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Harry Beatty



# Sunday School Attendance Averages 1974-75

Church	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
Aurora	25	30	26	22	22	22			23	20	68	
Beacon, Raytown	81	79	69	75								
Berkeley, First	327	347	316	330	325	346	330	331	319	341	364	
Central, K.C.	115	123	113	115	120							
Cooper Mines	81	82	86	105	90	83	79	81	74	73	85	79
Cuba	74	72	88	74	83							
Desoto	170	147	144	138	142	176	144	137	144	136	144	
Evangel, Webb City	32	33	30	33	45	49	73	77	80	59	72	72
Farmington	144	152	150	179	209	239	207	191	191	203	283	
Flat River, First				124	135	135	126				148	
Fourth, St. Louis	144	152	137	179	160	167	161	162	150	154	224	191
Grace, Arnold	239	226	185	216	249	255	256	220				
Mine LaMotte	62	55	67	60	62	69		48	54	54	64	
Myrtle	48	50	46									
O'Fallon	75	73	64	63	71	115						
Parkview, Desloge	78			75	81	86	81	82				
Richwoods	28	30	33	33	34	32	33	31	37	34	43	35
Salem	40	40	44	37	35	37		32	35	36	40	41
South Fremont, Spfd.	84	82	79	82	89	92		89	83	85	82	90
Southside, St. Louis	134	132	129	134	133	152	173	160	156			207
Springfield, First	186	182	169	190	177	178	187	190	205			
Thayer	161	145	159	147	148	147	138	162	150	146		
Trinity, Bridgeton	172	184	162	171	190	192	217	208	215	218	240	
Twin Oaks	61	62	61	63	60	69	73	75	71	75		
Victory, Avondale	171	177	143	161	184	181	174		192			211
Willow Springs	107	101	103	104	99	107	93	97	91	83		
Leadington	55	47	43	50	56	60	58	51	49	52	84	87
Hazel Creek										30	56	52
Fellowship, Flat River	333	314	311	332	341	390	340	341	333	315	366	

Other churches are invited to send their Sunday school attendance averages for publication in the September issue. They should be in the hands of the editor by August 15.

Portrait of Brother Beatty by Jerry Wilson

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## *A Tribute to Brother Beatty*



"Today I'm going to give a hallelujah report . . ."

What Free Will Baptist in Missouri has not heard those words from Brother Beatty? Promotional Secretary for the Missouri State Association since 1961, Rev. Harry Beatty leaves the office this month. But his hallelujah reports will long be remembered.

Not many folks can take a dry statistical report and make it "preach," but Brother Beatty's lively, enthusiastic accounting of the state cooperative plan has brought many a quarterly meeting and state association alive. It usually went something like this . . .

"So, for those \$4,000 over our budget, the Lord gets four hallelujahs. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! And for the \$2,000 we gave over the foreign missions suggested quota, the Lord gets two 'praise the Lords.'"

And so it has gone, up and down, back and forth across the state of Missouri for the past 14 years with nearly a half a million miles of driving. Dropping in on a pastor friend tonight. A lonely motel the night before. An all day meeting with dinner on the grounds today. A long drive home into the wee hours of the morning. Tomorrow it's half a day in the office, then back on the road again—all in behalf of his beloved Free Will Baptist denomination and for the glory of his precious Lord Jesus!

Brother Beatty's ministry began in the Thayer, Missouri, area when he was saved at age 19 and called to preach the same night. His first three pastorates were at Rose Hill, Cane Hill, and Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist churches. He pastored the Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church two different times for a total of 14 years.

Brother Beatty has always had a missionary heart. Two of his pastorates have been new works which he organized. They are Garfield and Thayer. He also pastored Norman, Royal Oaks, Walnut Grove, and Clifton churches on a parttime basis.

It was while he was pastoring at Shiloh that the Lord gave Brother Beatty his helpmeet, Lucille. And what a helpmeet she has been! She has for many years been active in the state woman's auxiliary work, serving about every office in the organization at one time or another.

"Cille," as Brother Beatty affectionately calls her, has, like many pastors' wives, worked at public work

to supplement church salaries. A skillful beautician, Mrs. Beatty has always enhanced her husband's ministry by her attractive personality and sweet Christian spirit.

Until 1947, Brother Beatty's pastorates were all parttime works. He also worked with his father on his 500-acre farm operation. When asked recently if there was anything about his ministry that he would change if he had it to live over, Brother Beatty replied, "Yes, I would have given full time to the ministry from the beginning."

In 1947 he did go full time as he began pastoring the Fredericktown Church. Later, he pastored the Thayer Church, and two Oklahoma churches: Drum-right and Bartlesville.

