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Personal from the Editor



THERE ARE many things I do not understand. Since I believe in being honest. I can say so without embarrassment. There are Scripture passages that I have not yet been able to understand to my satisfaction; there are problems in human social relations whose solutions evade me; I sometimes am not sure I understand my own feelings and actions completely; but most of all, I suppose, I fail to understand others reasoning all too often. A case-in-point is the rabid opposition some Free Will Baptists maintain against the National Association of Evangelicals.

The NAE is a voluntary association of evangelical denominations, churches, schools, organizations, and individuals. The NAE was organized in 1942 and ever since it has provided a means of "cooperation without compromise" among Bible-believing Christians. At present 34 complete denominations and individuals or organizations from 30 other denominations belong. The purpose is not to eliminate denominations nor to force individual churches into a mold of either liberal or radical sameness but to provide a means of fellow-

ship through a cooperative witness. NAE does not presume to do the work of the church, but stands for the right of the churches to do their work as they feel called of God.

The NAE is a fellowship based upon a statement of faith that is descriptive of the true evangelical. In a sense the statement is exclusive, but only of those who do not accept the Bible as God's Word. That statement of faith declares:

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely

essential.

5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

By a united strength the influence of evangelical thinking has, through the NAE, been voiced and in many instances has influenced decisions. It takes a firm stand relative to the great problems and needs of our time. However, since the association derives its authority from its constituent members, it speaks only as directed by them on matters of common agreement. Some such positions are:

Against legislation designed to make possible abortion on demand for reasons of personal convenience, social adjustment or economic advancement.

For the right of Christian parents to establish Christian schools that educate their children with a philosophy and pedagogy consistent with their Christian Faith.

Against legalized lotteries and the weakening of laws to permit state-sponsored gambling.

For Christian unity which manifests itself "in love-inspired fellowship . . . without the necessity of formal ecclesiastical union or uniformity of practice

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CHURCHES PEOPLE and EVENTS

The DeSoto Church continues to serve the Lord and blessed for that service. Souls continue to be saved and added to the church. Much sickness has caused their attendance to drop, but they will be gaining back and continue to grow.

The Happy Hill Church rejoices

in the continued blessings of God under the leadership of their pastor Brother Joe Fulkerson. Brother Fulkerson is now starting his fourth year. Two were baptized recently and the Spirit has moved to lead others to rededication of their lives to Christ. Recent building improvements included installation of central heat and air conditioning. Happy Hill helps sponsor the McLains in their work in Japan and are looking forward to being in the states to visit with them.

The church at Cuba reports victory with 5 saved, 7 baptized and thirteen added to the church. They have just completed a very successful Bible School. Brother Grover Pingleton is the pastor at Cuba.

Rev. Lesley L. Logsdon has resigned as pastor of the Granite City, (Illinois) Free Will Baptist

Church and has moved to Missouri. He is free to work with churches in Missouri and may be contacted at: Rt. 2, Cannon Holler Road, Potosi, Mo. 63664.

The Copper Mines Church and Pastor O. D. Matthews report good services and good attendance. In a recent revival with Rev. Howard Hensley of the Leadington Church as evangelist five decisions were made for Christ. They had an enrollment of 61 pupils attending Vacation Bible School.

The Victory Church is rejoicing after a fruitful revival with Rev. Charles Miller of DeSoto as evangelist. Twenty decisions for the Lord were made in these services. They also rejoice because the newly acquired property is completely paid for and they are now beginning a building program. Pastor Thompson would probably say, "Praise the Lord!"

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES, 1971-72

	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Central									120	128	135	120	
Copper Mines	95	91	95	100	90	91	96	91	81	89	92	102	87
DeSoto	85	84	91	100	106	125	114	105	100	115	142	133	125
Farmington	117	119	112				122						125
Fellowship								192	203	217	271	287	278
Fredericktown	147	139	115	130	139	145	137	152		153		194	
Fourth									112	122	148		
Lebanon, First	139	177	127	144	189	189	152	150	137	150	186	153	
Mine LaMotte	37	37	47	35	40	39	41	45	35	43	58	46	43
Monett, First	161	163	166	181	211	211	188	201					
Myrtle						57	56	57	48	55	56		
Parkview	104	96	98	103	95	105	95	93	86	94	94	100	92
Salem	46	40	34	39	39	40	44	43	44	46	42	41	39
Trinity	170	159	192	146	181	215	186	190	169	178	227	197	204
Victory			97	105	111	117	105	97	110	125	130	126	120
West Plains	128	134	126	130	149	150	148	151	137	141		151	149
Willow Springs	96	97	100	99	98	97	96	104	88	103	103	125	99
Cuba									68	72	76	103	
Happy Hill									77	81	76	85	83

The Mark Of Rebellion

by Brother Cliff Bowman,
Pastor of the Olivett Church, Marshall

DO YOU REMEMBER a few short years ago when a group of men from England called "The Beatles" burst upon the scene? Their appearance and hellish-type music, along with their anti-Christ boastings was abhorred by all evangelical christianity. These young men ushered in a brand new generation called the "Now Generation." A generation known by it's long hair, filth, irreligion, irresponsibility, immorality, and rebellion.

