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When this passing world is done,
When has sunk yon glorious sun,
When we stand with Christ in Glory,
Looking o'er life's finished story:

Then, Lord, shall I fully know,
Not till then, how much I owe.

When I stand before the Throne,
Dressed in beauty not my own,
When I see Thee as Thou art,
Love Thee with unsinning heart:

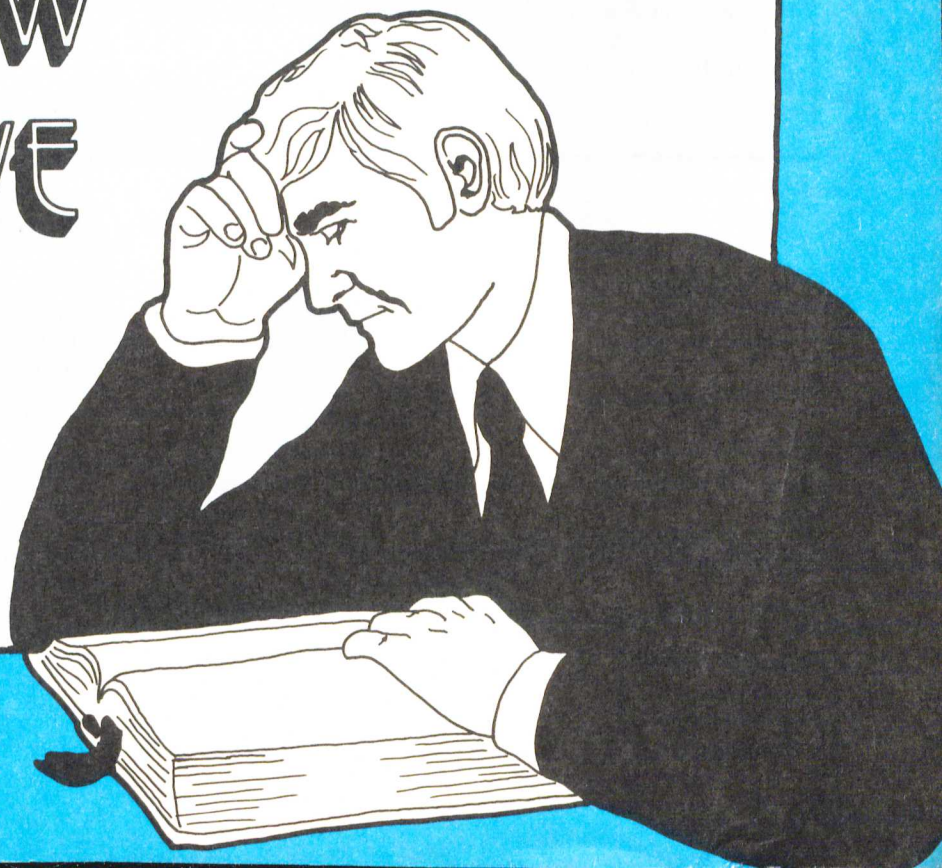
Then, Lord, shall I fully know,
Not till then, how much I owe.

E'en on earth, as through a glass,
Darkly, let Thy Glory pass;
Make forgiveness feel so sweet,
Make Thy Spirit's help so meet;
E'en on earth, Lord, make me know,
Something of how much I owe.

Chosen not for good in me,
Wakened up from wrath to flee;
Hidden in the Saviour's side,
By the Spirit sanctified;
Teach me, Lord, on earth to show,
By my love, how much I owe.

—Robert Murray McCheyne

OH HOW
MUCH WE
OWE!



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My, Hasn't God Been Good to Us!



by Glynn Campbell

As we approach this Thanksgiving season, I perceive that all of us are not as thankful as we should be. With the beauty of the fall season and the way that God has blessed us, our hearts ought to ring out with thanksgiving. I am especially thankful in this season of the year for the beauty of all of the countryside. We should be mindful of how God has been good to us.

"That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works" (Psalm 26:7).

We as Christians should realize that we are only stewards in this great kingdom of God.

"The earth is the LORD'S and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1).

Here is one of the lessons that we must learn first hand. God owns all that is in the world. It belongs to Him. We are just caretakers. We do not own anything. We only have in our possession that which God has given us to take care of for Him.

I believe that in this society in which we live today, we are apt to place too much emphasis on the temporal. We are looking too much to the material and the temporal. Again the Scripture says that we should not let the riches of the world wear us away from God.

"Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them" (Psalm 62:10).

It is the normal tendency for us to see the riches increase and then to let our hearts and our minds get the idea that this is really all that matters in our lives. There is a great deal more that is important than the riches of the world.

"But Peter said, Ananias, why hast Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?" (Acts 5:3).

Here is a case where the riches of the world had caused a man and a woman to lie to the Holy Ghost. Should we be so fast to condemn? Most of us in this affluent society in which we live have been equally guilty of lying to the Holy Ghost about that which we possess! We are not so different from these people that lived so many years ago. There is that tendency to cheat God out of that which is already

His. Remember that we are only caretakers of all that we possess.

"He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want" (Proverbs 22:16).