The summer of 1944 is still vivid in Brother Beatty's recollection as perhaps the highlight of his ministry. That summer he helped conduct three revival meetings and saw a total of 100 conversions. Only God knows for sure how many souls have been born again, how many backsliders have been reclaimed, and how many Christians have been encouraged to keep on living for the Lord as a result of Brother Beatty's life; but, surely, the devil has suffered many a bruise as a result of the life of this man of God.

It was October, 1961, when Brother Beatty became the promotional secretary of the Missouri State Association. He was the first man to be elected to that office. During his years in that position, Missouri has led all the other states in national cooperative giving most of that time.

Asked what changes he has seen in Missouri Free Will Baptists during his ministry, Brother Beatty replied, "Things are 100 times better now than 40 years ago, especially as it relates to tithing, missions, etc."

He has visited all 145 Free Will Baptist churches in the state (with the possible exception of some very new ones), he has provided the leadership Missouri State Association needed in his hour, and he has set before those who follow a worthy example as a man of the cloth.

We'll miss your Hallelujah Reports, Brother Beatty, but we have no doubt that there is going to be a greater Hallelujah Report some of these days around the throne of God where hundreds that you pointed to Christ will be praising the matchless name of the one you served faithfully here.





While I was growing up, my family sang in churches and went to Sunday school sporadically. I heard and understood the bare basics of salvation and even seriously considered accepting Christ and being baptized, but I was encouraged not to until I was older. One night when I was sixteen I dreamed that Christ had returned to earth. I didn't understand much about eschatology then, but He was in the air and people were rising to meet him. I could see His head but was terrified of seeing His features. I felt I would die if I saw His face. It was the most terrifying dream I've ever had. When I awoke, I prayed and asked Christ to forgive my many sins, enter my heart to live, and teach me everything possible about Him. Since I had been taught that churches were mainly social institutions, I did not start attending a church until almost a year later. I did read the Bible faithfully.

During the following summer, Lila (Hiatt) Thompson and Roberta (Dabney) England came with Rev. Andy Lay to invite me to a young people's camp-out on the Cheriton River. During this time I was very impressed with the sincerity of the kids and also the singing. After this time, two families of the church (First Free Will Baptist in Kirksville, Missouri) "adopted" me. The Howard Filkins and the Andy Lays helped and encouraged me to grow in the Lord. The Filkins took me to Bible Conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, the spring I was to graduate from high school. I had already attended two universities during summers but was quite unprepared for this experience. After this visit and much prayer, I determined in my heart to go to Bible College.

I worked in a factory and sold Avon the following year, saving every penny possible. In 1968 I entered Bible College in Nashville. During my four years there the Lord supplied my financial, educational, and spiritual needs in many different ways. I graduated from FWBBC in 1972 with a BA in Bible and music.

The BA degree requires two years of a class in a foreign language. I tried so hard to get into Greek class but my "schedule" (it was really the Lord) would not allow it. In my junior year I got stuck

and had to take Spanish. Mr. Jerry Griffith was teaching his first year of Spanish. Though I entered the class with less than an enthusiastic attitude, the Lord blessed me in that class. The class itself was a spiritual blessing, plus the Lord spoke to my heart, even through the homework, about working with Spanish speaking people.

I tried to go to Mexico that Christmas vacation under Operation Mobilization, but I could not read the required books before time to leave. The following year, six other girls and I went to Mexico on our own. We held services almost nightly, singing and giving testimonies in broken Spanish or in English for Brother Dave Cochran to translate.

I applied to Free Will Baptist Home Missions that spring and was tentatively approved. In the spring of 1974 I was still tentatively approved and teaching in a Christian school in Nashville. The Lord's voice had not diminished, yet the Board had serious doubts about sending a single girl to Mexico, especially since the door to Mexican missionaries is closing so rapidly. So, they did not send me.

After much prayer and discussion with missionaries, I applied to Rio Grande Spanish Language Institute in Edinburg, Texas. I saved all the money I could that spring and summer. Because of the highly condensed course of study, the school does not want the students working while studying. The Lord is now supplying my needs day by day. It is a bit nerve-racking but exciting to see the Lord working to give me what I need.

First semester I helped in the music department of the Spanish Bible Institute here. I not only learned Spanish doing this, but I also got my initiation to the Latin culture. It is quite different from ours, but not worse. Our culture is not better, just different. Music plays an important role, I feel, in the Latin culture too.

It is very dangerous for girls, regardless of age, to live by themselves in Latin America. The tourist visa is now only for one month to three, so it is difficult for missionaries to work in Mexico.

Plans are still uncertain, but it seems the Lord is working these two problems out for me. Next year I am planning to teach second or third grade and music in a Christian school in Guadalajara, Mexico. The school will get me legal work papers from the government. I will also have classes in the Free Will Baptist church in piano, songleading, guitar, Bible clubs, and anything else I can do. I will live in the same block as the missionaries I will be working with: Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Barron. I cannot say how much their encouragement has meant to me.

