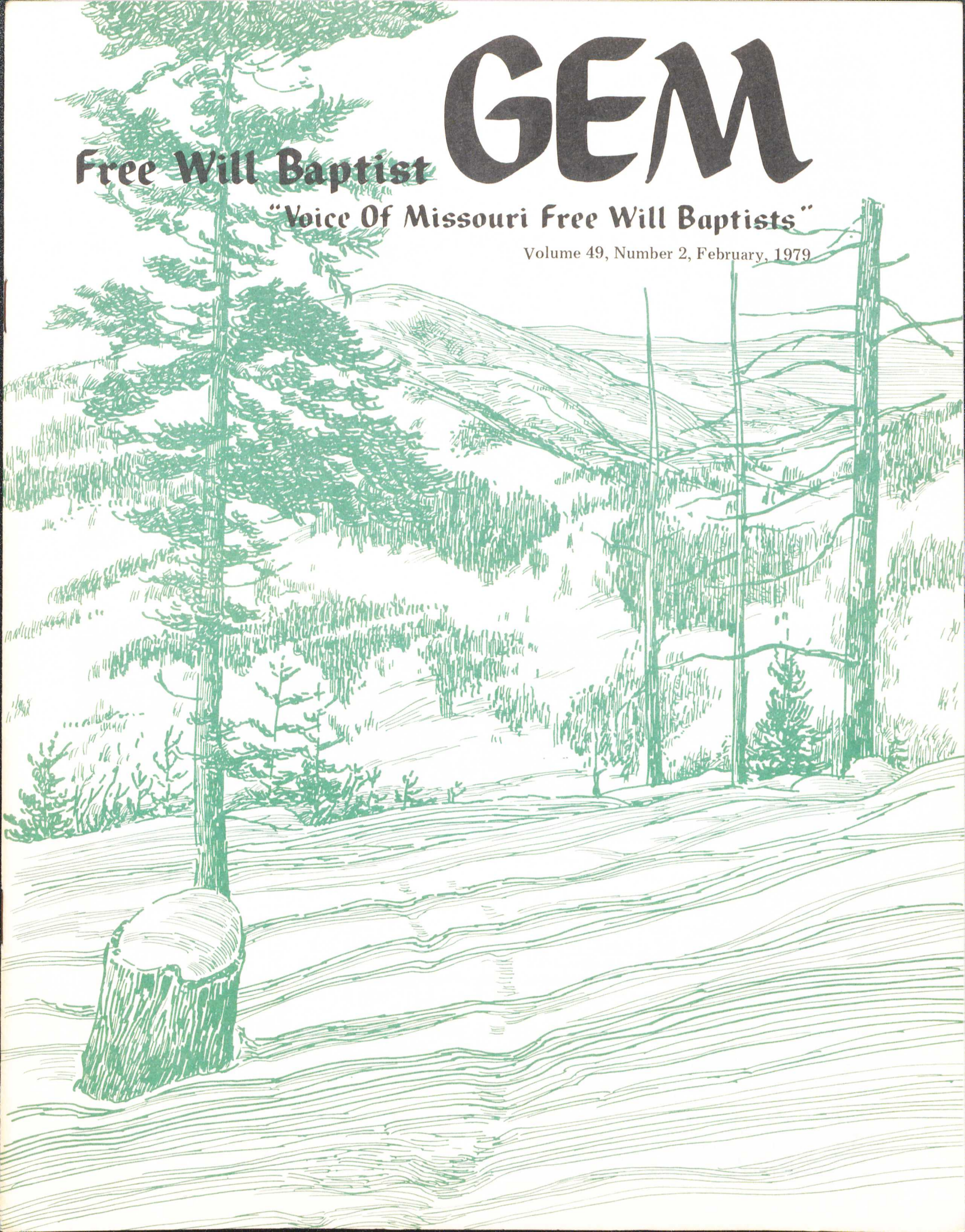


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COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