Not long ago, I attended what was supposed to be a revival. To my amazement, the Youth Director along with the Music Director and several other young men used in the service wore effeminate-type hair styles. The music they played was a so-called "rock and roll gospel." I am alarmed at the growing deterioration of manners and morals which is flooding the churches who not long ago held Biblical principles sacred. This satanic trend that is invading the Church is destroying respect for the Bible and the House of God. Christ came to establish the Church in the world, but satan is succeeding in getting into the Church and that with clergy approval. Many of these religious leaders who endorse this evil lean on the crutch, "The Church must keep up with the times." I agree that the Church must keep up, but not with the times and trends. It must keep up with the "beauty of holiness." Ezekiel well spoke of this generation of spineless priesthood when he said, "her priests have violated my law and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the clean and the unclean, and have hid their eyes from my Sabbaths and I am profaned among them." (Ezekiel 22:26) God told Isaiah to "cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression . . ." (Isaiah 58:1)

It is time we stop condoning the trends and the fashions of this world and begin with the Word of God to condemn them. So often when light is being shed on this evil some poor diverted, brainwashed soul who thinks they have all the answers will try to

defend themselves with such foolish arguments as, "Didn't the apostles wear long hair, and what about Jesus, He had long hair," or "You can't win them unless you identify with them."

Let's go to the Word of God and see what the Apostle Paul had to say about this. "Doth not even nature itself teach you that if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?" . . . "But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God." (1 Corinthians 11:14-16)

As far as I can find there is no historical evidence, secular or sacred, that says Jesus ever wore long hair and one thing of which I am sure, if long hair identified a person with rebellion, anarchy, debauchery, dope, filth, and immorality in those days as it does today, Jesus would have had a crew cut and a clean shave. As for conforming in order to identify with this crowd that you might win them, that is as foolish as saying that you must become a boozier in order to win a drunk or you must become a fornicator so that you can win the prostitute.

Christ loves the human race; it is true He is a friend of sinners, but not of sin. "He became sin for us" not a sinner like us. The Word of God says in turn that we are to be "blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; holding forth the word of life . . ." (Philippians 2:15-16a)

It is true not every male that has long hair is filthy or has a hatred for authority or is connected with dope or immorality, but one thing is for sure: long hair on a man identifies him with rebellion and all must admit it is a definite mark of the effeminate which the Bible condemns in no uncertain terms. "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate . . ." (1 Corinthians 6:9)

This comes as a warning to anyone who may be tempted to adapt even slightly to this way of life. A minor deviation from the path of righteousness can soon end in the pit of destruction. ■

Program
Missouri State Association
of
Free Will Baptists
August 22-24, 1972
Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Springfield

Theme:

Preaching and Teaching

With All Confidence

(Acts 28:31)

Tuesday Evening, August 22, 1972, 7:30 p.m.
Director of Music Rev. Bud Hill
Welcome to the
State Association Dr. J. D. O'Donnell
Response Rev. Dale Skiles
Keynote Message: "Preaching and Teaching with all
Confidence—In the Pulpit" Rev. Cliff Bowman

Wednesday Morning, August 23, 1972, 9:00 a.m.
Music Director Rev. Frank Giunta
Devotional Rev. Ken Doggett

Wednesday Morning, August 23, 1972, 11:00 a.m.
Presiding Mr. Howard Filkins
Music Director Rev. Frank Giunta
Message: "Preaching and Teaching with all
Confidence—In the Classroom" . . Rev. Dale Skiles

Wednesday Afternoon, August 23, 1972, 1:30 p.m.
Music Director Mr. Hershall Jordan
Devotional Rev. Woodrow Matthews

Wednesday Evening, August 23, 1972, 7:30 p.m.
Presiding Rev. Clarence Burton
Music Director Rev. Andy Lay
Message: "Preaching and Teaching with all
Confidence—On the Mission Field" . . Jim McLain

