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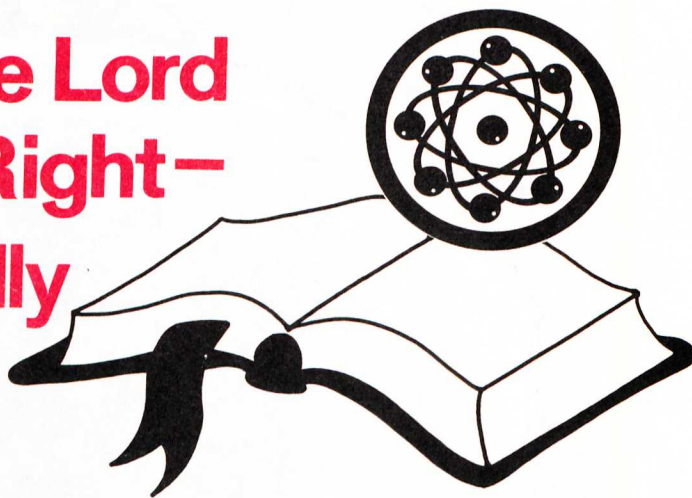
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"Voice Of Missouri Free Will Baptists"

The Word of the Lord Is Right— Scientifically

by Dr. James Davis



We live on a unique blue-green planet poised like a tiny jewel in the vast reaches of space. Somehow the race of man lives, loves, and makes his mark in a universe so vast and desolate as to be frightening. How did we get here? Why are we here? Who is man? What is his destiny? These are but a few of the questions plaguing man today.

One hundred and fifty years ago an academic controversy swept like fire among the leading minds of the century. Some kind of explanation was demanded for the great fossil bed discoveries both above and below sea level. Many men of science felt convinced that at last conclusive evidence for a gigantic, watery cataclysm that had once flooded the world, as described in the Bible, had been found. There were others who were offended at such explanations which did not fit their own personal philosophies of atheism or humanism. Alternate theories were proposed that would avoid the obvious implications of a true Genesis flood. Evolution and uniformitarianism resulted, providing a means by which atheism could become semi-respected.

Strong religious reaction began; foolish and unfounded statements were made by uninformed church people. Science and faith quarreled and, for the first time in a great many years, received a divorce. Earlier faith/science viewpoints had become clouded, ignored, or discarded; our century, therefore, has inherited an almost completely humanistic philosophy. Man has, unfortunately, been stripped of meaning and purpose; the world is rocking under

incredible personal turmoil. For nearly 100 years now, we have accepted this philosophy and tried to live it; and it has failed. The world is on the brink of nuclear disaster. The youth have turned to sex, drugs, and mysticism in a desperate attempt to recover a reason for living and meaning in life. The recent explosion of scientific knowledge has not given them the answer, and so once again mankind, teetering on the very brink of extinction, must turn to the Holy Bible for the answers. And let me tell you, it does have the answer, and it is the correct one.

The absence of error in the Bible is truly remarkable, for all other ancient books, and even many recent ones, contain many serious scientific blunders and mistakes. For example, it is learned from the sacred writings of the ancient Egyptians that they believed the earth was flat and was supported on the back of a huge elephant who stood on the back of a mammoth turtle that swam in a cosmic sea. Even though this nonsense was current scientific thought during the lifetime of Moses, this error did not creep into the Bible.

Why is it that teachings like these are not found in the Bible? To me there is only one explanation: A higher intelligence than that of man presided over the composition of the Bible and preserved its writers from error.

Everything about us points with overwhelming force to a personal Creator whose mind and power are infinite. The physicist and Nobel Prize winner, Dr. Robert Millikan, declares:

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"To me it is unthinkable that a real atheist could be a scientist."

Dr. C. A. Chant, professor of Astrophysics at Toronto University stated:

"I have no hesitation in saying that at least 90% of astronomers have reached the conclusion that the universe is not the result of blind law, but is regulated by a great intelligence."

Dr. Wernher von Braun, longtime director of NASA's Rocket Propulsion Lab said,

"Many people seem to feel that science has somehow made 'religious ideas' untimely or old-fashioned. But I think science has a real surprise for the skeptics. Science, for instance, tells us that nothing in nature, not even the tiniest particle, can disappear without a trace. Nature does not know extinction. All it knows is transformation."

Now, if God applies this fundamental principle to the most minute and insignificant parts of His universe, doesn't it make sense to assume that He applies it also to the human soul? I think it does. And everything science has taught me—and continues to teach me—strengthens my belief in the continuity of our spiritual existence after death. Nothing disappears without a trace" (Reader's Digest, June, 1960).

May I add my testimony to these other men of science.

