

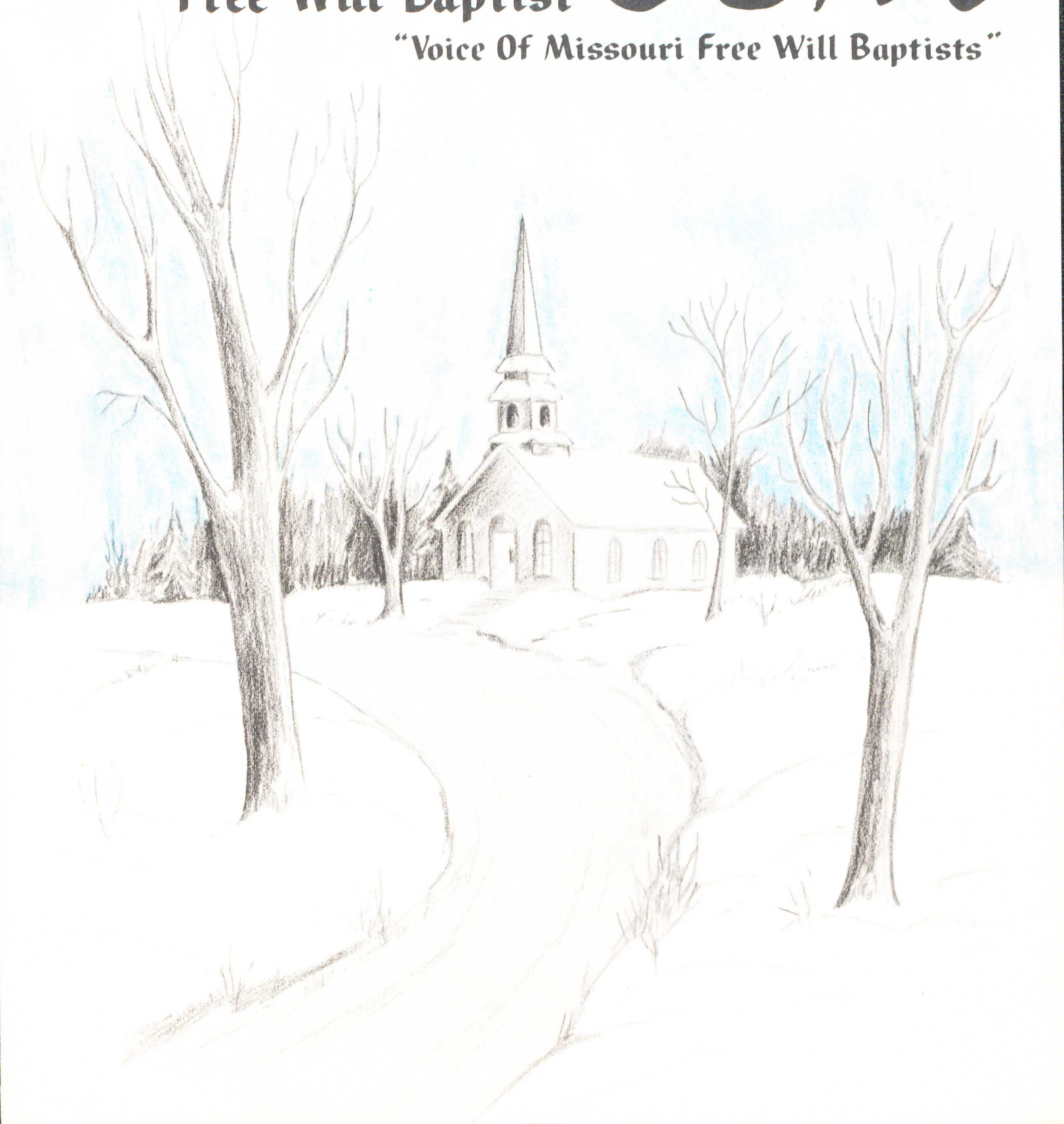
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What Will Happen To My Pastor If...?

by William Evans

Have you ever stopped to think—What will happen to my pastor and his family if he becomes seriously ill and requires extended hospitalization; suffers an accident and becomes disabled; or suddenly dies; or (thinking more optimistically) reaches an age where retirement is possible?

Forget the “what ifs,” because it is a fact that ministers are occasionally hospitalized. Some become disabled, others die, and many even live to retire. Actually, unless Jesus comes soon, every pastor will face at least one or more of these possibilities.