Riches can become a downfall to us if we oppress those who are not as blessed as we are. In fact, we are admonished to give to the poor instead of oppressing them. When we as Christians are ready to do something for those around us that are not so fortunate as we are, then we are able to know the spiritual blessings that are ours to enjoy.

Oh, how thankful we should be for the Savior and His devotion to the Father. Jesus was devoted to the will of God.

"Saying, Father, If thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42).

How thankful we ought to be that God gave His Son for it was through Him that we have life and our life in Him is abundant.

How thankful we ought to be for the Word, the Bible. Haven't we a wonderful privilege to read this great book? We are able to read it in our homes, in public places, and also in church. There are so many places in the world where you cannot do this. There are places where you would be arrested for reading the Bible. We as Christians have a guidebook for our walk in this life. The Bible is infallible.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16).

The Word is powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword. Oh, thanks be to God for the written Word of God. Thanks be to God for good people that are true to Christ, will teach the Word every Sunday and Sunday night in the churches in our land, and will live the Word every day of their lives. Thank God for ministers and missionaries that live true to the Word of the Lord and let their lives reflect the true way to live in this life. Thank God for people that live close to the Word and will not compromise what it stands for.

"And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me" (Jeremiah 33:8).

Thanks be to God for salvation. Thanks be to God for forgiveness of sin. Isn't it wonderful that God will forgive us of all our sin and all of our iniquity? My, what a great God we have that will look down upon us as deep in sin as we were and will forgive all that sin.

I give thanks to God for the church today. I thank God for the mission of the church. The church of today is receiving some of the most severe criticism that has been known for a number of years. We that are members of the church are being called upon to live such lives of dedication that all who look upon us must be able to see that the church of today is living up to the standards of the Bible. This is the age of attack upon the church. Satan and all the demons of Hell are ready to attack the church today. This is exactly what these powers

are doing and they have the idea that they are going to ruin the church and what it stands for. So it becomes quite necessary that we live as close to God as we possibly can.

I thank God for the things that we have that we call provisions. I know that we may not all be able to eat the real expensive foods of the world. Not all of us have mansions to live in, and most of us are not dressed in the latest of fashions, but God has been wonderful to most of us today in this area. We do have food, clothing, and shelter, and we all are not really thankful enough for those natural things that have been provided for us. We as Americans today have the highest living standards of any nation on the earth. We have the resources that other parts of the world would desire, yet it seems that we are most unthankful for all of this. In this time of celebrating our 200th anniversary in America we should turn back to God and thank Him for the way that He has blessed us.

We ought to thank God for the talents that we have been given. I know that each Christian does not have the same talent, nor does he have the same degree of talents, but surely we must know that each and every one of us has been given talents to glorify the Lord in our daily lives. Yes, you have a talent and, as long as you have strength in your life, you should use that talent for Him. I have never known a child of God that didn't have a talent. I have known a few that didn't use their talents, but never one that didn't have a talent. Friends, you ought to step out on the promises of God and use the talent that God has given you for the glory of God. Please don't be reluctant to give God the glory for the talent that is yours.

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift"
(2 Corinthians 9:15).

We should be thankful that God has made a way for us. We should be thankful that Jesus paid the price on the cross. We should be thankful that Jesus now sits on the right hand of God interceding and mediating for us. We should be thankful that God can wash away all of our sins. We should be thankful that we are Americans and that we may honor God with our substance and ourselves. Let us thank God that if He tarries we may do something for Him on the next day that may be ours. Let us thank God in advance for what He will do on the morrow. We can respond to Him in the worship of the Lord in the services to come.

"All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee." We are privileged to worship God now, but at a later date we all shall be privileged to worship Him in a state where there shall be joy and peace and happiness forevermore.

We have a great God. We know that He is an ever present help in time of need. We have a sure hope for the future. Let us move ahead to meet the challenges of our day unafraid.

Let us honor God not only during this time of Thanksgiving, but all the days of our lives with our faithfulness, time, talents, money, and all the energy that is within us.

Rev. Glynn Campbell is pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church at Kirksville, Mo

CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS

A TESTIMONIAL FROM OSKALOOSA CHURCH

by Viola Bussone

Many prayers were answered when my family and I became recent converts at the Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church. We are small in number, but the Spirit is much in evidence in our services. This makes Satan very unhappy and he has tried to work on each and every one of us. But thanks to our precious Savior and the power of the Holy Spirit within us, Satan does not stand a chance.

Our church was blessed recently by the Nutting Trio. It was a wonderful meeting. The Spirit was really moving. We had many visitors and we appreciated each one. We have been diligently praying about some important decisions regarding our coming revival meeting with Rev. Ken Goff. Please pray with us that some wonderful things will take place if it be God's will.

I now pray God's blessings be with each of you.

GREETINGS FROM SEDALIA

by James Stovall, pastor

We at the First Free Will Baptist Mission of Sedalia have not backslidden as some have supposed, since no word has been heard from us for sometime, sometime.

We were able to purchase property through the Perpetual Loan Fund of the Missouri State Home Mission Board. How we thank God for this fund. Without it we would not be having services yet.

