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Rev. Russel Spurgeon

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Personal from the Editor



THIS YEAR is nearly past and one-tenth of the decade of the Seventies is already nearly history. With the pace of time has come the world crisis for America and the world as it grows darker and more ominous with each passing day. No one has to introduce a new crisis to make things worse. For the Middle East, Indo-China, the Caribbean, and even the universities, businesses and our streets have become the battlefields of the 70's.

Our government is working overtime to stem the tide and we must not sit idly by. The problems of crime, violent radicals, drug addicts, pornography, inflation, etc., are seemingly beyond solution. It seems hopeless—but there is hope! And that hope lies in a spiritual dimension.

To a certain degree we saw it demonstrated in the flight of Apollo 13 when millions of people of all languages and races prayed for one specific event. I believe God answered the prayers of many by directing the crew home safely. Even the astronauts testified that they prayed during those long, uncertain hours. Yes, God was demonstrating to the world that there is a power beyond technology.

May I challenge you that we should never wait until a crisis to pray. Of

course, you and I realize that we are in the middle of a big crisis presently. I trust we are already at prayer and seeking solutions from God relative to a way we can aid the sick society.

It would be well for us to be aware of what we are up against. In May of 1919 at Dusseldorf, Germany, the Allied Forces obtained a copy of some of the "Communist Rules for Revolution." As you read the list, stop after each item and think about the present-day situation where you live, and all around our nation.

A. Corrupt the young; get them away from religion. Get them interested in sex. Make them superficial; destroy their ruggedness.

B. Get control of all means of publicity, thereby:

1. Get people's minds off their government by focusing their attention on sexy books and other trivialities.

2. Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance.

3. Destroy the people's faith in their natural leaders by holding the latter up to contempt, ridicule and obloquy.

4. Always preach true democracy, but seize power as fast and as ruthlessly as possible.

5. By encouraging government extravagance, destroy its credit, produce

fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent.

6. Foment unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders and foster lenient and soft attitudes on the part of the government toward such disorders.

7. By specious argument cause the breakdown of the old moral virtues, honesty, sobriety, continence, faith in the pledged word, ruggedness.

C. Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext, with a view to confiscating them and leaving the population helpless.

I hope you will take time to think seriously of the above and to seriously draw your own conclusions. These were taken from actual findings.

The 70's bear record of the conquest against not only our country but also our freedom to worship. Are we losing our religious freedom while we permit a non-pro attitude toward our country? Who said we are not supposed to pledge ourselves to our country? Jesus said to render to Caesar as well as to God. We are playing right into the hands of the enemy by not voting or standing or even running for office if we are qualified and have a good opportunity to win. Christians should be in office and aid the affairs of our government. Christians should advocate clean and honest offices and demand a showing when a question is evident.

On August the 18th the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists convenes at the Trinity Church of Bridgeton. Delegates and representatives from all over the state will attend to fellowship and do business in this troubled time. Let us pray that the business will have an impact on our communities, state and even out national affairs.

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WHAT IS TRUTH?

by Rev. Dale Underwood

PILATE THEREFORE said unto him, *Art thou a king then?* Jesus answered, *Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?*" John 18:37, 38

Many people from all walks of life are echoing the words of Pilate; WHAT IS TRUTH? Singers sing about it. University students are screaming these words. Politicians capitalize on them to strengthen their grip upon the minds of those who are searching so frantically for that which is truth.

Yet, as we search so frantically, it seems that each day the secular world proves untrue the facts that were accepted yesterday as truth. Then what is truth? The dictionary states that truth is, "agreement with a standard". As standards change the truths of yesterday become untruth. Alexander wept because there were no other worlds to conquer. Yet time has proven that what Alexander thought to be true was not true at all.

Now there is one standard that has withstood change and decay. That is the word of God. In Matthew 24:35 it states *"Heaven and Earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away"*. This statement simply means that God will reveal himself to you and me exactly as he did to the Apostle Paul and will continue to reveal himself to future generations should he tarry his coming. No matter how much man may tamper with the Bible the Word of God will always reveal Jesus Christ as the *"Way, the Truth, and the Life"*, and that no man can come unto the Father except by him. The word does not change. St. John 1:1 states, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God"*. Malachi 3:6 *"For I am the Lord, I change not."* And then Hebrews 12:8 *"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever."* These verses of scripture provide for us a standard, steadfast, un-

moveable, and unchangeable, which then becomes the base of all truth.

When Christ said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me,"* he was fulfilling the words that he spoke to Pilate. He was revealing himself to man.