December 1978

Olivet	\$ 200.00	Myrtle	110.13
Monett	301.30	Oak Hill	267.10
South Side	195.60	Mtn. Grove, First	412.05
Springfield, First	86.00	Berkeley	321.08
Harmony, Kansas City	72.00	Beacon	297.77
Number One	27.18	Marshfield	106.19
Bailey Chapel	23.00	Highland	40.00
Oskaloosa (Sept.-Oct.-Nov.)	100.96	Jones Chapel (July-Nov.)	660.64
Wayside	69.00	Merl's Chapel	59.29
Mill Creek	55.19	Rock Chapel	328.62
Freeman Chapel	181.40	Mt. Zion, Cave Springs	43.37
Community	28.49	Hartville	142.75
Joplin (Oct.-Nov.)	606.02	Grace	544.00
Merl's Chapel	75.07	Grant Avenue	308.00
Pleasant Ridge	45.00	Shiloh	14.78
Hurryville	97.60	Salem	25.00
Mt. Pisgah	62.00	Poplar Bluff	75.00
Waynesville	154.00	Fredericktown, First	167.90
Kingsway	247.49	Hannon	197.00
Columbia	50.00	West Plains, First	207.40
Happy Home	85.18	New Harmony	5.24
Malden	67.27	Cabool	125.75
Sedalia	73.55	Sikeston	100.86
Faith, Lemay	51.55	DeSoto	450.00
Terrill Road, Moberly	47.05	Royal Oak	26.00
Mine La Motte	30.94	Rolla, First	40.00
Cuba	55.52	Buffalo	137.91
Victory, Alton	111.00	Copper Mines	150.00
New Rock Springs	70.53	United Independent Free Will Baptist	40.00
Kirkville, First	228.90	Leadinton	287.07
		El Dorado, First	5.00
		Farmington	987.83
		Thayer	156.04
		Cape Girardeau, First	230.00
		Total Cooperative Receipts	\$10,568.56

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Grace	\$ 25.00	Pleasant Ridge	10.00
DeSoto	100.00	Columbia	5.00
Oak Hill	7.62	Terrill Road	10.25
Sedalia	49.04	Bethel	15.00
Hannon	197.00	New Harmony	17.26
West Plains	70.00	Thayer	5.00
Myrtle	25.57	Victory	73.00
South Fremont	105.00	Cooperative Receipts	1,955.19
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Stirred



By Rev. Ken Dodson

Lost! Dead in their sins! Bound for Hell! Unconcerned! Lukewarm Christians! Yes, these and many more relevant realities make the words of Peter even more meaningful.

"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which *I stir up* your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour" (2 Peter 3:1, 2).

Preachers Should Be Stirring Up God's People. The word for "stir up" in 2 Peter 1:13 and 3:1 signifies an intensive usage meaning to rouse or to awaken from sleep. Peter was telling the people that they had been spiritually asleep. Peter was stirring them to spiritual life and aliveness by reminding them of the Word of God.

Wake Up! Stop getting involved in the doctrines of false teachers. Live *holy lives* as is well pleasing unto the Lord and stop listening to those antinomian gnostics who say it's all right to live like your flesh leads you. Don't you know the Lord is coming again and this world and all that's part of it will be burned in judgment!

Yes, we cry out, "Amen, Peter, amen! Preach it straight, brother!" But we ourselves are living in the age of "Lukewarmness" (Revelation 3:16). The "Libertine's" doctrines of worldliness, fleshly compromise, unconcerned attitudes, lack of zeal, and failure of vision, permeate our churches.

The Scriptures cry out for godly men who will preach with unction, the need for holy living, Scriptural standards, dedication, and subjection to God's Word to stir God's people to hold high the standards of Christ.

With a whole world lost, dead in their sins, and bound for Hell, how can we be satisfied and stagnant. Preach compassion, preach concern, preach zeal—GET A VISION!