In light of that it seems wise that a church be interested in planning for its pastor's future.

As Christians we all recognize our absolute dependence upon God. No preplanning can eliminate the need for His continuous direction and provision. Yet, the Scriptures are clear that God gave us a thinking-planning ability; and He expects us to use it in preparing for our spiritual and physical future. (Examine these passages—Proverbs 6:6-11; 13:22; 20:18; 22:3; 24:3-6; Exodus 18:13-26; 1 Kings 12:6-11; Luke 14:25-33.)

How do we get started? The most obvious place is with the pastor's salary. For instance, What basis does your church use to establish his salary? Is it, Can he “get by” on x number of dollars; or Will this amount allow him to support his family relatively worry free?

Many people compare the pastor's weekly check dollar-for-dollar to their own take-home pay. But can it be compared? Often it cannot. Why? Because in most cases there are a number of benefits that

public work offers that are not included in a pastor's salary, such as:

(1) *Hospitalization coverage.* Almost every employer protects himself and his employee by providing some type of medical coverage. In some cases it even extends to provide coverage for the entire family or offers at a lower group-rate coverage for an additional charge. Do you offer hospitalization for your pastor? If not, have you checked what it costs him to have it? And just as a matter of information, few doctors give discounts to ministers and to my knowledge no hospitals do and rightfully so. After all it isn't their responsibility to maintain the pastor.

(2) *Disability insurance* is an added feature to many paychecks. It may take the form of workman's compensation or unemployment or be provided in another type of insurance package. Yet, the only protection offered most ministers in this regard is the good will of their people. This is not to demean God's people or their good will, for many pastors have been blessed with folks who genuinely love and appreciate them. Yet, few churches have enough extra income to put one pastor on a long-term disability income and hire another full-time man. The easiest way to provide for this possibility is to secure a reasonable amount of disability insurance for your pastor and review it at each pastoral change.

(3) *Life insurance.* (This term is a misnomer for death insurance since one must die to collect it.) Though we are assured that “to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord,” someone must

bury the body. And of course, the cost of funeral arrangements has been affected by inflation. Most employers provide some amount of life insurance. What kind of protection does your pastor have? This is not to say that you need to know all about his financial matters or even how much insurance he has. However, it is important for you to consider providing at least a basic amount of coverage for your own peace of mind.

(4) *What about retirement?* If your pastor is blessed with long life he most definitely will come face to face with it. Though utopian retirement is the goal of many, for the pastor it can be a real dilemma in many ways—finances, housing, health, and not least, is the need to continue making a meaningful contribution of his life to the Lord's work. Assuring health and happiness is beyond any church's ability, but assisting with finances and housing is not.

Many churches provide a parsonage for the pastor which makes it convenient for him when he comes but does nothing for him when he leaves. Does your church consider the parsonage part of the pastor's salary? If your church does, have you thought about giving him a portion of its value when he leaves? (For example, what about one/thirtieth of its value per year of service?) Remember, he has no choice as to where he lives or how large a portion of his income is "spent" for housing. For comparison, imagine your employer moving you across the state into a house he owns, and then telling you that he will just deduct its value from your pay. Some churches are now giving a housing allowance so the

pastor chooses his home and pays for it during his wage earning years. Where will your pastor live when he retires? This is a question you can help him settle now.

An adequate retirement fund can help take the financial pressure off your pastor's shoulders. Some people can spend more than they could ever earn; but, fortunately, most pastors and their families manage their financial affairs quite well. Yet, even at best most pastor's salaries are not padded with a lot of excess money that can be put back for "those golden years." A moderate amount paid into a retirement program on a regular basis will provide a respectable income. Are you helping your pastor prepare for retirement?

Our Free Will Baptist Board of Retirement and Insurance was established to help local churches meet these needs. It offers a very attractive retirement program and some basic insurance programs. Why not let them assist you in making plans for the total needs of your pastor. Interested? Simply write: Board of Retirement and Insurance, Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

About The Writer: The Reverend William Evans is pastor of the Central Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri. He is serving as chairman of the Board of Retirement and Insurance. Rev. Evans is actively involved in the state and national work. He is currently serving as assistant moderator of the Missouri State Association.



WHAT LOVE IS

How can I say what love is, when my love is so
much less than His?