John recorded these words of Jesus, *"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* Also recorded in the eighth chapter of John are these words of Christ, *"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."* As men of the world seek truth and freedom they seem to be relying upon the minds of men. But in the search for knowledge that will lead man to peace and freedom he will have to look beyond the works of man. Man can not find that Peace, and that Truth, that the soul of man longs for, in the works of man. Jesus Christ alone can bring comfort to the hearts of man. *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."*

As it is the nature of man to search for truth in order to have peace of mind, that search must then end with Christ.

As Christ prepared to leave this world to be at the right hand of the Father he left this promise with us. He said, *"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."*

My friends, let God help you find the answer to, WHAT IS TRUTH.

"Let us therefore come bodily unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need".

Rev. Dale Underwood is the pastor of the Parkview Church of Desloge.



PROGRAM

of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 18, 1970

- 7:30 P.M. Worship in Song
Director of Music: Rev. A. L. McFarland
- 7:45 P.M. Convening of the Session: Rev. Andy Lay
- 8:00 P.M. Welcome to the State Association:
Rev. Russell Spurgeon, Host Pastor
Response: Rev. Lawrence Thompson
- 8:10 P.M. Choral Music: Berkeley Choir
- 8:15 P.M. Moderator's Message: Rev. Woodrow Matthews
Offering for convention expenses
- 8:25 P.M. Special Music: Rev. A. L. McFarland
- 8:30 P.M. Keynote Message: "THE IMMINENCE OF THE
LORD'S RETURN—Rev. O. T. Allred
Report of Committee on Committees
Benediction

- Report of State Mission Board
Report of Youth Camp Board
- 4:00 P.M. Adjourn

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 19

- 7:30 P.M. Presiding: Rev. Dale Skiles
Music Director: Rev. Bill McCuin
Special Music: Rev. Bill McCuin
- 8:00 P.M. Message: EVANGELISM IN THE LIGHT OF THE
LORD'S RETURN—Dr. LaVerne Miley
Offering for the Miley Account
Benediction

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20

- ### WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 19, 1970
- 9:00 A.M. Music Director: Rev. Glen Rehkop
Devotional: Rev. Vergel Manness
- 9:10 A.M. Credential Committee's Report
Corresponding Letters Received
Seating of Corresponding Messengers*
General Board Report
Statistician's Report
- 10:45 A.M. Recess
- 11:00 A.M. Presiding: Rev. Cliff Bowman
Music Director: Rev. Bill McCuin
Special Music: Berkeley Trio
Message: BUILDING UP THE CHURCH IN THE
LIGHT OF THE LORD'S RETURN—Rev. Mark
Vandivort
- 12:00 Noon Adjournment for lunch

- 9:00 A.M. Music Director: Rev. R. B. Spurgeon
Devotional: Rev. Billy Walker
- 9:15 A.M. Business Period:
Report of Resolutions Committee
Report of Superannuation Board
Report of Obituary Committee
Report of Placement Committee
Report of Sunday School and Church Training
Service Board
Report of Nominating Committee
- 10:45 A.M. Recess
- 11:00 A.M. Worship Service:
Presiding: Rev. Glen Rehkop
Music Director: Rev. Bill McCuin
Special Music: Berkeley Church Duet
Message: SEPARATED LIVING IN THE LIGHT
OF THE LORD'S RETURN—Rev. John Land
- 12:00 Noon Adjournment for Lunch
- 1:30 P.M. Any remaining business
Final Adjournment

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 19, 1970

- 1:30 P.M. Music Director: Rev. Alton Loveless
Devotional: Rev. O. D. Matthews
- 1:50 P.M. Business:
Report of State Treasurer
Report of State Promotional Secretary

*Corresponding Messengers not listed on program will be recognized as time allows.

Musicians for the convention: Mrs. Linda Glenn, Mrs. Zetta Hutson, Mrs. Anna McFarland, Mrs. Elaine Spurgeon

THEME: "LIVING IN THE LIGHT OF THE LORD'S RETURN"

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God. II Peter 3:11-12a

SPEAKERS AT THE 57TH ANNUAL MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION, TRINITY CHURCH

The 57th annual Association beginning August 18 at the Trinity Church of Bridgeton will follow the theme, "Living in the Light of the Lord's Return." The Keynote message: "The Imminence of the Lord's Return," will be presented by the Rev. O. T. Allred of Monett. Rev. Allred, a well know Missourian is no stranger to the State scene since he was moderator of the Missouri convention for a quarter of a century and has been active in nearly every facet of the denominational efforts.

The Wednesday morning message: "Building up the Church in the Light of the Lord's Return," will be delivered by the Rev. Mark Vandivort of Columbia. Rev. Vandivort is pastor of the Columbia Church which he organized after returning to Missouri from his post as Field Secretary of the National Home Mission Board.