I am by no means an expert in all the areas of natural science. My speciality has been clinical biochemistry—the chemistry of life processes and the diagnosis of disease. However, I have spent more than twenty years trying to learn something of most of the basic sciences, as well as having belonged to several scientific societies and associated with scientists and intellectuals all during this time. During the past 30 years I have been associated with 4 great colleges and universities in various capacities from student to professor. For the past 10 years I have been associated with a private medical diagnostic laboratory. And at the same time I have pastored, preached, and studied the Word of God. I was convinced very early in my life that the Bible is infallible and whatever it says concerning natural science must be true. The Bible is not a textbook of science, just as it is not a textbook on anthropology or even history. The Bible does, however, make statements on each of these and, when it speaks, it speaks truth.

One of the most fascinating and arresting evidences of the inspiration of the Bible is the great number of scientific truths that have lain hidden within its pages for more than 30 centuries, only to be revealed as man "discovers" the truths which God knew all along. A great many of these truths have come to light only within the last 100 years.

For example, before the invention of the telescope in the seventeenth century, the number of stars had been fixed at a few more than 1,000. The great Egyptian astronomer and mathematician, Ptolemy (2nd century A.D.), had stated there were 1,058 stars. Tycho Brahe, the 16th century Danish

astronomer, had catalogued 777 stars. Johannes Kepler, 17th century German astronomer, revised Brahe's tables to include 1,005 stars. The Scriptures, however, unashamedly contradicted these renowned scientists of that day for Jeremiah 33:22 states:

"As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David, my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me."

Today, of course, we know that there are many times these numbers of stars. In fact, it is estimated that our galaxy alone contains more than 100 billion stars. About 60 million light years from our own galaxy in the direction of the constellation Virgo is a cluster of 2,500 galaxies containing billions and billions of stars. About 300 million light years (6 trillion miles/year 6×10^{12} miles) from our galaxy, in the constellation Hercules, is a giant group of galaxies called the Hercules Cluster, which contains about 10,000 galaxies, each with 10 billion to 100 billion stars. Any reputable astronomer today will admit to the truth of Jeremiah 33:22, "The host of heaven cannot be numbered."

Psalms 147:4, 5 states:

"He [God] telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names. Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite."

The reason we cannot number the stars is because our knowledge is limited. But God has them numbered and even has them named and calls them by their own names. God's understanding is infinite. But 100 years ago the scientific world would have dismissed this statement of Jeremiah (33:22a) as naive and unthinkable to the scientific mind.

Most all of the ancient people at one time or another believed that the earth was flat and that in some way it was supported or held in its place. Some very wild and fanciful theories were invented to explain its state of being in the universe.

In the sacred writings of the Hindus it is revealed that they believed the earth was flat and triangular in shape and composed of seven (7) layers—one of honey, another of sugar, a third of butter, and still another of wine. This whole seven-layered mass was supposed to be borne on the heads of many elephants which when shaking or stumbling produced earthquakes.

As we have already noted, the ancient Egyptians believed that the earth was flat and was supported on the back of a huge elephant that stood on the back of a mammoth turtle that swam in a cosmic sea.

The ancient Greeks believed that the pillars of the earth were supported by Atlas.

Speaking of the earth, Job 26:7 declares:

"He hangeth the earth upon nothing."

Isn't it amazing how this sounds like twentieth century science. Even the existence of a hypothetical space substance called ether has now been disproved by the recent space probes. The theory of gravitational pull was invented to account for the earth's affinity to the sun, but really that explains

nothing. No one knows what gravity is, or why it is. It is merely a term invented to explain certain observed phenomena. We are told that there are three (3) kinds of force:

(1) electromagnetic—the force existing between opposite charges.

(2) nuclear—the force holding the nucleus of the atom together. Colossians 1:17—“And by him all things consist.”

(3) gravitational—the force existing between two objects such as the moon and the earth, etc.

Albert Einstein spent the last twenty years of his life trying to prove a relationship between gravitational force and electromagnetic force, but never could. There is nothing that modern science can add to or take away from the age-old statement that God has “hung the earth upon nothing.”

Even though Pythagoras and Aristotle argued in favor of the spherical form of the earth, this was not generally believed until the explorers such as Magellan and others had actually sailed around the earth in the last sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries. In fact, Isaiah 40:22 teaches that the earth is round.

“It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers.”

The word translated circle in the Hebrew has a more exact connotation of “sphericity” or “roundness.”

Psalms 19 was long a source of amusement to Bible critics. In speaking of the sun, the psalmist says:

“His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof” (Psalms 19:6).

It is claimed that the writer of this verse obviously believed in the ancient notion of the sun revolving around the earth, called the geocentric theory, rather than the earth around the sun called the heliocentric theory.

This charge is most unjust, since it is generally believed today by most astronomers that the sun together with its solar system is moving through space at the tremendous speed of 720,000 mph in such a gigantic orbit that it requires over two (2) million centuries to complete just one orbit. It is also probable that our galaxy is moving in relation to other galaxies. Truly, the sun's circuit is from one end of heaven to the other.

But more glorious than all of this is the realization that the Great Astronomer and Mathematician who created the universe and set the stars in motion in their appointed courses is the same who calls us to eternal life in Jesus Christ.

