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18.50% Missouri State Home Missions	\$2,567.64
16.00% Promotional Department	2,220.66
4.50% General Fund	624.55
5.50% Youth Camp	763.35
2.00% Christian Board of Education	277.58
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	277.58
5.00% Retirement Program	693.96
5.00% Senior Citizen Retirement Center	693.96
58.50%	8,119.28
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	832.76
11.00% Foreign Missions	1,526.71
8.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	1,110.33
6.00% Executive Department	832.75
6.00% National Home Missions	832.75
2.00% CTS	277.58
2.00% Retirement & Insurance	277.58
.25% Laymen's Board	34.69
.25% Theological Commission	34.69
35.50%	4,927.08
Total Cooperative Disbursements	\$13,879.12

The Lord has blessed in so many ways; let us say with the Psalmist, "O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation."

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

August 1978

Terrell Road, Moberly	\$ 56.75
Beacon	378.80
Royal Oak	55.00
Highland	46.41
Rock Chapel	283.66
Grace	696.00
Bailey Chapel	25.00
Mountain Grove	358.66
Mountain Grove	551.78
Hartville	157.60
Myrtle	133.09
Purdy	136.00
Columbia	50.00
Lebanon, First	294.00
Mt. Zion, Thayer	52.60
Pleasant Ridge, Urbanna	48.00
Number One	32.49
Rolla	46.00
Oak Hill, St. Clair	325.19
Bethel	180.00
De Soto	500.00
Hurryville	200.00
Kirksville, First	206.76
Grant Avenue	308.00
Mine La Motte	16.40
South Side	231.82
Cartersville	35.38

Jones Chapel	854.67
Byrd	9.47
Victory, Alton	128.00
Happy Home	79.00
Macedonia Sunday School	19.50
Verdella	145.30
Shiloh	42.19
West Plains, First	310.00
Poplar Bluff	56.00
Calvary, Conway	419.00
Viburnum	30.00
Merl's Chapel	70.22
Joplin	266.00
Mt. Vernon	88.35
Buffalo	114.98
Kings Way	37.32
Faith, Lemay	62.36
Malden	93.51
Way Side	63.00
Copper Mines	130.00
Walnut Grove	112.00
Liberty, Phillipsburg	150.00
Granby	122.32
Faith, Fair Grove	129.86
Freeman Chapel	105.73
The Jones Family Evangelistic Team	225.16
Leadinton	233.27
Fredericktown, First	231.67
Thayer	116.10
Cabool	154.46
New Harmony Sunday School	6.50
Berkeley	440.43
Olivet	200.00
Black Oak	10.00
New Home, Falcon	73.57
South Fremont	26.20
Community	114.29
Marshfield	114.27
Fourth	344.00
Wolf Creek	118.06
Pleasant Hill	41.45
Kirksville, First	178.85
El Dorado, First	5.00
Cuba	64.92
Cuba	48.89
New Rock Springs	78.23
Willow Springs	168.89
Sedalia	54.17
Faith, Fair Grove	103.65
Belton	118.06
Malden	74.04
Waynesville, First	130.00
Waynesville, First	130.00
Sikeston	121.71
Mill Creek	51.02
Farmington	998.09
Mt. Pisgah	60.00
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The Feminist Movement: Major Threat to the Christian Family

by Joan Hart

When I first began to hear about the feminist movement several years ago, I was not sure what my reaction should be. As a Christian, I was concerned about the possibility of becoming involved in an issue with political overtones. As a wife and mother, I was concerned about the institutions of marriage and the home and their stability in an everchanging society. As a legal assistant, I was concerned about the status of women in the professional field. But my life-long involvement in the work of the Lord had taught me to turn to the Word of God for help in every area of my life. And in this instance, I definitely needed help!

God led me to read again the Book of Esther, one of my favorite Bible characters. Looking at Esther in the light of the current feminist controversy, I saw for the first time, not a queen reigning on a throne with all the attendant glory, but, a devout Jewish girl who suddenly found herself in the palace of a pagan king, caught up in the middle of a political system that would rival anything we see today. Esther's story is a story of a power struggle and political corruption; and I wondered why a young woman would want to become involved in that type of situation, a situation that developed into a life and death matter for her. In my review of the Book of Esther, I found the answer—she *had* to become involved because her life and the lives of her loved ones depended upon her doing something. She could not afford to sit back as so many Christians do

today and say, "Let someone else do it."

Mordecai said it so well in chapter 4 of the book: "Esther, you will not escape just because you sit here in the palace. If you keep still at this time, you and your family, all those you hold dear, will be destroyed. Furthermore, it is entirely possible that you are here in this place and at this time for the express purpose of saving your people."

Esther had to be willing to pay the price, and that meant becoming involved. I see a clear parallel between her situation then and our situation as Christian women today.