Thursday Morning, August 24, 1972, 9:00 a.m.
Music Director Rev. George Bryant
Devotional Rev. Lynn Wood

Thursday Morning, August 24, 1972, 11:00 a.m.
Presiding Rev. Glenn Murray
Music Director Rev. George Bryant
Message: "Preaching and Teaching with all
Confidence—In the Home" . . Rev. Roger Harwell

The Missouri State Sunday School and C.T.S. Board have made plans for presenting an inspiring program on Monday evening, August 21, 1972, to start activities for the Missouri State Association. The presentation of a "Christian Musical" will make up the basic part of the program which will be followed by a Youth Banquet at a local Steak House. Further news and details will be coming through the mail to your Pastors and Youth Directors. The committee working on the program and banquet think it will be something you won't want to miss. Start making plans now to attend.

Motel accommodations for the Missouri State Association should be made well in advance so you will be sure to have a place reserved for you to stay. Of course this is true any time you plan to stay in such accommodations. The list is far too long to print in the *GEM*, but the Springfield Chamber of Commerce will be happy to send you a list of all hotels and motels who hold membership with them. The motel nearest the Grant Avenue Church is the Cardinal Motel, 621 W. Sunshine, Phone: 866-6217 and the Colonial Apartment Lodge, 3501 W. Sunshine; Phone: 866-3272 is presently owned by Free Will Baptists. The majority of the motels and hotels are some distance from the church, but driving time is not unreasonable and the church is on Grant Avenue just off Grand Street which are both through streets, so wherever you stay, getting to the church will be no problem. We will see you there!

Missionary Jim McLain, Missionary to Japan will be the speaker at the Missouri State Association for the Wednesday evening, August 23, 1972, Missionary Service. One more reason why you should plan to attend the State Association at Grant Avenue Church, Springfield.



MEDITATIONS. . .

Let the words of my mouth, and
the meditations of my heart, be
acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my
strength and my redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

Whereas ye know not what shall be on
the morrow. For what is your life? It
is even a vapour, that appeareth for a
little time, and then vanisheth away.

—Bible (James 4:14)

Life is real and life is earnest
And the grave is not its goal.
"Dust thou art, to dust returnest"
Was not spoken of the soul

—Longfellow

Life is like apoy—it matters not how
long the action is spun out, but how
good the acting is.

—Senaca

Life is probation, and the earth no
goal but the starting point of man.

—Robert Browning

One must live greatly whose record
would bear the full light of day from
beginning to its close.

—Bronson Alcott

All that a man hath he will give for his
life.

—Bible (Job 2:4)

He who lives for no one does not
necessarily live for himself.

—Senaca

There is more to life than increasing its
speed.

—Mahatma Gandhi

Life ends for 83 each minute, 4980
each hour, 119520 each day some-
where in the world. Most of them are
dying without Christ. Do you care?

Missouri State Youth Camp Financial Report, May 1972

Rev. and Mrs. H. Beatty	\$ 10.00
Beacon Church	44.81
Bethel Church	10.00
Cabool Church	20.00
Calvary Church	6.00
Citizens State Bank (loan)	1,975.75
First Church (Cuba)	20.00
Fourth Church	10.00
Grant Avenue Church	5.00
Grant Avenue Church	8.00
Hannon Church	17.55
Hannon Church	65.00
Jim McAllister	10.00
C. W. 5th Sunday Offering	18.35
Missouri Coop (May)	222.78
Missouri Coop (May)	189.35
Glenn Murray	10.00
Myrtle Church	14.76
New Home Church	15.22
New Home Church	13.11
Olivet Church (May)	10.00
Olivet Church (June)	10.00
Sub Total	\$2,705.68
Pleasant Home Church	15.00
Rock Chapel Church	10.00
Rock Chapel Church	10.00
Telephone calls	9.78
Donald Smith	10.00
Thayer Church	20.00
Verdella Church	10.00
Verdella Church	10.00
Waynesville Church	4.50
Willow Springs Church	10.00
Total	\$2,814.96

Balance Carried Forward	\$ 215.33
Accounts Receivable	2,814.96
Sub Total	\$3,030.31
Less Accounts Payable	1,471.43
Balance on hand June 12, 1972	\$1,558.88

There are some large outstanding bills for material yet to be paid.

Rev. Frank Giunta, Treasurer
Missouri State Youth Camp Board
1311 Moreland Avenue
Jefferson City, Mo. 65101

Christ is all, and in all. Col. 3:11

The service of Christ is the business of my life.
The will of Christ is the law of my life.
The presence of Christ is the joy of my life.
The glory of Christ is the crown of my life.