We had our first services on October 5 with eight present for morning services and six for evening service. Our second week we had 14 for morning worship and 12 for evening service. The Lord is blessing as we go out to knock on doors for the Lord.

Please continue to pray for us here as we labor to build a church. A picture of our property will be forthcoming.

Our address is 307 E. Booneville, Sedalia, MO 65301.

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Rev. Fred Wynn who was 72 years old and had been a Free Will Baptist minister for 39 years passed away in Springfield, Missouri, on July 13, 1975.

He had pastored churches in Missouri and California and did evangelistic work in other states.

His last sermon was preached in the Hartville FWB Church on Sunday before he was called to his reward the following week.



Rev. Kermit Crooks

REV. KERMIT CROOKS GOES TO BE WITH THE LORD

Rev. Kermit Crooks of Martinstown, Missouri, in the Northeast Missouri Association, passed away on September 19, 1975, after more than a year long illness.

Brother Crooks has pastored the Martinstown, Shibley's Point, and Low Ground Free Will Baptist churches.

Although we wonder sometimes why
 A loved one we must part,
 We should not question God's great plan
 If we love Him with all our heart.
 And when at last I see His face
 And know as I am known,
 I will not care how rough the road
 That led me to my home.

SOUNDS OF JOY FROM SALEM

Greetings from the Salem Free Will Baptist Church. We are thrilled to be able to share with you how God has been richly blessing our church.

First of all, God has let us see souls come and give their hearts to Christ. Six have experienced salvation in recent weeks. We have also had several come to rededicate their lives to the Lord. Since then these people have been very effective workers for Christ. We had our "Old Fashioned" day services on August 24. We broke all of our attendance records which really blessed all of our hearts. Bro. Clarence Burton, our promotional secretary, brought the message which was enjoyed by everyone. We also had dinner at the church and a baptismal service in the afternoon. At the baptismal service we had five follow the Lord in water baptism.

Secondly, we praise God for an increase in our attendance. Our Sunday school has been growing and so has our congregation for the Sunday morning preaching service. We are thrilled most of all by the growth of our Sunday and Wednesday night crowds

which, in both cases, have almost doubled. We are thankful for this growth but we feel we can do better. The church has built a new nursery and two classrooms in the basement. One of the classes is brand new and started in September. We also have a youth choir now that is blessing all our hearts.

Thirdly, we have a new Woman's Auxiliary here at the church. The ladies have done real well as they have had three meetings and have raised money on their own by having a very successful yard sale.

God has been blessing us as you can tell and we praise Him for these blessings. We trust God for even greater blessings in future days as we try to serve and do His will. Rev. Daniel E. Martin is the pastor of the Salem F.W.B. Church.

MINE LA MOTTE CHURCH BLESSED

by Alta Matthews

The Mine La Motte Church is praising God for His blessings. Rev. Gibbons has been ably delivering some stirring messages, and two ladies have been saved recently in regular service and one couple in their home.

Special services recently included communion service with footwashing following. There were 32 participants and a baptismal service for four.

The youth have charge of one night service each month for which they choose a guest speaker.

**Missouri State Home Mission Giving:
 September 5 through October 5, 1975**

South Fremont	\$167.00
O'Fallon, First	20.00
Hurryville	30.00
Mtn. Grove	3.75
Thayer	2.00
Mine LaMotte	10.00
Evangel	20.50
Rock Chapel	20.00
State Woman's Aux.	10.00
Myrtle	19.32
DeSoto, First	50.00
Monett	74.49
Jones Chapel	83.56
Verdella	41.00
Macedonia Ladies Aux.	200.00
Macedonia	135.00
West Plains, First	70.00
Cooper Mines	20.00
Union Light	24.00
Hannon	87.00
Victory	196.00
Houston	42.00
Joplin	34.50
Fourth	29.41
Fellowship	15.00
Rev. Tom Owens	20.00
Coop. Receipts	1,724.16
Total	\$3,148.69

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A GIFT FOR NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

by James McAllister



Great persecution came upon the early church assembled in Jerusalem. The disciples, multitudes of them by now, began fleeing for their lives. Some went to Antioch, some to Cyprus and Phoenicia, but wherever they went, they preached this same powerful, dynamic message to all who would hear. The message? It was the glorious message of deliverance from sin through the lovely name of Jesus. Revival broke out everywhere, and the church in Jerusalem "sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch" (Acts 11:22).

When Barnabas arrived in Antioch he saw what was happening. Thrilled beyond words, he rushed to Tarsus and brought Paul back with him to Antioch and "a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26). Thus was born home missions in the early church. It didn't stop there, for home missions gave birth to foreign missions in Acts 13:2-4. Here we find the Holy Spirit calling and directing the sending forth of missionaries Paul and Barnabas to Seleucia and from thence they sailed to Cyprus. And thus began the great missionary thrust called for in Acts 1:8, when Jesus said, "After that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

You see, Jesus commissioned us to be personal soulwinners, builders of the local evangelistic church, lay-missionary workers, working preachers building a mission church while supporting themselves, one church mothering another church; in our language—State Home Missions, National Home Missions, and Foreign Missions.