The necessity of having prayer support is one of those things in life that cannot be properly explained. I have felt the desperate need this year as never before. Not only do missionaries really need prayer support, they need the emotional encouragement that comes from knowing that others are interceding for them.

Pray for me that God will use my life to His glory.

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About the writer: Stephanie Vincent was raised in the Kirksville, Missouri, area and was a member of the Kirksville Church for several years.



# State Association Program

THEME: THIS IS THE HOUR (Esther 4:14)

Convening August 18-21 at the First FWB Church of West Plains, Missouri. The evening services will be held at the Holiday Inn of West Plains.

## *Monday, August 18*

General Board Meets at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday School and CTS Board in charge of 7:30 p.m. service

## *Tuesday, August 19*

9:00 a.m. Woman's Auxiliary meeting

2:00 p.m. Sunday school seminar with Rev. Harrold Harrison Subject: "Procedures for Projected Church Growth."

7:30 p.m. "This is the Hour to Evangelize"—Rev. Charles Miller of DeSoto

## *Wednesday, August 20*

9:00 a.m. Business Session

11:00 a.m. "This is the Hour to Have a Christian Home"—Rev. Millard Sasser, St. Louis

1:00 p.m. Business Session

7:30 p.m. "This is the Hour for the Incomparable Christ"—Rev. Rufus Coffey, Nashville, TN.

9:00 p.m. Reception honoring retiring promotional secretary, Rev. Harry Beatty.

## *Thursday, August 21*

9:00 a.m. Business Session

11:00 a.m. "This is the Hour for a Growing Church"—Rev. Elmer Turnbough, Houston

## WEST PLAINS MOTELS

For the convenience of those attending the State Association in West Plains, the following is a list of motels in the West Plains area recommended by host pastor, Rev. Dale Skiles.

*Holiday Inn, North Highway 63.* Singles \$11; Doubles \$16 and \$18. Each additional person \$3.00. Children under 18 free with parents.

*Ramada Inn, Bypass 63 & 160* Singles \$11 and \$13; Doubles \$15 and \$17. Each additional person \$3.00. Children under 18 free with parents.

*Butler Motel, 1124 Porter Waggoner Blvd.* Singles \$7, \$8, and \$9. Doubles \$8.50, \$9.50, and \$11.50. Three people \$14.50

*West Plains Motel* Singles: \$8.32 and \$9.00. Doubles: \$14.56. Three people: \$15.60. Four people: \$16.64.

Pastor Skiles urges state association delegates to make their reservations as soon as possible, due to the limited number of motel rooms in the area and the fact that the state association comes during the peak of the tourist season.

## CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS

### BURTON NEW PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

Rev. Clarence Burton was elected by the State General Board as the new promotional secretary for the Missouri State Association, succeeding Rev. Harry Beatty whose resignation from the office is effective July 1. Brother Burton will assume the duties sometime during the month of July, as soon as he is released by the Berkeley FWB Church where he is presently pastor. The GEM will print more about Brother Burton next month.

### NEW ADDRESS FOR ALL STATE CORRESPONDENCE

After July 1, 1975, all correspondence to the state office and all cooperative fund checks should be mailed to Box 991, Lebanon, Missouri 65536. That is also the address for the Lebanon Bible and Book Store, and after August 1 will be the address for all FWB GEM correspondence as well. Pastors should notify their church treasurers of this change.

### MBI FALL PROGRAM

The Missouri Bible Institutes have been teaching for three semesters now. The institutes have been held in four different locations in the state: Joplin, Kansas City, Mountain Grove, and St. Louis. They are extensions of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Oklahoma, and work taken in the institutes is accredited as though it were taken on campus at Hillsdale.

Missouri Bible Institutes will continue this fall, enrolling the last week in August. Definite plans are unavailable as the GEM goes to press, but Free Will Baptists across the state are urged to watch for local announcements concerning the institute program in your area.

### MERL'S CHAPEL EXPERIENCES REVIVAL

The Merl's Chapel FWB Church near Cassville conducted a revival meeting last month following the showing of the film, "The Thief in the Night." Rev. Dale Smith of Monett was the evangelist.

The Merl's Chapel Church and Sunday school are steadily increasing in number, according to the reporter, Mrs. John McClure.

### KNOWN PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. James Stovall from Myrtle Church to a new work in Sedalia, Missouri.



Rev. Russell Johnson from Hannon Church near Liberal, to Myrtle Church.

Rev. Keith Johnson to Thayer Church.

Rev. Joe Brady from Arkansas to First FWB Church of Fredericktown.

## **"VICTORY NIGHT"**

### **SOUTH SIDE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

*by Bob Frances*

On Friday night, March 21, 1975, the members of the South Side Free Will Baptist Church gathered to burn the mortgage on the church. This night was referred to as VICTORY NIGHT. The actual mortgage burning ceremony was preceded by a huge meal in the basement of the church and followed by a time of singspiration.