I also re-read the portions of Scripture in the Bible dealing with family matters, the marital relationship, and the rearing of children. And I began to do some background research on the feminist movement, the identity of its leaders and organizations, and the goals they were attempting to achieve. What I discovered made it very plain to me that, as a Christian, as a woman, and as a wife and mother, I must speak out in defense of the Christian family, and in opposition to the so-called "women's liberation movement."

The lives of our children and our entire family structure are at stake. The most important battle of this century is being fought today, in homes across our nation, as parents battle to preserve our Christian heritage for our children. Satan has declared war on the Christian family, and his biggest and most powerful weapon right now is the Equal Rights

Amendment, which constitutes the focal point of the entire feminist movement. It is the means by which they hope to achieve their goals.

Just what is liberation? John 8:36 tells us that, when Jesus sets us free, we are free indeed. I believe in Christian liberation because I believe Jesus Christ was and is the Great Liberator. He did more to raise the consciousness of the people of His day with regard to the status of women than anyone before or since. And the passage in Proverbs 31, which describes what is often referred to as the epitome of Christian womanhood, hardly reflects a bored, oppressed housewife.

This woman was a wife and mother who performed all the functions of a traditional homemaker, including planting a garden. Yet she had developed a talent for upholstering with fine tapestry, and she used her skills in sewing to bring extra income into the family with a part-time job. She was informed and knowledgeable enough in the area of real estate as to be capable of inspecting land and wisely choosing whether or not to buy it. She was aware of the economy and took advantage of bargains. She was involved in her community. She certainly was not a silent partner in the marriage because she offered advice and suggestions to her husband. How liberated can you get?

So what is wrong with the feminist movement? To answer this, we must turn again to the Bible. There we find that the home is one of our basic institutions and was founded by God as His first item of business after creating the world. It is the cornerstone of our whole society. God's Word also teaches that sex prior to and outside of marriage is sin. In other words, fornication and adultery, two of the most abhorrent sins mentioned in the Bible, and when you add to them another word, homosexuality, you have a three-dimensional picture of sin at its very worst. These three sins account for a large percentage of the misery in our world today, and they certainly constitute the biggest threat of all to the Christian family.

I work as a legal assistant in a law office, and I see homes broken up every day. I see little children left homeless and without any stability or love in their lives, and I see the causes, too—fornication and adultery.

Day after day we read in the newspapers about children being molested, child pornography, little boys' bodies found along the roadside and in ditches. What causes it? Homosexuality.

You may wonder what all of this has to do with the feminist movement. When I did my research into the history of the present-day women's liberation movement and studied the writings of the feminist leaders, I found a great emphasis upon these three elements: fornication, adultery, and homosexuality. The leaders of the women's liberation movement state unequivocally that the end of the institution of marriage is a necessary condition for the liberation of women. They state that it is important for them to encourage women to leave their husbands and not live individually with men. They state that they are working to destroy the institutions of home and marriage. They write that we must look upon children as the responsibility of an entire society

rather than individual parents, and that in order to raise children with equality, they must be removed from the family and raised communally.

These statements are consistent with their demands for nationwide child care centers, supported with tax funds, open 24 hours a day, and available to all parents regardless of financial need. The feminists have also supported the concept of federal child care and child development legislation which has been proposed in the United States Congress at least three times in this decade.

The feminist movement supports equal rights for homosexuals, as evidenced by the resolution passed at the National Women's Conference in Houston, Texas, last November. In spite of the fact that homosexuality is still a crime under many state statutes, our President appointed a well-known lesbian, the co-executive director of the National Gay Task Force, to serve as a commissioner on the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year. This was the Commission which convened and directed the National Women's Conference and persuaded Congress to appropriate \$5 million from our tax funds for the conference.

The feminists believe that true sexual freedom is the freedom to choose heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality or asexuality, or a combination of them. They support the demand for lesbian studies and literature in the public school curriculum, and for schools to provide lesbian counselors on school guidance staffs.

While many Christians differ in their views on therapeutic abortion, the feminist movement espouses abortion on demand, paid for with tax funds, to all women and girls as a delayed method of birth control. This is their idea of sexual equality. They state that men now have sexual freedom without having to bear children as a result, and that women should have the same freedom, and would have it, if the government would make free abortion-on-demand available.

The feminist leaders have stated in their publications that by the year 2000 they hope they will have progressed enough that children can be raised to believe in human potential, not God, and that we must go back to the ancient female religions, like witchcraft.

Last month four hundred women met on the campus of the University of California, Santa Cruz campus, for a three-day program called "The Great Goddess Re-Emerging." According to newspaper accounts, these women were feminists and came to the campus for the purpose of introducing the worship of "goddesses of yore." The official instructor for the university extension course, who holds a Ph.D. in religious studies from Yale University, said that this was a sample of "goddess consciousness" now known just in feminist circles but which will be widely known in three to five years.