MISSIONS NEWS

National Home Missions giving from Missouri for the month of May, 1972 was only \$982.89. This makes a total for the year thus far of \$5,014.52 leaving us \$11,985.48 short of the assigned quota.

Missouri State Home Mission Giving: May 5, — June 5, 1972

Hannon Church	103.87
First, Waynesville	4.50
First, St. Joseph	13.55
First, O'Fallon	5.00
First, Farmington	12.00
Willow Springs Church	13.00
Olivet Church	55.00
Mine LaMotte Church	10.00
First, Mtn. Grove	42.00
Belton Church	14.00
Grace Church S.S.	15.61
Belvoir Woman's Aux., N.C.	2.00
Rock Chapel Church	40.00
Hartville Church	30.00
Low Ground Church	5.00
Mona Chrisman	2.00
Faith Lovelace	5.00
First, Monett	25.00
Fourth Church	29.00
Cuba Church	4.00
Thayer Church	13.50
Grace Church	10.00
Victory Church	76.12
Leadington Church	140.80
Fellowship Church	56.00
South Side Church	10.00
Salem Church	10.00
First, West Plains	40.00
Copper Mines Church	27.00
Myrtle Church	9.50
Parkview Church	15.00
Calvery Church	12.00
Hurryville Church	30.00
Cooperative Receipts	960.27
	<u>\$1,840.72</u>

Secretary-Treasurer
Lawrence Thompson
3416 N. Bellefontaine
Kansas City, Mo. 64117

Decision Among The Pines

by Mark and Louise Vandivort

Four years ago during a revival meeting among the tall pine trees in Jessup, Georgia I finalized the decision to resign from my position as Assistant to Director and Editor of Literature for our National Home Missions Board to accept the position of Home Missionary to Columbia, Missouri under the auspices of the Missouri State Mission Board.

This was one of the few major decisions I have made in my life and I am confident it was the right decision made in the will of God.

Louise and I had been praying about the decision for several weeks. As I left our Nashville, Tennessee home for the revival, we both agreed to pray together, believing that the decision could be finalized during that week. However, both of us felt content to remain in our present position. I believed in the work I was doing and Louise and our children were happy in our remodeled farm home.

I had told God, "I am willing to go to Columbia". The following Tuesday night proved to be a sleepless night until I agreed with God that I was "ready" to go to Columbia as a Home Missionary. About 3:00 a.m. found me writing Louise a note announcing to her that we were headed for Columbia. Later Louise revealed that she too had felt peace in her heart about the same time—in fact, the expression of our feelings crossed in the mail.

Our Early Beginnings

God arranged for us to sign a contract for our church property and parsonage in July, 1968. A few months later our small church assumed the deed. Our family moved to Columbia in August. We were not sure who would be willing to help us start a church. Prayer services were begun in our home with the Charles Edwards family driving 35 miles from Boonville. During our first visit

with the Paul Burge family they expressed their intention of helping us while Paul worked on his doctorate in education. They attended our second prayer meeting. Three years later Dr. Burge and family moved to Georgia with Paul leaving behind the unusual testimony of not missing a single church service (except infrequent trips out of town).

We will always be grateful for those who became involved during those first few months including Rathel and Mathel Mayo, Sheila McQueen, Dwight Smith, Dale Combs, Jim and Juanita Walker, and Charolote Mills. (Dale Combs graduated this year.)

These names and the dedication they represent is equaled by the faithful group of about 30 people who are presently helping us maintain our ministry in Columbia. (All members of our first congregation have moved away from Columbia. In December the Charles Edwards family returned to Columbia. We are grateful for their help and encouragement.)

A Widely Scattered Parish

Our Columbia congregation is now widely dispersed. Seventy-five people who have been active here, now reside throughout Missouri and several other states. We maintain contact with most of these people. To know of their active participation in other churches brings us much rejoicing. Several continue to help maintain our church financially.

We moved to Columbia with a threefold mission in mind:

1. Establish a self-supporting church with a solid witnessing and Bible teaching program.
2. Minister to university students.
3. Witness and friendship with International students.

Fourth Dimension

Very early God showed us the opportunity of a fourth dimension for our ministry—hospital visitation. Many days, I, or some of our church members visit patients in

our six hospitals including: Boone County Hospital, University of Missouri Medical Center, Ellis Fischel State Cancer Hospital, University Hospital (this serves a community of 20,000 students), Mid-Missouri Mental Health Center, and our new 480 bed Veterans Hospital.

Most of the patients we visit are from our Missouri Free Will Baptist Churches or friends and relatives of people from our churches. I spend a large percentage of my time in Columbia with people whose faces never appear in our church.