A small group of people with God's help bought our present church building in 1951 moving from a location on Idaho street.

The first payment was made in August, 1951. Two years later, April, 1953, the W. C. Hill Building was bought. The church used this property for the parsonage and additional rooms. Then in May, 1959, the church bought a four-family flat. At this time all loans were combined to one loan and a mortgage was given on all three pieces of property.

During the time we have had the loans, our pastors and members have worked hard. Our pastors, Hill, Franklin, Hales, Reeds, McFarland, Evans, Wagner, and Francis kept as our goal "the Lord first" realizing that material needs would follow.

During the property loans, four men have served as treasurers. They were: Mr. McGraw, Mr. Snell, Mr. Britton, and Mr. Cruse. The time involved in paying off the mortgage was 23 years and 8 months with a total of 284 checks being written. The first check for \$120.00 was written in May, 1951, and the last check was written in February, 1975, for \$336.14. In one of the above pictures you can see all of the checks displayed. If each check was laid end to end, they would extend 189 feet 4 inches. Assuming you can write a check, bring the balance up, and have it ready for the mail in two minutes, you would have 9¼ hours work in these 284 checks.

In the accompanying pictures you will note Mr. Cruse blowing out 23 candles on a cake representing the 23 years of the loan, and you will also see Pastor Bob Francis burning the mortgage. As this was being done, the remark was made that this is not the end

but just the BEGINNING of greater things for Christ at South Side. To God be the glory for great things He has done.

## **JOINT BAPTISMAL SERVICE**

The Hannon and Oskaloosa FWB Churches, both located near Liberal, Missouri, had a joint baptismal service last month. Nine new Christians followed the Lord in the ordinance of baptism. Rev. Russell Johnson is pastor at Hannon and Rev. Bob Dickey is the pastor of the Oskaloosa Church.

## **HOMEcoming PLANNED AT POTOSI CHURCH**

An all-day homecoming service is planned for Sunday, June 29, 1975, at the Divine Trinity FWB Church at Potosi, Missouri, honoring Sister Ettie Logsdon who now resides in California but plans to visit the church on this day.

The church gives a special invitation to all her friends, according to Pastor Morris Tucker.

## **NEW WORK BEGUN IN SEDALIA**

Rev. James Stovall has recently moved to Sedalia, Missouri, to begin a new Free Will Baptist church. They have secured a building in which to hold services. Anyone knowing of prospects for this work in Sedalia is urged to inform Brother Stovall at 1615 Wagner, Sedalia, Missouri 65301.

## **SIC 'UM, BROTHER KILLIAN!**

Brother Leamon Killian of the Fourth FWB Church in St. Louis is writing a short history of the FWB GEM. Though that work is not yet completed, Brother Killian sends this by way of a progress report . . .

"I have learned much of our state work and its heritage. We Free Will Baptists are a dedicated people. Our work in the state of Missouri has been an abundance of blessings in many, many ways.

"We are a giving people, not only of ourselves to Christian service, but of our means that others can serve throughout the world. And God loves a cheerful giver!

"Missouri has long been a missions-minded

Pastor Francis making a point in the service about the 284 checks in in background used in paying off the mortgage.



Pastor Francis burning mortgage with Chairman of Trustee Board, Mr. Arvil Skiles on left and Chairman of Deacon Board Mr. Claude Conway on right.



Church Treasurer, Mr. Bill Cruse blowing out 23 candles representing number of years included in paying off mortgage.





state—surely an example for other states of our denomination.

"In studying various issues of our GEM, I thought of just how much time and effort has been put forth by the various editors. I can realize the hope of you all—that the readers would send in items of interest for publication. After all, the GEM was to be the means of telling others of the happenings of the churches throughout the state. Some have been faithful, but most have been lax. Hopefully, I pray that more people will report to the GEM their activities and memorable services in the various churches. Surely the items of interest in their churches would be enjoyed by all the readers.

"I have pictures I have taken in different services throughout the state of people, places, and events that might interest our readers. So beginning in May I am going to send a picture along with a date, if possible, and where it was taken.

"Our people should know the bargain they are getting by the present price of the GEM. The very first issue, in January 1929, was \$2.00, and the size was the same.

"Every church in the state should adopt and support the family plan for subscription. There is no better way to inform the people of the many phases of denominational work in Missouri, and in the nation, and in the world.

"Yes, I believe in the power of the press, especially the power of our GEM, because it is the voice of our people. So, beloved brethren, partake of the opportunities set before you. If you are not a subscriber now, then by all means become one.

"Thank you, Brother Lay, and all former GEM editors. May God continue to bless and lead you."