Could I send my only son to die;
For those who would hate and cheat and lie?
Would I forgive the sins of them;
Who mocked and punished and jeered at Him?

How can I say what love is, when my love is so
much less than His?

Could I promise these people a place;
And spend eternity with them face to face?
Would I send them all my love;
So when they died they'd come above?

How can I say what love is, when my love is so
much less than His?

Could I put off the dreadful day;
I'd finally have to let them pay?
Would I rejoice to hear them say;
I've sinned, oh, Saviour, forgive me today?

How can I say what love is, when my love is so
much less than His?

The only way we will ever know;
Is to meet our Father and He will show;
And we will say, SO—THIS IS LOVE!!!

by Yvonne Baner
Berkeley Church

CHURCHES

PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Rev. Floyd Dean Available For Revival and Weekend Services

Reverend Dean, who was recently licensed by the Liberty Association, has announced that he is available for revival and weekend services. Brother Dean is married. He and his wife Jo have three children. He is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon and has been affiliated with the Free Will Baptist denomination for ten years. He may be contacted at this address: 520 Yates, Labanon, Missouri. Phone 417-588-1434.

Mill Creek Reports Good Year for 1975

The Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church had a good year in 1975. Church reporter, Blanche Rogers, writes: As we look back we would like to share a few of the happenings with the *Gem* readers.

Rev. Allen Helms, a faithful pastor, resigned and preached his farewell sermon on May 4. The church honored him with a dinner and love offering.

Rev. Lloyd Durbin began his work on Mother's Day, May 11. Vacation Bible School was held in June and a baptismal service, with three being baptized.

A revival was held in October with Brother Joe Braddy serving as the evangelist. A wonderful spirit of revival prevailed. On Homecoming Day, October 19, an effort was made to break the record. The Sunday school failed to break the record but one hundred and fifteen were present for the morning worship. Consequently, Brother Chapman, superintendent, broke a record on the head of Brother Durbin.

Other activities include: a mission group organized by the ladies; juniors gave memory verses

and sang choruses every Sunday; a Christmas program was enjoyed by everyone, December 31; a Watch Service with singing, preaching, and a film; and a junior girl was saved at a prayer meeting service.

Everyone was saddened at the passing of Sister Belle Coffey. Funeral services were held on Sunday, October 26. An altar has been donated to the church in memory of her faithfulness.

Greetings From Twin Oaks

The Twin Oaks Church reports that all services are well attended. The Sunday school is growing and maintaining a good average. Church reporter, Madeline McFarland, writes the average attendance for the year was 81. The Sunday school staff includes: Bob Kemp, superintendent, Roy Thomas, Amybe Huffman, Mattie Thomas, Ethel Pirtle, Barb Lee, Carolyn Rouse, Marie Kemp, Kathy Thebeau, Linda Spain, Wayne Spain, Jean Pirtle and Pastor Truman Huffman.

The church enjoyed a fine Christmas program under the leadership of Jean Pirtle and Marie Kemp. The spirit of Christmas has prevailed in the church whereby it is involved in ministering to ones in need.

The church reporter, the pastor, and the members of the Twin Oaks Church wish for all the *Gem* readers a blessed New Year.

Church Has New Name

Pastor Dennis Bowman has announced that the Free Will Baptist Church in Independence has changed its name. The new name is Berean Free Will Baptist Church. The name has its origin in Acts 17:10, 11.

News From Freeman Chapel

Pastor Vernon Maggart writes: We want to share with you what the people at Freeman Chapel are doing. (Freeman Chapel is located twelve miles east of St. Joseph, near Easton, Missouri) The year 1975 was a record-breaking year. The attendance and

Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church



Freeman Chapel Free Will Baptist Church



financial records were broken. The average attendance is approximately 70. Brother Jack Collins, the Sunday school superintendent, and I promised the people that we would eat our dinner on the roof of the church when the attendance reached 90. The attendance on December 14 was 91. So, Sunday, December 21, we ate our dinner on top of the church and almost froze.

A year ago our church set a goal to give \$150 to foreign missions in addition to 10% of our offerings to the cooperative plan. Last year our people gave \$1,916.75 to foreign missions and \$942.42 to the Cooperative Plan. The total outside giving was \$3,272.51. I thank God for the liberality of the church. I trust this will serve as a challenge to others, that we might be faithful in getting the gospel to the untold millions.

In the local church we are having professions of faith and we are enjoying the fellowship of one another. Pray for us in the Northwest Association as we serve the Lord.

