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"Be Ye Filled With The Spirit"

by Darrell Strain

In Ephesians 5:18 the Apostle Paul admonishes us to be filled with the Spirit. In this day when so much emphasis is placed upon receiving the Holy Ghost, with the evidence being speaking in tongues, I wonder if we Free Will Baptists aren't somewhat confused. I wonder if we aren't almost afraid to preach being filled with the Spirit, because someone will think that we are advocating speaking in tongues. We should, however, see what the Bible has to say about this command in God's Word to be filled with the Spirit.

In Romans 8:9 we are told that if any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of His. In Titus 3:5 we are told that our sins are washed away and that we are saved by the regeneration of the Holy Ghost. I firmly believe the Bible teaches, and that Free Will Baptists believe, we receive the Holy Ghost when we are saved and that we can't be saved without the Holy Ghost. It is impossible to accept Christ without accepting God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. However, the Bible teaches that we are to be filled with the Spirit and that the disciples were filled with the Spirit more than one time.

Many people, when they begin to explore being filled with the Spirit, want to talk about their personal experience and about how they received the evidence that they were filled, that is, speaking in tongues. But, I am convinced from the study of God's Word that we should take what the Bible teaches instead of what someone has told us or someone's experience. God's Word is more accurate than a thousand experiences, because the Bible says that there is more than one spirit in this world and that we are to try the spirits. This means that we are to try them according to God's Holy Word and if they don't measure up, then believe the Word of God rather than an experience that someone has had. Let's see what the Word of God teaches concerning being filled with the Spirit and how that you shall know that you have been filled with the Spirit.

Let's begin first by looking at John 16:7-14

which tells us that the office and the work of the Holy Spirit will be to convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment, and that He (the Holy Spirit) will bear witness of Christ. In other words it is the job of the Holy Spirit to convict the heart of the sinner and bring him to Christ for salvation. Then, in Acts 1:8 we are told what the evidence would be, that the promise made by Jesus, was fulfilled. "But ye shall receive power, 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." There you have it! The Bible statement of what would happen to let the disciples know that the promise had been fulfilled. They would receive power to be a WITNESS OF CHRIST. Now, let's go to the second chapter of Acts and read verse 41 to see if this really came to pass. Did the disciples in fact receive power to be a witness for Christ? Yes! yes! yes! Three-thousand souls converted attest to the fact that they witnessed of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Ghost. You say, why preacher, I thought that they spoke in tongues as the evidence. No! that's not what the Bible says, it says in Acts 1:8, that they were to receive power to be a witness of Christ. The fact that they spoke in a foreign language was only incidental in the fact that this was a necessity for the people to be able to understand their witness for Christ.

In Acts 4:31 the Bible speaks of another filling of the Holy Ghost that Peter and John received after they had been beaten and treated evil. Did they speak in tongues this time? The Bible says that this time there was an earthquake—that the ground trembled. Let me ask you this question. If the evidence of the filling of the Holy Ghost is speaking in tongues the first time you receive the Holy Ghost, then, should you expect an earthquake the second time you are filled with the Holy Ghost? Ridiculous, you say? Well, no more so than to insist that the evidence of the initial infilling is speaking in tongues. Let's not add something to God's Word.

Let's just accept what the Bible says is the evidence of the filling of the Holy Ghost, that is, the power to WITNESS OF AND FOR JESUS CHRIST.

You say, "Preacher, I don't have that power to witness, I'm afraid." Remember when you were first saved? Remember how that you wanted to tell people what had happened to you and how good you felt to be forgiven of your sin, that you were going to make Heaven and miss Hell? That was because the Holy Ghost had taken up residence in your life when you repented and accepted Christ. Since that time you may have become worldly and indifferent to the cause of Christ. You may have become disobedient to God and His Word in some portion of your life or service. If this is the case, you are not being led by the Spirit but by yourself. You are filled with self. Until you are willing to empty the vessel, it cannot be filled with the Spirit of God. You just can't fill something that is already full.