Your brother in Christ,  
Leamon Killian

#### Missouri State Home Mission Giving: April 5 through May 5, 1975

Columbia .....	\$10.00
Thayer .....	3.50
Rock Chapel .....	20.00
South Fremont .....	142.00
Byrd .....	10.00
Aurora .....	21.00
Grace .....	25.00
Myrtle .....	14.63
O'Fallon .....	10.00
Hannon .....	69.00
West Plains, First .....	70.00
Victory .....	335.20
Flat River, First .....	26.25
South Side .....	2.00
Fourth .....	32.13
Houston .....	75.00
Central .....	20.00
DeSoto, First .....	30.00
Hazel Creek .....	10.00
Independence .....	10.00
Olivet .....	325.00
Willow Springs .....	5.00
Cooperative Receipts .....	1,516.91
Total .....	\$2,782.62

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## From Our Missionaries

### FROM THE PINKERTONS IN IVORY COAST

Excerpts from a recent letter follow . . .

"We will replace the Filkins as houseparents at the Ivory Coast Academy during the months of August, September, October, and November. Our work has continued to be language study and village work. Lately, we have seen some response on the part of the young boys. We have had two come to pray who live in a Moslem village. They have been faithful. Three boys prayed at one of our Wednesday night services. At one of our other villages, a young man rededicated his life and a girl accepted Christ. Her name is Oddett and she had been promised in marriage to a Moslem. Some of the women in the village tried to force her into Moslem rites, but she put up sufficient resistance to discourage their efforts. Please pray for her.

"We've seen the Lord's protection again. Last month we were going over to Bouake to get the boys and our car was side-swiped by a truck hauling people. The damage was not serious; but had he been two inches closer, it would have been.

"Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he may send forth reapers."

In Christ,  
The Jerry Pinkertons  
B P 407  
Bondoukou, Ivory Coast  
West Africa

### FROM THE FILKINS IN IVORY COAST

Excerpts from a recent letter follow . . .

"We are leaving here July 4 for the States. We will be spending four days in France, then will be at the National Association, enroute home. We hope to see you there.

"There is a good spirit now on campus. Pray for more decisions of commitment during Glory Week, May 26 to June 1, especially for the seniors.

"The eight weeks between now and the time we leave will be full ones, but we are expecting great things from the Lord. We've been so grateful for the opportunity to serve here."

With gratitude,  
The Howard Filkins  
B P 1171  
Bouake, Ivory Coast,  
West Africa.

### FROM THE HERSEYS IN JAPAN

Excerpts from a recent news letter follow . . .

"During the past six months we have seen real progress in Iriso! The attendance has gradually increased and we have a small group of Christians who are interested in organizing a church. We have unsaved coming who are showing a real desire to learn more about the Bible and the plan of salvation.

"You who are giving faithfully and praying for us



are having a real part in all that we do. In these days of uncertainty and inflation we are thankful that God is supplying our needs through you. Thanks for all you have done."

In Him,  
The Fred Hersey Family  
P. O. Box 21,  
Sayama Shi, Saitama Ken  
Japan 350-13

#### FROM CHAROLETTE TALLENT IN FRANCE

Excerpts from a recent news letter follow . . .

"Since arriving in France last October our activities have been varied. French Bible study for students was begun in November. As Mr. Haas teaches, there are young people who are being instructed in the living Word. From this group will come those whom God is consecrating for His service. There are those, too, who are newborn babes and what a thrill as they are nurtured on His Word. Pray for two such young people, Gerard and Monique. Pray for their witness among their families who are strong Catholics and for their spiritual growth.

"Have you ever felt like you were standing in the

middle of a lions' den before the starving beasts? We have! So many of the students here are affiliated with the Communist Party. As four scared, sheltered Free Will Baptist young people stand in the university restaurant, they gathered around us laughing and sneering about Pasteur Haas. We got the feeling that we almost wanted to throw our invitations down and run. But then we remembered we have a giant of a God and He is going to help us conquer the world.

"Pray for the four of us students as we make contact among other students. Remember the Haases as they labor as your representatives for the Savior in France."

Charolette Tallent

#### FROM THE HARLEY BENNETTS GOING TO POCATELLO, IDAHO

The Harley Bennett family will be moving to Pocatello, Idaho, to begin a Free Will Baptist church this month. GEM readers knowing of prospects in that area are encouraged to write the Bennetts, c/o National Home Missions, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

## On The National Front

#### REEDS RECEIVED DOCTORATE

Rev. Roger Reeds, General Director of Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department for the past thirteen years, and a former Missourian, received a Doctorate of Religious Education (DRE) degree from Luther Rice Seminary of Jacksonville, Florida, on May 9, 1975.

Brother Reeds was raised in the St. Louis, Missouri area, pastored in our state for a number of years, and is a former GEM editor.

Missouri Free Will Baptists congratulate him on this achievement.

