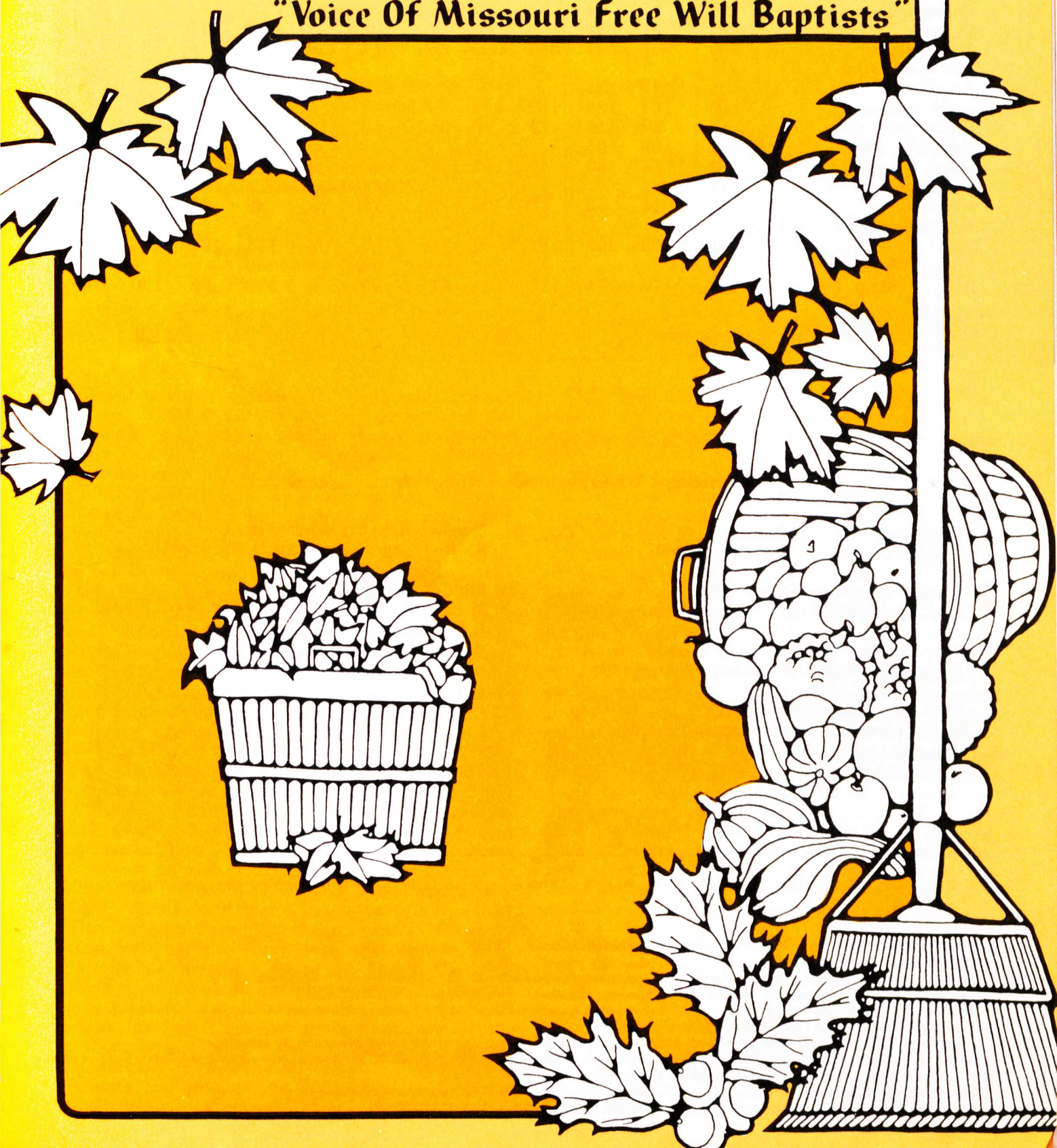


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# Sunday School Attendance Averages 1977-78

Church	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July
Bethel										102		
Calvary, Conway	138	122	133	124	124	121	111	110	120			
Copper Mines	90	85	84	75	84	77	86					
Cuba	89	81	82							71		
Farmington	360	374	447	383	395	389	414	458	509	444	460	429
Flat River, First									234	199	203	203
Fourth	101	117	134			134	145	193	181	185	147	126
Grant Avenue	120	134	138	130	137	127	129	145	138			
Kansas City, First	17	20	16	18	13	14	16	12	17	16		
Kirksville, First	102	103	105									
Myrtle	52	54	50	49	42	45	47	52				
Parkview	74											
Richwoods	35	44	43	30	36	25	28	33	32	33	36	
Terrell Road (Moberly)											39	
Trinity	201	203	200	171	197	175	180	183	171	172	168	148
Verdella						60	63	73	80			
Willow Springs		116	101	115	104	111	93	110	110	95	100	108

## 1978 National Youth Conference Winners from Missouri

Vocal Solo—Herald—First  
David Reynolds, First Church, Joplin

Instrumental Solo—Herald—First  
David Reynolds, First Church, Joplin

Instrumental Solo—Crusader—First  
Christie Ice, New Life Church, Licking

Keyboard—Adventurer—First  
Michelle Brown, South Fremont Church,  
Springfield

Creative Art—Crusader—First  
Kathy Hodge, First Church, Farmington

Bible Bowl—Third Place  
Melanie Forrester, Billy Fulcher, Mark Scott,  
Lisa Wallace  
First Church Berkeley, Berkeley

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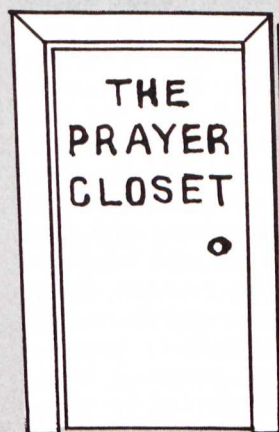
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# Mary's Meditations

by Mary Anne Owens



"LORD,  
TEACH ME  
TO PRAY"

Prayer is vitally essential for victorious Christian warfare. Whether battles are lost or won on the battlefield is determined in the prayer closet. The prayer CLOSET is where we go to get our battle-dress; the armor of God (Ephesians 6:13-18).

