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YOUTH CAMP '76

Sunday School Attendance Averages 1975-76

CHURCH	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
Bethel, Festus	76	90	85	84	97	86	88					
Calvary Fellowship	34	48	55	69	67				94	109		
Copper Mines	82	75	89	82	73	70	75	84	71	83		
Cuba												
DeSoto	138	133	150	162	160	152	158	106	110	112	120	112
Evangel	53	58						163	171			
Farmington	320	211	226	256	301	264	266	275	285	342	339	309
Fellowship	300	303	301	307	310	307	325					
First Mission K.C.												
Fourth, St. Louis	174	132	148						49	40	34	24
Grant Ave.												
Hazel Creek	44	44	41	56	62	108	108	109	116			
Leadington	68	61	60	64	69	45	50	50		77	74	84
Lebanon, First						65	72	70	81	82		
Mountain Grove	284	264	266	278	289	155	147	49	162	181	165	156
Oskaloosa	29	25										
Richwoods												
Salem	45	45	48				35	30	30	36		
South Side	157	170	174			43	39	38	30	48		
Trinity	198	160	185	186	180	190	192	178	176	222	37	32
Victory				227	235	222	224					
Willow Springs	91	92	96	183	175					243	240	214
				95				165		213	200	
								100	115	112	113	

YOUTH CAMP NEWS

July 25-30 9th grade—19 yrs. \$15.00
 August 1-6 6th grade—8th grade \$15.00
 August 8-13 7 yrs.—5th grade \$14.00

Evangelist (1st week) Jonathan Thigpen
 Evangelist (2nd week) To Be Announced
 Evangelist (3rd week) Gary Fry

Camp Coordinator—Ken Goff

From The Youth Camp Board:

The board suggests that campers pre-register this year. Registration forms along with camp programs

have been mailed to the churches.

The board wishes to express its thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Coffey from the Mission Association for a \$500 donation to the camp. Also, a big thanks to an anonymous giver for an amount of \$500.

Something New:

The area for basketball and volleyball has an asphalt surface. This is a great improvement. This year there is proper playground equipment for all ages.

Let's go to Youth Camp this year and why not encourage someone to go along with you!

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THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS, 1976

by Clarence Burton, editor

It was wonderful; the Lord blessed and the people rejoiced. This was the expressed feeling of the ones who attended the Sixty-Third Annual Session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. A spirit of unity and purpose was evident from the time the General Board met until the final amen of the association.

Missouri Free Will Baptists have so much for which to be thankful. The State Association is committed to the fundamental truths and doctrines that identify its people with Bible-believing and Bible-preaching Christians. This was reflected in the sermons, the devotions, and the soul winning semi-

nar. These messages from the Word of God were challenging, informative, and blessed of God.

The attendance broke a record and the offering received on Wednesday evening broke a record. These records can be broken next year. These records will be broken as our vision is enlarged and our commitments made stronger.

The budget adopted was a step of faith—\$120,000. This is quite an increase over last year. Cooperative giving must average \$10,000 per month to reach this goal. We went over our budget last year for which we are grateful. Let us trust God that we shall reach our goal and budget this year. This can be done if every church will accept its proportionate responsibility and share in our state and national work. We can accomplish this as we do it together.

A standing vote of thanks was given to the retiring moderator, Rev. Jim McAllister. Brother McAllister has served well as moderator the past three years and has given the state noticeable leadership. The office of moderator was passed on to Rev. William Evans. Brother Evans has proven himself in the state and will give the state continued leadership.

We express our thanks to the host pastor, the church, and the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting for hosting a memorable Missouri State Association.

Sharon Ruble and Bea Colby at the registration table.



A group of ministers and delegate looking over an item of business.



Rev. Lynn Wood and Rev. Jim McAllister looking at digest of reports.



Rev. Ken Goff, preaching at the Thursday morning service.



Rev. Dale Skiles presenting a plaque to Bro. Cliff Bowman.



Rev. Bill Evans, newly elected moderator, presenting Rev. Andy Lay with a plaque, as retiring editor of the Gem.



Rev. & Mrs. Glenn Campbell celebrating their Wedding Anniversary at the State Association.



Dr. Bill Jones, Preaching at the Missionary service, Wednesday evening.



Rev. Dale Smith, preaching at the Wednesday morning service.