However, I feel that it is a necessary ministry that God wants me to give some priority to. We rejoice to know of several people who have been rescued from the clutches of Satan by trusting in Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour while in one of our Columbia hospitals.

Hospital confinement here in Columbia is a long, lonely existence for many who are far away from friends and relatives. We welcome you calling or mailing us the names of people you know here.

Our Past Is A Challenge For Our Future

We are proud of our church's giving over \$1,000 per year to outside ministries. Our church has maintained a commendable record of making approximately \$300 per month property payments.

We look forward to the future. We ask all of our praying friends to pray for God to open the door for us to build our first unit church building. (We are still worshipping in our small chapel with Sunday School Classes in our home.)

Family Info

In July our baby, Deborah Joy, will be one year old. Following her birth it was necessary for Louise to have extensive surgery. Four months ago the doctor re-

leased her. We are thankful for her good health now.

Stephen, our 6 year old, was stricken with infectious mononucleosis during the winter, and was very ill. Fortunately, it was diagnosed early, and he is now an active boy again!

Andy and Philip are 10 and 11. They are a tremendous help to us in so many ways.

Bethany is 4 years old, and a fine helper for mother although her brothers sometimes translate "helper" to "hinderer", when they are involved!

Please pray that we will see many people open their hearts to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

Our grateful appreciation to each of you who continue to support us prayerfully and financially.

Missouri Home Missions Board Meets

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High: to shew forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night." (Psalm 92:1-2)



Pictured (l to r) are those attending the Missouri Home Missions Board meeting at Aurora on April 21: Rev. Andy Lay, pastor Joplin, First Church; Rev. Johnny Land, evangelist; Rev. Robert Sharry, pastor Aurora Mission; Rev. Dale Skiles, pastor West Plains, First; Rev. Cliff Bowman, pastor Olivet Church, Marshall and chairman of the Board; and Rev. Lawrence Thompson, pastor of Victory, Kansas City and Treasurer of the Board.

The Missouri State Home Mission Board met at the Aurora Free Will Baptist Mission on April 21. Board members present were: Lawrence Thompson, Andy Lay, Dale Skiles, Johnny Land, and Cliff Bowman. Visitors attending included Bill Adkisson, pastor of the South Fremont Free Will Baptist Church, Springfield and Robert Sharry, pastor of the Aurora Mission.

The Mission works at Jefferson City, Columbia, St. Joseph, Independence, and Aurora were reviewed. Each of these works show evidence of God's Holy Spirit working with them and each reported souls being saved recently. All these works have assumed a portion of their financial obligation. A report was received from Rev. James Crawford who resigned his pastorate at Marshfield to begin a new work at Fordland. This new group has purchased two lots where they plan to build in the future. At present they are meeting in a rented building on Main Street.

Following are the names and addresses of the Mission works and their Pastors. If you know of folk living in or around these mission works please send their names to the pastor and they will do what they can to get them saved or enlisted, whatever the need may be.

Capitol City Free Will Baptist Church

Rev. Frank Guinta
1317 Moreland
Jefferson City, Mo. 65101

Columbia Free Will Baptist Mission

Rev. Mark Vandivort
3316 Rock Quarry Road
Columbia, Mo. 65201

Independence Free Will Baptist Mission

Rev. Dennis Bowman
430 E. Kansas
Independence, Mo. 64050

St. Joseph Free Will Baptist Church

Rev. Vernon Maggart
2995 Blackwell Road
St. Joseph, Mo. 64506

Aurora Free Will Baptist Mission
Rev. Robert Sharry
1039 S. Porter Ave.
Aurora, Mo. 65605

Fordland Free Will Baptist Mission
Rev. James Crawford
Niangua, Mo. 65713

Rev. Cliff Bowman, Chairman
Missouri State Home Mission Board

PRAISE

Praise the Lord for granting safe travel to returning missionaries. The Dave Franks family arrived from Brazil on June 2, and the Jim McLains, the Larry Condit and the Good News Team arrived from Japan on June 5.

A total of 34 first time decisions were witnessed in Japan since last September when Larry and Joan Condit arrived until June 5 when the Condit, McLains and GNT members returned to the U.S.

Another record broken! Receipts during May totaled \$87,213.44.

Seven new missionary appointments were approved during the annual board meeting. The Jerry Bankes, "Dock" Catons and Patsy Van Hook go to Missionary Internship. The David Turners will start deputation work.

PRAYER

Summer missionaries began departing June 5 for their various overseas ministries. Four students went to Brazil, one to Panama and three will soon be going to Japan.