It has been my privilege to be a lay worker in helping start a local church, a self-supporting pastor starting and building a new church, a state home missionary starting and building a church, a member of the Missouri State Home Mission Board, and presently a member of the National Home Mission Board. I believe I know part of the joy and need of doing this kind of work for God.

It would be wonderful if every strong Free Will Baptist Church in America would mother another church; if every preacher, not pastoring, would find a needy area and start a church; if laymen, living in cities where Free Will Baptists do not have a church, would start a new one; but the records show they usually don't, and for this reason, we need an organized, official missions program, directed by a board elected for the purpose of directing missions programs.

In recent months, it has been my privilege to preach in National Home Missions churches in Des Moines, Iowa; Littleton, New Hampshire; and Monterey, Mexico. In each case, I have been touched by the hunger for gospel preaching that is being satisfied by Free Will Baptist preachers sent there by our National Home Mission and Church Extension Board. We should give to National Home Missions because there is such a drought of strong Bible preaching.

Roy Thomas says, "If a Free Will Baptist family moves to one of our many large cities where we do not have a church, they must go past five churches before they find one that preaches the Bible. Then they must choose between a 'holiness' church or a 'Calvinist' church." Numerous Free Will Baptist families will move to large metropolitan cities this year and search in vain for a church like the one back home. For this reason, we need National Home Missions to build churches in those cities as Leland Horton is doing in Des Moines, Iowa, and Virgil Maness is doing in Wilmington, Delaware.

More God-called preachers are needed; more men and women must answer the call of God to go to the regions beyond. Usually there is a great response to the call of God in mission churches established by self-sacrificing preachers of the gospel. We need National Home Missions to provide more workers in every area of our missions program; and, if we continue sending foreign missionaries, we will need more strong churches in the great cities to help finance the increasing cost of foreign missions.

There is no doubt we need a strong National Home Missions program, but how can we increase our giving to this needy area of our denominational program? You might designate your fifth Sunday offering to go entirely outside the church. There are four each year, one could go to Foreign Missions, one to FWB Bible College, one to National and State Home Missions, and one to Hillsdale College. You could receive missionary offerings on Wednesday nights and divide the offering between home and foreign missions. You could have one Sunday each month designated missions Sunday and receive a special offering on that Sunday. You could put National Home Missions in your church budget and give a certain percentage monthly.

There are many ways to do it and your church needs to choose a method and follow it. But please do it, and do it soon and regularly.

James McAllister
Farmington, Mo.

Thanksgiving and the Horn of Plenty

Fall, 1975

Dear Home Missions Partner:

"Every virtue divorced from Thanksgiving is maimed and limps along the *Spiritual Road*."

No duty or privilege is more urgent than that of returning thanks and giving praise to God for all He has done for us.

In the Word of God, grateful praise surrounds the references to the symbol of the horn. God speaks of His faithfulness in Psalms 89:24 and says, "But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted."

Hannah in I Samuel 2:1 pours out her joyful heart in response to God's answer to her prayer,

"My heart rejoiceth in the Lord, mine horn is exalted in the Lord . . . I rejoice in thy salvation."

In Ezekiel 29:20-21 we read, "I have given him the land . . . because they wrought for me, saith the Lord God. In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth . . . and they shall know that I am the Lord."

God has exalted our horn and we want to pour forth praise and thanksgiving for His mercy and faithfulness in meeting the need of every single Home Missionary as they seek to minister the precious WORD OF GOD to the multitudes.

With Ezekiel we can say that God has caused the Horn of His plenty and goodness to "bud forth" when we think of His provision for the largest Home Mission Family Free Will Baptists have ever known.

Now, we are facing the end of this year with one of our greatest needs and we want to challenge you to take part with us and trust God to accomplish through His people this mammoth task.

Now is the time when your gift to National Home Missions will make its most significant impact. We



have several new mission churches who need our help to buy property and start the first unit of their building program. The C.E.L.F. (Church Extension Loan Fund) program was organized to help mission churches with needed finances at a crucial time in their building program with the proposal to pay the amount borrowed back into the fund which means we could continue to build Bible believing, Bible teaching, Bible practicing Free Will Baptist churches until Jesus comes.

The burden on our heart is to challenge you as an individual to give your whole week's pay (THE WHOLE THING) to National Home Missions for this project and ask you to CHALLENGE YOUR CHURCH TO GIVE THE WHOLE OFFERING ON NATIONAL HOME MISSION SUNDAY, November 23rd.

We have *never* asked you or our churches to do this before, BUT THE NEED IS SO GREAT and we believe TIME IS RUNNING OUT. Whatever we do, we must do quickly and under the direction of the Lord.

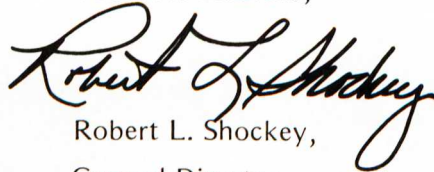
Your National Home Mission team is believing God at this special Thanksgiving Season to meet our every need through this special "Thanksgiving Offering."

—And so in our serious time won't you prayerfully consider our appeal. Won't you NOW decide that you will help this very important part of God's work. He will do the rewarding.