Columbia Church Praise Report

Pastor Mark Vandivort writes of the church: I am proud of our 1975 stewardship profile. Total receipts, general fund and designated amounts to \$14,419.46. Twenty-three and nine-tenths percent has been budgeted and personally designated to missions, Missouri Cooperative Plan, and Bible College ministries. This reflects well of a 50 to 85 member congregation.

Thanks From The Lytles

Missionaries Steve and Judy Lytle sent a note of thanks to Missouri in appreciation for a recent offering. They ask that they be remembered in prayer as they continue their itinerate endeavoring to raise the needed money for their account. The Lytles' field of service is Panama.

Report on Missouri's Gifts to FWBBC General Fund

A January report from Free Will Baptist Bible College indicates that Missouri has given \$8,522.20 to its general fund. This is approximately \$250 behind Missouri's quota as of December 1975.

EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

Over 500 people attended an evangelism conference, January 5-7 at the West Tulsa Free Will Baptist Church, sponsored by the National Home Missions Department. The conference drew people from the states of Ohio, Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Colorado, and Oklahoma. The theme for the conference was Church Growth and Soul-winning Methods.

Rev. Jim McAllister, Farmington, Missouri, laid the foundation for the conference with the opening

message on Monday evening. A revival spirit had begun. This zeal was evident throughout the conference. It was heart-warming, soul-stirring, and challenging. Other special speakers were Rev. Paul Thompson, Mr. Trymon Messer, Rev. Carl Cheshier, Rev. Robert Shockey, and Rev. Roy Thomas. Rev. Connie Cariker was the host pastor.

TNT RALLY AT FESTUS CHURCH

A Teach 'N Train workshop will be held at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Festus, Missouri on March 19, 20, 1976.

Pastors, Sunday school superintendents, teachers, and CTS workers will be benefitted. These "How To" workshops have met with good success in many areas of our denomination.

The workshop leaders will include the Editorial Manager, Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, Ruthann Hall, Teen Editor, Myrtle Reeds, Primary-Junior Editor, Catherine Henry, Preschool Editor and H. D. Harrison, Director of Teacher Training.

The first session will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening. Ten different workshops will be offered. Lunch will be at 12:00 at the host church. The meeting will be concluded on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. with an open forum.

DESIGNATED MONEY GIVEN THROUGH STATE OFFICE

MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

Sedalia	\$25.00
Evangel FWB	
Reeves Acct.	8.16
Tom Owen Acct.	8.15
Total	\$41.31

MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP

Olivet FWB	10.00
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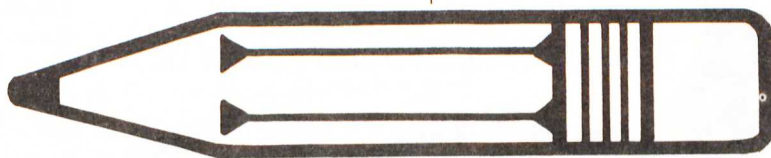
NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Olivet FWB	\$30.00
Larry Powell	5.00
V. Maness	25.00
Low Ground FWB	5.00
L. Horton Acct.	5.00
Total	\$35.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS

West Plains	\$60.00
Gen. Acct.	50.00
H. Filkins	10.00
Olivet	80.00
Bobbie Poole	20.00
L. Sparks	5.00
J. Pinkerton	10.00
H. Filkins	5.00
Lynn Miley	20.00
Mabel Willey	20.00
Evangel	50.00
H. Filkins	25.00
Lynn Miley	12.50
B. Fulcher	12.50
Total	\$190.00

FOR THE YOUTH



FLEETING IMPRESSIONS *by Wesley Bigelow*

Missouri has been blessed with an outcropping of young people. This is obvious as we look at the hundreds that have been saved at youth camp and countless others that have been saved in our churches. This question then comes to our mind, Where is the impact that should have hit our rural areas, towns, and cities. What would have happened if we had sent three or four hundred missionaries to the Ivory Coast last year? The churches would be filled to overflow. Yet, as we survey our churches here, only a few have grown, while many have not.

Where are the young people? Are they hiding under a rock or maybe asleep on the back row? The excitement of camp is over, and that great church service that won many to the Lord happened last week. Where is the action now? What has happened? Some of the young people have become senile! They only have fleeting impressions of God touching their lives. It is like the flashbacks on the old Kung-Fu series. Every once in a while there is a memory that God did something, but eventually that thought fades away.