Just as one filling of the Spirit wasn't enough for the disciples, neither is it enough for you and me. We need to be filled with the Spirit daily and sometimes many times daily depending upon the

task and the trial awaiting us. We are plainly commanded to be filled with the Spirit and to be led by the Spirit. We as Free Will Baptists must recognize the need and preach it from our pulpits if our people are to be the soul winners that we are commanded to be in Christ's Great Commission. Through prayer and communion with God, we will be able to receive the infilling of the Spirit that is needed. When we do receive the infilling of the Spirit we will be WITNESSES for Christ and SOUL WINNERS.

If you have never accepted Christ as your Savior, you will never be filled with the Spirit of God and will never win anyone to Christ. Won't you now bow your head, repent of your sins, and accept Christ as your Savior, then go out and win others to Christ?

About the writer: Rev. Darrell Strain is pastor of the Alton Free Will Baptist Church, Alton, Missouri. He is serving as assistant clerk of the Cave Springs Quarterly Meeting.

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS: JUNE 1976

20.00% Missouri State Home Missions	\$2,178.26
16.25% Promotional Department	1,769.83
4.00% General Fund	435.65
5.50% Youth Camp	559.02
2.50% Gem	272.28
1.75% Sunday School & CTS	190.60
2.00% MBI Board of Christian Education	217.83
52% Seven State Depts	\$5,663.47
7.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	762.39
13.00% Foreign Missions	\$1,415.87
9.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	980.22
7.00% Executive Department	762.39
6.50% National Home Missions	707.93
2.50% CTS	272.28
2.50% Retirement & Insurance	272.28
.25% Laymen's Board	27.23
.25% Theological Commission	27.23
41% National Assoc. of FWB	\$4,465.42
Total Disbursements	\$10,891.28

We are grateful to the Lord for another fine month.

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS JUNE 1976

Salem	\$20.00
Lebanon, First	295.00
Hartville	39.10
Mt. Valley (3 Mo.)	143.69
Pleasant Grove (Cope)	20.62
Berkeley	493.07
Gateway	63.00
Farmington	1,922.43
Verdella	107.86
Rock Chapel	37.90
Central	150.00
Buffalo	107.88
Grace	529.00
New Harmony S.S.	6.55
Alton	54.68
Mill Creek	64.95
West Plains	294.00
Pleasant Ridge	32.15
Mine La Motte	30.00
Myrtle	80.83
Belton	85.00
Grant Ave.	369.88

DeSoto	515.00
Joplin	126.40
Grandby (2 Mo.)	116.73
Walnut Grove	113.21
Oak Hill-Union	110.30
Sedalia Mission	60.00
New Rock Springs	60.00
Number One	42.75
Houston	149.38
Marshfield	106.06
Bailey Chapel (Niangua Assoc.)	35.00
Hannon	207.00
Hopewell	64.62
Copper Mines	100.00
O'Fallon	30.00
Central	120.00
First Mission, K.C.	69.98
Thayer	195.53
Olivet	175.00
Berean, Independence	109.00
Happy Home	32.44
Cabool	92.45
Cuba	57.94
Oskaloosa	27.09
Waynesville	76.00
Black Oak	30.00
Columbia	185.00
Mt. Grove, First	434.70
Gateway	56.00
Union Light	47.70
Pleasant Grove (Cope)	15.43
Sedalia Mission	63.28
Myrtle	66.60
Beacon	100.00
Lebanon, First	345.00
Parkview	50.00
Fellowship	50.00
Hartville	31.08
Purdy	48.00
First, El Dorado Springs	5.00
Fourth	348.00
Columbia	180.00
Monett	316.34
Kirksville, First	60.00
Willow Springs	202.38
South Side	280.48
Oskaloosa	25.80
Hickory Grove	40.12
Cape Girardeau	151.90
Macedonia S.S. Liberty Assoc.	9.00
Total Cooperative Receipts	\$10,891.28

CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS

A full report of the 1976 National Association of Free Will Baptists and National Youth Conference will appear in the next issue of the *Gem*. This will include the winners in the National Youth Conference.