These then are the moral issues of the feminist movement. It is not a battle of the sexes, but a battle of ideologies. It is a battle between those who love and serve God and who uphold the sanctity of home and marriage, and those who hate God and who seek to destroy the very foundations on which our nation is built.

It is a battle which is being fought in the political arena, and, whether we like it or not, we must become involved in that arena if we mean to win this battle.

Many of us have worked long hours, we have spent vast sums of money, and we have traveled many miles in this battle already. We are tired (and broke) and we would like to go back to being full-time mothers and wives. We know, however, that, if we don't stand and fight, none of us will enjoy the rights of mothers and wives much longer. We are ready for some reinforcements from those of you who are just now realizing what the battle is all about.

This battle on the Equal Rights Amendment has been raging for over six years. No constitutional amendment has ever taken even four years for ratification. Thirty-eight states are needed for ratification. Thirty-five have ratified at this writing. Four of those have rescinded their ratification. The deadline for ratification is March 22, 1979. The feminists have bills pending in both Houses of the United States Congress to extend the time for ratification for another seven years. Economic boycotts have been instigated in Missouri as well as in other states which have not ratified the ERA. The Attorney General of the State of Missouri, who is a devout Christian, is facing tremendous political persecution because of his stand against the Equal Rights Amendment and the economic boycott. He has told me personally that he must have the prayers of Christians all over the state to continue his battle.

We must continue to let our state legislators in Jefferson City know how we feel on this issue. The August primary and November general elections are crucial this year because of this proposed amendment. We must ask our United States Representatives and Senators to vote against any extension of the time limit for ratification.

Most of all, we must pray. Our nation is facing a crisis. A shepherd boy by the name of David faced a time of crisis in his life when he went out to fight the giant Goliath. We need the reassurance found in that story in 1 Samuel 17:47. In the face of tremendous odds, David made the simple statement: "The battle is the LORD's." With that knowledge, and armed with the sword of the Lord, the neverchanging Word of God, we will win.



About the writer: Joan Hart, by profession, is an executive secretary employed by a law firm in Lebanon, Missouri. By natural love she is wife and mother. She is actively involved in her church as a Sunday school teacher and a member of the church choir. Mrs. Hart is against ERA and through the providence of God is being used to work against its ratification. This article is timely and needed. I suggest that you read it and share it with others.



Points for Pastors

by Jim McAllister

Continued from September

We have stated that Sunday school is extremely important but it can be a detriment without proper organization. You can find hundreds of books on Sunday school organization and you should buy them and read them. It is not the purpose of this article to tell you how. I don't pretend to know any more than any of my brothers. In this article we are sharing ideas that have been borrowed, devised, and revised over a number of years.

We have discovered that a *graded, departmentalized Sunday school* is best for our purposes. By *graded*, we mean every child is in the same grade in Sunday school as he is in school, and adult classes are graded by age.

We have departmentalized into eight different age groups. Each department has from two to nine classes. The smallest number of pupils in a department is 25 and the largest is 180.

By grading a department we now have a system of both promotion (1st Sunday in June each year) and division. In our Junior Department for example, we have six classes—a boys' and girls' class in all these grades (fourth, fifth, and sixth). Another benefit is that the children get accustomed to being in the same grade on Sunday as they are during the week. Also, a boy will invite his schoolmates to come to Sunday school if he knows they will be in the same class. Another benefit is competition. Boys and girls up through Junior High have a natural competitive spirit.

How do you begin? Well, we started where we could. In our case it was in the Primary Department. Then in the Teen Department. Next we graded the Junior Department as far as we could. Then last we graded according to age in the Adult Department.

Does it work? It has for us. We've watched our Sunday school attendance grow from 130 to 400 average in 4 years. Two last points on grading and departmentalizing: First, don't tear up your church to do it. Take it slow and easy and set as a *long range* goal a total departmentalized and graded Sunday school. With tact and proper approach you can sell your people on the idea. Second, you must reorganize at certain plateaus. For example, when we reached 200 we had to reorganize our Sunday school. At 300 and again at 400 we have reorganized. This involves more than just organization. It also includes the program. We'll talk more about that later.

Mary's Meditations

by Mary Anne Owens

"Give Us This Day
Our Daily Bread"



Jesus, when teaching His disciples to pray, began with these words, "Our Father." All those to whom the Father gives birth by the power of the Holy Spirit when they accept His Son Jesus Christ as their Savior by faith can call God, "Our Father." By saying "our" instead of "my" we include all Christian brothers and sisters in our petition.