The Wednesday evening mission message will be presented by the Rev. Dr. LaVerne Miley, a medical missionary to the Ivory Coast of Africa. Dr. Miley will speak on, "Evangelism in the Light of the Lord's Return." Dr. Miley is from the Kirksville area and is well known to Missourians. Dr. Miley served our Bible College before beginning his medical studies to fulfill his call to missions.

The Thursday morning message, "Separated Living in the Light of the Lord's Return," will be presented by Rev. John Land. Rev. Land is pastor of the Fourth Church of St. Louis and is well-known throughout our Missouri area both as pastor and evangelist.

The moderator, the Rev. Woodrow Matthews, will present the Moderator's message before the introduction of the program and highlights. Rev. Matthews, pastor of the Beacon Church of Raytown, is serving his third year as moderator.

Speakers



Rev. Woodrow Matthews



Rev. O. T. Allred



Rev. Mark Vandivort



Dr. LaVerne Miley



Rev. John Land



CHURCHES

PEOPLE

and

EVENTS

VICTORY CHURCH SETS MISSION OFFERING RECORD

The Victory Church of North Kansas City broke records with their \$270.00 gifts to missions for one month. The church, under the leadership of Rev. Lawrence Thompson, has broke a number of records this year.

MYRTLE CHURCH REPORTS 9 BAPTIZED

The Myrtle Church reports several young people made decisions at the Youth encampment and the baptism of 9 by Pastor Herbert Boggs.

OLD BETHEL CHURCH HAS ANNUAL HOMECOMING

The Old Bethel Church held their Annual homecoming the first Sunday in July with the Rev. Ray Mills as the guest speaker. The afternoon consisted of special singing. Rev. Don Umfleet is pastor of this fine church.

OAK HILL CHURCH ADDS 6 MEMBERS THIS QUARTER

The Oak Hill Church of near Fredericktown has added 6 new members over the last three months to their church rolls. The spirit of the church is real good since a number of other prospects are also attending. Along with the new additions the church was able to aid a family with a cash gift of \$50.45 that had been in a serious car accident. The reporter, Mrs. McFarland, states the church has read 3,772 Bible chapters this last quarter.

POPULAR FREE WILL BAPTIST COUPLE WEDS IN KANSAS CITY

United in marriage during June were Miss Pam Thompson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Thompson, and Mr. David Painter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Painter of Gladstone. The wedding, held at the Victory Free Will Baptist Church, was officiated by the bride's father and her uncle, the Rev. Elmer Turnbough of Nashville, Tennessee.

OBC REGISTRAR RECEIVES DEGREE

The Rev. Eugene Workman, Registrar of the Oklahoma Bible College and formerly of Springfield, Missouri, received his Master's degree May 31 from the University of Oklahoma at Norman. Rev. Workman graduated with a Master of Education in General Administration.

MISSOURI GENERAL BOARD PROTEST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

The General Board of the State Association of Missouri Free Will Baptist have written the Executive Committee of the National Association protesting their action in withdrawing their invitation to Dr. Stanley Mooneyham to speak during the Missions service at the National Meeting in Fresno, California. Feeling that the criticisms against our national leaders are unfounded, and that the pressuring of the Executive Committee by a small minority group sets a dangerous precedent, the moderator and

clerk and four other members of the Missouri State General Board discussed the matter and agreed to present the following resolution to the entire General Board by letter with ballot. The resolution read thusly: "We, the General Board of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, wish to go on record as protesting the action of the Executive Committee of the National Association in removing Dr. W. Stanley Mooneyham from the program of the National Association in Fresno, California, as a result of the criticism of a minority group in the National Association."

We are sorry that a number of our national leaders have been subjected to the cruel, unchrist-like harrassment of this minority group, and those whom we feel have been unjustly indicted; namely, Roger Reeds, Reford Wilson, Jim Jones, Jerry Ballard, Rufus Coffey, Homer Willis, and Sam Johnson.

We wholeheartedly pledge our support to these national leaders and other Free Will Baptist brethren who have fallen victim to this schismatic group."

According to the state clerk, Rev. Andy Lay, the resolution has passed and quoting his letter, "unanimously, so far."

MARSHALL CHURCH HAS REVIVAL WITH 24 DECISIONS



The Olivet Church of Marshall has just concluded a revival with the Rev. Lawrence Thompson, pastor of the Victory Church of Kansas City, as the evangelist. The revival resulted in 16 people being saved and 8 rededications, of which 14 were baptized. Among the saved were two aged men, one 82 and the other 75 years of age.