The Bulletin Board:

The First Free Will Baptist Church in DeSoto, Missouri, reports a record in giving for the second quarter of 1976. The amount was over \$13,000.

The Berean Church in Independence reports an average attendance of sixty-one for daily Vacation Bible School.

The Grant Avenue Church in Springfield is involved in a remodeling program.

"I Love America" was presented by the Berkeley Church and the Trinity Church to their respective church families.

The First Church in Farmington reports a total attendance of 258 for daily Vacation Bible School.

REMINDER

Church Evangelism Conference

Place: First Free Will Baptist Church Farmington, Missouri

Date: September 27-29

Time: Monday evening 6:00-7:00 Registration, 7:00 Conference begins

Special Speakers: Connie Cariker, Bob Shockey Trymon Messer, Jim McAllister, Wesley Bigelow, Pat Thomas

Presiding: Roy Thomas

Special Singers: The Jones Family, Farmington Church Choir, The Oklahoma Preachers Quartet

Theme: "Increasing Your Attendance To 300"

Everyone Welcome

Campbells Make Holy Land Tour

Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Campbell had the privilege of making a very exciting trip. They left New York City with a tour directed by Rev. Raymond Riggs. Their stops included Amsterdam, Holland; Athens, Greece, and Cairo, Egypt.

While in Egypt, they visited the Great Pyramids of Gaza and the Coptic Christian Church and had a sailboat ride down the Nile River.

Visiting the city of Jerusalem and the surrounding area was the main purpose of the trip. Places of interest included the "Wailing Wall," the Mosque of Omar or the Dome of the Rock, the city of

Bethlehem, and the place of Pilate's judgment hall. Also included in that area were the Mt. of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, the road to Mt. Calvary, the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, and the Dead Sea.

A special place of interest was the Garden Tomb. The empty tomb gives a message loud and clear that "He Lives."

The trip continued from Jerusalem to the Sea of Galilee, then to Nablus (ancient Shechem). We saw a beautiful view of snow covered Mt. Hermon and a breathtaking view of the eastern end of Galilee and the Jordan River flowing into the Dead Sea.

Other places of interest were Capernaum, Megiddo, and the Jezreel Valley or the Valley of Armageddon.

The Campbells stated: "How could we ever be the same again after spending this time where our Christian heritage began and where our hearts were so deeply moved."

Pictured are the Campbells in front of the Mosque of Omar.



Homecoming At Hickory Grove

The Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church is planning a Homecoming service on Sunday, October 10. Everyone is invited. The church was organized October 6, 1876.

MAKE THE SUMMER COUNT FOR CHRIST

What a beautiful time of year. It's a time for traveling, fishing, camping, and other forms of vacation "mania" which help to constitute what most preachers and Sunday school superintendents unaffectionately call "the summer slump." What about the loyal church member for all seasons? He isn't content to be a "winter deacon" for he takes advantage of opportunities of worship and service to God, even when he doesn't have many to fellowship with on those "it's too warm to go to church Sundays and Wednesday nights." The month of June at South Side has given the above mentioned church member activities to participate in. The entire month has been one of study, reflection, fun, and fellowship. What a beginning to what could have

seemed like a "ho-hum" summer.

Of course the entire state of Missouri will long remember the State Meeting. It was indeed a time to reflect on the priceless freedom which we, as Americans, enjoy. More important, a time of remembering that true liberty can only be attained through Christ, yet we take these matters so lightly. Our Church, as well as others, participated in the Bicentennial Prayer series, "The Light to See." To complement the sermons preached this month, many purchased the study guide to aid in the total awareness of just who Christ really is, all He's done for us, His power to do above all we could ever expect Him to do, and that *we* should be working to complete the unfinished task set before us.

As far as fun and fellowship, two picnics were held; one for the Bus Ministry children and one for the adult members of Sunday school. Last, but not least, the Woman's Auxiliary sponsored a Mother-Daughter Banquet with the theme "Happiness is Being a Woman" with Charlotte Tallent as guest speaker.