Dr. Roger Reeds



#### MISSOURI RANKS SECOND IN 1974 COOP GIVING

Missouri Free Will Baptists ranked second in 1974 in giving to the Cooperative Plan of the National Association of Free Will Baptists both in total dollars and per capita giving. During 1974 the state's total Cooperative Giving was \$35,688.78. Based on the 1974 statistical records this is \$2.42 per member. This per capita amount was surpassed only by FWB in Illinois and Arizona who tied for the number one place with an average of \$2.83 per member in 1974.

Oklahoma FWB for the first time in 1974 replaced the state of Missouri as the largest contributor to the Cooperative Plan in the amount of dollars. They gave a total of \$39,909.04; however, their per capita giving was only \$1.98.

The Cooperative Plan is a channel of stewardship whereby local churches can respond to various state and national ministries. It is an expression of cooperation which manifests a unity of purpose. The Cooperative Plan links the individual believer in a common fellowship of sharing in the total ministry of the church.

#### NEW PUBLICATIONS FROM CTS

The National CTS Department announced the publication of three new training courses: *The Ministry of Music*, a thirteen-week course for the untrained song leader, prospective song leader, the volunteer choir, or as a refresher course for present song leaders and singers. *Teacher In Training*, a thirteen-week course for potential teachers and/or a



refresher course for present teachers. *The Ministry of Ushering*, a four- or eight-week course with a leaders' guide—practical and needful.

You may write CTS, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202 to order.

### FWBBC GIVING FROM MISSOURI

Missourians gave \$942.96 to Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, in April. The top-giving church for the month was the First FWB Church of Farmington which gave \$316.10.

### NEW CHILDREN'S CHURCH MATERIAL PREPARED

Mrs. Myrtle Reeds, Primary-Junior Editor of Sunday school curriculum materials, has prepared a new *Children's Church Guide* especially for ages 4 through 8. It may, however, be adapted for older or younger groups.

Scheduled to be ready for the fall quarter, 1975, it is the first part of a full year of programs for Children's Church. This publication contains Bible messages, conduct stories, and missionary stories.

This first installment of 13 programs will allow the children's church director to correlate the programs for each worship service. It may be ordered with your Sunday school literature.

### YOUNG MISSOURI PREACHERS AT HILLSDALE

These three young men, Roger Vaughan of Cuba, Missouri; Steve Robertson of Stella, Missouri; and Jimmy Smith of Joplin, Missouri, are a part of the Hillsdale FWB College ministerial fellowship. The ministerial fellowship has been active in the Hillsdale program. In the academic year 1974-75 members of the ministerial fellowship were privileged to see souls come to know Christ each week as a result of their efforts.

We are grateful for the amount of training our young people are getting as well as for the efforts being put forth by the faculty and staff of Hillsdale to teach our young people in the art of soul winning and leadership for the cause of Christ.

Three Young Missouri Preachers



## Promotional Secretary's Corner

by Rev. Harry Beatty



Twenty-two churches of Cave Springs district assembled with Garfield Church on Saturday, April 5. They received the Poplar Bluff Mission by petitionary letter into their fellowship. Some of their churches contribute to this mission. They also licensed one minister. I gave the Missouri cooperative report with commendations. Forty-three percent of their churches give to this program. Some purchased Bibles from our portable book stand. The pulpit committee selected Rev. D. Strain and Rev. H. Bowers to share the preaching hour.

I filled the pulpit for Rev. Jesse Dunkin, Garfield Church's pastor who was hospitalized on April 6. That same Sunday night Hillsdale College's forty-voice choir held service in the Thayer Church. Four local FWB churches called off their own Sunday night services to participate in this fine service. There was good response during the altar service, and a real good offering was given to Hillsdale College.

We attended one night of revival at each of the following Churches: Licking (Max Courtney preaching), Berkeley (Cliff Bowman preaching), Gateway (Russell Spurgeon preaching). There were souls saved and rededications made at each meeting.

On Thursday night, South Side FWB Church hosted Hillsdale College choir. There was a good response both in the altar service and in the offering.

On April 11, Madison County Quarterly Meeting assembled with Mine LaMotte Church. Rev. Wayne Johnson preached the introductory sermon and Rev. L. Durbin the 11:00 a.m. sermon. Eight churches represented in addition to two missions. I gave the cooperative challenge to which 87% of their churches currently give regularly. Cape Girardeau Mission anticipates resuming their cooperative giving soon. Some purchased Bibles from the Bible stand.

The Sikeston congregation is launching their new sanctuary on an acreage fronting on Interstate 55 in Sikeston.

In response to an invitation of Pastor Bill Price and Union FWB Church in Success, I delivered the sermon on April 13. We enjoyed a good altar service in this good rural church. I commended them for their cooperative giving.

That same afternoon I participated in the laying of the cornerstone for Cabool's new two-story brick church located where the original one stood. Pastor Max Courtney, several former pastors, other local ministers, laymen, and the entire church shared this service. The trustees and deacons placed the large cornerstone in proper place, thus completing their



building. They began a revival Sunday night with Brother James McAllister.