(The editor's mother-in-law and step father-in-law were also saved in the week's meeting for which we praise God).

YOUTH CAMP BREAKS ANOTHER ATTENDANCE RECORD

A total of 836 youth met for the Teen and Pre-teen camps at Niangua the third and fourth weeks of June. Of the registration 462 were enrolled in the pre-teen camp, where 55 first time decisions and 63 rededications were made, and 374 teens enrolled to begin the camp sessions. There were 95 decisions for Christ made during the teen week.

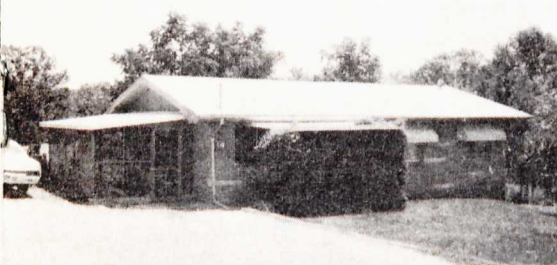
DE SOTO CHURCH NEARS COMPLETION



Educational building on which the auditorium was built



Construction of Church



The De Soto Church, under the direction of Pastor Charles Miller, is progressing quite well. The church has been progressing quite well since its inception just a few short months ago. This church has had a New Testament type fervor since its beginning.

SOUTH SIDE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH SCHEDULES THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING SERVICE SEPTEMBER 13TH

The South Side Church would like to invite all former members and friends to this all day service. The service is being planned with the Reverend Harvey Hill, organizer and first pastor, as the guest speaker for the morning worship service.

Lunch will be served at the church for those attending. An afternoon musical program is being planned with well known quartets and local visiting talent participating.

Do not miss this opportunity to visit and fellowship with old friends.

WAYNESVILLE SUNDAY SCHOOL SETTING RECORDS

The Sunday School record of the First Church of Waynesville has been broken. The Sunday School average for April was 68. In May the school established a goal of 90, and the first Sunday of May they fell short, but on the 17th of May broke the record with an attendance of 91. The month of June had 100 set as their goal. The last Sunday in June they had 103 in attendance. The goal set for July is 125. I pray they will reach it.

Ronnie G. Osborn the Sunday School Superintendent extends a warm welcome to the readers of the GEM to visit their new church and Sunday School when in the Waynesville Area.

MONETT CHURCH CALLS McALLISTER AS PASTOR

The Rev. James McAllister and family of Marshall have accepted the pastorate of the First Church of Monett. Rev. McAllister, who resigned the Central Church of Kansas City last year to enter full-time evangelism, moved into the pastorate July 3rd. Rev. McAllister follows the Rev. O. T. Allred who has pastored the church since the resignation of the Rev. James Franklin, though retired, states he is still interested in preaching and filling the pulpit in the absence of your pastor.



"I wish to commend you on the fine job you are doing with the GEM. The appearance of the magazine is inviting to read, and I have enjoyed the content also."

*Rev. Woodrow Matthews
Raytown, Mo.*

"I think the April issue was the best yet."

*Mrs. Eunice Edwards
Desloge, Mo.*

"Please change our address for we enjoy the GEM very much."

*Mrs. Harold E. Oliver
Wichita, Kansas*

"I would like for you to change the mailing of the GEM to the address inclosed. We are moving and don't want to miss the GEM. I enjoy it very much."

*Clarence Wallace
Alton, Mo.*

"We want to thank you for the fine job you are doing with the GEM."

*Mrs. Bill Eden
Lebanon, Mo.*

"I would like to say I enjoy the GEM and commend you for your efforts as editor."

*Dora Fry
Willow Springs Church
Mt. Grove*

"I want to continue receiving the GEM, so put me on your single subscription plan. I moved to Jacksonville the first of December. We have a new church building and the church is making a steady growth. We have taken in 17 members and have had 9 conversions of which 3 were baptized. The church was in the low twenties when we came here and now we are having around 40. Our highest was 53 for Sunday School and 64 for Worship service."

*Rev. Chester Weir
Jacksonville, Arkansas*

Editor's note: Rev. Weir previously pastored at Festus, Mo.

news

OKLAHOMA BIBLE COLLEGE INITIATES STEPS TO GAIN FULL STATE ACCREDITATION

Positive efforts to gain full accreditation with the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education are continuing through the Self-study now underway by members of the administration, faculty, and staff of the College. The Self-Study relates to the purposes, policies, and programs of the College as they now exist and sets forth projected improvements. The Self-Study was initiated in December, 1969, and the final report must be presented to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education on or before December 1, 1970.