For all of you who are on vacation, let this summer count where you spend it. I saw this on a church sign recently, "God never has a vacation, take Him on yours."

Sue Winchester, Church Reporter

Tom Blubaugh and Raymond Askren Hold Service For Children

It was a beautiful Saturday. A typical day that showed the handiwork of God's creation. There was an excitement in the air.

Tom Blubaugh writes: I had asked Rev. Raymond Askren to bring his Sesame Street puppets to Springfield for a service in my neighborhood and at the South Fremont Church.

Raymond came and presented quite a show to the delight of the children. He talked about Jesus and the wonderful plan of salvation. He talked about God and His love for everyone. We did not press for any decisions but the plan of salvation was presented and it opened the door that will make it possible to talk to neighbors.

I believe the children will remember that day for

Raymond Askren and Charlie McCarthy. Can you tell which one is the dummy?



a long time and I hope the fruit of the gospel will be produced in their lives.

Raymond Askren does a beautiful job with puppets. He is just beginning to get into Youth Evangelism. He has a desire to go full time into this ministry. He may be contacted at this address: Star Route, Box 22, Niangua, Missouri 65713

Hartville Church Joins In Community Bicentennial

On July 4, the churches of Hartville held a joint morning worship service on the courthouse lawn. In the afternoon the Singing Jones Family and the Disciples were the featured gospel singers.

The First Free Will Baptist Church entered a float in the afternoon parade that reflected "America's only hope is a return to God and His Word."

The churches combined for an evening worship with Rev. Floyd Arnold, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, delivering the message.



Farmington Church Dedicated New Educational Building

It has grown and it is growing! This describes the First Free Will Baptist Church at Farmington, Missouri. Sunday, June 20, marked another big step in the progress of the church. The church held a dedication service for its new educational building. The building is brick with eleven thousand square feet of floor space, twenty-two class rooms, four assembly areas, and three offices. A pastor's study that is spacious and fully furnished is also located in the building. This new educational unit is fully air-conditioned and carpeted with a beautiful color pattern identifying the various Sunday school departments.

Rev. Clarence Burton, state promotional secretary, delivered the dedicatory message to a full auditorium. He noted, "The growth of the Farmington Church has been almost phenomenal. It

is evident the Lord is blessing the leadership of the church. How wonderful to see a church strongly involved in winning souls to Christ and providing adequate facilities for teaching and training."

This is the second building program the church has completed under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Jim McAllister. Rev. and Mrs. McAllister and their children, Stacey, Jennie, Tammy, and Greg have been in Farmington approximately two years.

Pictured are the McAllisters and Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Bigelow. Rev. Bigelow is the minister of youth.



Pastoral Changes

Rev. Dale Smith from First Church, Monett to Rolla, Home Missionary
 Rev. Henry Long resigned First Church, Springfield (Brother Long's health necessitated retirement)
 Rev. Jim Crawford from Cedar Hill, Long Lane to Northside, Springfield
 Rev. Grant Saverance to Fellowship, Flat River
 Rev. Willie Bennett resigned Calvary Church, Conway
 Rev. Charles Gowers from Cotton Creek, Myrtle to Walnut Grove, Myrtle
 Rev. Millard Erhardt to Cotton Creek, Myrtle

DESIGNATED GIVING THROUGH STATE OFFICE

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS	
Thayer	65.50
Poplar Bluff	\$38.00
General Fund	10.50
Tom Owens	17.00
Shell Knob Mission	\$5.00
Tom Owens	\$5.00
Mt. Grove, First	\$1.25
Gen. Fund	\$1.25
New Home	\$10.00
Tom Owens	\$10.00

Kirkville, First	\$2.50
Gen. Fund	\$2.50
Total for Mo. State Home Missions	\$84.25

MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP

Thayer	\$10.00
Olivet	10.00
Mt. Grove, First	10.00
Total for Mo. State Youth Camp	\$30.00

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Mt. Grove, First	\$195.00
Total for Hillsdale College	\$195.00