Ezekiel 33:31 states, "And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness." These are the pretenders. There is an old saying that states, "I can't hear what you say for what you are doing."

Matthew 13:20, 21 states, "But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while; for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended." He takes the Word of God into his heart and expects it to flourish without doing anything. Also, there is the educated idiot, who is "ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." This person reminds us of a nut with stripped threads. There is no gripping power to tighten it down.

Let me encourage everyone to accept 1 John

2:13: "I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one." Let's stand and face the world with Christ, instead of running like cowards. Someone may ask how. By answering the following question truthfully.

Does God have a plan for my life? Yes, He does. He has a definite plan and purpose for the life of each believer. Today many young people are satisfied to be with the "in" group and to fit their patterns into the pattern of the world system. This type of attitude and God's will do not go together. Because the worldly Christian cannot see his faults and failures, the will of God is not clear. He will trip over the object that is not clear. Therefore, the Christian must check his life and make sure he is striving to do God's will.

By yielding our will to God we are placing our future at the disposal of God. We are expressing our confidence in God's faithfulness. It is not enough to see the wisdom of doing something; there must be the will and determination to act upon it. The surrender of one's whole life, soul, and time to the Lord is a personal transaction. It reaches its climax in complete obedience to the will of God. To delay is the loss of irreplaceable time. Remember, God only asks what is reasonable and He will reward for whatever is done for Him.

The key to discovering the will of God is to be utterly and fully surrendered. One may think this is a kind of bondage. But through Christ one comes to realize that it is a bondage of love. The Bible states that His commandments are not grievous. We serve because we love.

In our service to the Lord, it is important that we know His Word. We know His Word by prayer and study. If the Lord is touching your life for a special kind of Christian service, answer Yes. Peace and joy comes by doing His will.

About the writer: Wesley Bigelow is the minister of youth at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Farmington, Missouri.



FREE INDEED

THE "SPIRIT OF '76"



SPRING ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

Free Will Baptist beginnings predate the birth of our nation by 49 years. We were there when it happened. Our heritage is rich because of it. It was the aggressive, pioneering spirit of men like Paul Palmer, Benjamin Randall, and countless others that our nation and our religious liberty are free today.

In this bicentennial year we honor the two hundredth birthday of our republic. In conjunction with this "Spirit of '76," the Spring Sunday School Enlargement Campaign is entitled, "Free Indeed."

The truth of John 8:36, "Ye shall be free indeed," is the spiritual theme of the campaign. The enlargement emphasis is designed to bring the unsaved, the unchurched, and the unenlisted into the unfettered life in Jesus Christ.

Sunday schools are placed into the following eight categories 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 Spring Campaign will begin on Sunday, March 7, and continue through Sunday, March 28, 1976. Sunday schools in each division which experience the greatest percentage of gain over the thirteen weeks' average attendance for September, October, November, 1975, will be declared winners and awarded appropriate plaques denoting first or second place.

THE PRESENT SIZE OF YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL DOES NOT PREVENT YOU FROM BEING ELIGIBLE TO WIN IN YOUR DIVISION. Campaign materials are available from the Sunday School Department. *Eligibility for winning requires that your entry blank be accompanied by an order for enlargement materials of at least \$10.00. PLEASE ORDER EARLY.*

YOUR ENTRY BLANK AND ORDER SHOULD BE IN OUR HANDS BY MARCH 5, 1976.

Promotional Secretary's Corner

by Clarence Burton

December has come and it has gone. Time swiftly passes. But, what a wonderful time to be living. I know our society is plagued with many ungodly and immoral maladies; I know that sin is rampant and that filthily, vulgar literature fills the newsstands. But I also know a Heavenly Father of whom Moses said, "The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords." The Apostle Paul declared, "If God be for us, who can be against us." Therefore, I can say, it is great to be alive and live in fellowship with the one who said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

We have experienced another wonderful month for *Cooperative giving*. I am always grateful to the one from whom all blessings flow and the pastors and churches responding to this ministry. December was closed out early. Consequently, the total amount does not reflect the complete Cooperative giving for the month. (This was done because the National Association ends its year December 31.)