At the present time, this governing body has authorized OBC to operate as a junior college and to offer appropriate Associate in Arts degrees. Twenty-five other colleges and universities in thirteen states have indicated a willingness to accept students for OBC on the basis of validation.



**PASTOR OF
JOPLIN CHURCH
ANNOUNCES
RESIGNATION**

The Rev. Alton Loveless, pastor of the First Church of Joplin for the last four years, has announced his resignation to the church and his intended plans to become a consultant in Christian Education for Scripture Press Foundation of Wheaton, Illinois.

Rev. Loveless, who came to the Joplin pastorate from Monticello, Arkansas states, "the work in Missouri and that of the Joplin Church has been one of the most pleasant fields in which I have ever shared. The impact and the interest of the work here has made a deep impression on my life. Feeling God has directed in this most important decision I

ask your prayers for my wife and family as we move into a needed ministry."

The Loveless family moved August 1 to Atlanta, Georgia to pioneer for the establishing of a Christian Education Center with projected plans for construction of offices and plant which will be responsible for the entire South-eastern region of the United States.



Rev. and Mrs. William Reeves.

For 21 years the faces of Rev. and Mrs. William Reeves has been associated with the State Youth Encampment at Niangua. Brother Reeves served as Secretary and Treasurer for 20 years of this period and as Camp Superintendent, a post he still has.

Brother and sister Reeves have shared their lives in the ministry for 41 years as pastor to many of the churches of the Liberty and surrounding associations.

To this fine couple of God goes the respect and prayers of many youth who well remember their kindness to them and the many work associates who regard them highly.

WILLOW SPRINGS REPORTS FINE SERVICES

The Willow Springs Church has reported a number of decisions made recently for the Lord and their church. According to Mrs. Dora Fry, the church clerk, "the church had a Daily Vacation Bible School the first week in June with two conversions . . . On Sunday, June 28th, we had a baptismal service and five children were baptized. The two saved in the Bible School were in this number and also three that had been saved at an earlier date."

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH ADDS NEW ADDITION



The Pleasant Grove Church of near Anderson has added on a new addition of Sunday School rooms, bath rooms, and a kitchen. The new addition fits nicely behind the present stucco building. The church is a member of the Indian Creek Association and has been pastored for the past 5 years by the Rev. Robert Williams of Granby. Rev. Williams recently resigned and it is not known by the editor at this time as to the plans of either the church or the former pastor. (Picture: Pleasant Grove and addition).

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY ACTIVITY FOR JULY

Brother and Mrs. Rogers McCarty have arrived in Nova Scotia and are now settled in the parsonage at Yarmouth. They need added monthly support and any church wishing to help support a new missionary family should give this couple consideration.

Mrs. Ann Barker, who has been bookkeeper for the National Home Missions Department for the past two years, has returned to her former home in Louisa, Kentucky. Brother Barker, after spending two years in a Nashville pastorate, is now pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Louisa. Mr. Joseph Bragg, a recent graduate from Free Will Baptist Bible College, is now bookkeeper for the department.

The Reverend John Edwards, pastor at Dothan, Alabama, has been elected to

a seven year term on the National Home Mission Board replacing the Reverend Harry F. Staires of Blackwell, Oklahoma. Brother Staires had served the Board faithfully for a total of 25 years.

At the Wednesday night missionary service in Fresno, California, there were approximately 100 responses to the invitation and the portion of the offering going to National Home Missions was \$1,676.92.

When our six months report was prepared (June 30), we were short \$14,570.56 meeting our budget for the first six months of 1970. This should be made a prayer concern of all friends of missions in North America.

The Reverend Nedo Eaddy, former pastor of Heads Church, Cedar Hill, Tennessee, has been accepted at the Brethren Seminary in Ashland, Ohio, where he will prepare for the chaplaincy. He joins several other Free Will Baptist men who are in various stages of preparation for a ministry in the United States Chaplaincy.

The Reverend Kenneth Walker, member of the Home Mission Board, has resigned as pastor of the Second Free Will Baptist Church in Ashland, Kentucky. His present plans are indefinite.