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Olivet	\$30.00
L. Powell	\$5.00
V. Maness	25.00
Merl's Chapel	\$20.00
Don & Shirley Carr	\$20.00
Mt. Grove, First	\$311.25
L. Horton	\$15.00
Charles Harris (VBS Offering)	\$250.00
V. Maness	20.00
Gen. Fund	1.25
L. Powell	25.00
South Side	\$20.00
V. Maness	\$10.00
J. Dunn	10.00
Fredericktown, First	\$108.06
L. Powell (VBS Offering)	\$108.06
Total for National Home Missions	\$489.31

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Gateway	\$50.00
Howard Filkins	\$50.00
New Harmony	\$44.68
Dr. Laverne Miley	\$22.34
J. McLain	22.34
West Plains	\$110.00
Gen. Fund	\$100.00
H. Filkins	10.00
Clark & Clobell Deeds, Mt. Grove	\$15.00
E. Deeds Acct.	\$15.00
Rock Chapel	\$1,009.00
H. Filkins	\$1,009.00
Thayer	\$236.00
J. Pinkerton	\$148.00
Gen. Fund	50.00
D. Bishop	37.75
Olivet	\$80.00
B. Poole	\$20.00
M. Willey	20.00
Lynn Miley	20.00
J. Pinkerton	10.00
H. Filkins	5.00
L. Sparks	5.00
Merritt and Pearl Harless	\$20.00
B. Fulcher	\$20.00
Black Oak	\$46.50
Larry Inscoe	\$46.50
Mountain Grove, First	\$156.50
Gen. Fund	\$77.50
J. Pinkerton	10.00
D. Teague	9.00
Tom Willey	60.00
Kirkville, First	\$98.35
H. Filkins	\$22.00
J. Pinkerton	73.85
Gen. Fund	2.50
Hickory Grove	\$23.41
Steve Lytle	\$23.41
South Side	\$110.00
L. Palmers	\$85.00
J. Haas	10.00
J. Pinkerton	5.00
C. Tallent	10.00
Total for Foreign Missions	\$1,999.44



On The National Front

Campaign Theme Continues Bicentennial Emphasis

The Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department continues to provide enlargement campaign materials with an evangelistic thrust. Red and blue ink have been running interstate ribbons across miles of white paper during this bicentennial year. It is no less true in this fall's campaign entitled, "Free In Truth."

This five week campaign is designed to build faithful attendance and help to develop a higher level of spiritual maturity into the lives of participating Christians. At the same time, it has been prepared to promote an outreach to those who have never been saved by trusting Jesus Christ as Savior and also to those unchurched.

A threefold emphasis to the Christian includes, Finding the Truth (Bible Study), Knowing and Applying the Truth (personal dedication), and Proclaiming the Truth (personal evangelism).

Sunday schools will be placed in eight categories as in the past 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

The fall campaign will begin on Sunday, October 3, and continue through Sunday, October 31, 1976. Those schools in each of eight divisions experiencing the greatest percentage of gain over the thirteen weeks average attendance for March, April, May, 1976 will be declared winners with appropriate awards being made.

THE PRESENT SIZE OF YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL DOES NOT PREVENT YOU FROM BEING ELIGIBLE TO WIN IN YOUR DIVISION. Eligibility for winning requires that your entry blank be accompanied by an order for enlargement materials of at least \$10.00.

PLEASE ORDER EARLY. DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS OCTOBER 1.

The Wilkinsons Write

A letter from the Sammy Wilkinsons, missionaries to Brazil, states: God has been good to us in supplying our needs financially, spiritually and physically. How good it is to have a heavenly Father who showers His blessings upon His children. After ten months in the States our account finally went

into the "black." Several churches gave generously so that we could return to Brazil. We still need many prayers and gifts for our account and our monthly pledged support. Pray that God will lay this burden upon the hearts of those who can help.