It is especially encouraging to see churches adopt the Cooperative Plan. These churches and missions recently adopted the plan: Freedom Church in St. Charles; Oak Hill Mission in Union-St. Clair; Sedalia Mission in Sedalia; Hopewell Church in Tunas; Bailey Chapel in Tunas; Niangua Church in Niangua; and Kirksville Church in Kirksville. May God bless these and He will!

I still believe every church in Missouri can do this, and it is my sincere prayer that every church will. How wonderful to share in supporting the Lord's work. Every pastor encourages shared-giving in the local church. Let me encourage every pastor to do this for our state and national work.

The first week in December was used for a twofold purpose. The first part of the week I met with the National Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee. Following this meeting I attended the Annual Leadership Conference at Hillmont Camp, near White Bluff, Tennessee. These meetings were helpful and some long-range goals were set.

During the second week in December, it was my privilege to be with Rev. Glen Jones and the Second Free Will Baptist Church for revival services. We enjoyed a fine revival and certainly appreciated the fellowship of the church.

It was my privilege to be with Rev. and Mrs. Grover Pingleton and the Cuba Church, Sunday morning, December 14. It was a warm, spiritual service. The Pingletons are experiencing a fine ministry with the church. Brother Pingleton is a very compassionate pastor. This church shares in Cooperative giving.

Sunday evening it was a joy and it was refreshing to be with Rev. and Mrs. Millard Sasser and the

Fourth Church. The CTS presented a play entitled, "The Prodigal Son." It was very impressive and enjoyable. A member of the CTS wrote the play. The Fourth Church is totally involved in Cooperative and designated giving.

The Sunday before Christmas it was a blessing, as always, to be with the First Church in Lebanon. I enjoyed and appreciated hearing my pastor, Rev. Jim Mertz. The Lord is surely blessing the labor of the church. This church supports the Cooperative Plan one-hundred percent.

The last Sunday in December, I had the privilege to be with the folks at Willow Springs Church. It was a joy. This is a fine church and is totally involved in Cooperative giving. Rev. and Mrs. Hill were visiting in Florida. They are enjoying a fruitful ministry with the church.

Many wonderful blessings were enjoyed in December. It is especially meaningful when we set aside a time to celebrate the birthday of our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ. I am glad that I know He loves me and watches over me. It is a thrill and joy to serve Him.

Please continue to remember this work in prayer. Pray the Lord will continue to bless and that He will be glorified as we give Him our tithes and offerings. Please make your checks payable to Missouri State Association and mail them to Missouri State Association, P. O. Box 991, Lebanon, Missouri, 65536.

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS FOR DECEMBER 1975

Hartville	\$49.95
Grant Ave.	349.70
First, Houston	154.66
Hannon	218.00
Beacon, K.C.	100.00
Number One	31.58
Willow Springs	110.46
Alton	44.75
West Plains	227.50
Fellowship	50.00
Faith, St. Louis	168.33
Marshfield	88.53
Salem	20.00
Berkeley	478.09
Cape Girardeau	206.00
De Soto	460.00
Southside, St. Louis	349.47
Macedonia	8.00
Sedalia	16.00
Byrd	21.00
Olivet, Marshall	130.00
Fordland	25.00
First Mission, K. C.	119.00
Rock Chapel	37.15
Pleasant Ridge	25.00
Walnut Grove	88.56
Union Grove	300.00
Waynesville	133.80
Grace	578.92
Bethel	162.80
Victory	142.30
Twin Oaks	250.00
Leadington	165.40
Evangel	115.78
Carterville	19.88
Belton	75.00
Freeman Chapel	101.66
Verdella	108.12
Purdy	88.00

Independence	91.00
Freedom, St. Charles	159.21
Copper Mines	85.00
Cabool	99.82
Hurryville	113.25
Cuba	52.14
Calvary, Conway	320.00
Buffalo	73.77
Happy Home	27.21
Union, Success	60.00
Fourth, St. Louis	368.97
Thayer	342.45
Total Cooperative Receipts	\$7,611.21

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Note: The National Association ends its year December 31. Because of this, this month is closed a week early in order that a part of December's receipts can be included.