Mrs. Robert Francis of St. Paul, Minnesota, was recently confined to the hospital. She is now home and showing steady improvement.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS 1970

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Berkeley, St. Louis	340	342	363	344	334	
Copper Mines					95	
Desloge, Parkview	74	75	92	88	91	90
De Soto	72	73	105	89	87	67
Farmington	115	118	147		121	
Fredericktown	106	119	153	139	126	128
Grant Ave., Springfield	173					
Hannon	43	58		63	66	
Happy Hill			61			
Hickory Grove	30	32	38	30	35	27
Joplin		83	86			
Koshkonong	54	86	97	87	93	
Lebanon, First	102	115	116	124	113	
Meramec Heights	55	60				
Mine La Motte	19	24	43	43	49	43
Mt. Grove, First	210	225	263	262		
Myrtle					66	62
O'Fallon	52	50	61	60		
Old Bethel					27	29
Overland, St. Louis	200	200	205			
Oak Hill				44	35	37
Saint Joseph	34	33	41	43	34	
Salem	27		52	43	40	
Springfield, First	189	173	242	213	212	
Trinity	147	150	162	171	138	
Twin City, Festus	28	25	32	43	32	
Waynesville	55	58		68	91	
West Plains	116	129	136	138	127	118
Willow Springs	69	69	102	102	95	97
Victory	95	113	129		126	

MISSOURI

STATE HOME MISSION GIVING



June 5, 1970 thru July 5, 1970

Rock Chapel Church	14.50
Union Light Church	40.00
New Harmony Church	7.50
Victory Church	124.50
Twin Oaks Church	10.00
Willow Springs Church	15.67
Central Church	20.00
Myrtle Church	13.63
Leadington Church	3.00
O'Fallon Church	5.00
Fellowship Church	36.00
First Church Flat River	18.00
New Rock Springs Church	27.33
Calvary Church	4.70
Parkview Church	15.00
Fourth Church	15.00
Hurryville Church	25.00
Verdella Church	4.05
Union Church	8.00
First Church Lebanon	6.00
Mrs. L. T. Odell	5.00
Madaline Loney	5.00
First Ch. Lebanon	
& James Hayes	24.00
Woodrow Montgomery	10.00
Low Ground Church	5.00
First Church DeSoto	12.00
Farmington Church	24.00
Olivett Church	25.00
East Independence Church	10.35
Cuba Church	8.00
First Church Monett	50.00
First Church St. Joseph	13.04
Hannon Church	50.15
Pre-Teen Youth Camp	78.60
Freda Sell	5.00
Belton Church	5.00
Alton Church	7.50
Mine LaMotte Church	10.00
Carterville Church	2.00
Hazel Creek Church	5.00
Grant Avenue Church	17.00
Cooperative Receipts—June	794.40

\$1578.92

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TRINITY CHURCH in Bridgeton stands as a living testimony of what God can do through a group of dedicated laymen with a vision born of faith.

In January 1962, the Third Free Will Baptist Church of inner-city St. Louis was notified by the State Highway Department that their property was marked for highway construction.

After diligent searching for a suitable site to re-locate in the same area, the Holy Spirit, in a unique fashion, revealed to the congregation of the Third Church and the Southside Church, located only three miles away, a plan to merge the two congregations into one church and begin a new work for the Lord in suburbia. Southside's pastor, Rev. Roger Reeds, who now directs the National Sunday School Department, had recently left to take that position in Nashville, and the Third Church's pastor, Rev. Russel Spurgeon, had served only two years as pastor of the Third Church before it was notified to move.

The decision to merge left the Southside Church free to select a new pastor, and five suburban families called Spurgeon as pastor of their new mission in a rapidly developing suburb of St. Louis called Bridgeton.

The tiny congregation promptly acquired four acres of choice site after financial and property arrangements were made with the merged congregation. In June 1962, six families, comprised of 13 adults and 5 children,

including the pastor's family, held their first service in the garage of the chairman of the deacon board. They voted to issue \$25,000 in first mortgage bonds to supplement other monies for the first unit of their building program. Bob Hill, of Executive Church Bonds directed the program. The building, contracted at about \$40,000, is a redwood and brick structure with cathedral glass. Ground-breaking was held in August 1962, and by January the group had occupied the new building. Dr. W. S. Mooneyham, former executive secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, dedicated the structure January 27, 1963.

Sunday School attendance began to increase and it became evident to the growing congregation that soon the lack of space would prevent ministering to the expanding community. Though at this time attendance was only about 65, the vision of "fields white unto harvest" challenged the congregation to launch a second stage of the building program.

Acting as their own general contractor, hiring a superintendent of building, and with the men of the church working before and after shifts, a second educational unit valued at \$47,000 was built at a cost of \$24,000. In November of 1965, Dr. Billy A. Melvin, former Executive Secretary of the National Assn. of Free Will Baptists and now Executive Secretary of N.A.E., dedicated the second unit. By the spring of 1966, attendance had nearly doubled and completion of the lower level for educational space became necessary. By the fall of 1967 and spring of 1968, both units had reached saturation point with 20-30 people sitting in folding chairs for worship services.