When I was a young bride 20 years ago, I realized I didn't really know how to pray as I should. Since effective prayer is inseparable from the Word of God, the Word was where the Holy Spirit first drew me because He cannot work apart from the written Word. So then, we could further define the prayer closet by calling it, "The Prayer Closet of God's Word" Ephesians 6:18 says that we are to pray in the Spirit. Jude 20 tells us to pray in the Holy Ghost. Romans 8:26, 27 reveals that only the Holy Spirit can teach us to pray in God's will. If the Holy Spirit teaches us what to say to men (Luke 12:12), He surely teaches us how to communicate with the Heavenly Father. John 14:26 says that the Holy Spirit will teach us ALL things, so we conclude that teaching us to pray is included. When the Lord saw my desire to learn how to pray, He led me to Luke 11:1 where His disciples had the same desire and requested, "Lord, teach us to pray." That request became mine also, and He taught me just as He taught the 12 disciples by the prayer commonly called, "The Lord's Prayer." A better title would be "The Disciples' Prayer" because Jesus is OUR daily bread, and because Jesus does not need to pray, "Forgive us our sins" (verse 4). This is the basic prayer upon which all disciples' prayers are based. It is the place to begin when learning how to pray and it may take an entire lifetime to plumb the depths of this prayer. I keep learning more from it all the time. I pray it (not say it) every day. As I pray, I meditate and branch out on each phase of it for every need for myself and others.

This prayer is also found in Matthew 6. The context of these chapters gives us further understanding of this prayer as do other prayers in the Bible.

The pray-er begins—"Our Father." Can everyone call God their Father? In the physical sense, God as Creator is the Father of all mankind, but, in the spiritual sense, only those who are born of the Spirit as a result of faith in Jesus Christ are Spiritual sons of God (John 3:5, 6, 16; Romans 8:13-17; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18). Spiritual sons of God pray "OUR Father" instead of "MY Father," because as part of His family we pray for all our brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere (Ephesians 1:10, 13; 3:9, 15). We have a Heavenly Father but children used to having a separate earthly father and mother sometimes ask, "Who is God's wife? Who is the mother?" God has given us rare species of His creation to help us explain this unique fact to our children. He created rare species of animal, plant, and marine life in which both male and female are in one individual animal, fish, or plant. God is like that, but God is only ONE of His kind. There is none other like Him—He is complete in himself. He gives spiritual birth to men through Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit, and yet these three are ONE God and believers become one in Him.

About the writer: Mary Anne Owens is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Columbia, Missouri. She is married to Tom Owens, also an active member of the church. They have three children.

Editor's note: While visiting with the Columbia Church, I heard Mary Anne give a very interesting and helpful devotional thought. That afternoon, while visiting with her and Tom, I found she had accumulated many such devotionals. Therefore, I suggested that we use some of these in the *Gem* as a monthly article.



# A BIBLICAL BASIS FOR BUILDING A RETIREMENT VILLAGE

by Andy Lay

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists voted in June to build a Retirement Village in the Lebanon, Missouri, area. The project will cost something like \$90,000 to purchase the land, pay the architect and lawyer, develop the site with necessary roads and utilities, and pay for the promotion, printing, etc. After those items are paid for, the project is designed to be self-sustaining. The dwelling units, or condominiums, will be sold for enough to pay for their construction, and the maintenance of the property will be paid for from monthly service fees charged the tenants. Only future non-dwelling capital improvements would require additional fund raising by the State Association. The \$90,000 is now being solicited from individuals and churches with the projected termination of the project June, 1981.

Our churches are accustomed to being solicited for funds for missions, Christian education, children's homes, literature, etc., but funds for building a retirement village have not been sought before among Free Will Baptists. That may raise a legitimate question: Is it Biblical for us to build a retirement village? Is a gift to this project as scriptural as a gift to missions or Christian education?

To answer these questions, let us search the Scriptures. We need to begin with some very basic questions: What work has the Lord Jesus given us to do? To win souls only? No, every student of the Word knows there is more to the Great Commission than just winning souls. In John 20:21 Jesus said to His disciples: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

The next obvious question is: For what purpose did the Father send Jesus into the world? Several things may come to mind, but probably the most complete answer to that question found in a Scripture is in Luke 4:17-21.

"And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

Here Jesus read from Isaiah 61:1, 2 and declared unto the people that that Scripture was His Biblical

mandate. His ministry then was a six-fold ministry:

- 1) to preach the gospel to the poor,
- 2) to heal the brokenhearted,
- 3) to preach deliverance to the captives,
- 4) to preach recovering of sight to the blind,
- 5) to set at liberty them that are bruised,
- 6) to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Evangelism, missions, and Christian education are indisputably bound up in His mandate, but that is not all that Jesus came to do, nor is it all that He has given us to do. Note particularly number two and number five in the list above: "to heal the brokenhearted," and "to set at liberty them that are bruised."

This paper is designed to emphasize these two tenets of Jesus' ministry and our ministry. Not that these are the most important, but that in Free Will Baptist circles they may be the most neglected. This is an effort to help us focus on a seldom mentioned, little talked about aspect of our ministry that we might get our entire ministry into better focus, seeing all of its parts. While these mandates may not be the most important, they are important.