Many missionaries will begin furloughs and others will return to their fields within the next three months. Pray that transitions will be smooth and re-adjustments quick.

Ken Eagleton requests prayer for the church in Araras, Brazil. Several leading families have had some problems, and the church has suffered as a result.

Pray for Sam and June Wilkin-son as they move June 28 to

Jaboticabal to begin their ministry in camps and other youth activities.

Dub Ellison has an evangelistic campaign planned during June for the city of Livramento. Pray for the evangelist for these services and that many conversions will be seen.

National Home Mission Board

The Home Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists met in called session June 5-7, 1972, at Monterrey, N.L., Mexico. The purpose of the meeting was to be with the missionaries and with the pastors of the Old Mexico Association and share fellowship with reports.

Sr. Arturo Villalobos sent his resignation to the Board on May 12, resigning as a missionary. His resignation was accepted June 6, 1972, after the Board met with him. He was sent to Mexico in 1958 and has been responsible for starting the Bible Institute at Monterrey. He has seen many churches and missions started.

The National Home Mission Board began working in Old Mexico in 1955 with Reverend James Timmons and Miss Bessie Yeley as the first missionaries. The first national pastors at Monterrey were Sr. Juan Lopez and German Rodriguez.

The Board will continue to operate the Bible Institute and continue to support all the national pastors plus the missionaries from the states. Additional support will be given other national workers. It is expected that several new missionaries will be sent to Mexico in the near future.

Reverend Jerry Barron, present pastor at Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, was appointed Director of Free Will Baptist Missions in Old Mexico. Mr. Dave Cochrane will continue to work with the Institute of Gold.

Gifts for the work in Mexico should be earmarked Mexico Missions, Barrons, Cochranes or Institute of Gold. The Board is responsible for a monthly budget of \$1,650.00 for the field.

NEW MISSIONARY APPOINTEES:

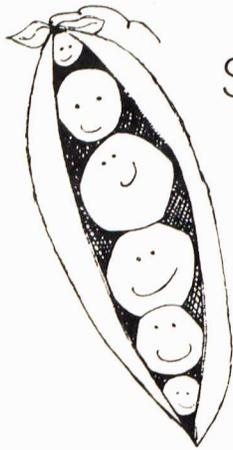
Rev. and Mrs. David McDaniel—
Montana
Rev. and Mrs. James B. Rice, Jr.—
South Carolina
Rev. and Mrs. Robert H. Clyatt—
Kansas

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and polity."

For the right to read the Bible and pray in public schools.

The NAE gives strength through unity, provides a positive identification, and makes possible an extended outreach for its members. Through its commissions and agencies it extends its influence throughout the world. The Evangelical Foreign Missions Association works with member boards to help them maintain over 7,500 missionaries in 120 different countries. Through the World Relief Commission over 5 million people were aided with goods and services valued at more than \$2,500,000.00 and with every gift goes the gospel message. The Commission on Chaplains provides evangelical chaplains for the armed services. A constant nationwide evangelistic emphasis is encouraged by the Evangelical and Spiritual Life Commission. National Religious Broadcasters serves scores of gospel broadcasters and much has been done to preserve the right to buy time for the gospel on radio. The Evangelical Home Missions Association gives help to denominations and individual churches to establish new churches. The National Sunday School Association is the Christian education arm of NAE. Others include The Social Concern Commission, Higher Education Commission, Evangelical Action Commission, Evangelical Churchmen's Commission, Women's Fellowship, Stewardship Commission, National Association of Christian Schools, and Theology Commission.

Like I said, I fail to understand why some Free Will Baptists maintain such rabid opposition to the NAE. Though my denomination has chosen not to maintain membership with the National Association of Evangelicals, I shall continue to take pride in my personal membership. ■



Sunday School
Is a
FAMILY AFFAIR

Fall Enlargement Campaign

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS A FAMILY AFFAIR is the theme for the 1972 Fall Enlargement Campaign. It has been prepared by the National Sunday School Association.

It is a five week program designed to begin October 1, and continue through Sunday October 29, 1972. This campaign lends emphasis to the family unit and affords a special opportunity and thrust to involve the entire family in Sunday school.

Sunday schools will be arranged in accordance with the following table for competitive purposes.

Division A - over 500 average
Division B - 400-500 average

Division C - 300-399 average
Division D - 200-299 average
Division E - 150-199 average
Division F - 100-149 average
Division G - 50-99 average
Division H - under 49 average

Sunday schools in each division who experience the greatest percentage of gain over the thirteen weeks average attendance for April-May-June, 1972 will be declared winners and awarded appropriate plaques denoting first or second place.