Winners In Missouri State CTS Competitive Activities

Music

Instrumental Solo (Heralds Division) David Reynolds, Joplin
Vocal Solo (Crusaders Division) Sherry Curtis, Pleasant Grove
Youth Choir—Grace Church
Vocal Ensemble—Grant Avenue
Chorale—Willow Springs

Bible Bowl

1st Place—Trinity Church, Bridgeton
2nd Place—South Fremont

Bible Tic Tac Toe

1st Place—Grant Avenue
2nd Place—Mountain Grove

Sword Drill

Angie Felts, Grant Avenue
Kim Barnett, Grant Avenue
Suzon Rodrique, Grant Avenue

Bible Memorization

Division 1, Tina Adamson, Willow Springs
Division 2, Theresa Covey, Joplin

Arts and Crafts

Leta Welch, Mountain Grove
Mark Hutchings, Joplin
Janice Felts, Grant Avenue
Angela Harlamert, Grant Avenue

Policy Of Lebanon Bible and Book Store

The following item of business, as recommended by the General Board and adopted by the Missouri State Association, is published in the *Gem* as requested by the Missouri State Association. WHEREAS, the Lebanon Bible and Book Store, owned and operated by Missouri Free Will Baptists, serves the general public as well as the Free Will Baptist Church and its constituency, and the total Christian community of the Lebanon area, and, WHEREAS, that in serving the general public, it becomes necessary to sell books, pamphlets, etc., which may neither convey nor reflect the exact doctrinal position of the Free Will Baptist Church, nor the personal doctrinal position of individuals within the Free Will Baptist Church.

Be it resolved that:

1. The doctrinal and theological position of the management of the Lebanon Bible and Book Store shall be in accordance with the doctrinal and theological position of Free Will Baptists as defined in the "Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists."
2. The selling of other books and pamphlets, including the charismatic issues (tongues), or other related Christian materials, that holds other doctrinal positions and beliefs shall not be construed or interpreted that the Lebanon Bible and Book Store is aligned with, associated with, or in agreement with such positions or beliefs.
3. Under no circumstances will the Lebanon Bible and Book Store sell books or religious materials endorsing the doctrinal positions of all CULTS, that is, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, Armstrong's Church of God, and Seventh Day Adventism: or the doctrinal position of the Roman Catholic Church.

FORMER STATE MODERATOR PASSES

Rev. O. T. Allred, 80, well known state minister, and former moderator of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists for over twenty years, died April 29 at St. Vincent's Hospital where he had been a patient for two weeks after suffering an apparent heart attack.

Born September 12, 1895, at Laure, Arkansas, he had moved to Monett in 1923. He served as a full time minister for more than 50 years and was still active in the ministry at the time of his attack. He served churches in Kansas and Arkansas, and at St. Louis, Blue Eye, Springfield, Niangua, Cabool, and Monett in Missouri.

Rev. Allred founded the First Free Will Baptist Church in Monett in a storefront building and pastored it for thirteen years. The *Gem* was published and begun in the church. The church has a large part in the background of the state works. During these latter years he was very active in a varied ministry of funeral preaching, hospital and nursing home visitation.

He performed many commendable acts of courtesy and encouragement. He had also been associated with area churches including Macedonia, Merls Chapel, and Jones Chapel.

The funeral was well attended with more than five hundred friends, relatives, and fellow ministers in attendance. Instead of flowers in large quantities, the family set aside a memorial fund to be given to the Monett Church. As a result of the contributions a new steeple will be erected on the sanctuary building.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Pearl Allred; three sons, Kenneth Allred of Route 1, Monett, Ervin Allred of Sarcoxie, and Everett Allred of Route 1, Purdy; two sisters, Mrs. Charlie Wells and Mrs. Henry Boydstun, both of Rogers, Arkansas; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were May 2 at the Free Will Baptist Church in Monett with Rev. Dale Smith, pastor, and Rev. Fred Cunningham officiating. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery under the direction of Lakin Funeral Home.

Let's Talk About Sunday School

by Bob Clay

Sunday school is an important arm of the church. This is true in every fundamental denomination. The Sunday school has the responsibility of fulfilling one of the jobs Jesus did—He taught. In Matthew 5:2 the Bible states, "And he opened his mouth, and taught them." Today our Sunday schools are striving to do this job. There are dedicated people from our National Association Sunday School Department who spend many hours on lesson material that helps the teacher accomplish this in the classroom. I believe it is our responsibility to use this material to its very best advantage. In order to do this the teacher must spend many hours in study and prayer. At the First Free Will Baptist Church in Farmington, our teachers believe and practice this. The results have been tremendous.