What did Jesus do in His earthly ministry to "heal the brokenhearted and to set at liberty them that are bruised"? Did He have compassion on human suffering, physical needs, loneliness, as well as spiritual lostness? Certainly, a primary in Sunday school knows that He did.

Remember the hungering multitudes that He fed? Remember the sick who came to Him for healing? Remember His compassion for the bereaved when He himself wept at Lazarus' graveside?

However one may interpret the last sixteen verses of Matthew 25, he must acknowledge that Jesus exalted the importance of feeding the hungry, giving refreshment to the thirsty, taking in the stranger, clothing the naked, and visiting the sick and imprisoned. He exalted these ministries to a very sacred height when He declared that doing them or not doing them for folks with those needs is equivalent to doing them or not doing them to Him personally.

Visualize with me the lonely, elderly Free Will Baptist ministers, missionaries, and retired laymen, often set on the shelf and neglected by family, friends, church, and community. Is it not scriptural to help them have better surroundings in which to live? Is it not Christ-like to provide for them a sharing, caring, active community in which to spend their remaining years? It was Jesus who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me" (Matthew 25:40).

"Healing the brokenhearted and setting at liberty them that are bruised" are very apt phrases to describe a ministry of compassion to the neglected elderly. Many times their hearts are broken by the lack of concern shown them by others, the lack of opportunity afforded them in our youth oriented culture.

They have often been "bruised" by a society that turns a deaf ear to their cries for help. In both Old and New Testament times the elderly were shown respect and dignity that is often scoffed at in our society. What is wrong with getting back to those



Biblical principles? Remember the fifth commandment? Honor for father and mother is enjoined upon us by the same God who sent His Son Jesus into the world to die for our sins.

See Jesus on the cross, not concerned only with the sins of the world, but also with the future welfare of His mother. As He committed His mother Mary to the care of His best friend John He showed concern for His aging mother and took action to see that she was adequately cared for.

Building a retirement village will not meet all the needs of all retired Free Will Baptists, but it is a place to start. Building a retirement village is not all that is involved in fulfilling our scriptural mandate, but it is scriptural. The needs that the retirement village are designed to meet were important to Jesus. Are they important to you?

About the writer: Andy Lay is a member of the Retirement Center Committee and has been elected to serve as Director of Development for this project. Reverend Lay is pastor of the Evangel Church and is quite active in state and national ministries.

## From the Desk of the Promotional Secretary

by Clarence Burton



What joys the month of July brought! We had the privilege of enjoying the blessings of the Missouri State Association in June and then the National Association of Free Will Baptists in July. A lot of folks are still talking about these blessings we shared and enjoyed together. And then to pause and think that Heaven will be all this and more. We surely to have a lot to look forward to as we serve the Lord. What a joy to know and serve the Lord! I trust that He will forgive me when I grumble and whine. We have so much for which to be thankful!

I began my travels on Saturday, July 1, as I visited with the Cave Springs Association. This was hosted by the Garfield Free Will Baptist Church and was a job well-done. Reverend and Mrs. Grover Pingleton are serving this church. The next day, Sunday July 2, I was with the First Church in Sikeston. Reverend and Mrs. Dale Blackwell had not moved at the time I was there but they had accepted the pastorate of this church. I always enjoy being with these folks. That weekend I met with the Southeast Missouri Association which was hosted by the Union Light Church. Reverend and Mrs. Raymond Michael and the folks at the church handled everything quite well. The following Sunday I was with the First Church in Koshkonong and Reverend and Mrs. Dale Kester. These folks sure do know how to make you feel welcome. That

Sunday evening I enjoyed being with Reverend and Mrs. Millard Earhardt and the folks at the Clifton Church.

The week of the National Association I began with Reverend and Mrs. Roger Harwell and a good service with the folks at the Beacon Church. That afternoon I met with the Sunday School and the Church Training Service Boards and attended the Youth Service on Sunday evening. What a great week, great preaching, testimonies, singing, seminars, and sweet fellowship. I want to thank God for the sweet spirit we enjoy together as Free Will Baptists. It surely does make the heart rejoice to see brothers and sisters in Christ that we see so seldom and others that we see more often. I must say this—I think that Missouri Free Will Baptists and especially the ones from the Greater Kansas City Association did a fine job hosting the association this year.

I met with the St. Francois Association and the Hurryville Church on the following Saturday. Reverend and Mrs. Ronnie Graham have come back to Missouri and are doing a good work for the Lord with the Hurryville Church. We are glad to have them back. The next day, Sunday, I had the privilege of being with two of our fine churches in Missouri. I was with Reverend and Mrs. Glen Rehkop and the Grace Church for the morning service. This church is involved in a building program and yet was second in cooperative giving for the state of Missouri. May the Lord bless this growing church and its fine leadership. That Sunday evening I was with Reverend and Mrs. Charley Miller and the folks at the First Church in DeSoto. This alive and doing well church was fourth in cooperative giving in Missouri. This speaks very well for this church and its leadership when one considers that the church is a relatively young organization. Thank God for all the fine supporters of cooperative giving. What a joy to do together that which would be impossible to do individually! My prayer is that every church will experience the joy of uniting together in this unified plan of support.

The following Sunday I was with the Buffalo Church and I enjoyed being with them. Their recently elected pastor and wife, Reverend and Mrs. Kent Tallent, will be with this church the latter part of August. This church has been consistent in supporting the cooperative plan of giving.