THE PRESENT SIZE OF YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL DOES NOT HINDER YOU FROM BEING ELIGIBLE TO WIN IN YOUR DIVISION. Campaign materials are available from the Sunday School Department.

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS, May 1972

Aurora Mission	.....	\$30.50
Pleasant Grove	.....	26.38
Kirksville	.....	30.00
Gray Summits	.....	16.70
Salem	.....	20.00
Mine LaMotte	.....	17.46
Parkview	.....	50.00
Willow Springs	.....	82.30
Thayer	.....	149.38
West Plains, First	.....	119.00
Grace	.....	342.03
Berkeley	.....	466.71
Beacon	.....	246.28
Mtn. Grove	.....	278.60
Hannon	.....	99.10
Number One	.....	30.80
Belton	.....	88.00
Jones Chapel	.....	4000
Pleasant Ridge	.....	17.00
Gate Way	.....	40.00
Leadington	.....	163.83
Grant Avenue	.....	271.80
Garfield	.....	27.33
DeSoto	.....	157.00
Merl's Chapel	.....	28.13
Verdella	.....	40.40
Farmington	.....	235.85
Houston	.....	94.00
Cabool	.....	82.55
Royal Oaks	.....	67.25
Copper Mines	.....	60.00
Fourth	.....	222.60
Happy Home	.....	30.00
Waynesville, First	.....	230.10
Monett, First	.....	271.12
Carterville	.....	30.48
Marshfield	.....	27.44
Columbia	.....	38.65

Rock Chapel	.....	19.38
Festus, Bethel	.....	40.00
Fellowship	.....	50.00
Victory	.....	215.77
Willow Springs	.....	115.54
West Plains, First	.....	110.00
Hickory Grove	.....	18.71
Parkview	.....	50.00
Hurryville	.....	76.80
Beacon	.....	211.58
South Side	.....	178.00
A Friend	.....	2.54
Cedar Ridge	.....	52.38
Total Receipts	.....	\$5,410.00

Disbursements, May, 1972

17.75% Missouri Missions	.....	960.27
16.00% Promotional Dept.	.....	865.60
04.00% General Fund	.....	216.40
04.00% Book Store	.....	216.40
03.50% Youth Camp	.....	189.35
01.00% S.S. and C.T.S.	.....	54.10
00.25% Superannuation	.....	13.53
05.50% GEM	.....	297.55
52.00% 8 Missouri Depts	.....	2,813.20
03.00% Hillsdale College	.....	162.30
00.50% Theological Com.	.....	27.05
00.50% Layman's Bd	.....	27.05
01.50% R.E.A.P.	.....	81.15
03.00% C.T.S.	.....	162.30
07.00% Church Extension	.....	378.70
09.50% Executive Dept.	.....	513.95
10.00% FWBBC	.....	\$541.00
less designated	.....	5.24
		535.76
13.00% Foreign Missions	.....	\$703.30
plus designated	.....	5.24
		708.54
45.00% 8 National Depts	.....	\$2,434.50
100.00% Total disbursed	.....	\$5,410.00

Woman's Page

THE FUTURE IS THE TIME WHEN YOU'LL WISH YOU'D
DONE WHAT YOU AREN'T DOING NOW!

THEME:
LIBERATION
FOR
ALL

Ladies, start planning now to attend the State Auxiliary Convention August 22, at Grant Avenue Church, Springfield, Missouri. You won't want to miss it. Three very challenging speakers will be there. In the morning service we will have Barbara Haas, missionary to France.

Olena McLain from Japan will speak Tuesday afternoon and Mrs. Landers Umbelina, who is a christian school teacher exiled from Cuba several years ago, will speak at the Auxiliary Dinner. Don't let an opportunity like this pass you by. **PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE STATE CONVENTION.**

SCRIPTURE
JOHN 8:36
AND
1 JOHN 4:4b

MORNING SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. Hymn
Devotion — Opal Jeffreys
Special Music
Welcome — Barbara Hawell
Response — Ruth Thompson
On The Spot News — JoAnn Wood
Seating Of The Delegates
10:45 Recess
11:00 Congregational Singing
Special Music
Speaker — Barbara Haas
Offering For Missions
12:00 Lunch Recess

AFTERNOON SCHEDULE

1:30 Singing
Special Music
Devotion — Olena McLain
Business Session
Adjournment
5:00 p.m.
Auxiliary Dinner
Mrs. Landers Umbelina

NOTES AND NEWS . . .