Trinity took another giant step in January 1969, with a decision to build a two-level sanctuary to seat 525 people. They called upon Francis Boyle of Executive Church Bonds to present a program of \$150,000. This was to pay off all existing indebtedness as well as to finance the new building. The bonds were acquired in July with \$80,000 of the total amount pledged by the members and a total of \$116,000 worth sold in the first five days and groundbreaking was held in August. Dedication by Dr.

Robert Picirilli, moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, was March 15, 1970.

Trinity's sanctuary is a block and brick construction with an open-deck arched roof, featuring stained glass on the sides and a faceted glass window behind the pulpit. Uniquely designed on a 51 x 84 foot foundation, it permits the baptistry and choir sections on opposite sides to set at an angle facing toward the congregation. The front of the church, then, is actually v-shaped. The pews are of mahogany wood with cushioned seats and backs, and the back side of the pews are covered with a beige fabric. The sanctuary is fully carpeted in turquoise.

All three units are adjoined on both levels. Designed by Paul F. Rich of Springfield, Missouri, they provide a total of 10,800 square feet of educational space besides the sanctuary. The lower level of the sanctuary unit has a small private prayer chapel. Parking space, now only half paved, provides for 100 cars. A softball field is situated on the opposite end of the property from the church.

During the week, a day-care nursery is operated for 35 children and is licensed by the state.

Trinity's members value the total property now at about \$320,000, but their costs were only \$216,000. They were able to save \$104,000 by supervising their own construction of the second and third units.

What has all this money and activity produced? In less than eight years, six families had grown to a Sunday School of more than 170. Three large buildings were financed, whose worth has increased 65 per cent since their completion, a day-care nursery is operated, and Trinity Church has become a living organism in a growing community that needed a witness. In their own way and with their own talents, they gave until their giving was multiplied.

Rev. Russel Spurgeon said of his congregation: "I would attribute the progress of this church to a group of dedicated laymen who believe in the philosophy that one who attempts great things for God can expect great things from God."



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BERKELEY

The Berkeley Auxiliary held their regular monthly meeting, June 3, with 12 present. Their offering this month will be given to the Calvary's since they will be coming home June 17th. According to Verna Smith the Corresponding Secretary they will be meeting them at the airport and will have a prayer meeting there.

MISSION DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Mission District Woman's Auxiliary convention met in Cabool May 25 with the theme entitled, "IN." (The theme for the year was "Bring Them In.").

Registration began at 5:45 under the direction of Wanda Hardy. Congregational singing, "Bringing in the Sheaves," with prayer and welcome by Carol Mowey was shared in devotional time. Reports and business was received by the president Dora Fry.

After the evening meal the session began with "IN"-listment tips given by the Willow Springs Auxiliary of Mt. Grove and the Cabool Auxiliary. The ideas for "IN" programs was by Ekgin Upshaw.

Reports by the following were given: Personal Service Project by Frankie Kemper, which was "Build a Cabin for the Boys." The following gifts were given by the represented groups: Willow Springs \$25.00, Cabool \$23.00, Springfield \$12.00, Mt. Grove \$189.65. The registration report was given by Wanda Hardy which showed the following rep-

resentation: Cabool 23, Willow Springs 15, Springfield 5, Mt. Grove 23, Lebanon 5. A total of 71 women attending with two pastors, the Rev. Roger Harwell of Lebanon and Rev. Bud Hill of Willow Springs.

WEST PLAINS

The West Plains Woman's Auxiliary met July 6 with 12 members and 3 children present. "We opened our program with an altar prayer and the lesson, From Futility to Faith, made us know just what one touch of the Saviour can do. Each officer present gave a good report after which we selected Rev. Tommy Willey Jr. for our Foreign Missionary and sent \$20.00 to him this month. We also sent \$20.00 to the Robert Francis family in St. Paul."

Hattie Sims, Cor.

FESTUS (FIRST)

The Auxiliary of the First Church of Festus met July 7 at the home of Barbara Brown for their monthly meeting with 6 present. A devotion "Going Gods Way" was given by Mrs. Brown. Topics were given also by Pauline Henderson, Ada Long, and Marilyn Black. The Auxiliary voted to forward \$5 for the State Meeting banquet August 18. They voted to get a list of birthdays from each patient at the Chapman Nursing Home and send them a card and a small gift on their birthdays, and also plan to make lap covers for each patient for Christmas.

GRANT AVENUE

The Woman's Auxiliary met Tuesday night, May 19, for a study course on the manual, taught by Mrs. Eunice Edwards. Mrs. Edwards gave a lesson on the history of the Auxiliary and reviewed the duties of each officer of the Auxiliary. She also read Mark 8:22-26 for a scripture lesson. She brought us a heart searching and soul stirring message. Each one present was challenged to let Jesus touch us again and to go and search out the lost and win them to Christ. This challenging message was enjoyed by 16 ladies of our Auxiliary, and special guests, Rev. and Mrs. Bill Evans of Farmington, and 13 ladies from the Mountain Grove Auxiliary.