We were with two fine preachers and their wives for anniversary celebration in the month of July. Reverend and Mrs. Bob Sharry for their 25th and Reverend and Mrs. Frank Linton for their 50th. May the Lord grant these many more happy years together.

July was a good month. The Lord blessed. The cooperative receipts are doing well. We are so thankful for this. I believe that we will reach our goal of \$145,000 if we continue as we are doing now. If I may be of any help to you, please do not hesitate to let me know. Let's continue to thank God and trust Him that He will supply. He has and He has promised that He is able—I believe He is!

Please make all checks payable and mail to Missouri State Association, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, Missouri 65536. Remember this ministry in your prayers.



## CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS

### News From Bethel Church—El Dorado Springs

The church reporter writes: "June was a busy month for the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in El Dorado Springs. The first part of June we had a very fine Vacation Bible School. The theme was 'Sing A New Song' and the average attendance was 46.

"The following week the church enjoyed a wonderful revival with Brother Oscar Cunningham from Ava, Missouri, as the evangelist.

"The average attendance for the morning worship was 108. Pray for us as we work together for the Lord."

Reverend Fidell Bridges is the pastor.

### Promoted to Glory

Mrs. Bessie Lincoln, long time member of the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church, Desloge, Missouri, went to be with the Lord. Her death came as a result of a heart attack. Sister Lincoln lived a full life. She was very active in the work of the church, and she will always be remembered by people throughout the St. Francois area by the songs she sang and songs that she and her husband sang together. The pastor of the Parkview Church, Reverend Guy Leonard, stated in the memorial message, "Sister Lincoln was a faithful, devoted Christian and enjoyed working in the church."

The music for the service was presented by the church choir and Brother John Keeny.

Reverend Guy Leonard and Reverend Gilliam officiated at the Memorial Service.

Mrs. Lincoln is survived by her husband, Brother Olin Lincoln.

### Great Revival at Fourth Church

Church reporter, Camille Thiele, writes: "The Spirit of the Lord was surely evident during a weekend revival August 4-6. Reverend Stanley Jones, the evangelist, preached wonderful messages. A young preacher delivered a fine message on Sunday evening also. The Lord blessed with four rededications during the revival."

The Sunday school attendance for August was 192.

Reverend Kenneth Dodson is the pastor.

### Vacation Bible School at Parkview.

Church reporter, Cleo Leonard writes: "We have just completed our VBS with an average attendance of 56 plus. There were several decisions for Christ at the Commencement Program. Please help us remember these young people in prayer."

Reverend Guy Leonard is the pastor.



### Wonderful Bible School at First Church—Flat River

Brenda Hohn, church reporter, writes: "The Lord blessed with a wonderful week at Bible School. We had a total of 37 workers and an average attendance of 109 children. The most exciting news was seven conversions and one rededication. The photo shows the clowns that are used on bus visitation and in Children's Church."



### Groundbreaking at Oak Hill

The Oak Hill Free Will Baptist Church held a groundbreaking service for its auditorium on Sunday, June 26, 1978 (see photo). The new building measures 40' x 80' and will seat 250. The present building will be used for educational space. The building program is expected to be completed near the first of October.

The Lord blessed with a wonderful Vacation Bible School. A total of five children made profession of faith in Christ. It was stated also, that some teachers experienced a new joy in teaching and some had the joy of leading a child through the plan of salvation into a personal faith in Christ. The children and workers at VBS also saw the power of God in answer to prayer as a storm struck and dissipated.

Reverend Tom Owens is the pastor.



## Good News From Garden City

"The work in Garden City, Kansas, is progressing very well," writes Reverend Jack Dinwiddie, missionary pastor of the new work.

The Lord has blessed with nineteen souls saved. Their highest attendance has been 42, with the Sunday evening service averaging 30. A husband and wife got saved at the morning worship service, began tithing that same day, and brought a family to church with them that Sunday evening. These wonderful things have happened since the mission work began. Also, the pastor has been approached concerning a radio ministry.

Reverend and Mrs. Jack Dinwiddie and family request the prayers of God's people as they labor for Him in Garden City.

## Washer and Dryer Project for Youth Camp

A project is well under way in Missouri for a washer and dryer for Youth Camp. Mrs. Frances Bowman writes that everyone she has talked to concerning the project is for it. The following have made \$35.00 gifts: Fourth Church, St. Louis; First Church, Flat River; Olivet Church, Marshall; Rock Chapel, Norwood; Moberly Mission, Moberly; First Church, Farmington; Pleasant Ridge, Alton; First Church, Viburnum. This makes a total of \$280.00.

The ones that have made commitments are asked to fulfill these as quickly as possible in order that the camp superintendent may install these before undesirable weather. Please send check to: Mrs. Frances Bowman, 625 N. O'Dell, Marshall, Missouri 65340.

## Homecoming and Anniversary at Richwoods

On September 10, 1978, the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church will observe its 40th Anniversary and also have a Homecoming Service.

Reverend Bill Reeves, a former pastor, and long-time caretaker at the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, will be delivering the morning message.

Reverend Elvis Reed, present pastor of the church, has been serving as pastor for approximately four years. The Sunday school average for the month of June was 36.

Everyone is invited to attend the special day services.



# Points for Pastors

by Jim McAllister

Teacher training is a must if you intend to build a large Sunday school.

Perhaps we should stop right here and determine whether it is important to build a large attendance. The thermometer for success is not large crowds. Some of our liberal friends prove that. Large crowds attend the Mormon and Jehovah Witness gatherings, as well as the charismatic meetings. Certainly God is not pleased with this. If you are preaching the Word of God, and have a supreme desire to win souls, as well as denounce sin, then you are wrong if you are not doing everything you know to do to reach as many as you possibly can. Though the size of crowds does not determine the success or failure of your ministry, if you are not reaching your potential, then that determines your degree of success.