We enjoyed another good service with the Houston Church on Sunday evening. I preached the evening message and gave commendations for their cooperative participation in the Missouri state program. Pastor Elmer Turnbough reports that they have several new people in their congregation since he assumed pastoral duties there a year ago. Houston, Cabool, and Union churches all support the cooperative program faithfully.

More than 100 youth from eight churches in the St. Louis area participated in the various CTS competitive activities run-offs on Saturday, April 19, at the Fourth Church. The winners will represent the district in the state competition.

I was privileged to bring the message at the Berkeley FWB Church in the absence of Pastor Burton who was away conducting a revival meeting. We had a real good service with large attendance in both Sunday school and church. Berkeley church is one of our largest churches in Missouri and also one of the best supporters of every phase of our state denominational work.

Rev. Gene McCulley has started a work recently in St. Charles, Missouri. Freedom FWB Mission is located at the corner of Trendley and Cunningham streets. I was privileged to bring the message there on Sunday evening. About 40 people were in attendance.

Thirteen churches plus Freedom Mission were represented with letters and delegates in St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, April 26, held with the O'Fallon Church. Rev. Sasser preached the 11:00 a.m. sermon. I gave the cooperative report. Seventy-seven percent of their churches support consistently. They issued first-year ministerial license to two young men and a third year license to Rev. David Hanson. Ordained at the request of the Richwoods church was their pastor, E. Reed.

By special invitation of Joplin First Church and their pastor, N. R. Smith, I delivered the Sunday morning sermon on April 27 and presented the Cooperative Program. The church is moving forward under Pastor Smith's leadership. Souls have been saved in their regular worship services. Both Sunday school and church attendance maintained a high level for March and April.

Aurora's pastor, Rev. Dale Pitts, suffered a severe burn on his leg about April 1 and is still confined to his home. To give them a helping hand, I delivered the Sunday sermon there on the evening of April 27. They have new converts in their mission too. A young minister, Rev. Chester Smith, recently moved to a nearby town from another state. He is helping supply in the Aurora work.

Commendations to Pastor Stanley Jones and Hartville Church. Their church adopted the Cooperative Plan of Support and sent two checks within the month of April.

Fifty-seven contributions total \$7,584.55 during the month. Thanks brethren. This is good. We are about \$3,000 under projected schedule, but we can make it yet by June 30, provided every individual responds as we Free Will Baptists are capable of

doing. Let's cease saying as Gideon of old, "We are poor and of the least of the tribes of the Lord." Rather let us go in the strength of the Lord and accept the challenge of the Joshua and Caleb, "Go forward and possess the mountains and the valleys too, for the Lord." Maranatha!

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## DESIGNATED MONEY GIVEN THROUGH THE STATE OFFICE, APRIL, 1975

Hartville FWB Church	
FWBBC Library Wing Project	\$127.75
Olivet FWB Church	
Nine accounts	205.00
Kansas First Church	
One account	15.00
Brown Ferries Incorporated (refund)	
One account	16.00
Hazel Creek Church	
Two accounts	20.00
Evangel Church, Webb City	
Three accounts	148.31
West Plains First Church	
One account	50.00
Merl's Chapel	
One account	42.75
Total received and disbursed	\$624.81

## APRIL 1975 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Garfield (Mar.)	\$24.95
Carterville	23.79
New Rock Springs	40.00
Mine La Motte (Feb.-Mar.)	42.32
Fellowship	50.00
South Side	300.79
Independence, K. C. (Mar.)	80.00
Olivet (2 months)	260.00
First, FW Mission (Mar.)	174.00
Beacon (Mar.)	100.00
Byrd (Mar.)	19.00
Hartville (Adopted Mar.)	33.82
Salem	20.00
Hannon	173.00
Columbia (Mar.)	142.80
Pleasant Ridge	25.00
Pleasant Hill, Cave Springs	10.00
Old Bethel	25.00
Hurryville (Mar.)	70.54
Berkeley (Mar.)	518.41
Myrtle (3 months)	224.65
Buffalo	100.99
Fordland	25.00
Verdella	93.49
Mt. Pisgah	58.00
Cabool	77.39
Farmington, First	360.00
Thayer	99.89
Marshfield (2 months)	113.39
Richwoods (3 months)	125.00
Purdy, First	81.00
Union FWBC	60.00
Rock Chapel (Apr.)	19.29
Mill Creek (3 months)	169.99
Mill Creek Sunday school	23.53
Twin Oak	200.00
Happy Home	36.58
Leadington (Mar.)	196.98
De Soto, First	290.00
Copper Mines	110.00
Aulsbury Chapel (3 months)	267.27