The wise man Solomon in Ecclesiastes 1:6, 7 states:

“The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits. All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.”

Please notice four things:

(1) The major air currents have established

circuits.

(2) Rivers are formed as a result of rain falling on the earth.

(3) Rivers eventually find their way to the seas.

(4) The seas evaporate giving rise to the moisture which condenses over land as rain.

Thus we have the water cycle and the Science of Meteorology simply stated in the Scriptures.

Most of the ancient peoples believed that various gods had control of the weather and caused changes in the weather at their own whims. Meteorology as a science had its beginnings with the invention of the thermometer by Galilee in 1607 and of the barometer by Torricelli in 1643. But 200 years passed before the wisdom of Ecclesiastes 1:6, 7 was generally accepted.

There are many fine examples of perfect correlation between the Bible and modern medical science. In Genesis 17:12 God instructs Abraham:

“And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations.”

A pretty 36-year-old mother of four sat on the edge of her chair in the office of her physician. For over two weeks her doctor had been using delaying tactics in order to condition her for this moment. When the truth was given—that she had an advanced form of cancer of the cervix—she was crushed.

The year that this woman died—1974—a total of 11,000 women died with cancer of the cervix, and many of them were between the ages of 31-50. Cancer of the cervix accounts for 25 percent of all cancer in women, only exceeded by breast cancer. It also accounts for 80 percent of all their genital cancers. These statistics are even more pathetic because the large majority of these deaths could have been prevented by following the simple instructions given by God to Abraham in Genesis 17:12.

The history of this recognition is very intriguing. Three separate studies from 1919 to 1954 revealed that cancer of the cervix in non-Jewish women was eight and one-half times higher than in Jewish women.

Why are Jewish women relatively free from this common type of cancer? It is now generally agreed that the common factor is not race, diet, or environment, but is the practice of circumcision in Jewish men—which God ordered Abraham to institute 4,000 years ago.

There is a final, but remarkable fact about the matter of circumcision. Practically all newborn male babies that are born today in a hospital are circumcised as a matter of practice. This is usually done within the first 24 hours of birth. A better and more safe time, however, is on the eighth day. After a great deal of research it has been demonstrated that Vitamin K, one of the factors necessary for the clotting of blood, is not produced in the baby's intestinal tract until after the fifth to the seventh day.* On the third day of the baby's life the prothrombin, another essential blood clotting factor, is only about 20% of normal, but rises markedly on the eighth day to 110 percent of normal. So obviously the eighth day after birth is the most satisfactory time to practice circumcision.

Remember God told Abraham in Genesis 17:12:

"And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised."

Abraham did not pick the eighth day for circumcision after years of trial and error experiments. Neither Abraham nor any of his company that came out of Ur of the Chaldees had been circumcised. Abraham did not have that knowledge. It was a day picked by the Creator of Vitamin K and prothrombin.

The Grand Law of Genetics

One of the main tenants of evolution is that through a continuing series of small inheritable genetic mutations a new family could develop. Or, that by a flood of genetic mutations, a new family could be formed at one fell swoop. This is the theory—preached enthusiastically . . . what is the truth—scientific method.

For more than 30 years one of the world's foremost geneticists and a confirmed evolutionist, Professor H. J. Muller of the University of Indiana, tried in vain to prove this tenet, but miserably failed. More than 3,000 years ago the Bible predicted Muller's failure. For in Genesis 1:11-25 the phrase, "after his (or their) kind," appears some 10 times. In each case it refers to the reproduction of offspring by the parent.

(1) vegetation—verses 11, 12—"after his kind."

(2) aquatic animals—verses 20, 21—"after their kind."

(3) winged creature—verses 20, 21—"after his kind."

(4) terrestrial creature—verses 24, 25—"after his kind."

In other words, an apple tree would never reproduce a peach or a horse would not reproduce a monkey, etc. These statements in Genesis 1 antedate the modern law of genetics by more than 3,000 years.

But Professor Muller ignored the Word of God. He and his students bred more than 1,000 consecutive generations of *Drosophila* (fruit fly), the equivalent of more than 25,000 years of human reproduction. By exposing the parent flies to radiation, the rate of mutations are increased by as much as 100 times. A great many of Muller's fruit fly generations were therefore subjected to irradiation. Thus the rate of mutations were greatly increased over the normal, so that his experiments with *Drosophila* are equivalent, as he says, to at least 500,000 years of supposed human evolution. In that

period of time all sorts of ape-men and modern man are supposed to have evolved.

But what actually happened to this little fruit fly during this equivalent of time? In some cases its eyes became red, then white, or no eyes at all. Its body was sometimes colored yellow, or green, or had no color at all. Its wings became short, or curly, or it was wingless. *But* all of the time it was still a fruit fly. It didn't become a June bug or bumble bee; it was still nothing more than a fruit fly, despite over 1,000 generations of mutation packed reproduction.