"Which art in heaven" helps us recognize that our Father's ETERNAL third Heaven (2 Corinthians 12:2) is above and beyond man's TEMPORAL first and second heavens (Psalm 148:13; 113:4, 5). Yet God humbled himself and came down to earth (Psalm 113:6) and hallowed His own name through the God-man Jesus Christ by whose obedience Jesus was given a name which is above every name (Philippians 2:5-13). Because of His glorious salvation, OUR tongues can praise Him as we say, "Hallowed be thy name."

"Thy kingdom come"—God's kingdom on earth begins as an invisible kingdom in the hearts of men (Luke 17:20, 21), where we receive our King Jesus and submit ourselves to His rule and reign in us here on earth as God rules in Heaven which gives us a hope of entering the visible kingdom of Heaven to come. Jesus is able to be King of our lives when we say, "Thy will be done" in me here on earth "as it is in heaven" by the angels and heavenly beings there.

The above summary brings us down to the phrase, "Give us THIS day our DAILY bread." It is God's teaching design that for every law of physical life there is a spiritual law which parallels it. Our physical life is sustained on a daily basis and so is our spiritual life in Christ. We are not to pray that He gives us bread for tomorrow, next week, or next

month, but we are to pray, "Give us THIS day our TODAY bread." This daily bread we are to pray for is Jesus himself. Jesus is our daily bread of life. This is what Jesus was trying to teach the people through the miracle of the five loaves and two fishes in John 6. They missed the whole intent and tried to forcibly make Jesus an earthly king who would supply all their earthly and physical needs. But the physical life is temporary; Jesus came to give us eternal, spiritual life. Jesus told them they had their minds on physical, perishable THINGS, but that He desired to give them that bread or meat which would give eternal life (John 6:26, 27). Then they got into a discussion about the manna during the Exodus. This manna was bread God rained from Heaven to sustain physical life. It was a symbol of Jesus, the manna from Heaven which was to come later and would give and sustain spiritual life (John 6:31-35, 48-50). Exodus 16 tells us that this manna during Moses' time came down daily and had to be gathered daily except on the Sabbath day of rest and worship. These same rules apply to Jesus, our spiritual daily bread. In Matthew 6 where the Lord's prayer is found, Jesus said that the physical and material things of life are not to be sought first, but that we are to seek first the kingdom of God in our hearts with righteousness ruling our lives. If this is sought first, then material and physical things will be added. He said concentrating on that would require all THAT day's strength which He gives to overcome THAT day's evil, for today's victory is lost by worrying about tomorrow's need (Matthew 6:31-34). We cannot eat tomorrow's manna today; neither can we save today's manna for tomor-

row—it spoils (Exodus 16:19, 20).

Jesus tells a parable of a man going to his friend at midnight asking for bread and also of a son seeking physical needs from his father. Then Jesus tells us that our Heavenly Father wants to give us something far more valuable than those THINGS. He wants to give us the greatest gift of all—not a thing but a person—the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:13). Back to John 6 again, where Jesus said He was the bread of life. Jesus told the people it was His SPIRIT, His WORDS, and their FAITH by which they could eat of the Bread of Life (John 6:57, 58, 63). Many of Jesus' followers would not BELIEVE Jesus' WORDS and from that time followed Him no more (John 6:64-66).

Jesus asked the 12 disciples if they were going to leave Him too, but Peter said that there was no one else who had the WORDS of eternal life (John 6:67, 68). Where can we find the WORDS of eternal life, and how can they become our daily bread? The written Word, the Bible, reveals Jesus, the living Word and Bread of life. So then, the written Word is God's table where we are to sit down daily and eat of Jesus the living Bread.

CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Mrs. Peggy Rider, church clerk, sends this report from the Calvary Fellowship Church: "We are praising the Lord for all the blessings He has given to us this summer.

"On July 12, 1978, the Calvary Fellowship Church voted to call Reverend Jerry Norris as pastor. This was done after the Liberty Church had merged with the Calvary Church. The newly-organized church is very excited about the merger and the pastor and his family.

"The church is very fortunate to have some very fine and qualified workers. Brother and Sister Robertson are working with a fantastic group of young people. Joanna Bowlin blesses the hearts of everyone as she works with the teen choir. Finis Barr, music director, and Ron Scott and Jonna Bowlin, musicians, add so much to every service. Then, not to be overlooked is Richard Webb, the playing coach of the softball team.

"The church will be holding revival services September 20-24 with Reverend Ken Riggs. The Sunday school is also planning a big campaign. The superintendent, Wes Rider, is planning to break all records.

"Remember us at Calvary Church as we attempt to set St. Louis County and Jefferson County on fire for the Lord."

Report From South Side Church

Sue Winchester, church reporter, sends this information from the South Side Church:

"The Vacation Bible School, held May 22-26, was an eventful week at the church. The average attendance was 126 with several decisions for Christ. The week before youth camp money was raised for some of the children to attend. There were twenty-five that attended the first two weeks and fifteen of these made a first-time decision or rededication.