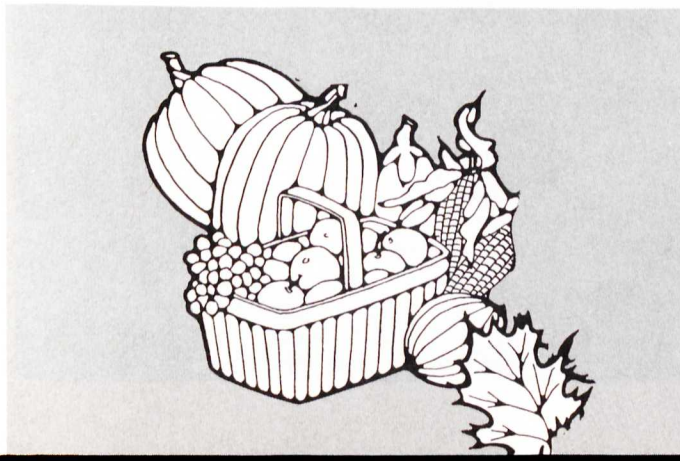
If you are in a city where other Bible believing churches are growing and you are content to settle for your 150-200, then you are not evangelistic and you are not a successful pastor.

To continue the growth of your church, you must have trained teachers. No one else will do it so you must. Thank God for the ETTA courses and our National Sunday School Department for providing filmstrips and training programs for our teachers.

We have two 13-week courses each year. So far, we have taught courses on "Teaching"; "Methods of Teaching"; "Old Testament Survey"; "New Testament Survey"; "Class Organization"; etc. We have this on Sunday nights prior to the evening service. It is interesting and exciting for the workers. We hand out a lesson outline each week.

In choosing teachers you should consider their education. (However, remember that this is not a priority. Simply because a person is a school teacher does not assure you that he will be a good, effective Sunday school teacher. There are several reasons: He is teaching for pay in school, free in Sunday school; he is assured of discipline, and may not know how to have discipline without the help of corporal punishment; he will have a class every day and may not be willing to go out and recruit students for his Sunday school class; he has a captive audience in school, they must listen to pass. He may not know how to capture the interest and attention of his students in Sunday school. Some of our best teachers are professional school teachers, but it isn't necessarily so.) You should also consider their age, maturity as a Christian, cooperation, faithfulness, dependability, and stewardship. But you must train your teachers. It does no good to get them in if you don't give them something.

(Continued in next issue)





## On The National Front

### NAE Sunday, October 29, 1978

Dr. Billy Melvin, executive director, NAE writes: "Once a year we ask interested pastors to share with their congregations information about the National Association of Evangelicals, which now serves more than 35,000 local churches, with a constituency of three and one-half million. The suggested time this year is Reformation Sunday, October 29.

"Materials to assist are available and there is no charge, but a special offering for the ministry of NAE is encouraged. In appreciation for participation, a free c-60 cassette with a three-minute greeting from Dr. Melvin, a fifteen-minute report on the 1978 convention, and a thirty-minute message by Dr. Christopher Lyons titled, 'Fishing in the Wrong Stream,' will be given to the church." Address: National Association of Evangelicals, P.O. Box 28, Wheaton, Illinois 60187

### Highlights of the National Association, 1978

The Sunday School Department and the Church Training Service Department will effect a merger of the two departments on September 1, 1978. The name of the department will be Board of Sunday School and Church Training.

A resolution, which will become a part of the Treatise, states that the National Association of Free Will Baptists views speaking in tongues as an erroneous doctrine.

Dr. L. C. Johnson announced that he will resign as president of FWBBC June 1, 1979. He will assume the position of Chancellor. Dr. Charles Thigpen was elected by the board of trustees to become the new president.

A record breaking budget of almost 6 million dollars was adopted by the association. It is significant that well over one-third of this amount will be used in the ministries of Foreign and National ministries.

Next year the association will meet in Charlotte, North Carolina.

### OLFORD TO LEAD NAE PREACHING SEMINARS

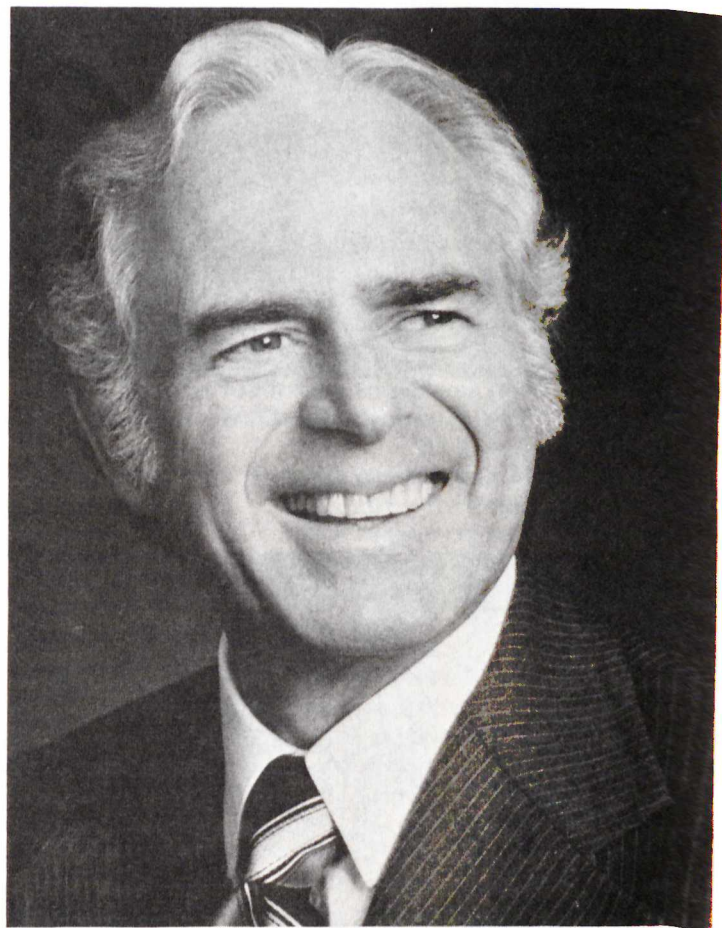
Wheaton, IL—Dr. Stephen F. Olford, President and Minister-at-Large of Encounter Ministries, Inc., will lead six, one-day preaching seminars in a special five-state tour beginning October 16th and continuing through the 27th. The seminars, sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals, will be held at the *Assemblies of God Graduate School, Springfield, MO (October 16); Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, OK (October 18); Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO (October 20); Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY (October 23); Evangelical School of Theology, Myerstown, PA (October 25); and Nyack College, Nyack, NY (October 27).*