Almost 500 mutations in the fruit fly have been described. More than 50 percent of these mutations were *directly lethal* while another 30 percent were *indirectly lethal*. A close scrutiny of the remaining mutations show that all of them were detrimental; none of them would have advanced the species toward a new species.

At the present time approximately 40 *sex-linked mutations* have been described in man. Almost all of these mutations are detrimental to the normal functioning of the human being. Baldness is perhaps the one exception.

So once again the Word of God is vindicated. Not only does the Word of God expose ancient error, but modern error as well.

Conclusion

All of this is fascinating to me, but, my friends, I am utterly amazed. I am overwhelmed to know that the God who spoke the universe into existence, who created the galaxies, the stars, the planets, also loves and cares for me.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Not only did He say that He loves me, but He demonstrated it by emptying himself of His external glory and taking upon himself the "likeness of sinful flesh"; He came into this world and died for me. This is the God we serve. Praise His name.

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From the Desk of the Promotional Secretary

by Clarence Burton

Inasmuch as I have given a report of the recent Missouri State Association, I will make this report very brief.

The cooperative budget adopted for this year 1978-79 is \$145,000. We can do this by the Lord's help. I do want to emphasize this—with God's help we can do this, but without His help we will fail. I

pray that every pastor and church will accept the proper responsibility of reaching this goal. May we share in this together, for this is what cooperative giving is all about—doing the job together!

Please continue to remember the ministry of the promotional department in prayer. Pray every day for this. Remember it in the regular weekly services. Let us never take any past blessings for granted but rather trust God and thank Him for every accomplishment that has been made.

REPORT OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION 1977-78 by Clarence Burton

The moderator, Rev. Bill Evans, stated, "We are pacesetters this year." The assistant moderator, Rev. Dale Skiles, said, "Amen," and the body agreed. That statement describes, reasonably well, the result and the reaction of the General Board and the Missouri State Association. Two bold projects were adopted this year. One was a retirement program that will work through our State Association and will correlate with the National Board of Retirement and Insurance. (A general outline on this project is in a separate article in this issue of the *Gem*.) The second bold project adopted was a Retirement Center. (An outline of this is also in a separate article in this issue of the *Gem*.) As someone stated, "Surely the Lord was leading and directing, otherwise there would have been some hang-ups." We know this also; that these projects were placed many times before the Lord before they were presented and discussed at the State Association.

What preaching! That feeling was expressed by many folks. Three fine preachers, Rev. Leroy Forlines, Rev. Jim McAllister, and Dr. James Davis developed the theme, "The Word of the Lord Is Right." By the time the last sermon was preached, there was no doubt that everyone had feasted on the Word and enjoyed a time of spiritual refreshing. Someone said, "I have a greater and deeper appreciation for the Word now than ever before."

The Monday evening service, directed by the Sunday school and CTS was right on target. Rev. Kent Tallent delivered the message from Luke 18 and made it clear that everyone who rejects Christ is making the wrong decision. Rev. Don Lombard directed this service in a commendable way.

Everyone on the program contributed to the spiritual atmosphere of the services. The clerk, Rev. Jim Mertz, convened the session; Rev. Joe Braddy gave the welcome; Dr. N. R. Smith gave the response; and the moderator laid the foundation with the moderator's message. The devotionals given by Rev. Denzil Durbin, Rev. Danny Martin, and Rev. Grover Terry were timely and added spiritual food to the services. The services were directed well by Rev. Ken Dodson, Rev. Edwin Bowden, and Dr. N. R. Smith.

We covered a lot of area this year. This could not have been done without the beautiful spirit of love and unity that was evident in our State Association. But we have enjoyed this spirit in previous sessions and we thank God for it.

The total budget this year, including the promotional department, bookstore, and all the boards, is a little less than \$400,000. (This does not include money to be raised by the Retirement Center committee.) But we know this, that money invested in the Lord's work is money well spent.

Special thanks were expressed to the Fellowship Church, Mike Creech, the youth minister, the steering committee, the registration committee, the ushers, and all the fine people of the Lead Belt area for doing such a commendable job. Let's look forward to our State Association next year and anticipate even greater blessings.

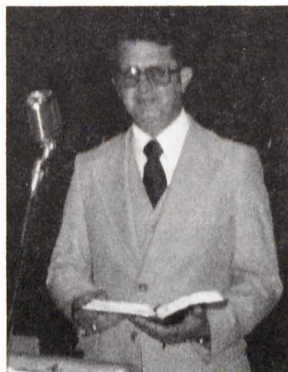
Let this be our prayer throughout this year, "Dear Lord, give us the grace and wisdom that we might use every day and every dollar wisely in winning the lost and edifying the church."