News From The Filkins

The Howard Filkins write: A great big thanks to the folks of Missouri for making it possible for us to return to our field of service, the Ivory Coast, Africa. The letter also states: Dan is with us; Dave graduates in July; Howard has the workshop set up. Thanks to the Woman's Auxiliaries and the Master's Men, and one of the greatest blessings is the "outreach program." The Lord has blessed through this effort in witnessing to college students, military personnel, business men, school students, and many others. Remember us in prayer that we shall be faithful in serving Him.

News From The National Home Missions

Rev. and Mrs. Dale Smith are the new Joint Project workers to the city of Rolla, Missouri. They will be working jointly with the Missouri State Home Mission Board and the National Home Missions Board. Brother Smith has pastored for five years and has taught at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College for five years. He recently resigned his pastorate at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Monett, Missouri.

CTS Announces Fall Campaign

The theme for the CTS Fall Campaign is VOTE CTS. Now is the time and this is the hour to enroll the local CTS in the nationwide promotional campaign. Promotional packets are available and may be ordered from the National Office at a cost of \$3.00. Packets contain a supply of contest stickers, group and church size campaign charts, and a promotional guide idea book for the local CTS director. As with previous campaigns, the material is so designed that it may be used at any time the local church desires. However the month of September is the month designated for the CTS denominational calendar.

Executive Secretary of National Association Reports

Cooperative giving continues to zoom upward during the first six months of 1976 at a phenomenal 28.5 percent rate of increase over 1975. This gain represents the largest increase in the same period of time in the history of the Cooperative Plan. Executive Secretary Coffey wishes to express appreciation in behalf of the various national departments for the unprecedented increase.

Cooperative giving is a denominational plan of stewardship which provides undergirding support for the ministries of all national departments except the Sunday School Department, which is self-sustaining. Funds are allocated on a percentage basis adopted by the National Convention to eight separate agencies.

Promotional Secretary's Corner

by Clarence Burton

June, the month for weddings and vacations, was an interesting month. The handiwork of God is seen everywhere and is manifest in so many different ways. What a thrill and how exciting to know the Lord and enjoy sweet fellowship with Him moment by moment. It is also wonderful to fellowship with His people and share with them as they share with you what the Lord is doing.

The first Sunday in June I was with Rev. and Mrs. Duane Hanson and the folks at Calvary Fellowship in Fenton, Missouri. The church has completely remodeled the building and it has a new look. It is very nice and adequate. The Lord blessed with a wonderful service and the memory will remain for a long time of the sweet fellowship. That Sunday evening I was with Rev. and Mrs. Gene McCully and the Freedom Church in St. Charles. The church is making noticeable progress and it was enjoyable to be with these folks and enjoy the blessings of the Lord with them. Both Calvary and Freedom are supporters of the Cooperative Program.

The following Sunday I was with Rev. and Mrs. Frank Linton and the Hopewell Church at Tunas, Missouri. Brother Linton had submitted his resignation to the church and he and his wife were making plans to make an extended tour in the west and northwest. They were planning to visit several Free Will Baptist churches on the trip. It is always a pleasure to visit with Brother Linton and I appreciate the support he has given the Cooperative Plan of giving in his church and the Niangua Quarterly Meeting. Rev. Milan Ruble accepted the pastorate of the Hopewell Church. I trust for him a good ministry with the church. (Incidentally, he is my neighbor.)

The third Sunday in June was a special day. I had the privilege of delivering the dedicatory message for the new educational building at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Farmington. It was a real pleasure to be with Rev. and Mrs. Jim McAllister, Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Bigelow, and the fine folks at the church. What a fine aggressive church! Brother McAllister has an efficient staff of workers and it is evident the church is working. The auditorium was pleasantly filled for the morning worship and it was filled again for the evening worship. Mrs. McAllister is a dedicated pastor's wife and a fine cook. I enjoyed preaching at both services. This church gives *cooperative giving* full support and is fully involved in designated giving.

On Friday, June 25, I began a weekend revival with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Sikeston, Missouri. Rev. Denzil Durbin is the pastor of the growing church. He and his family are real workers for the Lord. The Lord blessed in the services and I will always remember the sweet fellowship with a wonderful church family. This church adopted the

Cooperative Plan effective in July. Amen!