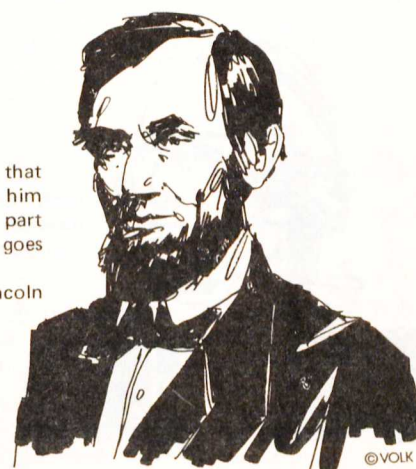
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South Side	102.66
Byrd	5.00
Columbia	5.00
Fellowship	46.00
West Plains	140.00
Neosho	10.00
Cuba	1.00
Rock Chapel	20.00
Olivet	450.00
Salem	10.00
South Fremont	188.50
Copper Mines	20.00
Grace	25.00
Beacon	84.00
Houston	58.00
Myrtle	132.62
Hurryville	30.00
Thayer	88.00
Fourth	29.82
Purdy	11.00
Oak Hill	25.00
Mine LaMotte	20.00
Central	20.00
Hannon	64.00
DeSoto	150.00
Evangel	41.31
Lone Star	34.00
Kingsway	29.00
Cooperative Receipts	1,522.25
Total	3,362.16

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"Stand with anybody that stands right. Stand with him while he is right and part with him when he goes wrong."

—Abraham Lincoln



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Calendar of Events

February, March, April, May, July, August 1976

February:

- 5—1st Quarterly Meeting—Mission Association
- 7—Indian Creek Quarterly Meeting
- 7—Greater Kansas City Annual Meeting
- 13—Niangua Quarterly Meeting
- 16—State Woman's Auxiliary Executive Meeting—Lebanon, Missouri
- 22-25—NAE Meeting
- 28—Laclede Co. Quarterly Meeting
- 29—Central Western Quarterly Meeting
- 29—North East Quarterly Meeting

March:

- 6—Liberty Quarterly Meeting
- 14-18—Bible Conference—FWBBC
- 19—TNT Sunday School & CTS—Bethel, Festus
- 25-27—North East Association

April:

- 3—Cave Springs Quarterly Meeting
- 9-10—Madison Co. Quarterly Meeting
- 12-16—WNAC Pre-Easter Week of Prayer
- 13—Indian Creek Bi-Annual Woman's Auxiliary Meeting
- 16—Board of Christian Education Meeting
- 18—Foreign Missions Call-a-Thon
- 18—"Big Day" Sunday—for Sunday School
- 23-24—St. Francis Quarterly Meeting
- 23-24—Harmony Quarterly Meeting
- 24—St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting
- 26—May 2—Missionary Conference—Indian Creek

May:

- 1—Work Day-Youth Camp
- 7—Greater Kansas City Quarterly Meeting
- 7-8—South East Missouri Yearly Meeting
- 8—Indian Creek Quarterly Meeting
- 14-15—Cave Springs Yearly Meeting
- 14-15—Niangua Yearly Meeting
- 29—Laclede Co. Quarterly Meeting
- 30—Central Western Quarterly Meeting
- 5—Liberty Quarterly Meeting
- 7-10—General Board Meeting
- Sunday School & CTS Youth Service
- Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention
- Missouri State Association, Bridgeton, Missouri
- 20—Board of Retirement Offering

July:

- 3—Cave Springs Quarterly Meeting
- 9—Madison Co. Quarterly Meeting
- 11-15—National Youth Conference WNAC
- National Association of Free Will Baptists, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- 23-24—Harmony Quarterly Meeting
- 23-24—St. Francis Quarterly Meeting
- 24—St. Louis Dist. Quarterly Meeting
- 25-30—1st Week of Youth Camp
- 30-31—North West Association
- 31—Liberty Association

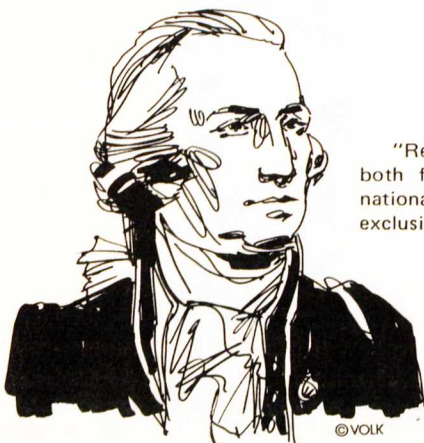
August:

- 1-6—2nd Week Youth Camp
- 8-13—3rd Week of Youth Camp

Note: The Youth Camp dates are changed. This was necessary because of the date change for the Missouri State Association. The Youth Camp Board hopes this will not affect the enrolment for the camp sessions.