OPERATION MOBILIZATION

For two years I have been acquainted with an organization of students who use their Christmas and summer vacations doing evangelistic work in Mexico, Quebec, and Europe. This summer they are planning a crusade in each of these countries, with special emphasis for the next two summers on France. This summer the concentration will be on getting tracts and gospel portions into every town and village in northern France.

There is a lot involved in doing this and before I go, I have to have the assurance that others are definitely standing behind me. I am trusting that God will put it upon your heart to pray for me. For that reason, I am asking you to be my personal prayer partner.

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PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER



THE LIBERTY Quarterly meeting assembled Saturday June 6th with the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church near Niangua, Missouri. The original church on this site began one hundred years ago while the present white stucco building with a full size basement was erected in 1957. Twenty churches were represented with delegates. The Rev. Dan Talbot delivered the 11 a.m. message and Rev. James Crawford the afternoon message. Some time was given for our Missotri Promotional work.

On Saturday evening we visited the Marshfield revival where their recently elected pastor, the Rev. James Crawford, delivered the messages for the meeting. Some were saved in this revival effort.

Sunday morning, June 7th, I delivered the sermon in our Springfield North Side Church where Pastor Tommy Boaz baptized five recent converts in the afternoon. The North Side Church has redecorated the interior of their church building recently. On the same day I delivered the evening message in the Waynesville Church where Pastor Vergel Maness baptized twelve following the evening service.

The Friday of June 26th, Mrs. Beatty and I attended the concluding day of our two week Youth encampment at

Niangua. The good report of the scores being saved and many rededicating themselves to the Lord truly magnifies the name of the Lord.

Saturday, June 27, twelve ministers plus some deacons assembled with the Koshkonong Church for their Cave Springs Minister's meeting. Due to the solemnity of the occasion the greater part of the time was given to prayer in behalf of the Combs family. Rev. Herbert Boggs delivered the 11 a.m. sermon and services were dismissed at noon. The preceding day Pastor Davie Comb's mother, Mrs. Rosa Combs, his brother, Clifford and wife, Helen, were killed in an automobile collision. Clifford's daughter was also seriously injured. The entire Association and the community were in a state of mourning with the entire Combs' family. We sincerely join together in prayer and extend our Christian sympathy to our Brethren in this time of bereavement.

June Co-operative receipts were good, therefore we are ninety-five per cent on our way to our goal with only one month to go. Bibles and religious materials at 1970 catalog prices are available at your own supply store. Order from: Missouri Free Will Baptist Book Store, 3100 Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis, Missouri 63111.

June—Cooperative Receipts

Salem	\$ 20.00
Garfield	23.91
St. Joseph	26.07
Warrensburg	38.10
Thayer	70.39
Hannon	90.30
Monett	149.10
Beacon	184.79
Farmington	186.67
Berkeley	356.09
Pleasant Ridge	20.27
Cuba	62.23
Granby	20.83
Black Oak	30.00
Fourth	204.48
Grace	297.62
Viburnum	73.00
Olivett	130.00
Lebanon First F.W.B.	185.60
Royal Oak F.W.B.	28.65
Meramec Heights	150.00
Mt. Pisgah	28.00
Rock Chapel	28.67
Marshfield	14.39
Victory	224.00
Verdella	47.43
Copper Mines	45.00
Hickory Grove	19.25
Merl's Chapel	24.30
Carterville	68.93
Mt. Grove	227.17
New Harmony Sunday School ...	11.00
New Rock Springs	18.34
De Soto	72.30
Fellowship	50.00
Central Kansas City	120.00
Meramec Heights	31.47
Martinstown F.W.B.	65.00
Columbia	61.13
Twin Oak	100.00
South Side	162.50
Willow Springs	75.40
Union Light	26.90
Union Free Will Baptist	60.00
Grant Avenue	230.00
First F. W. Baptist West Pl.	65.00
Mine La Motte	15.06
Belton	174.00

Received \$4413.34

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Disbursed:

1.00% Mo. Superannuation . \$	44.14
1.50 Mo. C.T.S. & S.S.	66.20
4.00 Gem	176.53
4.00 Mo. Youth Camp	176.53
7.75 General fund	342.03
16.00 Mo. Promotional Dept. ..	706.14
18.00 Mo. Missions	794.40
47.75% National F.W.B. Assn. .	2,107.37

Total disbursed 100% Amount \$4413.34