Let us take this time to "THANK YOU" in advance for TAKING THE TIME TODAY to use the enclosed stamped envelope to send your special THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICIAL gift, to your National HOME MISSIONARIES as they seek to build a great work for God.

Our goal is \$100,000.00.

Yours for Missions,



Robert L. Shockey,
General Director



P.S. Remember, we are counting on YOU. In the event you do not feel that you can give the whole thing, please consider giving a *Sacrificial gift* and I feel confident that the "Horn of His Plenty" will be poured out upon you and yours for His glory.

Your Special Thanksgiving Gift

Will enable you to share directly in the ministry of these 32 missionaries and six Mexican nationals:

Jerry Barron, Guadalajara, Mexico

Bobby Beavers, Grand Prairie, Texas

Harley Bennett, Pocatello, Idaho

David Cochrane, Monterrey, Mexico

Frank Cousineau, Billings, Montana

Buddy Drake, Enid, Oklahoma

Jesse Dunn, Boise, Idaho

Joe England, Crossville, Tennessee

J. L. Gore, Jackson, Mississippi

Johnie Hale, West Helena, Arkansas

John Hollis, Kankakee, Illinois

Leland Horton, Des Moines, Iowa

Tom Hunt, Houston, Texas

Edward Johns, San Diego, California

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Jason Salyer, Shelby, North Carolina

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Jim Summerson, Emporia, Kansas

Bob Thomas, Greeley, Colorado

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Ken Walker, Mobile, Alabama

Gary Watson, Kaneohe, Hawaii

Sunny Wenning, St. Croix, Virgin Islands

Robert Wood, Dalton, Georgia





WE CHALLENGE YOUR CHURCH TO
GIVE THE WHOLE OFFERING ON
NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS SUNDAY!

NOVEMBER 23rd

WE CHALLENGE YOU AS INDIVIDUALS
TO GIVE A WHOLE WEEK'S PAY!

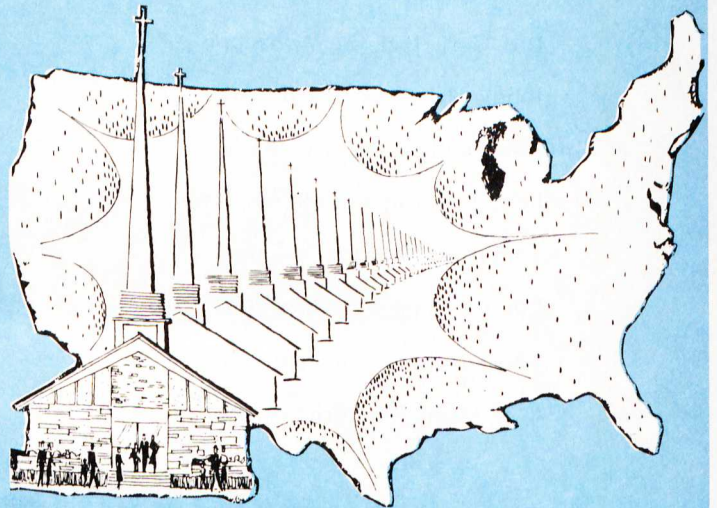
GIVE YOUR THANKSGIVING OFFERING FOR

C. E. L. F.

(Church Extension Loan Fund)

This fund will help our missionaries
buy property and start the first unit
on their building program.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AT THIS CRUCIAL TIME.



Check List for a Successful Home Missions Rally in November

Pray

Money-power is important to open new churches, but prayer-power is the greatest. Every member of your church—men, women, and children—can take part in this. Nothing will contribute to the success of your rally day like prayer.

Determine Date

Nov. 23 is National Home Missions Day. If this date is not suitable for your church schedule, another Sunday in November or another month would be find. Or your rally might be scheduled for a weekday if circumstances warrant.

Order Materials Early

Free materials are available from the Home Mission Department. There are prayer cards, directories, envelopes, newsletters, Mission Grams, faith promise cards, and other items. Order what you can use in the quantities you need.

Advertise

Take advantage of every means to promote the rally: church bulletins, posters, newspaper, handbills, word-of-mouth, and the most important of all—your pulpit announcements. Begin advertising far ahead of rally date.

Select Speaker

The pastor, may be the rally speaker. If you invite a special speaker, invite one qualified to present the home missions challenge confronting our churches today.

Plan for Giving

A minimum of \$2 per member is a realistic goal for your appeal. Some will give more; some will give less. Rally envelopes are available from the department. Get an adequate supply for both cash and faith promise returns.



HOME MISSIONS BOARD

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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On The National Front

FROM THE FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT . . .

"This letter concerns the Missouri State quota as it relates to our foreign missions outreach. The quota for 1975 is \$100,000. To date Missouri Free Will Baptists have given \$59,170.18. The receipts for the month of August came to \$8,642.94. Praise the Lord! The gifts of our Missouri people are deeply appreciated.

The amount your state lacks to reach their quota is \$40,829.82. If the next four months equal the income of August the total will be \$33,571.76. The state would still be shy by \$7,258.06. Naturally, I am praying that Missouri will average more than \$8,642.94 for the next four months.