"The Saturday evening commissioning of July 21, 1978, will be long remembered at the church. It was the service for Charolette Tallent. That day was her day. The message was beautiful, and we will be praying for her and trusting for her the Lord's best as she serves Him in France. Her parents are to be commended for their willingness to let her go and serve the Lord.

"Other wonderful events are seven children were baptized and united with the church on July 23. On August 6 two more children were baptized. Then on August 20 the day was set aside as Charolette Tallent Sunday. It was a great day and Charolette did a very fine job in both services."



Commissioning Service for Charolette Tallent

One of the highlights of the South Side Church for 1978 was the Commissioning Service for Charolette Tallent. The welcome was extended by the pastor, Reverend Grover Terry. A brother of the young missionary, Reverend Kent Tallent, led in the first prayer. The service followed this order: Introduction of the family by Reverend Russell Spurgeon; special in song, Reverend and Mrs. Keith Tallent; the message, Reverend Robert Francis; special music, Shirley Colquitt; the charge by Reverend Rolla Smith; the prayer of commission by Reverend Bill Sharpston; signing of commitment by missionary, Charolette Tallent; and the prayer of challenge by Brother Clifford Inbody.

A time of fellowship was enjoyed, with refreshments, following the service.

Editor's note: Charolette Tallent has reflected so many wonderful Christian qualities as she worked on her itinerant that she has endeared herself to so many. Let us remember her daily in our prayers as we pray for our missionaries.

Report From the Desoto Church



Church reporter, Jan Pieper, writes about two interesting events at the First Church in Desoto, Missouri.

The Church Training Service teen department held a rock-a-thon on August 18, and it was a success. There were 15 teenagers that rocked from 6:00 p.m. Friday until 6:00 on Saturday. They raised approximately \$475.00 to be used on the cabins at youth camp. The teens were: Marvin Mouser, Steve Morris, Harold Fortner, Mike Parker, Gene Barry, Sheila Young, Karen Orrick, Don Dischbein, Betty King, Kelly Parker, Jane Berry, Martha Mouser, Carol Clark, Keith Thompson, and Kevin Thompson.

The Lord blessed with a very fine Bible school during the second week of August. The attendance was higher than any previous Bible school. The average attendance was 171. Several decisions for Christ were made during the week. There were 30 workers that dedicated themselves to help with the session.

Ordination Service at Waynesville



An ordination service for Reverend Gordon D. Butler was held June 11, 1978, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Waynesville, Missouri.

The order and those participating were as follows: The charge to the church was given by Reverend Dan Talbort, the charge to the minister was given by Reverend Wayne Wagner, and the prayer of ordination was led by Reverend Murray Southwell. Other ministers attending were Reverends Bill Knapp, Michael Hutsell, Farrell Hutsell, and Marion Allsman. The members of the church were present for the service.

Growing at Grace

The new addition to our church in Arnold is progressing well. As the new building takes shape, anticipation for filling the new classrooms is growing. Our Sunday school superintendent, Butch Hovis, informed me that a Sunday school campaign is planned for the month of October entitled "Prove Your Love." The campaign is to find new people and also to reach out to others who *have* attended and encourage them to attend regularly.

Let's flip back the pages of the calendar a little for other news.

Bus ministry was the topic of conversation as a delicious meal was enjoyed at Perkins Pancake House on March 21. Wes Bigelow of Farmington was the guest speaker. He was accompanied by his wife, Glenda. Others present were Rev. & Mrs. Glenn Rehkop, Rev. & Mrs. Daryl Ellis, Mr. & Mrs. Dewain Shoults, Don Kempff, Mr. & Mrs. Willard Hovis, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Lee Roach, Vada and Cindy Beatty, and Bonnie Jane Adams. Wes shared many good ideas. A fine young man, Mike Shoults, is our new Bus Director and his wife, Teresa, is also a willing worker. Kenny Long is helping to keep the buses rolling as our maintenance man. Visitation of the two bus routes has been underway with new contacts being made.

Rev. Roger Harwell was our evangelist for a revival the first week of April. He delivered soul-stirring sermons.

To raise money for worthy causes, the CFC took part in a 24-hour rock-a-thon beginning at 6 p.m., April 14. The participants were: Renee, Randy, and Rodney Wray, Mike Vincent, Roger Liley, Richie Shoults, and Gary Huett. Three of the young ladies didn't quite make it but Linda Vincent rocked 22 hours, Linda Pogue 20 hours, and Denise Howard 18 hours. Dan and Beth Deatherage are doing fine work as CFC sponsors.

