258.87

Church Treasurers please note:

Secretary-Treasurer Missouri State
Home Mission Board

Rev. Lawrence Thompson
3416 N. Bellefontaine
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MISSOURI FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP REPORT September and October, 1969

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:	General Fund	Building Fund	Total
Bob Dickey		\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Grant Avenue FWB Church		30.00	30.00
Hannon FWB Church		20.00	20.00
Rev. & Mrs. Finis Johnson	2.00		2.00
Lebanon FWB Church		20.00	20.00
Liberty FWB Church		30.00	30.00
Missouri State Co-op Program	296.88		296.88
Mountain Grove FWB Church		20.00	20.00
No 1 FWB Church		25.00	25.00
Olivet FWB Church		20.00	20.00
Refund on Telephone Calls	15.00		15.00
Rock Chapel FWB Church		30.00	30.00
Sonlight Missionary Conference (Mission Association)		70.75	70.75
Thayer FWB Church		20.00	20.00
Total	\$313.88	\$300.75	\$614.63
Balance Brought Forward September 1, 1969	1,367.08		1,367.08
Total Accounts Receivable	\$1,680.96	\$300.75	\$1,981.71

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Citizen's State Bank		300.75	300.75
Dr. Pepper Bottling Co.	49.63		49.63
Guy's Foods Inc.	116.30		116.30
Hiland Dairy Products	69.20		69.20
Missouri State Tel. Co.	59.16		59.16
Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co.	52.66		52.66
Quinn Coffee Co.	106.88		106.88
Rev. Wm. Reeves (salary)	180.00		180.00
Shields Rexall Pharmacy	4.64		4.64
Springfield Coca-Cola Btl. Co.	6.32		6.32
Webster Electric Co.	22.31		22.31
Total	\$667.10	\$300.75	\$967.85

BALANCE SHEET FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1969

Amount Brought Forward	\$1,367.08		\$1,367.08
Total Accts. Receivable Sept. & Oct., 1969	313.88	300.75	614.63
Total Accounts Receivable	1,680.96	300.75	1,981.71
Less Accounts Payable	667.10	300.75	967.85
Balance on Hand Nov. 1, 1969	\$1,013.86		\$1,013.86

AMOUNT DUE CITIZEN'S STATE BANK ON NOTE

Amount Due Sept. 1, 1969	\$3,592.42
Interest Due	139.22
Total Amount Due	3,731.64
Less Amount Paid Sept. & Oct., 1969	300.75
Amount Due Nov. 1, 1969	\$3,430.89

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AN EDITORIAL

Man, The Moon, and Last Christmas

In the GEM we have a page for Women, Church Events, Sermons, etc., but nothing for our YOUTH. It is my sincere intention to make this publication one desired by the entire family. So I'm beginning in this issue a new column for youth.

I want to hear from you young people in regard to your problems. What you think about your church. What you would like to see your church do for you. Let me print your desires whether pro or con so we can work out some of the areas the church may be failing in.

Your name will not be printed but only your initials and without your church or city listed. all items will be kept completely confidential as to origin of letter, etc.

I do hope the youth of Missouri will respond to this appeal to have your own column. Will you send in your reply to this first inquiry? (Youth only)

"I recently was saved when attending church with my girl friend. My parents, who are not Christians, make me attend their church which isn't a Bible-believing church. My spiritual life is getting colder but I can't rebel against my parents since I'm not old enough to make my own decisions. I want so to continue in the joy I have. What can I do?"

Young people what should this young lady do? Write me your view.

DO YOU HAVE PROBLEMS? LET OTHER YOUTH HELP YOU.

Last year on Christmas eve one quarter million miles out into space in orbit around the moon, astronauts Borman, Lovell and Anders took turns reading the majestic passage on creation from the first ten verses of Genesis. Since the historic flight thousands of letters have poured into NASA commending the astronauts for acknowledging the God of the universe.

Apollo 8 Commander Borman told reporters in a Washington, D.C. press conference, "I can't understand taking a trip like this without recognizing its religious significance." He indicated to several hundred newsmen present that the trip to the moon has bolstered his religious beliefs.

Although not immediately challenged by legal action, the reading of the Genesis account by America's three moon-orbiting astronauts caught the attention of the Supreme Court. As well as that of self-proclaimed atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair who has challenged the astronauts for injecting religion into the moon flight and the Moscow radio who tried to dismiss the reading of the Scriptures as a joke.

It is encouraging to me to note that the vast majority of Americans, and others in the free world, have applauded the readings by letters to NASA or their Congressman. The public's overwhelmingly favorable reaction and the letters which still flow into NASA can help neutralize these forces which seem bent upon removing the Bible and prayer from every phase of public life.

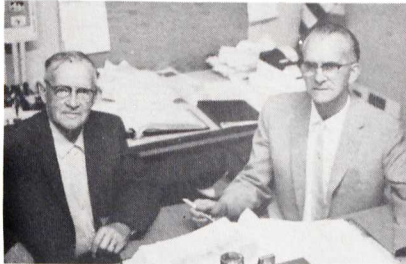
I wish to strongly urge every reader of this publication to take a stand by writing the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston, Texas 77058 and go on record favoring the Bible reading and opposing efforts to censure it.

Since last Christmas our space program has placed man on the moon and at this writing we have men in orbit there with the instruction to set down on it again. With each moon flight there has been either Scriptures read or acknowledgement of a Supreme Being. Our space achievements, impressive as they are, should first point to the greatness of God, not the greatness of man. For on this ball three billion people live and die, love and war, rejoice and sorrow. Viewing this sight, the moon, the stars, the heavens, they too must have wondered, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?" (Ps. 8:3,4)

May we keep this Christmas season a rejoicing one by letting our leaders know we wish to remain free from the oppressions of Satan's devices by taking our Christian and Civic stand.