—Henry Van Kluyve

FROM FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE . . .

Missouri's quota for the general fund at Free Will Baptist Bible College for the year is \$15,000. After the first three months of the fiscal year we had given \$3,097.41, or 21% of our annual quota. To be on schedule we should have given 33% in that length of time. During the same months last year Missourians gave \$4,152.81 to the college.

FILKINS' NEED IMMEDIATE CASH SUPPORT

The Howard Filkins family, who are native to the Kirksville, Missouri, area and serve our denomination as missionaries in the Ivory Coast of West Africa, have a critical financial need. Their account is \$5,000 in the red and they need to return to the Ivory Coast by the first of the year. In addition to the \$5,000 deficit, the Filkins need \$5,000 cash in their account before departing, so their financial need is actually \$10,000.

The Filkins will be returning to Africa for their second term, after serving as dormitory house parents at the Ivory Coast Academy for the past two years. The Pinkertons are replacing them in the dormitory while the Filkins are in the States, but they need to return to their village ministry as soon as possible. The original plan was for the Filkins to be home for six months before returning to Africa for the beginning of the second tri-mester at the Academy which begins in January.

The Filkins have been life-long Free Will Baptists in Missouri. Both have been active in Missouri state

work, Howard having served on the State General Board and Joan having served on the State Woman's Auxiliary Board.

Let's rally behind them in this need as they have so often come to the aid of various denominational projects. Let's get them back in the black so they can return to Africa and the work to which God has called them.

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS: September, 1975

Houston, First	\$141.11
Waynesville	142.50
Gateway	18.00
Byrd	19.50
West Plains	262.00
Cuba	54.27
Fellowship, Flat River	50.00
Hartville	41.48
Divine Trinity	34.53
Pleasant Grove	22.13
Merl's Chapel	57.58
Hannon	134.00
Columbia	90.12
Columbia	143.00
Bethel, Festus	275.98
Mt. Pisgah	49.00
South Side, St. Louis	332.00
Grace, Arnold	566.75
Independence	93.00
First Mission, Kansas City	165.00
Walnut Grove	79.37
Olivet	130.00
Belton	106.00
Salem	20.00
Alton	46.10
New Harmony Sunday School	39.38
Number One	33.47
Pleasant Ridge	26.00
Friend	28.00
Oskaloosa	55.69
Berkeley	419.24
Fordland	25.00
Sedalia, Stovalls	20.00
Sedalia, Mission	13.90
Freeman Chapel	101.13
Farmington	383.54
Raytown	100.00
Thayer	151.28
De Soto	400.00
Mt. Grove	1,148.91
Rock Chapel	24.36
Copper Mines	95.00
Hurryville	90.00
Buffalo	89.80
Leadington	145.55
Mine La Motte	26.51
Purdy	69.00
Black Oak	30.00
Verdella	81.24
Calvary, Conway	185.00
Mt. Grove	442.73
Cabool	85.21
Happy Home	28.57
Niangua	47.41
Fourth, St. Louis	335.42
West Plains	225.25
Myrtle	216.25
Houston	107.81
Oskaloosa	17.90
Pleasant Grove	28.46
Monett	200.82
New Home	29.55
Total	\$8,620.80

Just for Teens

Looking for Satisfaction?

By Wayne Gunnoe

A few years ago the Rolling Stones rock group sang and made popular a song called "Can't Get No Satisfaction." It told of a man who had tried different things in an effort to be happy or satisfied. He found that he was unsuccessful in his trying, and his conclusion was "can't get no satisfaction."

For several years I have watched young people search for real life. Even when I was a teen, I watched other teens as they would try to find their "place." Often, some who had been raised by church-going parents would reject Biblical teachings or any relationship they had with church and look for a meaningful life elsewhere. I can understand this, for many times the parents who talked of abundant life really never had it. There were, no doubt, inconsistencies in the parents' lives. The searching teens did not want such a life. So their search took them away from church, sometimes deep into sin either out of rebellion or of curiosity.

I have seen many of these same ones in later life reconsider and go back and claim the promises of Scripture and decide there was something to those promises. I am thrilled when they, like the prodigal son who "came to himself," realize that in the way they are going they "can't get no satisfaction." But often an ugly scar is left for life on their own conscience and self-respect. Also, I have seen that those who fall so deeply into the world never seem to be able to get out. They never come to realize and believe that Jesus can bring them out.

I do not believe either of these situations has to be true of you. As some have found, there really is something to the life Jesus came to give. The fact that some claim it but don't have it does not make it void. The fact that some claim it but don't have the "satisfaction" does not make Jesus a liar. But the fact that some talk about it and do have it makes it true and obtainable for anyone.

We as young people need only to look in the right place for real happiness. We need to be concerned about true happiness and not just immediate "happy" feelings or acceptance by our group. God said hundreds of years ago, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate." There is really no true happiness in social acceptance, if being accepted means we have to do things that are sinful or would hurt our testimony. There can be immediate group acceptance and happy feelings, but real happiness is that which lasts. The happy feelings you get from being accepted because of sin do not last long, and later no one, not even yourself, will accept you and that means real unhappiness.