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DR. JAMES DAVIS



REV. KENT TALLENT

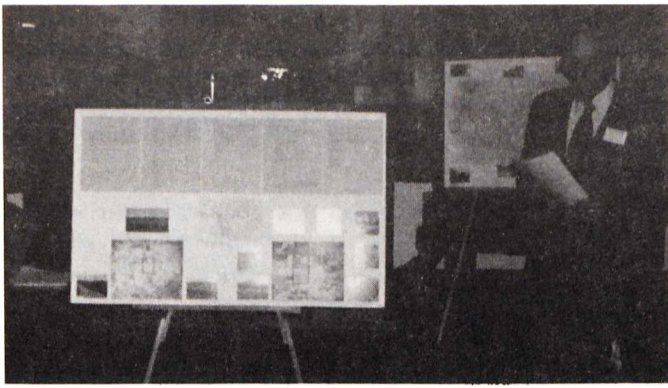


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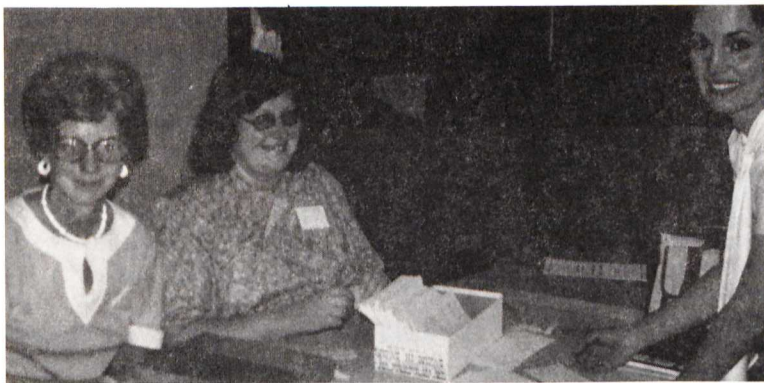
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CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Retirement Program Unanimously Adopted

The Missouri State Association adopted unanimously a retirement program for pastors and full-time church staff members. The Executive Committee has been delegated the responsibility of determining the specific guidelines, but in general it will function as follows: The program is available for each pastor regardless of his receiving full or

part-time employment from the church he serves. A full-time staff member refers to one whose primary duties relate to the ministry of the church and one who receives full employment from the church.

The following items regulate the retirement program:

1. The church shall support the Missouri State Cooperative Plan with 10 percent of its regular tithes and offerings. (This does not include designated giving.)

2. The church shall deposit a minimum of \$180 for a six-month period to the pastor's and/or full-time staff member's account or the contribution may be given, one-half by the church and one-half by the pastor and/or full-time staff member. This contribution may be made monthly, quarterly, or semiannually.

3. Shortly after January 1 and July 1 of each year

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS May 1978

Mt. Pisgah	\$ 90.00
Royal Oak	40.00
Fourth, Mission (Jan.-Feb.-Mar.)	159.00
Mine La Motte	25.00
Pleasant Ridge	44.55
Purdy	176.00
Terrill Road, Moberly	81.19
Carterville	39.50
Parkview, Desloge	164.52
Mtn. Valley	211.16
Myrtle	152.13
Grant Avenue	533.28
Eastern Gate	148.77
Faith, Lemay	71.95
Houston	140.17
Malden	104.79
West Plains, First	288.00
Fredericktown, First	257.37
Mill Creek	55.79
Mill Creek Sunday school	40.80
Monett, First	383.60
Kingsway	51.47
Hartville	160.30
Flat River, First	686.88
Lebanon, First	283.00
Sedalia	83.90
Faith, Fair Grove	124.30
Hannon	165.00
Grace	728.00
Central	300.00
South Side	358.69
Hopewell	85.63
Olivet	200.00
Verdella	70.46
Cape Girardeau	200.00
Bailey Chapel, Niangua Assn.	27.00
Pleasant Hill, Thayer	45.75
Beacon	433.21
Mt. Zion, Thayer	30.64
De Soto	500.00
Number One	34.57
Shiloh	31.23
Pleasant Grove (Cope)	20.50
Poplar Bluff	40.00
Joplin	293.60
Merl's Chapel	57.95
Kansas City, First	67.83
Kirksville, First	240.84
Mountain Grove, First	468.66
Fordland	159.45
New Harmony	8.25
Waynesville	109.45
Jones Family Evangelistic Team	116.94

Marshfield	135.59
Carterville	45.90
Berkeley	413.62
Calvary, Conway	125.00
South Fremont	33.00
O'Fallon (2 months)	816.00
Happy Home	67.68
Thayer	172.34
Oak Hill, St. Clair	264.40
New Rock Springs	50.00
Byrd	35.83
Rock Chapel	202.19
Houston	157.30
Liberty	135.00
Fellowship	50.00
Bethel, Festus	284.00
Macedonia Sunday school	12.00
Black Oak	10.00
El Dorado, First	5.00
Cuba	68.11
Wolf Creek	173.64
Leadington	259.10
Copper Mines	130.00
Willow Springs	197.20
Faith, Fair Grove	82.09
Number One	35.51
Fellowship	50.00
Pleasant Grove (Cope)	17.33
Fourth	412.00
TOTAL	\$13,830.90

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS May 1978

20.00% Missouri State Home Missions	\$2,766.19
16.25% Promotional Department	2,247.52
4.50% General Fund	622.39
5.25% Youth Camp	726.13
2.00% Gem	276.61
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	276.61
2.00% Christian Board of Education	276.61
52%	7,192.06
7.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	968.17
13.00% Foreign Missions	1,798.02
9.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	1,244.78
7.00% Executive Department	968.17
6.50% National Home Missions	899.00
2.50% Retirement & Insurance	345.77
2.50% CTS	345.77
.25% Laymen's Board	34.58
.25% Theological Commission	34.58
41%	5,670.67
Total Disbursements	\$13,830.90

Let us continue to thank the Lord for all His goodness, mercy, and blessings.