Use the calendar on the back cover as a reminder.

SUPPORT MISSOURI CO-OP PLAN



"Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

—George Washington

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 1975

20.00% Missouri State Home Missions	\$1,522.25
16.25% Promotional Dept.	1,236.82
4.00% General Fund	304.44
5.50% Youth Camp	418.62
2.50% Gem	190.28
1.75% Sunday School & CTS	133.20
2.00% MBI	152.23
52% Seven State Depts.	3,957.84
7.00% Hillsdale College	532.78
13.00% Foreign Missions	989.46
9.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	685.00
7.00% Executive Dept.	532.78
6.50% National Home Missions	494.73
2.50% CTS	190.28
2.50% Retirement & Insurance	190.28
.25% Laymens Board	19.03
.25% Theological Comm.	19.03
41% Nat'l Assoc. of FWB	3,120.59
Total Disbursements	\$7,611.21

We are thankful to the Lord for another good month!

Note: The National Association ends its year, December 31. In order that our December receipts can be counted, this month is closed a week early.

Woman's Page



Shirley Bowden, Editor

The Perpetual Loan Fund

The Sikeston Free Will Baptist Church and the Oak Hill Free Will Baptist Church are only two of the many new mission churches that have borrowed from the Perpetual Loan Fund. Since this is one of the State Projects for 1976, let's take a look at what had been done.

The Sikeston Free Will Baptist Church is located on a five-acre tract of land on Interstate 51, in Sikeston, Mo. The congregation originally met on April 29, 1973, in the Sikeston Activity Center. The first service held in the new 36 x 80 foot structure was September 14, 1975. The building was mostly constructed by members of the congregation at a cost of \$25,000. This structure represents part of a 3-unit, long-range building plan. The present building will become an educational unit following the completion of a second educational unit and a permanent sanctuary. The brick building contains six class rooms, nursery facilities, and a fiberglass baptistry. The interior has dark pecan paneling and red decor, with the floors completely carpeted. There is central air and heat throughout the entire building.

A loan institution had agreed to lend the money for the construction of the building; but, due to a lot of "red tape," a great delay was caused in its construction. The church contacted the State Home Mission Board, and it was agreed to make a loan of \$10,000 from the Perpetual Loan Fund. This short-term loan thus enabled the church to begin construction of the new building. In four months

the building was completed! The church has since sent \$100.00 to the State Woman's Auxiliary to be used in the State Project of raising \$10,000. The pastor of the Sikeston Church is Rev. Denzil Durbin.

The Oak Hill Free Will Baptist Church is a new mission church. The first service of the new mission had an attendance of 18 and an offering of \$221.67. The service was held in the home of the pastor, Rev. Tom Owens. Five acres of property have been purchased. The church will be located on Highway 47 between Union and St. Clair, Missouri. Brother Owens says: "When a community sees the church is there to stay and is not some fly-by-night group, they will start attending." This is why it is so important that the mission churches secure the money to build a building. Money sent to the Perpetual Loan Fund is only used for loans to the mission churches.

Auxiliaries, if you have not already sent in your money to the State Project for the Perpetual Loan Fund, do so right away.

Sikeston Free Will Baptist Church

State Treasurer's Report
from Blanche Wisheart

State Project balance on hand
as of January 1, 1976
"Fill Filkins Workshop" \$593.30

Missouri State Home Missions Loan Fund,	
balance brought forward	\$407.75
Bethel Aux. (Festus)	3.43
Grace Aux.	105.00
Mountain Grove Aux.	6.70
Hannon Aux.	50.00
South Side Aux.	5.00
Total	577.88

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HELP!!!

If you have any news items that you would like to appear in the Woman's Page or if you have written any articles and would like to have them appear on the page for Woman's Auxiliary news, send them to Shirley Bowden, P. O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536.



Remember These Dates!

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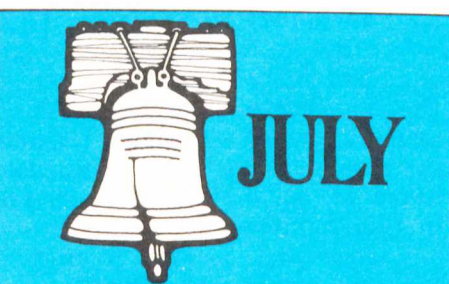
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