Dr. Olford, regarded by many as today's finest expository preacher, will emphasize the priority of preaching in the program of the church and provide information on preparation and delivery with emphasis on expository preaching.

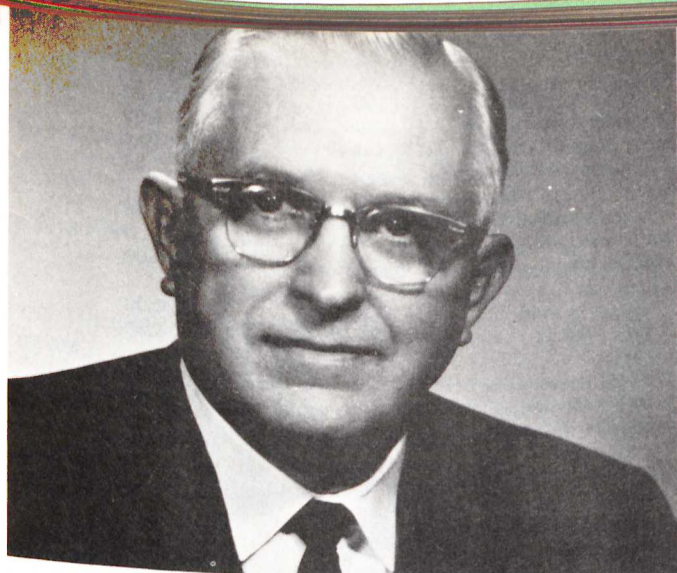
"Everyone concerned about more effective preaching is welcome to attend," said NAE Executive Director, Billy A. Melvin. "Participants will not only be able to hear great preaching, but will have the opportunity to directly interact with Dr. Olford."

For pastors, church leaders, seminarians and all who preach, this seminar is a must.

For information and brochures on the seminars, write to National Association of Evangelicals, P.O. Box 28, Wheaton, IL 60187.







## WHO'S WHO AMONG FREE WILL BAPTISTS RELEASED

"I've received nothing but enthusiastic reports about *Who's Who Among Free Will Baptists*," said Dr. Jack Williams recently. This illustrated, historical, and biographical compilation about Free Will Baptist pastors, missionaries, professors, and other interesting persons was released at the National Association of Free Will Baptists which met in Kansas City in July. It also contains a brief history of each Department of the National Association, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, California Christian College, Beaver Creek Bible Institute, and a history of Free Will Baptist State Associations.

At the time of this release about two hundred and fifty copies are still available. The cost, including postage and handling, is \$24.95.

This is a valuable book from the standpoint of its historical information about prospective pastors, etc.

Persons, churches, and educational institutions desiring to obtain *Who's Who Among Free Will Baptists* should direct their order to Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department, Post Office Box 17306, Nashville, Tennessee 37217.

Nashville, Tennessee—Dr. L. C. Johnson, president of Free Will Baptist Bible College, has announced that he will retire from the college presidency on June 1, 1979. The Board of Trustees has asked him to continue his affiliation with the institution by serving as chancellor. The Board has named Dr. Charles A. Thigpen, the college's academic dean, to succeed Dr. Johnson.

The public announcement was made July 19, 1978, in Kansas City by Reverend William J. Mishler, a trustee of the college. He announced the impending changes to more than 300 alumni and friends at a luncheon held during the meeting of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

The trustees asked Dr. Johnson to remain at the college as chancellor because of his many years of experience. In this capacity he will serve as a consultant and as a representative of the institution. He said, "I would not want anyone to think that the office of chancellor will in any way diminish the authority of the president of Free Will Baptist Bible College." Rather, he stressed, his work will be an "at large" ministry.

When he terminates his service as president, Dr. Johnson will have given 34 years of dedicated labor to the college. He was selected to head the soon-to-be-founded institution in 1942. Except for a brief return to the pastorate in 1944-47, he has continued to lead the college until the present time.

Dr. Thigpen has been associated with Free Will Baptist Bible College for 26 years. His responsibilities have included service as dean of men, registrar, professor, and academic dean.

Dr. Johnson's years of service will be honored during the college's 37th annual Bible Conference, March 11-15, 1979. Though the official transfer will not take place until June 1, his retirement as president and Dr. Thigpen's inauguration will be observed during Commencement Week, May 13-17, 1979. A committee, composed of two trustees, the president of the Alumni Association, and members of the college faculty and staff, is planning the events.

Free Will Baptists are asked to pray that God, who has blessed the college throughout its 37-year ministry, will continue to guide the institution in the days ahead and magnify its ministry to the denomination and the kingdom of God.