Again, I want to say thanks for the response of the people in Missouri. June was a good month! In order for us to reach the budget for this year we must average \$10,000 each month. Let's not forget the budget adopted by the Missouri State Association was \$120,000 for this year. Inasmuch as our entire state ministries and national ministries benefit from this giving, the response should be favorable to reach the needed amount. And it will as we cooperate together. We must always remember that this is a unified effort. We give to make it possible and we share in it together.

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MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION GIVING JUNE 5 through JULY 5, 1976

South Fremont	164.00
Rock Chapel	20.00
Hannon	103.50
Naoma St. Cin	2.00
West Plains	70.00
New Home	20.00
Farmington	119.40
Berkeley	25.00
Houston	93.10
Grace	25.00
Sedalia	45.00
Oak Hill	50.00
Poplar Springs-Luka, Ms.	195.12
Myrtle	67.42
State Assoc. Off. for Union Bldg. Fund	1,010.35
Kingsway	25.00
Neosho	5.00
Olivet	225.00
Hurryville	30.00
Central	40.00
DeSoto	150.00
Columbia	25.00
Joplin	50.00
Copper Mines	20.00
Union Light	24.00
Berean	20.00
Fellowship	23.00
Fourth	23.70
Victory	167.00
Cape Girardeau	13.50
South Side	15.00
Thayer	65.50
Shell Knob Mission	5.00
Mt. Grove	1.25
Kirkville, First	2.50
Cooperative Receipts	2,178.26
Total	5,118.60

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Missouri Bible Institute

Missouri Bible Institute is happy to announce a completely new program of Bible Studies and Christian Services teaching and training. This program will begin in September of 1976.

We are now offering a two-year Bible Certificate from Missouri Bible Institute. The Certificate will be awarded to those who complete the program of studies offered by the Institute.

We are prepared to offer a solid, permanent Institute program in each area of our state which will express an interest in it. The program of studies is a quality program with only qualified persons teaching.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

1. There will be three semesters annually: Fall, Winter, and Spring.
2. Each semester will be 12 weeks in length.
3. At least three courses will be offered each semester. The classes will be one hour in length.
4. A definite two-year program will be established in any area of the state where strong interest is expressed. By strong interest we mean a minimum number of students enrolling to make the program possible. Only twelve students per class is enough.
5. The COST is only \$10.00 per semester hour. There will be a ONE time registration fee of \$10.00
6. Exact dates for the 1976-77 Institute year are:

Fall Semester: Week of Sept. 5-week of Nov. 21

Winter Semester: Week of Nov. 28-week of Feb. 20

Spring Semester: Week of March 1-week of May 8.

NOTE: The various Institutes will determine the specific day of the week to meet for classes.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester:

- Old Testament Survey (1)
- Personal Evangelism (1)
- Teaching Methods (1)

Winter Semester:

- Old Testament Survey (2)
- Personal Evangelism (2)
- Teaching Methods (2)

Spring Semester:

- Old Testament Survey (3)
- Music
- Personal Evangelism (practical training)(elective)
- Biblical Ethics (electives)

SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester:

- New Testament Survey (1)
- Bible Doctrine (1)

Winter Semester:

- New Testament Survey (2)
- Bible Doctrine (2)

Spring Semester:

- New Testament Survey (3)
- Bible Doctrine (3)

Electives to be offered throughout the second year are: Cults; Free Will Baptist History; Bible Basis for Missions; Church Administration, and others as the needs are made known.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). Your state Christian Education Board desires to be a part of helping the people in our churches fulfil this holy command.