Preachers are afraid that they'll stir the hornets nest of cold, compromising Christians whose delight is the fashion of the world. Brethren, it's better to stir the wrath of man than the wrath of God. It's time your people looked like Christians, talked like

Christians, and lived like Christians.

God's People Should Be Stirring Up Themselves. Paul told Timothy that he needed to be stirring himself up (2 Timothy 1:6). Timothy, like every born again Christian, was a soldier for Christ. However, a war can become a challenge to the very life of the combatants and fear can then be an even greater enemy. Timothy had become fearful. The Christian's individual battle against conformity and compromise to the world and its commanding general can become a tremendous task. Paul reminded Timothy that he would have to stir up every gift that God had given him to be able to fight the tempter.

The Greek for "stir up" here is different from that in Peter's epistles. The word can be broken down into three parts: ANA-up or again, ZOOS-alive, PUR-fire. The word for "stir up" is denoting a need to kindle afresh or keep in full flame. The "gift of God" is regarded as a fire capable of dying out through neglect in 2 Timothy 1:6.

I remember as a young boy, my family went to visit some folks who lived in a little farm house, way back in the country. The only means of heat was a pot bellied stove that sat royally in the middle of the sitting room. It was fed and pampered through the evening and everything was warm and cozy as the radiance of the old pot belly stove kept everyone mystified with its glowing grandeur. The evening drew to an end and everyone went to his bed and climbed under a mountain of quilts. The warmth and comfort of the fire that glowed with life gave assurance of a good night's sleep.

The morning broke with an entirely new world in the once rustic beauty of warmth. The house and sitting room were harsh and cold. There was no security but trembling of cold, unmerciful floors, and dark ominous walls. The once kingly stove seemed beggarly and harsh. Then things began to change as the farmer reached into the heart of the old stove and began to stir up the ash-covered contents and new life began to spark. A glow, a glimmer, and then a flame! More fuel was added and a fire came to being again and all those around began to feel the comfort of the fire that had been

stirred up in the cold heart of the stove.

We need to be stirring up our lives of lukewarm coldness and presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice, "holy, acceptable unto God" (Romans 12:1). Become a total Christian in attendance (this includes Sunday night and Wednesday night), prayers, tithes and (plus) offerings, and enthusiasm. Commit yourself to the task and watch the fire of the Spirit of God in your life begin to attract and give comfort and assurance to others around you.

God's People Should Be Stirring Up The Lost World. At Thessalonica Paul had preached so powerfully that the whole city was stirred up in its sins. The accusation made against Paul and the Christians was this; "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also" (Acts 17:6).

Vine gives as a definition for the phrase "turned the world upside down"—to stir up, excite, unsettle. In a day and time when the Church is in a lukewarm state, we need to get on fire for God, then excite, unsettle, and stir up a lost world for Christ.

The image of a cozy little church that sits emptily silhouetting the sky, the image of peaceful folk quietly worshipping their God without causing any

ripples in the world's game plans has got to stop.

Hell is being enlarged as the multitudes are marching into eternal damnation. It's time we started stirring up a lost world. Let's let the world know we are different by God's grace and that they need salvation by grace.

While the church is fussing about whether or not to do something different from the old traditions, the lost world continues to head toward eternity. Bold pastors, visionary churches, committed Christians bring success and souls to Christ. It's time we stopped talking about what God did for us in the past and start talking about what God's going to do for us in the future and then get busy.

We cannot be as the people in Isaiah 64:7, "And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee." Let us be of those of whom it shall be said, "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also" (Acts 17:6).

About the writer: Reverend Ken Dodson is pastor of the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church in Maplewood, Missouri. He is actively involved in both state and national ministries.

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley E. Jones

Several years ago, so I am told by the "old-timers," people attended church because there was no where else much to go. Saint and sinner alike would attend Sunday services as well as revival meetings. Then, more modern times arrived and the church became engaged in a competitive battle. It became more difficult to have our churches filled. Some said it was a "sign of the times" and tried to satisfy themselves with the handful of people who were attending. But, others saw this problem as a challenge and set about to do something.