During two years of work under our pastor, Brother James McAllister, we have organized a completely graded Sunday school with seven departments. Also, we have a staff of nine general officers and twenty-six teachers. There are also several assistants who are ready to fill in when needed. In order to do the work we are engaged in, we have a teachers and officers' meeting the first Sunday of each quarter and each superintendent has a monthly department meeting. Consequently, everyone is abreast of materials, promotion, and progress at all times.

In the past two years we have seen growth in our Sunday school that is almost unbelievable. The Sunday school has more than doubled, and we have seen our bus ministry grow from one bus to three with twelve bus workers. During the first quarter of 1976 our average attendance was 328. Surely, this is God working through His people and I praise Him for it!

Besides the growth in number we have seen people grow in the Lord. To this we can only say, God through the Holy Spirit is working in His marvelous way.

In closing let me say this—your Sunday school can grow. It may not grow to four or five hundred but it can grow. It will grow when there is a burden for growth. The Lord will lead and give strength to see that the job is done. Jesus loves the Sunday school, because He loved to teach and tell people what His Father has in the future for all who love and obey Him.

About the writer: Mr. Bob Clay is the general superintendent of the Sunday school at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Farmington, Missouri. He was awarded the honor of being Superintendent of the Year at the 1975 Missouri State Association.

CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Youth Camp Caretaker Resigns

The Youth Camp Board regrets to announce that Brother Pinkney Askren has resigned as caretaker of the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. He will remain on the camp ground no longer than April, 1977.

Applications are being accepted by the Youth Camp Board for a caretaker. Anyone interested should send applications to Rev. Charles Miller, Box 207, De Soto, Missouri 63020.

Church Evangelism Conference

The National Home Missions Department will be sponsoring a Church Evangelism Conference, September 27-29, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Farmington, Missouri. The Theme is: "Increasing Your Attendance to 300." Speakers for the conference will be Rev. Connie Cariker, pastor, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Rev. Robert Shockey, General Director, National Home Missions; Mr. Trymon Messer, pastor, Salina, Kansas; Rev. Jim Walker, pastor, South Roxanna, Illinois; Wesley Bigelow, Educational Director, host church, and Rev. Jim McAllister, host pastor.

Mrs. Roy Thomas will be conducting a special seminar for women on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Special music will be presented by the Farmington Church Choir, Oklahoma Minister's Quartet, and the Jones Family.

This conference will offer to those attending help where it is needed and guidance where it is most effective. Pastors and lay people should plan to attend this conference. Rev. Roy Thomas, Associate Director, National Home Missions, will direct the conference.

EVENTS AT SOUTH SIDE

As I begin this article, I'm reminded of the verse found in Matthew 7:20 which states, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." The month of May has been one of joyful reaping at South Side. When a church can see the "fruits" of its labor, one can't help but share the joy.

Bro. Francis completed his fourth year as our pastor on May 2. Commenting on his ministry with us he stated, "The past four years have been filled with challenges and hard work, but it's not been without its rewards. Souls have been saved, baptized, and added to the church. We're looking forward to future years with its many challenges. To God be the glory for great things He can do." Speaking in behalf of the members of our church, I can safely say the key to much of the success of our

pastor's ministry has been the love of God radiating through him and out to others. When any pastor has a genuine love for souls, people respond and God is glorified.

The last week of the month we were engaged in an exciting labor of love called V.B.S. The skeptics sure were fooled when the average for the entire week was 172. There were 6 first time decisions for which we praise God.

Sue Winchester, Church Reporter

FREDERICKTOWN CHURCH FLOAT WINS FIRST PLACE

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Fredericktown entered the above float in the annual Azalea Festival parade and took first place among the religious entries.



The float, consisting of the Mayflower ship and flying the American and Christian flags, used "Pilgrims for the Lord" as its theme. The float was designed by Miss Pam Braddy. Those riding the float were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Matthews and children and Joe and Patsy Braddy and children. The colonial costumes were made by Patsy Braddy and Barbara Matthews. This was a project of the church's youth department.

Rev. Joe Braddy is pastor of the church. He and his wife Patsy are enjoying a fruitful ministry.

Blessings At The Berean Church

Church reporter, Debbie Taylor writes: We enjoyed a very inspiring revival May 16-19. Rev. Clarence Burton was the evangelist. Many hearts were blessed and lives rededicated. We certainly enjoyed having our evangelist with us.