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Promotional Secretary's Corner



Rev. O. T. Allred in recent meeting with Promotional Secretary Harry Beatty.

The Cave Springs Quarterly Conference assembled with the Myrtle Church October 4th with twenty-one churches represented. I was given time to promote our Missouri State work and give the current allocation of the Co-operative fund.

On Saturday evening I attended the Clifton church where Rev. Dale Skiles was the Evangelist in a revival meeting.

On October 5th I made an emergency trip to be with my elder brother Charley who was in a Springfield hospital. While in Springfield I attended the Grant Avenue Church worship service where Pastor Bill Adkinson gave me greetings and time to commend this fine Co-operative participating church. On Sunday evening I arrived in Thayer in time to deliver the evening sermon where Pastor Jerry Fields and the church are continuing to win souls for the Lord.

Friday, October 10th, Pastor Davie Combs and I conducted the funeral service of Mrs. Dena Hall, who was a charter member of the Walnut Grove Free Will Baptist Church. She was laid to rest near Dalton, Arkansas. Sister Hall was a true Christian and a faithful Free Will Baptist member and we extend our Christian sympathies to her fine family.

The Cape Girardeau church hosted the Madison county Quarterly meeting October 10th and the 11th. The Rev. John Rogers delivered the evening sermon and Rev. Don Umfleet the Saturday 11:00 message. All 9 churches were represented plus the Jackson Mission. 80% of their churches currently give co-operatively with another

pledging to resume their giving through this plan of support.

On Sunday morning October 12th I worshipped with the Jackson Mission where I delivered the morning message. Rev. Charles Moyer is in charge of this mission which adopted the Co-operative plan from the beginning of their meeting. I pray that God will provide them with a permanent place to establish a church in this town of 5000 population.

On Sunday evening I was in service with the O'Bethel church where Rev. Don Umfleet is pastor. The O'Bethel church is a real landmark. The original log building, which has been veneered, is more than 100 years old, yet God is blessing them today with souls as He did in the early days of the church.

The St. Francois County Quarterly meeting met with the Aulsbury Chapel church October 24-25th. The youth from the various churches presented the devotions and special singing with Rev. Walker delivering the evening sermon. Visiting Evangelist James McAllister preached the Saturday morning message. All of their ten churches were represented along with the mission in Gray's Summit, which they took under their watch care until the mission receives sufficient members to be organized into a church. All of these churches give Co-operatively.

On Thursday evening October 24th, I visited the Faith church where a revival was in progress with Evangelist Harvey Hill. Several souls were saved and others renewed their covenant with God.

On Saturday evening I visited the Parkview revival where Evangelist James McAllister was the messenger.

I delivered the Sunday morning sermon in the Farmington church October 26. Pastor Bill Evans and the Farmington Church continue to move forward. They support every phase of our work, also. I delivered the Sunday evening sermon in the De Soto Church where Pastor Charles Miller continues to lead souls to Christ and move forward for the Lord. The De Soto church has waived the designated mission monies being received from the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting and requested it be given to the Jackson Mission. They are also giving to the Missouri Co-operative fund.

Our Co-operative gifts were good this

month and brings us near what we should average quarterly to reach our \$50,000.00 proposed goal.

Christmas time is a good time for you to remember your book store where we have Bibles, books and other religious items. Order from Free Will Baptist Book Store, 3100 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63111.

South Side	166.00
Garfield	42.25
Fredericktown	402.93
Salem	20.00
Monett	106.67
Mt. Grove	217.48
Central Kansas City	120.00
Olivett	81.00
Sunnyview	6.30
Byrd	10.00
Pleasant Hill	10.00
Pleasant Ridge	12.00
Richwoods	150.43
Farmington	153.92
Fourth	220.81
Cedar Ridge	65.64
Liberty	188.72
Merl's Chapel	33.33
Thayer	51.13
Hannon	47.30
Carterville	17.73
Alton	14.00
Betlon	60.25
Mill Creek	104.72
Berkeley	316.06
Jones Chapel	10.00
Jackson	11.28
DeSoto	73.00
Aulsbury Chapel	92.90
Mt. Valley	88.87
Columbia	28.60
Victory	126.74
Grace	173.00
New Harmony S.S.	6.87
Cuba (Readopted)	85.00
Flat River First	290.56
Leadinton	151.00
Pleasant Home	52.66
Hickory Grove	22.36
Rock Chapel	19.99
Copper Mines	50.00
Lebanon First	170.00
Marshfield	4.79
New Rock Springs	17.00
Monett	130.12
Mine LaMotte	12.46
St. Joseph	23.75
Grace	231.38
Cope	38.79
Union FWB	60.00
South Side	163.00
Cabool	77.23
Sunnyview	5.00
Garfield	26.77
Viburnum	49.35
Parkview	109.85
Grant Avenue	190.45
Beacon	153.13
Waynesville	141.18
Total Received	\$5,505.75

OCTOBER, 1969 - DISBURSED

47.75% FWB National	\$2629.00
1.00% Mo. Superannuation	55.06
1.50% Mo. CTS & S.S.	82.58
4.00% Gem	220.23
4.00% Mo. Youth Camp	220.23
7.75% General Fund	426.70
16.00% Mo. Promotional	880.92
18.00% Missouri Missions	991.03

Total \$5,505.75