Institutes will be held at the following locations:
First Free Will Baptist Church, West Plains
First Free Will Baptist Church, Farmington
Fourth Free Will Baptist Church, St. Louis
Verdella Free Will Baptist Church, Liberal

Woman's Page



Shirley Bowden, editor

HANNA'S HANDY HELPERS

This is the slogan you will be hearing and seeing for the next year. At the state meeting in June, the Woman's Auxiliary Convention adopted the Carlisle Hanna family as our state project. Our goal is \$3,000 which will be spent for the following items: a bed, a bath tub, an accordeon, four Moped cycles, a water heater, and a refrigerator. This amount will take care of the cost for the items and the cost for shipping the merchandise to India. We surpassed our project goals for last year—*let's do it again.*



PERPETUAL LOAN FUND

As has been the custom in the past, we will again be raising money for the perpetual loan fund. However, this year we voted at the state meeting to include the National Home Mission Loan Fund. Our goal will be \$3,000 to be divided equally at the end of the fiscal year between the National and State Home Mission Perpetual Loan Fund. Treasurers, when you send in your auxiliary's money, please designate which project your money is intended. Please use the following phrases: "Hanna's Handy Helpers" for the state project and "Loan Fund" for the State and National Perpetual Loan Funds. Designating funds in this manner will speed the processing of the money.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

On July 13, the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with 1,021 registering from 22 states. Mrs. Cleo Pursell

compiled a songbook in which 45 songs written by Free Will Baptist women were used throughout the convention. The moving session was called to order by President Clara Picirilli. Reports were given and the presentation of awards was given by Mrs. Pursell for the creative writing contest. Four Missouri women were presented honors for their writing abilities: Helen McAllister, Farmington (first place); Betty Reeves, Flat River; Jean Williams, Raytown; and Mary Ann Owens, St. Clair.

Rev. Joe Haas, missionary to France, brought the 11 o'clock message. A special treat was a couple from France, who had returned with the Haases, bringing greetings from the Woman's Auxiliary in the church in Rennes. It was a blessing to hear how the work in France is doing, yet each person was challenged to pray for the work which is opposed by the Communist forces in France. The afternoon program included the Hillsdale Choir and a skit of women in Free Will Baptist History under the direction of Mary Ruth Wisheart. Mrs. June Critcher concluded the session with an inspiring message.

RETREAT

September 13-14 at the Niangua Youth Camp, the State Woman's Auxiliary retreat will convene at 9:30 with registration. Each woman is encouraged to attend the retreat this year. If you are not involved in a local auxiliary, you are welcome anyway. This is a time of togetherness and sharing thoughts and ideas. The cost will be \$7.00. The program has been listed below to give you an idea of what to expect at the retreat. Make plans to attend.

THEME "SPIRIT OF '76"

MONDAY

9:30	Registration
10:00	Worship in Song
10:15	Welcome
10:20	Devotion
10:35	Prayer
	Recess
11:00	Worship In Song
	Prayer
11:20	Special Music
11:25	Speaker—Sandra Payne
	Lunch
1:30	Worship in Song
	Prayer
	Special Music
1:45	Speaker—Sandra Payne
2:15	Question and Answer Time
2:45	Recess
3:00	Fun time
5:00	Supper
7:00	Special Evening Services

TUESDAY

8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Worship in Song
	Prayer
9:15	Devotion
9:30	Presentation of Clothing to Children's Home
	Recess
10:00	Worship in Song
	Prayer
10:45	Speaker—Sandra Payne
11:15	Testimony Time
	LUNCH



BIBLE IN SCHOOL OR PENITENTIARY?

The Bible was the chart and compass of the fathers of this Republic, and was the guiding star of the framers of our Constitution," editorialized the *Chicago Daily News*. "It never entered their minds to prohibit the reading of the Bible in schools. Yet the Supreme Court of Illinois, by a vote of five to two, has prohibited the reading of the Bible in the public schools in Illinois."

How paradoxical is this prohibition in reference to a provision of an Illinois prison law which stipulates: "It shall be the duty of chaplains to perform religious services in the penitentiaries; to attend to the spiritual wants of the convicts; to visit the convicts in their cells for the purpose of giving them moral and religious instruction and to furnish, at the expense of the State, a Bible to each convict"!

Would it not be sounder economy to furnish the schoolboy with a Bible *before* he reaches the penitentiary, rather than *after* he arrives there? Isn't it better to build safeguards at the top of the precipice rather than hospitals at its base?

—W.B.K.