### Program

#### Sunday School Workshops First Free Will Baptist Church Farmington, Missouri September 30, 1978

- 9:30 a.m. Devotional Thoughts—Dr. Reeds
- 9:45 a.m. Workshops
  - Understanding and Teaching
  - Primaries & Juniors—Mrs. Reeds
  - Twenty Ways to Build a Sunday School to 200—Dr. Reeds
- 10:45 a.m. Coffee Break
- 11:00 a.m. Workshops
  - Conducting Children's Church—Mrs. Reeds
  - Biblical Graphics—The Story of the Bible—Dr. Reeds
- 12:00 Noon Adjournment

These workshops will be conducted by Dr. & Mrs. Roger Reeds of the Free Will Baptist Sunday School and Church Training Department. They are sponsored by the Missouri State Sunday School Board.



## COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS July 1978

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions	\$ 2,576.16
16.00% Promotional Department & GEM	2,228.03
4.50% General Fund	626.63
5.50% Youth Camp	765.89
2.00% Christian Board of Education	278.50
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	278.50
5.00% Retirement Program	696.26
5.00% Senior Citizen Retirement Center	696.26
58.50%	8,146.23
6.00% Hillsdale College	835.52
11.00% Foreign Missions	1,531.77
8.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	1,114.02
6.00% Executive Department	835.51
6.00% National Home Missions	835.51
2.00% CTS	278.50
2.00% Retirement & Insurance	278.50
.25% Laymen's Board	34.81
.25% Theological Commission	34.81
35.50%	4,943.43
Total Disbursements	\$13,925.18

Every phase of the Lord's work benefits from cooperative giving. Let us thank the Lord for another fine month.

## MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS GIVING JULY 5 through AUGUST 5, 1978

Flat River, First	\$ 58.83
Houston	72.75
Gary Bandy	400.00
South Fremont	100.00
Olivet	250.00
West Plains	70.00
Grace	25.00
DeSoto	100.00
Berean	10.00
Myrtle	82.83
Oak Hill	9.60
Hannon	226.00
Moberly	8.30
Fourth	54.26
Joplin	25.00
Sedalia	55.51
Hazel Creek	20.00
New Harmony	37.14
Columbia	5.00
Thayer	107.00
Victory	22.00
Cooperative Receipts	2,576.16
Total	\$4,315.38

Secretary-Treasurer

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## MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING July 1978

### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS & CHURCH EXTENSION

Columbia	\$15.00
Bob Francis	\$ 5.00
Mark Vandivort	10.00
Dorothy Sheets	\$15.00
Mark Vandivort	\$15.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$50.00
Mark Vandivort	\$50.00
South Side	\$86.98
General Fund	\$24.98
Bob Francis	62.00

Olivet	\$30.00
Mark Vandivort	\$25.00
Vergel Maness	5.00
Merl's Chapel	\$17.08
Leland Horton	\$17.08
Thayer	\$ 4.00
Mark Vandivort	\$ 4.00
Wolf Creek	\$10.00
Mark Vandivort	\$10.00
Fourth	\$22.00
Vergel Maness	\$20.00
Bob Francis	2.00
Monett	\$52.00
Larry Powell	\$15.00
Bob Francis	15.00
General Fund	22.00
Total	\$302.06

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Kirkville	\$ 30.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$20.00
Jim McLain	10.00
Kingsway	\$ 54.98
Joe Haas	\$54.98
Pleasant Ridge	\$ 35.00
Jim McLain	\$35.00
Moberly	\$ 5.00
Charolette Tallent	\$ 5.00
Rev. Roger Ross	\$ 3.00
Charolette Tallent	\$ 3.00
New Harmony	\$ 74.28
Dr. Laverne Miley	\$37.14
Jim McLain	37.14
South Side	\$105.00
Charolette Tallent	\$95.00
Bill Fulcher	10.00
Olivet	\$ 95.00
Bobby Poole	\$40.00
Mabel Willey	20.00
Jerry Pinkerton	10.00
Jim McLain	5.00
Lynn Miley	10.00
Howard Filkins	5.00
Lonnie Sparks	5.00
Merl's Chapel	\$ 85.00
Howard Filkins	\$39.00
J. Webb	46.00
West Plains, First	\$ 60.00
General Fund	\$50.00
Bill Fulcher	10.00
Thayer	\$ 11.00
General Fund	\$ 4.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$ 7.00
Walnut Grove	\$ 20.00
Lynn Miley	\$20.00
Black Oak	\$ 38.57
Carlisle Hanna	\$38.57
Aulsbury Chapel	\$100.00
Bill Fulcher	\$50.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$50.00
Fourth	\$134.00
Steve Lytle	\$84.00
Charolette Tallent	15.00
Bill Fulcher	25.00
Jerry Pinkerton	10.00
Columbia	\$112.75
Charolette Tallent	\$78.75
Jerry Pinkerton	25.00
General Fund	4.00
Lynn Miley	5.00
Monett	\$ 15.00
Charolette Tallent	\$15.00
Parkview	\$ 20.06
Bill Fulcher	\$ 5.01
Norman Richards	5.01
Carlisle Hanna	5.02
Dr. Miley	5.02
A Friend	\$410.00
Jim McLain	\$410.00



A Friend	\$ 5.00
Charolette Tallent	\$ 5.00
Hannon	\$113.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$25.00
Bill Fulcher	25.00
Jim McLain	25.00
Steve Lytle	25.00
Lynn Miley	13.00
Total	\$1,526.64

#### FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Sedalia (Missouri Project)	\$100.00
Columbia (Missouri Project)	5.00
Total	\$105.00

#### MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP

Faith, Lemay	\$10.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Olivet	10.00
Oak Hill, St. Clair	10.00
Thayer	10.00
Flat River, First	10.00
Fourth	10.00
Total	\$70.00

#### MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Hazel Creek	\$20.00
General Fund	\$20.00
New Harmony	\$37.14
General Fund	\$37.14
Columbia	\$ 5.00
General Fund	\$ 5.00
Thayer	\$107.00
General Fund	\$102.00
Moberly	5.00
Total	\$169.14

#### JACK DINWIDDIE ACCOUNT

Fordland	\$10.00
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#### COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

July 1978

Pleasant Ridge	\$ 41.00
New Life	21.22
Purdy	94.00
Malden	82.78
Kirksville	191.52
Rock Chapel	264.31
The Jones Family Evangelistic Team	202.85
Kingsway	34.98
Mill Creek	79.83
De Soto	450.00
Terrell Road, Moberly	65.94
Victory, Alton	125.00
Highland	32.00
Faith, Lemay	48.07
Shiloh	27.02
Cartersville	33.70
Myrtle	120.28
Cuba	54.25
Number One	26.86
Trinity	390.00
Mt. Pisgah	60.00
Waynesville	104.90
Waynesville	98.00
Grant Avenue	550.00
Fellowship	50.00
New Harmony Sunday school	11.50
South Side	222.87
Berkeley	405.00
Fordland	158.90

Olivet	200.00
Oak Hill, St. Clair	309.21
Pleasant Home	122.55
Rolla, First	45.00
Verdella	101.49
Buffalo	89.40
Columbia	50.00
Faith, Fair Grove	118.08
Byrd	16.70
Hopewell	166.70
New Hope	50.13
Cape Girardeau	180.00
Poplar Bluff	47.00
Merl's Chapel	57.74
Merl's Chapel	65.69
Joplin	264.10
Oskaloosa	27.24
West Plains, First	263.00
Grace	630.00
Hartville	150.80
Thayer	125.60
Mountain Valley	198.50
Macedonia Sunday school	10.00
Fredericktown, First	187.71
Copper Mines	105.00
Beacon	326.61
Marshfield	100.48
Pleasant Hill	30.41
Wolf Creek	106.84
Central	480.00
South Fremont	20.00
Black Oak	10.00
Aulsbury Chapel	664.55
Leadington	253.74
Fourth	323.00
Farmington	984.97
El Dorado, First	5.00
Mill Creek	54.23
Mill Creek Sunday school	33.50
Belton	183.15
O'Fallon	335.00
Flat River, First	602.36
Hannon	226.00
Cope	30.30
Calvary Fellowship	403.45
Willow Springs	228.36
Sedalia	83.28
New Rock Springs	98.45
Monett	318.88
Fordland	134.93
Parkview	134.21
Fellowship	50.00
Mt. Pisgah	75.00
Total Cooperative Receipts	\$13,925.18





# Woman's Page



Shirley Bowden, editor

## PRAYER ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER

- \*Pray for Charolette Tallent as she enters language school in Albertville, France.
- \*Pray for the Bob Francises as they work in Minnesota.
- \*Pray for Dennis and Carol Teague as they are on furlough from France.
- \*Pray for the Jerry Banks family as they are on furlough from Japan.
- \*Pray for the Jim McLain Family as they are making preparations to return to Japan.
- \*Pray for the Jerry Pinkertons as they work among the students in the school in Africa.

## BOOKS WORTH READING

- Hush, Hush* by Jill Briscoe
- Here Am I Send Aaron* by Jill Briscoe
- Prime Rib and Apple* by Jill Briscoe
- There's A Snake in My Garden* by Jill Briscoe
- Who Cares About the Missionary* by Marjorie Collins
- I Love the Word Impossible* by Ann Kiemel

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## TWO YEARS AGO ON A WEDNESDAY

by J. Mark Vandivort  
Home Missionary to Flagstaff, Arizona

It is a beautiful, clear, crisp morning (a cool 58 degrees at 6:30) as I pen these words on a Wednesday morning in Flagstaff, Arizona. It was a morning like this (except not quite so cool) two years ago at Tulsa, Oklahoma. I left our tent early to find a place to pray, seeking God's guidance about moving to Flagstaff. After asking a number of friends to pray, I made the decision firm with the

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Lord during the Wednesday evening missionary service. Praise the Lord for His clear call upon our lives! One of the young men who accompanied me to the National meeting, Richard Greenup, is now serving as a summer missionary in France.

It is unbelievable how God opens doors and provides through His dear people to make our ministry possible. We are thankful for the continuing response of Missouri people toward our ministry since 1960 in New Hampshire which was our beginning with Home Missions.

As the national delegates meet for the annual missionary service, our Flagstaff mission prayer meeting will be at prayer about the time of the invitation in Kansas City. After prayer meeting this evening I will meet with a family for a Salvation-to-Discipleship Home Bible Study, keeping the commitment I made two years ago.

We were humbly grateful to receive notice of the "Vehicle for Vandivorts" project by the Missouri Woman's Auxiliary. Since my decision two years ago, my travel has consisted of about 75,000 miles through moving trips, itinerant ministry, and local and state travel in Arizona. Our 12 year-old family station wagon is about due retirement.

Good transportation is vital for our local and state ministry. For example, we travel 300 to 500 miles round trip to attend our quarterly meetings. I will be transporting our young people over 600 miles (from our cool mountain through 115 degree deserts) round trip to our state youth camp. Travel in the southwest requires heavy expense and reliable transportation. We pray that God will richly bless you as you share this need. Rejoice with us that Debbie's eye specialist has recently reported that she now has perfect vision!