On Friday, May 21, the church held its monthly singing. The Negro Progressive Church of God Choir and the Mozarkians were the featured singers. Everyone enjoyed the spirited music of the Negro choir and it is always good to hear our own Mozarkians.

Last month, the Mozarkians made a 45 rpm record. "It's A Happy Day" is on one side and the flip is "He Gave Me A Song." All proceeds from the records sold through the church will go to the church building fund. The records are \$1.00 each.

After several Saturday work days many things

have been done for the church. The building has a nice appearance both inside and out. Hopefully, asphalt strippings will be on the parking lot in the near future. The church is located at 2104 Downey Road, Independence, Missouri. Come and visit with us. Rev. Dennis Bowman is the pastor.

Several Activities At Parkview

Church reporter Cleo Leonard writes: We thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed on Parkview Free Will Baptist Church. Vacation Bible School has just been completed with an average attendance of fifty-eight. The offerings were designated to Rev. Virgil Maness.

The annual homecoming service was held on May 30, with Rev. Ken Dodson from Nashville, Tennessee delivering the message. The special music was given by the Durbin Family and the Miller Family. At the morning service a special prayer of consecration was given for Nick and Brenda who will be teaching at the Christian day school on the Virgin Islands.

Improvements are being made on the building with anticipation of the St. Francois Quarterly Meeting convening at the church July 23 and 24.

New Life Church Buys New Freezer For Youth Camp

The Woman's Auxiliary of the New Life Free Will Baptist Church bought an upright freezer for the Youth Camp at Niangua. The freezer was needed and will be appreciated by all campers. Mrs. Alene Hoylman is president of the auxiliary. Rev. Max Courtney is the pastor of the church.

Youth At Cuba Church Raise Money For Campers

The young people of the Cuba Free Will Baptist Church sponsored a gospel singing and an old-time pie supper, Saturday, May 15. The following groups sang: The Glory Echoes, The Echoes of Faith, The Journeymen, and The Happy Hearts. The money received amounted to \$169.85. This will be used to help the youth attend the 1976 youth camp sessions.

Archie Mayhew Tape Ministry

Missionary Archie Mayhew has tapes relative to the following subjects: Husband and Wife, Assurance and Mind-Renewing. Tapes may be obtained through Rev. Wayne Wagner, 2415 S. Clay, Springfield, Missouri.



COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS MAY 1976

20.00% Missouri State Home Missions	\$1,731.62	
16.25% Promotional Department	1,406.94	
4.00% General Fund	346.32	
5.50% Youth Camp	476.20	
2.50% Gem	216.45	
1.75% Sunday School & CTS	151.52	
2.00% MBI	173.16	
52%	4,502.21	4,502.21
7.00% Hillsdale College	606.07	606.07
13.00% Foreign Missions	1,125.55	
9.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	779.23	
7.00% Executive Department	606.07	
6.50% National Home Missions	562.78	
2.50% CTS	216.45	
2.50% Retirement & Insurance	216.45	
.25% Laymen's Board	21.65	
.25% Theological Commission	21.65	
41% National Association of FWB	3,549.83	3,549.83
Total Disbursements	8,658.11	8,658.11

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS MAY 1976

Number One	\$27.90
Purdy, First	72.09
Salem	20.00
O'Fallon	90.00
South Side	296.52
Myrtle	71.86
Oak Hill, Union	80.47
Pleasant Ridge	24.20
Merl's Chapel	46.45
Gateway	67.10
Hartville	37.47
Pleasant Grove (Cope)	19.51
Buffalo	184.14
Fellowship	50.00
Berkeley	382.48
Hurryville	115.73
Houston	139.40
Faith	176.05
New Rock Springs	60.00
New Prospect, Shell Knob	17.60
Cape Girardeau	138.50
Mill Creek	50.71
Belton	110.00
Oskaloosa	16.92
Berean	90.00
First Mission, K.C.	67.01
Hopewell	70.85
Grace	493.00
Lebanon, First	320.00
Hannon	184.00
Rock Chapel	26.57
Byrd	16.24
Verdella	76.79
Macedonia Sunday School	11.00
Jones Chapel	120.00
Grant Ave.	292.06
Indian Creek Assoc.-Joplin & Mt. Vernon Mission	103.79
Evangel	84.35
DeSoto	465.00
Thayer	162.95
Copper Mines	95.00
Olivet	130.00
Marshfield	70.74
Happy Home	27.20
Fourth	262.45
Twin Oaks	250.00
Mine La Motte	36.00
Leadington	180.47
Cuba	48.25
Calvary, Conway	400.00
Monett	230.01
Parkview	50.00
Columbia	150.00