(beginning January 1, 1979) the promotional office shall send \$90 to the account of every pastor and/or full-time staff member, who, during the previous six-month period, meets the minimum requirement set forth in items 1 and 2.

4. The supplementary contribution made by the Missouri State Association every six months shall go to the employer's (tax sheltered) portion of the pastor's retirement program.

This action is a wonderful reflection of the love the people of Missouri have for their pastors and full-time church workers. Surely, every church will want to make this available for those laboring for the cause of Christ through the local church.

An enrollment form will be mailed from the Board of Retirement and Insurance, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. The church should mail its contribution directly to the Board of Retirement for the pastor and/or full-time staff member.

Blessings at Jones Chapel

The church reporter writes, "The Lord is richly blessing the Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist Church at Stella, Missouri. The attendance on June 4 was 108 in Sunday school. At the morning worship service, one soul was gloriously saved with another rededicating his life to the Lord.

That afternoon the blessings of the Lord continued to flow with an old-time baptismal service at the creek."

The pastor of the church is Rev. Billy Joe Gentry.



Wayside Church Continues to Grow

Church reporter, Judy Emmerson, writes, "The Wayside Free Will Baptist Church continues to grow. The Sunday school attendance for the first Sunday in June was 49. The church recently purchased some choice property, and work has already begun on the church building. (See photo.) Plans are being made to hold Vacation Bible School in the new building some time in July. The church has enjoyed two fine revivals. One was with Rev. R. E. Helsley and the other with Rev. Stanley Jones."

Rev. Ralph Cook is the pastor.

Moberly Mission changed to Terrill Road

Missionary pastor, David Kirby, states that the name of the mission has been changed to Terrill

Road. The mission has had a high of 44 in Sunday school and 51 in the morning worship for the month of May. Plans are under way to start a bus route in June. The Terrill Road Mission is thankful for \$200 given by the St. Francois District Association for the building program.



Wonderful Bible School at Waynesville

The First Free Will Baptist Church, Waynesville, Missouri, had a wonderful Vacation Bible School. The high attendance was just under 70 with the average attendance in the high fifties.

Mrs. Day Ballard served as the VBS director.

Rev. Murray Southwell is the pastor.



Eastern Gate Dedicated New Building

The Eastern Gate dedicated its new building Sunday, June 11, 1978. The message was delivered by Rev. Clarence Burton, promotional secretary, and special music was rendered by the Harmonetts of the Black Oak Church.

Rev. Bill Swearingen is the pastor.

Two Missouri Students Make Dean's List

The Free Will Baptist Bible College released the names of 135 students that made the Dean's List by maintaining an average of "B" or higher. Two freshmen from Missouri, Jan Felts and Gary Underwood, received the honor of being on this list.

Retirement Center Report

The Missouri State Association voted to launch a Retirement Center Project. This is the only project of its kind in the Free Will Baptist denomination. The guidelines proposed by the Retirement Center Committee are:

1. The purchase of 50-80 acres of land within 10 miles of Lebanon, Missouri.

2. Two four-unit condominium buildings, plus a community building, will be built to initiate the building program. Other units will be built as the need demands.

3. The condominiums will be sold to retired or semi-retired Free Will Baptists. The contract made with the buyer would require that the Retirement Center Corporation screen potential buyers in the event the initial buyer would choose to sell his unit. This would assure that the Retirement Center be used by Free Will Baptists. In the event the buyer would choose to sell, the unit would be sold for fair market value.

4. The projected date of occupancy is January, 1980. Reverend Andy Lay was named by the committee to serve as the Director of Development for the project. He will be visiting many Free Will Baptist churches this fall in order to raise funds for the land, professional fees, and site development. Brother Lay may be contacted at this address and telephone: 13 Tanglewood Drive, Carl Junction, Missouri 64834, 1-417-649-7390.

Members of the Retirement Center Committee: Andy Lay, chairman; Don Ruble, secretary; Lee Evans; Jim McAllister; and Jim Hayes. Special adviser, Russell Spurgeon.

Gambling Election Alert

The Christian Civic Foundation has issued a Gambling Election Alert for Missouri.