The 21 bus group presented a program before the evening worship service on April 23. They portrayed members of the Tator Family. Joy Bell sang a solo and the bus group sang two choruses.

Gary Huett and Rodney Wray wrote a play which was presented by the CFC Sunday evening, April 30 in the absence of Pastor Rehkop who was ill.

The Howard Kennedy Memorial Golf Tournament was to be held May 13 at the Riverside Golf Course. The format was a two-man scramble with Les Bowling as tournament director. Rain called for a postponement of the tourney that day. However, a delicious dinner was enjoyed at the church.

Our annual Sunday school picnic was a fun time at Susan Park on June 10.

I believe that the Labor of Love as a youth camp worker helps us to vision our eternity. Sharing and caring at camp shuts out the world and is almost like a peak into Heaven. This was my thirteenth year to work at camp and I thank God that Brother Bill Reeves' dream became a reality and that our youth camp has continued to provide a tremendous opportunity to lead young people to Christ and to strengthen us all spiritually.

An Etta Bible class on the Old Testament will begin Sunday evening, September 10, at five p.m. with Butch Hovis as our teacher.

We were blessed by the presence of Rev. Leroy Forlines when he delivered the message on Sunday evening, September 3.

Our Bible study hour on Wednesday evening will be devoted to "Learning to Study the Bible By Yourself." This will begin on September 6.

Turners Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Reverend and Mrs. Kenneth Turner celebrated

their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, August 6, 1978, with the event being marked with an open house held from 1 to 4 p.m., at the First Free Will Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Monett, Missouri.

The special occasion was hosted by their children, Mrs. William Troumbly, Sr., of Lee's Summitt, and Mr. David Turner of Kansas City and their families. Among the 500 in attendance were Reverend Turner's brothers and sisters: Mr. and Mrs. Noel Turner of San Mateo, California; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Brown, Pampa, Texas; Reverend and Mrs. John Rollins, Jefferson City, Missouri; and Mrs. Ernestine Branham, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Reverend and Mrs. Turner received congratulatory greetings from several representatives from the State of Missouri in addition to a greeting from President Jimmy Carter.

Editor's note: Congratulations to a wonderful couple.



Report From Gray Summit

The Gray Summit Mission enjoyed good revival services with Reverend Vernon Blankenship serving as the evangelist. Someone cut the cord of the clock in order that the evangelist might have time to get the message to the people. In Joshua's day the sun stood still until the battle was won. On Sunday, September 10, the church gave a surprise anniversary to the pastor and his wife, Reverend and Mrs. Johnny James. A beautiful gift of Ironstone dishes was presented to the anniversary couple as they celebrated their 23rd anniversary. Everyone shared in eating the cake and other refreshments.

Lintons Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Reverend and Mrs. Frank Linton celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary July 30, 1978. The memorable occasion was hosted by the children and held at the home located near Tunas, Missouri. The house and yard were beautifully arranged for the event.

In attendance were the children: Franklin Linton, Jr., Mrs. Peggy Clopp, Mrs. Vera Pruitt, James Donald Linton, and Mrs. Mary Ruth Wilkerson. It

was estimated that over 300 helped celebrate the occasion.

Reverend Frank Linton entered the ministry in 1934. He has served 22 churches with some of this work as a circuit preacher. Most of his pastoral work has been in Missouri. He has done evangelistic work in California, Washington, Idaho, and visited the mission field in Cuba.

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From the Desk of the Promotional Secretary

by Clarence Burton



The Lord blessed as always; what a wonderful God we serve!

August—the summer is nearing its end. Time swiftly passes by. It reminds us of the words of the prophet, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." How many times have we heard the statement, "I plan to get saved, but not now"? We need revival in America. We need a Heaven sent, Holy Ghost revival. This is the only thing that will help our sin-polluted society. The moral standards are rapidly deteriorating; permissiveness is the adamant cry, and while everyone does his or her own thing, thousands die and go to Hell. Let us pray and let us work for a revival that will reveal sin in all its ugliness and give us a thirst for purity and righteousness.

Now, to my traveling ministry for the month of August. On Friday, August 4, I met with the Greater Kansas City Association Quarterly Meeting that was hosted by the First Free Will Baptist Church in Sedalia, Missouri. Reverend and Mrs. Jim Stovall and the church were well prepared, and everyone enjoyed a fine meeting. The following Sunday, August 6,

I was with the First Church in Buffalo, Missouri. It is always a joy to fill the pulpit at this church.

The Indian Creek Association met August 8-10 with the First Church in Joplin, Missouri. Everyone was so appreciative of the wonderful way this association was handled. It isn't easy to host a three day meeting, but Dr. and Mrs. N. R. Smith and the church made it appear easy and a routine occurrence. Then, on the following Saturday it was my privilege to meet with the First Quarterly Meeting of the Mission Association. Reverend and Mrs. R. E. Helsley and the Wolf Creek Church certainly showed real Christian hospitality, and everyone left full and satisfied. The next day, Sunday, August 13, I preached for both services at my home church in Lebanon. I always enjoy being at home and with our church family.