Cabool	97.07
Willow Springs	167.32
Evangel	103.95
Macedonia Sunday School	10.00
Faith	170.50
South Side	353.00
Purdy, First	108.00
Cape Girardeau	188.50
Freedom, St. Charles	80.93
Waynesville	91.00
Fellowship	50.00
Beacon	100.00
New Prospect, Shell Knob	19.46
Merl's Chapel	43.72
Byrd	22.00
Bethel	211.50
Carterville	32.33
Total Cooperative Receipts	\$8,658.11

DESIGNATED GIVING

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Hazel Creek	\$10.00
General Fund	10.00
Thayer	65.00
General Fund	1.00
T. Owens	20.00
Popular Bluff	44.00
Total for Mo. State Home Missions	75.00

YOUTH CAMP

Olivet	10.00
Thayer	10.00
Total for Youth Camp	20.00

GIVING FOR FWBBC

Fourth	500.00
Library wing	500.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Merl's Chapel	53.50
Filkins	53.50
Gateway	25.00
Filkins	25.00
South Side	272.25
John Rhodes	57.25
B. Fulcher	20.00
J. Pinkerton	10.00
J. Haas	15.00
L. Palmer	170.00
Kirksville, First	44.00
J. Pinkerton	27.00
H. Filkins	17.00
Olivet	80.00
Mabel Willey	20.00
J. Pinkerton	10.00
B. Poole	20.00
L. Sparks	5.00
H. Filkins	5.00
Lynn Miley	20.00
Thayer	72.00
General Fund	61.00
Dale Bishop	11.00
Indian Creek Association	734.90
Wilkinson	367.45
Crowson	367.45
Woman's Auxiliary-Missouri	50.00
Missouri State Project Filkins' Workshop	
Total for Foreign Missions	1,331.65

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

South Side	9.00
McCoy	2.00
J. Dunn	5.00
L. Russell	2.00
Olivet	30.00
Vergel Maness	25.00
L. Powell	5.00
Low Ground	5.00
Leland Horton	5.00
Total for National Home Missions	44.00



On The National Front

Commencement Exercises At FWBBC

Eighteen students graduated with honors at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Kenneth L. Fox, from Kansas City, Missouri, was graduated Cum Laude.

Reverend Jack Paramore, director of development for ten years, was honored for his outstanding service to the school during commencement exercises. Reverend Paramore has taken the pastorate of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville, North Carolina.

Dean's Honor Roll At Hillsdale

The following students from Missouri have been listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring semester, 1976. They are: Shelia Cawvey, West Plains; Craig Combs, Grover; Kevin Francis and Barbara Greenhaw, Farmington; Kent Hubbard, St. Louis; Beverly Rehkop, Arnold, and Jimmy R. Smith, Joplin.

A Letter Of Thanks from Aycocks

The Aycocks, missionaries to Brazil, write: "Our hearts have been thrilled to see how God is supplying our needs. Praise and thanksgiving is due to Him for His marvelous work.

We recognize that you have been a channel blessing. You have been among the instruments God has used to make possible our ministry in Brazil.

Pray that we shall serve well in this fourth term of service and that the Lord will bless with Brazilian Christians committing themselves for full-time Christian service."

National Home Mission Reports

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Harris from Fresno, California, will be going as missionaries to Lakewood, Colorado. Lakewood is the fifth fastest growing city in the United States.

April was a good month for Home Missions with an increase in attendance reported and sixty-six conversions. The church located at Emporia, Kansas, won in their division of the national Sunday school campaign with a 69.8% increase in attendance.

Rev. Melvin Clark, 4115 W. Edison, Tulsa, Oklahoma is available for summer camps, youth rallies, etc. The National Home Missions Board recently recommended him to language school in preparation for missionary work in Mexico.

WHO'S WHO AMONG FREE WILL BAPTISTS TO BE PRODUCED

The Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department is in the process of gathering information on ministers and lay persons who are or have been actively engaged in the Lord's work on a local, state, and/or national level. This information will be compiled, alphabetized, and printed in an attractive hardbound volume.