I am not suggesting that Christian young people isolate themselves. I am suggesting we take an honest look at what the Bible says about this, then an honest look at our personal opinion of questionable things and how we measure up to God's opinion. If we fall short of God's opinion, then let's be willing to forget our opinion. Don't let prayer and Bible study be only an adult responsibility, but let it change you to what you should be. After all, Christianity is first being and then doing. When you are what you should be, you'll do as you should do. Believe it or not, this is what real satisfaction is all about.

I realize that what I have said may mean very little to the average teen. But I know that sooner or later, every teen is going to be looking for that "satisfaction." You may forget or deny the principle that I have tried to communicate in this article. But in five years or so you will find like many others that, when you violate God's principles of happy living, you "can't get no satisfaction." I pray that you won't have to learn this by experience.



Wayne Gunnoe is assistant to the pastor at the Trinity Church in Bridgeton, Missouri.

Editor's note: This is a new column. It is directed to our youth. There will be different writers for the first few months. The writer this month is qualified because of his age and experience. We hope the young people enjoy this feature.

GIVE THANKS



Promotional Secretary's Corner

by Clarence Burton

September was a good month for *Cooperative Giving*. The Lord is blessing this ministry for which we are thankful. Often times I feel as did the Psalmist, when he said, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name."

On Saturday, September 6, I was with the Liberty Quarterly Meeting, which met with the Northside Church in Springfield. The church did a fine job hosting the meeting, Rev. Eugene Brake is the pastor of this church. Rev. Jack Day delivered a fine devotional message in the morning and Rev. Osborn preached a fine message at the 11:00 hour. Rev. Henry Long served well as the newly elected moderator. I left following the noon hour for Kansas City.

It was my privilege to be with the Victory Church and Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Thompson on Sunday, September 7. Brother Thompson underwent surgery on the previous Tuesday and I preached for both morning and evening services. The Victory Church is in its new building and it is beautiful! May the Lord continue to bless this warm and friendly church as they abound in the Lord.

The Sunday School and CTS Board sponsored a seminar at the South Fremont Church in Springfield on September 13. It was challenging and stimulating. Several people from the area served on the program with Dr. Roger Reeds serving as guest speaker. Rev. Wayne Wagner is the pastor of this church and is enjoying a fine ministry.

The following day, Sunday, September 14, I certainly enjoyed being with Rev. and Mrs. Murray Southwell and the folks at the Waynesville Church. This church gives full support to the Cooperative Plan and is involved in other giving. From a report which Brother Southwell gave to his church let me give an excerpt: "Praise the Lord for moving on hearts and thank Him for hearts that are in tune to His Spirit. In addition (money given that he had previously mentioned) a bill was paid for the church, anonymously, in the amount of \$421.60. It is the pastor's conviction that this is God's work—honoring His promise to the tither as stated in Malachi 3:10." I say, "Amen!"

On the following Sunday I was with Rev. and Mrs. Willie Bennett and the Conway Church. This church has experienced a real growth. They made me feel welcome and it was joy being with them. This church supports the Cooperative Plan very well and is involved in other giving.

Sunday, September 28, was a special day for the Berkeley Church. It was Bond-burning and Home-coming Day. It was a real joy to be with the church we served for approximately twelve years. We share with them the joy of having the "Bond-Program" paid in full. Rev. Harvey Hill, a former pastor, and I

shared in the service. It was an enjoyable day with dinner at the church and special singing in the afternoon. Rev. and Mrs. Roger Harwell are having a fine ministry with the church. This church supports the cooperative giving very well and also designated giving.

As you will note by looking at the cooperative receipts, the churches are responding well. We thank the Lord and the pastors and churches that are supporting a worldwide ministry for Christ.

This is my prayer concerning the Cooperative Plan—that every church will support this plan of giving with 10% or at least 5%. It can be done and I am convinced it is pleasing to the Lord and He will bless. Let us also give the offering above the tithe in our designated giving. An individual or church cannot outgive God.

May the Lord bless the faithfulness of your service to Him. Remember to pray for us that we will serve well in this work we have been called to do.

DESIGNATED MONEY GIVEN THROUGH THE STATE OFFICE, SEPTEMBER 1975

West Plains Church	
Foreign Missions Gen. Fund	\$254.25
Olivet Church	
Foreign Missions Six Accounts	80.00
National Home Missions Two Accounts	30.00
New Harmony Church	
Foreign Missions Two Accounts	39.38
Mountain Grove Church	
Foreign Missions:	
General Fund	239.50
Six Missionary Accounts	180.20
National Home Missions	539.49
Two Missionary Accounts & Gen. Fund	
Hillsdale College	275.00
Greenville Children's Home	150.00
Kansas City First Mission	
Foreign Missions One Missionary	
Account	15.00
Low Ground Church	
National Home Missions One Acct.	5.00
Merl's Chapel Church	
Foreign Missions One Account	35.00
Total Designated Money	\$1,842.82

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS SEPTEMBER 1975

20.00% Missouri State Home Missions	\$1,724.16
16.25% Promotional Dept.	1,400.88
04.00% General Fund	344.83
05.50% Youth Camp	474.14
02.50% GEM	215.52
01.75% Sunday School & CTS	150.86
02.00% M.B.I.	172.42
52% seven Mo. State Depts.	4,482.81
07.00% Hillsdale Bible College	603.46
13.00% Foreign Missions	1,120.71
09.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	775.87
07.00% Executive Dept.	603.46
06.50% National Home Missions	560.35
02.50% CTS	215.52
02.50% Retirement & Insurance	215.52
00.25% Laymen's Board	21.55
00.25% Theological Commission	21.55
41% National Assn. of FWB	3,534.53
Total Disbursements	\$8,620.80

We are grateful to the Lord for another good month!