Missourians will vote in the August or November election on a proposition to amend the State Constitution, Article III, Section 39, to permit sweepstakes form of gambling where no consideration is involved. As a result of widespread misinformation and the general attitude of harmlessness of this type of gambling, no *organized opposition* appears feasible. Funding for statewide opposition seems all but impossible. So that the Christian voice may be expressed intelligently and with a minimum of disharmony in the Christian community, and so that gambling in any form not be legalized by default on the part of responsible citizens, the following action is recommended:

Inform all people

Register all citizens

Encourage voting

Receive an offering for CCF (It has no funds to help with this endeavor)

—Christian Civic Foundation

Pastoral Changes

Russell Johnson from Myrtle Church to Lexington, Oklahoma

Jim Mertz from First Church, Lebanon, to First Church, Pryor, Oklahoma

Glynn Campbell from First Church, Kirksville, to Myrtle Church

Wayne Phillips to Fellowship Church

Murray Southwell from First Church, Waynesville, to First Church, Arlington, Virginia

Ministers—Laymen Retreat

Place: Free Will Baptist Youth Camp
Niangua, Missouri

Date: September 3-5, 1978-

(5:00 p.m. Sunday—12:00 noon, Tuesday)

Subject: "Discovering and Developing Your Spiritual Gifts"

Seminar Speaker: Rev. Leroy Forlines, Professor, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee

Cost: \$20.00 per individual

\$30.00 for married couple

(Includes room, board, tuition, and insurance.)

A free book will be given to each individual who pre-registers and prepays by August 15, 1978. Send registration to: Rev. Dennis Bowman, 1932 Belmont, Independence, Missouri 64057

Seminar sponsored by Missouri State Christian Board of Education

NASHVILLE, TN—The Free Will Baptist Bible College Quartet, Nashville, Tennessee, will conduct services in 2 churches in Missouri, Friday, July 14, and Saturday, July 15, according to Rev. Paul Kettelman, Director of Public Relations for the college.

The services will include gospel singing, testimonies, and a film or slide program on Free Will Baptist Bible College. We encourage Free Will Baptists across the state to attend a service when the quartet is in their area.

The college Public Relations Department says that the following services have been confirmed:

Friday, July 14 O'Fallon FWB Church, O'Fallon
Saturday, July 15, 7:30 p.m. Beacon FWB Church, Raytown

Missouri's suggested gift quota for Free Will Baptist Bible College for 1978-79 has been kept the same, \$22,000, according to Public Relations Director Paul Kettelman. Missouri gave \$19,205.80 to the college during the school's last fiscal year, June 1977 through May 1978.

The college's total gift budget has been raised from \$380,000 in 1977-78 to \$425,000 for 1978-79. Actual giving last year totaled \$362,809.85, which was \$17,190.15 short of the budget. This deficit was in spite of a record \$39,142.27 in May 1978 gifts.

The college suggests gift quotas for 30 states. Of these, 20 have been raised, seven lowered, and three left unchanged in plans to meet the 1978-79 budget.

Rev. Jack Richey and 6 winners that received scholarships from Hillsdale College.



MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING May 1978

FOREIGN MISSIONS

West Plains, First	\$311.10
Howard Filkins	\$ 10.00
General Fund	301.10
Lebanon, First	\$148.54
Richard Bowden	\$92.54
C. Morgan	17.50
J. Pinkerton	17.50
C. Tallent	21.00
Monett, First	\$204.82
General Fund	\$174.82
C. Morgan	25.00
D. Teague	5.00
Kingsway	\$73.75
Joe Haas	\$73.75
South Side	\$147.00
C. Tallent	\$131.00
J. Pinkerton	5.00
B. Fulcher	11.00
Olivet	\$95.00
B. Poole	\$40.00
Mabel Wiley	20.00
J. Pinkerton	10.00
J. McLain	5.00
Lynn Miley	10.00
H. Filkins	5.00
L. Sparks	5.00
Walnut Grove	\$10.00
Lynn Miley	\$10.00
Indian Creek Association	\$1,875.30
J. McLain	\$625.10
B. Fulcher	625.10
C. Tallent	625.10
Merl's Chapel	\$34.00
L. Sparks	\$34.00
Kirksville, First	\$179.33
H. Filkins	\$98.33
J. Pinkerton	63.00
J. McLain	18.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	\$70.00
Lynn Miley	\$10.00
J. Pinkerton	10.00
L. Inscoe	10.00
B. Poole	10.00
H. Filkins	10.00
S. Lytle	10.00
J. McLain	10.00
Mountain Grove, First	\$330.00
Call-A-Thon	\$150.00
General Fund	180.00
New Harmony	\$95.28
Call-A-Thon	\$50.00
J. McLain	22.64
Dr. Miley	22.64
Thayer	\$8.00
D. Bishop	\$2.00
P. VanHook	2.00
J. Pinkerton	4.00
Oak Hill, St. Clair	\$28.55
J. Pinkerton	\$28.55
Bethel	\$14.50
C. Tallent	\$5.00
J. Pinkerton	9.50
Black Oak	\$30.85
W. Ellison	\$30.85
Aulsbury Chapel	\$50.00
B. Fulcher	\$25.00
J. Pinkerton	25.00
Fourth	\$159.00
S. Lytle	\$98.00
B. Fulcher	25.00
J. Pinkerton	10.00
C. Tallent	26.00
Columbia	\$17.00
General Fund	\$2.00
D. Teague	5.00
Lynn Miley	5.00