It is hoped that this information can be obtained, prepared for processing, and printed by summer or fall of 1977. To do this will require the urgent cooperation of all concerned. A questionnaire has been prepared and is being distributed at the present time. The questionnaire must be completed, a black and white glossy print attached, and the purchase price enclosed. The cost, including postage and handling, will be \$24.95.

This is the first such volume to be produced. It will be a limited production. A reprint is unlikely. This volume will include information on all ministers and lay persons who respond to the questionnaire. Posthumous listings of persons back to 1935 will be accepted for publication.

This volume should prove valuable to all denominational agencies, libraries, pulpit committees, pastors, wives, and relatives of those listed. It will list the name, address, conversion date, education, offices held, pastoral experience, and a photo of all respondents plus other valuable information.

If you have not received a questionnaire and desire one, please write to:

H. D. Harrison, Editor

Who's Who Among Free Will Baptists

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HILLSDALE INSTITUTES MODULAR EDUCATION

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College is very pleased to announce to our Free Will Baptist people a new program which is called Modular Education. This is a new concept in home study for adults. It includes both courses in Bible and other church related subjects and standard college subjects such as English, history, science, etc. These courses may be taken at home at one's convenience. Hillsdale College is attempting through this program to meet the educational needs of many Free Will Baptists who wish to prepare themselves to serve Christ more effectively but who are unable to attend one of our Free Will Baptist colleges. This program should prove especially beneficial to pastors, Sunday school workers, CTS workers, and other concerned Christians.

This program is called Modular Education because the courses are grouped into modules. Each module consists of four related courses. The courses have been arranged in such a way because one course by itself does not give the student an adequate understanding of an area. Each module is designed to be roughly equivalent to a semester of college work. For example, Module 1 consists of four three-

semester hour courses which together survey the entire Bible.

Some of the courses which are available through this program are Bible Survey, Life of Christ, Church History, Personal Evangelism, Principles of Missions, Pulpit Speech, Introduction to Education, Freshman Composition, Sociology, Psychology, American Federal Government, American History, and Christian Ethics.

The cost of these courses is \$300 per module. This is \$25 per semester hour for 12 semester hours. This includes the cost of the textbooks. Students enrolling in Hillsdale for the first time are charged a \$10 matriculation fee to cover the cost of setting up a student file.

Should a student later desire to come to Hillsdale

and work toward a degree, these courses will be counted up to a maximum of 16 hours toward the A.A. and 31 hours toward the B.A. This is in line with the policies established by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Students who do not desire to come to Hillsdale and complete a degree may complete a certificate which will be granted upon the completion of three modules (36 hours) as outlined in the catalogue. We invite any of our people who might wish to know more about this program to write for more information. The address is:

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College
Department of External Studies
Box 6343
Moore, OK 73160

Promotional Secretary's Corner

by Clarence Burton

May is one of the beautiful months of the year. As my mother has said in her own humorous way, "Spring has sprung." In the month of May the flowers are blooming, the grass is green, and the birds are singing.

As always, I am always grateful for the response of fine pastors and churches throughout the state of Missouri. Because of the faithfulness of these, our state and national work is continuing to make progress. *But our cooperative giving must increase this year in order for us to meet our budget. The budget this year is \$120,000.* This indicates that we need to average \$10,000 a month. Inasmuch as there are a little less than two hundred churches with several churches that have budgets from twenty thousand to sixty thousand dollars, this should be no problem for Missouri. And it won't be if every church will cooperate. May the Lord open our eyes and enable us to see that the state budget cooperative giving is the hub around which our state work functions. All phases of our state and national work are supported by this unified plan of giving.

Again, I want to express my personal thanks to the warm response and kind hospitality that has been expressed to me everywhere I go. I am grateful for the privilege of visiting with God's people and promoting His work. Continue to remember this ministry in prayer that the work of the Lord will grow and grow.

Inasmuch as there is a need for the space I am listing without comment the places I have had the privilege of visiting and sharing with them the work of the Lord.

Saturday, May 1, Competitive Activities at Grant Ave. Work Day at Youth Camp

Sunday, May 2, First Church, Lebanon

Thursday, May 6, 1st Qtrly. Meeting, Success, Mo.

Friday, May 7, Greater Kansas City Qtrly. Meeting, Sedalia, Missouri

Saturday, May 8, Southeast Missouri Yearly Mt., Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Sunday a.m., May 9, First Free Will Baptist Church, Monett, Mo.