The Niangua Quarterly Meeting met on Friday, August 18, with the Prospect Church. I always enjoy meeting with these folks. The association is small in number but the response to our state and national ministries is fine. Reverend and Mrs. Gary Slavens have recently accepted the pastorate of this church, and they are enjoying a fine ministry there. The next day, August 19, I met with the Laclede County Association at the Sunnyview Church. Reverend and Mrs. Bob Long and the church saw that all the needs were satisfied in order that everyone enjoyed the blessings of the Lord throughout the three-day meeting.

The following Sunday it was my privilege to be with the New Life Church in Licking, Missouri. (The pastor was in revival services in Alabama.) Reverend and Mrs. Max Courtney are continuing to enjoy a fine ministry at this church. (I had dinner with Chuck and Mary Barker. This was my second time there. Mary is quite a cook.) The next Sunday, August 27, I traveled to the eastern side of Missouri, and it was enjoyable to be with the First Church in Cape Girardeau. Everywhere I go it seems that everyone is so warm and cordial. Reverend and Mrs. Frank Giunta are experiencing a fine ministry with the church. (They were on vacation that Sunday.)

The cooperative receipts were very fine for August. We are always grateful to the Lord and the churches that support this ministry. It is satisfying to see churches respond to the Lord's work throughout Missouri and the world. May the Lord bless the faithfulness of each one. As always, thanks for the warm hospitality expressed to us.

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MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS GIVING AUGUST 5 through SEPTEMBER 5, 1978

Grace	\$ 30.00
Berean	20.00
Farmington	20.00
Flat River, First	200.00
West Plains	70.00
St. Francois Dist. Home Missions	125.00
Myrtle	53.31
Oak Hill	11.25
Olivet	250.00

National Home Missions	30.63
Hannon	148.00
Sedalia	36.11
Fellowship	15.00
Joplin	25.00
Fourth	50.74
Beacon	5.00
Mountain Grove	1.25
Columbia	5.00
Mt. Zion	86.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Bethel	5.00
Thayer	9.50
New Harmony Sunday School	19.65
Lebanon	2.00
Cooperative Receipts	2,567.64
Total	\$3,796.08

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MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING August 1978

MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP

Mountain Grove, First	\$ 20.00
Faith, Lemay	10.00
Flat River, First	10.00
Thayer	60.00
Olivet	10.00
Fourth	10.00
Lebanon	13.00
Mt. Pisgah	5.00
Total	\$138.00

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Columbia	\$ 5.00
Bethel	31.10
Willow Springs	200.00
Total	\$236.10

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Mountain Grove, First	\$60.00
Total	\$60.00

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Mountain Grove, First	\$29.25
Mark Vandivort	\$28.00
General Fund	1.25
Oak Hill, St. Clair	\$30.17
B. Francis	\$30.17
Bethel	\$16.39
B. Adkisson	\$ 6.39
B. Francis	10.00
South Side	\$32.00
B. Francis	\$32.00
Faith, Lemay	\$ 5.00
B. Francis	\$ 5.00
Highland	\$15.00
M. Vandivort	\$15.00
Olivet	\$30.00
M. Vandivort	\$25.00
V. Maness	5.00
Wolf Creek	\$10.00
M. Vandivort	\$10.00
Fourth	\$16.00
V. Maness	12.00
B. Francis	4.00
Columbia	\$ 5.00
M. Vandivort	\$ 5.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$25.00
M. Vandivort	\$25.00
Total	\$213.81

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Beacon	\$ 5.00
Moberly	\$ 5.00
Mountain Grove, First	\$ 1.25
General Fund	\$ 1.25
Columbia	\$ 5.00
General Fund	\$ 5.00
Mt. Zion, Thayer	\$ 86.00
General Fund	\$86.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$ 10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Bethel	\$ 5.00
Moberly	\$ 5.00
Thayer	\$ 9.50
General Fund	\$ 5.50
Moberly	2.00
Owens	2.00
New Harmony Sunday School	\$ 19.65
Moberly	\$19.65
Lebanon, First	\$ 2.00
General Fund	\$ 2.00
Total	\$143.40