Olivet Auxiliary at Marshall, Mo. recently held a special installation service for their new officers with Bro. Cliff Bowman in charge. This auxiliary was organized 1½ years ago and since then has made 154 quilts, 300 garments, bandages, and gifts for missionaries. Three of their members are above 80 years of age and still very active. PRAISE THE LORD for women like this . . . PRAY for your State President Brenda Evans and the other officers as they continue to work toward our State Convention.

God loves us, not for what we are, but for what He can make us

Your Executive
Committee at work
on State Program



Pray for these
ladies as they
labor together

**PROMOTIONAL
SECRETARY'S CORNER**



NEW ROCK SPRINGS Church, Bendavis, hosted the first Mission Quarterly Meeting, Thursday, May 11. More than twenty churches were represented with delegates. Ministers delivering sermons were Raymond Bennett, Jack Dugger—both were issued license to preach the gospel, Rev. Fred Wynn, Rev. Ervin Morton and Eddie Altis. Time was given for our Missouri Promotional program. They gave a cash offering to Missouri Home Mission Loan Fund. I visited Rock Chapel's revival Thursday night. Rev. Ervin Morton was the evangelist and some have been saved as a result of the meetings.

Indian Creek Quarterly Meeting assembled Saturday, May 13 with Blue Eye Church, located in the beautiful Table Rock Lake area. Most of their churches were represented with delegates. Rev. Tommy Owens gave the opening devotional and message. The program consisted of explanation of the method and the purpose of operation of the eight phases of the Missouri State work and the eight phases of the National work along with Hillsdale Colle. Ministers sharing this information were Owens, McAllister, Lay, Robert Sharry, and Brother Beatty. One young minister, Brother Eaton, was issued license to preach the gospel. In response to an invitation from pastor Owens and the Neosho Church, I delivered the Sunday morning sermon there May 14. Their new church building, located in a residential area, is almost completed. Their

congregation is growing and several souls were saved in their recent revival. They also support the Cooperative Plan.

Rev. Danny Talbott, one of Missouri's ministers recently accepted the pastorate in Vinetta, Oklahoma. We visited him Sunday afternoon. Their church is young and the potential there is very good. Sunday evening I delivered the sermon in the Aurora Mission where Rev. Robert Sharry and family are our Missouri State Missionaries. They are doing a good work. Some souls have already been saved and they have adopted the Cooperative Plan.

Greater Kansas City yearly Association assembled with Olivett Church, Marshall, at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 20. Rev. Stovall gave the opening devotional. Rev. Ralph Cook and guest minister Quinta each delivered sermons at designated times between business sessions. Moderator Dale Jones gave adequate time for our Missouri Cooperative program which is supported by 100% of their churches. Olivett Church served a fine supper in their church basement. They have recently built an extension to their basement to provide more Sunday School space. Each of their churches reported souls saved and an increase in membership in their annual reports.

In response to an invitation from Pastor Dale Pitts and Freeman Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Stewartville, I delivered the Sunday morning sermon there, May 21. One lady openly

confessed Christ as her Saviour in this service. Freeman Chapel suffered the loss of their former building when lightning struck and it was destroyed by fire. However, they built a new Sanctuary plus a full size basement for Sunday school class space. Their Dedication Service will be held within the next month. The church called Pastor Pitts full-time. They also support the world wide ministry of the Lord in Cooperative giving. The same Sunday evening I delivered the message in our Columbia Mission. Pastor Vandivort reports some have been saved in recent services there. Some new families are attending their services. This work gives good support to the Cooperative Fund along with other mission causes.

Sunday, May 28, the Capitol City Church held a combined service. This was their first anniversary and they had an old-fashion Sunday. Some folk dressed in old-fashioned apparel and several antique items were displayed, including one family Bible one hundred years old. I was privileged to preach the morning sermon. The singing Morlan Family from Purdy and the Macedonia Church were special guest singers. Over one hundred people attended this service which continued into the afternoon. The church served a good basket dinner on the church lawn. Our missionaries, the Guinta family, and the Church rejoice in their first year accomplishments through the Lord: souls have been saved, they have completely remodeled and furnished their church building; and adopted the Cooperative Plan.

On Sunday evening I delivered the sermon in Gray Summits Church. They have some new families in their congregation. Pastor Schebaum and this church have supported the cooperative plan from their beginning.

Aurora Free Will Baptist Mission adopted and sent first Cooperative funds in May. Along with forty-nine other faithful churches giving during May, the total receipts were \$5,410.00 making us ahead of schedule toward our projected annual budget goal of \$60,000.00.