C. Tallent 5.00
TOTAL \$3,882.02

MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP

Mt. Pisgah	\$ 5.00
Faith	10.00
Monett, First	120.00
Olivet	10.00
Thayer	10.00
Oak Hill, St. Clair	10.00
Fourth	10.00
Total	175.00

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Mountain Grove, First	\$30.00
Monett, First	12.05
Total	\$42.05

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Bethel	\$82.61
Development Fund	\$40.47
Missouri Project	42.14
TOTAL	\$82.61

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Mt. Pisgah	\$25.00
Mark Vandivort	\$25.00
Lebanon, First	\$20.00
Bob Francis	\$20.00
Monett, First	\$42.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Rolla	2.00
L. Powell	30.00
South Side	\$144.00
Bob Francis	\$144.00
Olivet	\$55.00
Mark Vandivort	\$25.00
Leland Horton	25.00
Vergel Maness	5.00
Indian Creek Association	\$670.10
Bob Francis	\$670.10
Mt. Zion, Gower	\$10.00
Vergel Maness	\$10.00
Mountain Grove, First	\$22.00
Mark Vandivort	\$22.00
Oak Hill, St. Clair	\$15.00
Bob Francis	\$15.00
Bethel	\$10.00
Bob Francis	\$10.00
Wolf Creek	\$10.00
Mark Vandivort	\$10.00
Fourth	\$14.00
Bob Francis	\$12.00
Vergel Maness	2.00
Columbia	\$15.00
Mark Vandivort	\$10.00
Bob Francis	5.00
TOTAL	\$1,052.10

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Lebanon, First	\$2.00
General Fund	\$2.00
Beacon	\$10.00
Moberly	\$10.00
New Harmony	\$22.64
Moberly	\$22.64
Thayer	\$9.00
Moberly	\$2.00
General Fund	5.00
T. Owens	2.00
Bethel	\$18.75
General Fund	\$13.75
Moberly	5.00
TOTAL	\$62.39

BOB CARR ACCOUNT

Merl's Chapel	\$35.98
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Woman's Page



Shirley Bowden, editor

Eastern Gate Organizes Woman's Auxiliary

On Tuesday night, May 9, 1978, ten ladies of the Eastern Gate Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri, met to organize a Woman's Auxiliary. Sister Shirley Bowden, our district president, spoke to us concerning each phase of the auxiliary and the duties of each officer.

The following ladies were elected and installed as our officers for the coming year: President, Donna Norris; Vice-President, Jo Ann Rand; Secretary, Alene McCormack; Treasurer, Jeanne Stephens; Mission Prayer Chairman, Carol Willoughby; Mission Program and Study Chairman, Donna Jordan; and Mission Action Chairman, Kathy Biffle.

Pray for us as we begin this auxiliary that the Lord will bless as we work for Him.

(submitted by Alene McCormack, Secretary)

Greater Ozark District Formed

On May 15, the Greater Ozark District Auxiliary Convention was organized by Brenda Evans, State Field Worker, and Jo Ann Wood, State Vice-President. Six auxiliaries will form this district: First Springfield, Grant Avenue, Eastern Gate, Kingsway, Lebanon, and Waynesville.

New State Projects

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Missouri, for the annual Convention. This year the auxiliary adopted the following projects: \$2,000.00 for Charolette Tallent. This will be known as "Help Charolette Use Her Tallents." (This will be the Foreign Mission project.) \$2,000.00 for the Mark Vandivort Family. This will be known as "Vehicle for the Vandivorts." (This will be the Home Mission project.) \$2,000.00 for the Missouri State Home Mission Loan Fund. Please use the titles of the projects when sending the money to the state treasurer, Blanche Wisheart.

Charolette Tallent at the State Woman's Auxiliary Banquet.



Thank You From the Pinkertons

Carol Pinkerton writes, "I did want to be sure and thank all the ladies for their help in the project (Pinkertons on Wheels). Our red, double cab truck sure isn't pretty but it is very handy. It is like riding on a lumber wagon—or so I have been told (I've never ridden on a lumber wagon) and very rough riding, but all trucks out here are rough . . . and we do need a truck. So we are thankful for this Red Goose!

Graduation here is July 6. We'll be heading back to Nassian, Lord willing, soon after that and spend time with the Christians there. The fall term begins on August 30, so we won't get to be there very much. Jerry and I will be here at school for the next year. We covet your prayers."

(Why not sit down now and write the Pinkertons? The address is B. P. 1171, Bouake Ivory Coast, West Africa.)