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Moberly	\$ 5.00
Charolette Tallent	\$5.00
Mountain Grove, First	\$422.50
General Fund	\$302.50
Jim McLain	120.00
Columbia	\$ 22.00
General Fund	\$ 2.00
C. Tallent	5.00
J. Pinkerton	15.00
Lebanon, First	\$147.00
J. Pinkerton	\$40.00
C. Morgan	40.00
C. Tallent	67.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$ 20.00
J. McLain	\$10.00
Gen. Fund	10.00
Oak Hill, St. Clair	\$ 16.80
J. Pinkerton	\$16.80
Bethel	\$ 12.00
J. Pinkerton	\$ 7.00
C. Tallent	5.00
Kirkville, First	\$104.00
J. Pinkerton	\$84.00
J. McLain	20.00
South Side	\$125.00
C. Tallent	\$125.00
West Plains, First	\$268.00
Gen. Fund	\$258.00
H. Filkins	10.00
Merl's Chapel	\$ 34.50
Dave Franks	\$34.50
Kings Way	\$ 47.32
J. Haas	\$47.32
Walnut Grove	\$ 10.00
Lynn Miley	\$10.00
Leadington	\$700.92
J. McLain	\$700.92
Thayer	\$ 89.26
Arilla Wode	\$78.26
J. Pinkerton	7.00
P. Van Hook	2.00
D. Bishop	2.00
New Harmony Sunday School	\$ 39.30
Dr. LaVerne Miley	\$19.65
J. McLain	19.65
Olivet	\$ 95.00
Lynn Miley	\$10.00
B. Poole	40.00
M. Willey	20.00
J. Pinkerton	10.00
J. McLain	5.00
L. Sparks	5.00
H. Filkins	5.00
Black Oak	\$ 23.89
D. Franks	\$23.89
Aulsbury Chapel	\$ 50.00
J. Pinkerton	\$25.00

B. Fulcher	25.00
Fourth	\$142.66
S. Lytle	\$89.66
B. Fulcher	25.00
J. Pinkerton	10.00
C. Tallent	18.00
Total	\$2,375.15

HILLSDALE HIGHLIGHTS

MOORE, OK—Students came from fourteen states and six foreign countries to be a part of 182 enrolled at Hillsdale this fall. This exceeds last year's enrollment by 6 percent. The freshman class increased by 28 percent signaling a continuing increasing enrollment in years to come.

Over 100 students are living on campus. The dormitories are full and three apartments in Randall Hall are being used for overflow from the girls' dormitory. Senior girls and married students occupy the other apartments in Randall and Palmer Halls.

The students are enthusiastically involving themselves in newly formed societies—Greek and literary—and the campus has been plastered with signs urging the new students to join. The societies involve students in all parts of college life—from sports to special projects.



Woman's Page



Reflections of Retreat

September 11 and 12 found one hundred and four women from across the state of Missouri in attendance at the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Retreat. This year the women were challenged by Mary Ruth Wisehart as she spoke on "Lord, Change Me." Miss Wisehart shared with the women how they could be changed by the Lord and how to overcome depression. She shared these thoughts by showing the women from the Word how this could be done.

Under the direction of Brenda Evans, the women met at the end of the row of cabins Monday night, September 11, for a special service. She had a cross placed in the ground and gave the women a piece of red paper. She then asked the women to write down one thing that we would like the Lord to take from our lives that is a hindrance to our living for Him. After writing this down, each woman tacked the paper to the cross as they sang, "Were You There When they Crucified My Lord?" When everyone had done this, the cross was covered in red, making the women realize what Christ had done for each one.

The project for the retreat was to bring money for the Free Will Baptist Bible College library in Nashville. To date \$805.00 has been given.

New District Has First Meeting

The Greater Ozark District Woman's Auxiliary met at the Kings Way Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri, September 18, 1978, for their first meeting. Dennis and Carol Teague, missionaries to France, shared with the women their work during the past three years. Upon returning to France in late Spring or early June, they will join the Jerry Gibbs' family to begin a new work. Pray for the Teagues as they travel across the denomination sharing their work with the Free Will Baptists. Pray that people will respond to the need to get their support raised so that they can return to France.

South Side Sponsors Shower

On August 15, the Woman's Auxiliary sponsored a personal and kitchen shower for Charolette Tal-

lent, missionary to France. It's a joy to help a missionary, but when she is one of your own, it's even more special.

A Special Day

For Charolette

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On August 20, South Side set aside a special day for missionary Charolette Tallent. She was in charge of both services. In the morning she spoke on the challenging subject, "Christians in Today's World." She used Matthew 5:13-16 as her text. After the service there was dinner and fellowship in the church basement. Before the evening message, Bro. Edwin Bowden gave his testimony. Edwin and Shirley are very good friends of Charolette and do an excellent job as managers of our Free Will Baptist Bookstore in Lebanon, Missouri. Charolette's message that evening was on the subject of prayer. She used various Scriptures to illustrate why God may not be hearing us when we pray.

A special love offering was given to Charolette on August 27. She departed for France on August 29. Pray for her as she has begun language study. (The two articles were submitted by Sue Winchester, Church Reporter for the South Side Church.)