Sunday p.m., May 9, New Life Free Will Baptist Church, Licking, Mo.

Friday, May 14, Niangua Yearly Meeting, Cedar Ridge

Sunday, May 16—Wednesday, May 19, Revival with Berean Church, Independence, Mo.

Monday, May 24-25, Sunday School Board Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee

Sunday, May 30, Mission Church, Stockton, Missouri

Sunday, May 30, Bethel Church, El Dorado, Springs, Missouri

Sunday, May 30, Hannon Church, Liberal, Missouri

May the Lord bless every gift and giver. Please make all checks payable to and mail to Missouri State Association, P.O. 991, Lebanon, Missouri 65536.

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION GIVING May 5 through June 5, 1976

Naomi St. Cin	2.00
Myrtle	57.49
First Qtrly. Mtg.	50.00
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Woman's Page

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Women Making History

by Sue Winchester

In the past 200 years women have adapted to various circumstances. They've been flexible, courageous, and strong, but somehow managed to keep the respectability and femininity that make them unique. Somewhere between the colonial woman and the feminist movement, standards and customs have changed leaving them to wonder what is woman's place in our present society? It seems to me that about every ten years women have felt the need to make a transition and conform to whatever trend or circumstance they find themselves in. It's

because of our flexibility we can and have put our energy and skills to good use. Such famous women as Betsy Ross, Dorothea Dix, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Clara Barton, Susan B. Anthony, Amelia Earhart, Eleanor Roosevelt, Indira Gandhi, and Golda Meir have donated time and effort to make the secular world a better place to live. It's the "spiritual giants" that don't make the headline, but women like Laura B. Barnard, "Mom" Willey, and Susan Libley just don't get much deserved recognition. The latter women have or will make eternal memories in God's "history" book.

The so-called "feminist movement" of today began with the work of Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton in 1848. Women since then have almost become militant in their fight for equality with men or to rise above them. Did God intend women to be the way they are today? After World War II, women were content to be domestic once again. Then realizing that they had the ability to work or to think on or above a man's level, feminists launched out again and are still trying to prove their superiority. The "feminist" concept is twisted to suit its purposes. Women, can't we make history just as always without belittling ourselves and compromising the principles that America was founded on? I don't want to be an athlete, drive a truck, or be a plumber. I just want to be a helpmate to my husband and a loving mother to my children. Can I help it if being a "co-laborer" for God and being able to make my own contribution to His service are fringe benefits in my Christian life? By striving to live with Proverbs 31 as my example and, more importantly, with Christ as my Guide, I'm not apt to be anything but what God wants me to be. Being free through Him, I'm truly a liberated woman. What more could I possibly want?

We, as Americans and "co-laborers," have a rich heritage. What legacy will *we* leave? Let us be faithful stewards, "do our own thing," and keep on making history until His return.

(Sue Winchester has written several articles which have appeared in the Co-Laborer. She is active in the South Side Woman's Auxiliary in St. Louis, Mo., and is the mother of two children.)

In March I received two songs from Mrs. Sevits that go along with the Bicentennial year. These have been listed below for all to enjoy.

His Love How Beautiful
(Tune: America, The Beautiful)

How beautiful! How beautiful!
Is our Redeemer's love.
For God the Father saw our need,
And sent Him from above.
How beautiful! How beautiful!
Let us His love proclaim,
For every person great or small
Shall bow down at His name.

How beautiful! How beautiful!
His love beyond degree.
His perfect sacrifice for sin,
His blood that sets us free.
How beautiful! How beautiful!
When Christ controls our life.
He dwells within to conquer sin
And banish all our strife.

How beautiful! How beautiful!
A home He will prepare,
That all who seek salvation here,
Will dwell forever there.
How beautiful! How beautiful!
Let us His praises raise,
Till Heaven and earth shall pass away,
And all things sing His praise.

You Can Smile, America
(Tune: You Can Smile)

You can smile because our nation is free.
You can smile for her dignity.
You can smile for her bountiful supply.
You can smile for her flag waving high.

You can smile for the wide fields of grain.
You can smile for the cattle on the plains.
You can smile for the mountains so tall
You can smile for the beauty of it all.

You can smile for our forefathers true.
You can smile they were thinking of you.
You can smile whether daytime or night.
You can smile our country stands for the right.

You can smile there's a church where you can go.
You can smile for our Savior you can know.
You can smile God is still on His Throne.
You can smile that He calls us as His own.

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