Woman's Page

Shirley Bowden, Editor

Dear Sisters in Christ:

When at retreat our State President asked if I would promote our State Project of raising \$1,500 for the Perpetual Loan Fund, I almost shouted. Never have I felt God had blessed me so much. The Loan Fund has been such a burden on my heart and imagine getting to promote this for one year!

Three new church buildings have been erected because of the Perpetual Loan Fund. Would not it be wonderful if our ladies could raise \$10,000 and next year be responsible for a new church?

I read in Proverbs 11:25, "The liberal soul shall be made fat." Let us not starve our heart. Let us be bountiful and liberal and be like our Lord. He gave himself for us. Shall we begrudge Him anything?

Proverbs 11:25 also says, "He that watereth shall be watered also himself." Sometime we become so selfish and only the proper love for Jesus makes us care for the soul of man. How I pray each of us might see ourselves or our sons and daughters moving into a strange town where there is no Free Will Baptist witness. We sit at home and once in awhile, if we think of it, pray, "Lord, help the Loan Fund to grow so we can build new churches."

In Isaiah 41:10 the Lord said, "Yea, I will help thee." If every lady that came to retreat would even send \$20 (this is so little to ask), we would have \$1,880 and go over our goal.

I read this poem and it seemed to express my thoughts so well.

I cannot do much, said a little star,
To make the dark world bright,
My silver beams cannot travel far,
Through the folding gloom of night,
But I'm a true part of God's great plan,
And I'll cheerfully do the best I can.

If I could come speak to your Auxiliary about the Loan Fund, please contact me at:

625 N. O'Dell

Marshall, Mo. 65340

Phone (816) 886-2980

By the way, I do not believe in asking anyone to do anything I would not do myself, so I am sending my first \$20 to our State Treasurer, Blanche Wisehart, Myrtle, Mo. 64788 earmarked the Perpetual Loan Fund.

Yours for the Cause of Christ,
Frances Bowman

Attention Auxiliaries! If you have pictures and articles that you would like to appear in our Woman's Page, please send these to Shirley Bowden, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536. These need to be in by the 15th of the month and the pictures need to be black and white if at all possible.

Auxiliaries, the names and addresses below have been prepared so you may get in contact with the state officers if your auxiliary needs to do so. These ladies are always willing to help you in any way they can.

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State Women's Retreat

There was a "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" that prevailed at the Niangua Campground on September 15 and 16 when the Ladies' Auxiliaries across the state met for their annual retreat. Ninety-four ladies attended the retreat, the largest number ever to attend. Mrs. Cleo Pursell was our featured guest speaker. She spoke on "Serving as a Leader of our Women" and on "Serving Alone." During a question and answer time, she did tell the women of some of the needs at the Missionary Provision Closet. They have been listed below.

Steam irons, bedspreads (both single and double), colored sheets, queen size sheets, queen size pillow-cases, and queen size bedspreads, blenders, throw rugs, Tupperware pitchers and tumblers, any colored pieces of Tupperware, and pastry sheets.

If your auxiliary can help in getting these items for our missionaries both home and foreign, they should be sent to WNAC P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.



Cleo Pursell
WNAC Executive
Secretary

Co-Laborers at
Retreat



GAMES CHRISTIANS PLAY

Drop The Handkerchief—In this game a member accepts a responsibility and then runs in a circle until he can drop it behind some unsuspecting fellow-member and runs very fast (usually out of town for the weekend) so that he won't get caught.
Tag—This is a real fun game because it puts the pastor at a 250 or 500 to 1 disadvantage. The rules are simple. 'Every time you visit me, I'll come to church one Sunday' or 'Tag me at home and I'll tag you at church.' It sounds fair enough, except that with one pastor playing against 200 to 500 the pastor has a hard time always knowing who's it.
Hide and Go Seek—Here is a game that has lots of

excitement and worlds of personal satisfaction. It goes like this. A church member hides in a bed down a long corridor on the upper floor of a hospital. The object of the game is for the pastor to find him, but it's against the rules for anyone to tell the pastor where the member is hiding. If the pastor loses the game, the member can have the fun of telling everybody, 'I was in the hospital for two whole weeks and neither the pastor nor any of the church folks came to see me.'

Kick-Bawl—The purpose of this game is to demoralize the spirit of the entire congregation. Only a small team is needed and the rules are extremely simple. Kick about everything that is done—and bawl if you are asked to help.

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**November is
National Home
Missions Month**

Let every Missouri Church participate by sending an offering to the National Home Missions office, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202