Merl's Chapel (Mar.)	48.64
Trinity, St. Louis Dist.	260.00
Monett, First	276.36
Union Grove, Mission Dist.	150.00
Gateway	15.00
Fourth, St. Louis Dist. (Apr.)	350.21
Evangel FWB (Apr.)	93.19
First FWBC, West Plains	302.00
Royal Oaks, KC Dist. (Apr.)	198.00
Houston, First (Apr.)	140.00
Faith FWBC, St. Louis Dist.	166.63
Aurora (Apr.)	34.00
Hannon (Apr.)	138.00
Hartville	25.31
New Rock Springs (Apr.)	45.00
Grace (Apr.)	476.35
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$7,584.55

## APRIL COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENT

20.00% Mo. Missions	\$1,516.91
15.00% Mo. Promotional Dept.	1,137.68
05.50% Mo. Youth Camp	417.15
04.00% Mo. General Fund	303.38
04.00% Mo. State College Comm.	303.38
02.50% Gem	189.61
01.00% Mo. CTS and S.S. Dept.	75.85
52.% seven Mo. Depts.	3,943.96
07.00% 07.% Hillsdale College	530.92
41.% eight Nat'l. Depts.	3,109.67
13.00% Foreign Miss.	985.99
09.00% F. W. B. B. C.	682.61
07.00% Nat'l. Executive Dept.	530.92
06.50% Nat'l Home Miss	493.00
03.00 Nat'l CTS Dept.	227.54
02.00% Bd. Retirement & Ins.	151.69
00.25% Layman's Board	18.96
00.25% Theological Comm.	18.96
100.00% Disbursed	\$7,584.55

## First Steps

by Jerry Wilson,  
Webb City, Missouri

A christening, a beginning, a road to march . . .  
A wide and easy path, enjoying the stroll . . .  
Looking back only occasionally to see if my Lord  
was watching . . .  
With Satan's condemning tongue the stroll . . . so  
pleasant, but unsatisfying . . .

Finally, with the end in sight, and death's door  
creeking open  
I turned, looked down the long road, so very far  
away . . . so very far away . . .  
And feebly, I took but a few steps . . .  
And in the twinkling of an eye, I found myself  
before Him,  
And my soul cried: ABBA FATHER!

# Woman's Page

Kathy Lay, editor

OPPORTUNITIES await you this summer, ladies. You will be needed in Vacation Bible schools across the state, Youth Camp, and other various activities. Don't forget about the National Association, July 15th, and our State Association, August 19th. The summer can be a real blessing when you use it for the Lord.



SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS . . . that's what we have planned for this year at our State Meeting in West Plains: and a good way to get it started is to help with our shower for the Howard Filkins family. Howard and Joan will be our speakers for the meeting and we want to show them we really care. If you wish to bring some of the articles listed below, the Lord will pour out blessings on you also. If your auxiliary wishes to send a gift of money, that will be fine also.

### HOWARD:

Shirts—Medium or 15½ (some with straight tails to be worn outside pants)  
Pants—Waist 36' length 28"  
Socks—10-10½

### JOAN:

Dress—14½ or 16 (sleeveless, casual prints in cotton are best)  
Blouse—38 (sleeveless—overblouse type)  
Slip—38 or large in half slip

### DAN:

Shirt—Men's small (prefers tapered body)  
Pants—waist 30' length 32'  
Socks—10½

### DAVID:

Shirt—Men's small (prefers tapered small)  
Pants—Waist 32" length 32"  
Socks—12

### DALE:

Shirt—8 in cotton or 10 in knit  
Pants—8 slim (this is his present size)  
Socks—8½

I'm sure Joan would appreciate material that she could use in sewing also. Let's get going and really have a blessing and be a blessing.

WHERE WILL YOU BE, WHEN YOU GET WHERE  
YOU ARE GOING?



**July 13-17, 1975**

**Dayton Exhibition Center  
Dayton, Ohio**

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

**39th Annual Session**

**THEME: EQUIPPING  
THE SAINTS**

**ROBERT PICIRILLI**  
Registrar, Free Will Baptist  
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Will Baptist College  
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College  
Fresno, California



**BILLY MORRIS**  
Pastor, Hyde Park Free  
Will Baptist Church  
Norfolk, Virginia



Every local Free Will Baptist church is reminded that it can have a part in decision-making at the national level. Each local church is entitled to one delegate to the National Association of Free Will Baptists that meets July 13-17, 1975. Printed below is the credentials card that each delegate should clip and bring:

## LOCAL CHURCH DELEGATE'S CREDENTIALS

THIS CERTIFIES that \_\_\_\_\_  
is a duly authorized delegate to the National Association of Free Will  
Baptists from \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Name of church)  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(District Association) (City) (State)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor Clerk or Secretary

**IMPORTANT:** This form properly signed and accompanied by a \$10 registration fee entitles a local church delegate to register for voting privileges.

*Hear these men  
develop  
the 1975 theme!*