This desire to reach more people with the gospel and to fill the church grew until men found training for themselves. Then they trained others in Sunday school, church growth, and personal soul-winning. Now, for those who have a passion for souls, organized instruction in several different areas can be obtained. Our Bible colleges offer courses in missions and personal evangelism. The Missouri Bible Institute offers training in Bible study. The National Home Missions Department is presently conducting evangelism conferences where church growth is stressed. And, the results have been very rewarding.

But, there is still one major area of church activity that, I feel, has been overlooked: that being the church-wide revival. I often hear the remark made in revival meetings, "It's so hard to get our

own people out, how can we possibly get the unsaved to come?" I am glad to say that a few churches are still reaching people through revival meetings. In the months ahead, we will be considering some ideas that could help your church reach men with the gospel through revival meetings.

In the meantime, feel free to answer any or all of the questions below and send me your ideas. It may be the very answer our readers need to hear.

1. How effective have revival meetings in your local church proven to be? Week meetings? Weekend meetings?
2. What steps should be taken on the part of the church in preparation for a revival meeting?
3. How can the evangelist best prepare himself for a revival meeting?
4. How important is follow-up after a revival meeting?

Send your reply to: The Jones Family Evangelistic Team, Inc., Box 304, Hartville, Missouri 65667.

About the writer: Evangelist Stanley Jones is well known in the state of Missouri and many other states where he has served as evangelist for church and city-wide or community revivals. Brother Jones has also served as a pastor. Inasmuch as he is quite familiar with conducting revivals, it seemed good for him to write a series of articles on the Essentials of Evangelism. After reading this article why not respond to the questions asked at the close of it.

CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Thanks From the Ames Family

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Christian brothers and sisters for the faithful prayers, cards, gifts, and thoughts following our automobile accident. We thank God for everyone who visited us and remembered us in prayer. We are confident that it is through prayer and faith that we are on our way to recovery. May God richly bless each one."

Signed Leola and Lee Ann Ames

Editor's note: We thank God, also, for the recovery and progress that Leola and Lee Ann have made.

Ordination Service at Hazel Creek

On Sunday, December 31, 1978, an ordination service was held for Reverend Boyce Williams, pastor of the Hazel Creek Church.

The ordination message was preached by Reverend Johnnie Hale of Hardy, Arkansas. Reverend Archie Cooper gave the charge to the preacher and Reverend Gilbert Mertz gave the charge to the church. Brother Terry Sevits gave the Scripture reading. Others who participated in the service were Brothers Bud Riley, Wendell Sevits, and Earl Sponsler.

Following the service, refreshments and fellowship were enjoyed by everyone.

The pastor stated, "A special note of thanks should be given to all who attended. There was a foot of snow on the ground and the temperature was very low. Also, the driving was hazardous. But you can't keep good people at home when they want to worship the Lord."

Mrs. Johnnie Hale accompanied her husband and was a special guest at the service.



New Ministry at Fourth

Mrs. Camille Thiele, church reporter, writes that a new ministry has begun at the Fourth Church in Maplewood, Missouri. Some of the folks of the church are bringing wheel chair residents of a local nursing home to the Sunday services. Two ladies have recently followed the Lord in water baptism. Another lady has learned to recite Psalm 27. Sister Thiele had the privilege of leading one of the ladies to the Lord for salvation.

Reverend Ken Dodson is the pastor.

Greetings From Twin Oaks

Mrs. Madeline McFarland, church reporter, writes that the Lord is still blessing at Twin Oaks Church. The attendance in all services is very good, especially considering the bad weather. The church has a radio ministry. It is the prayer of the church that through this ministry, in sunshine or snow, souls will be saved.

The church began a watch night service on New Year's Eve by candlelight and heat by quilts and blankets inasmuch as the electric power had been disconnected because of the snow and ice. However, before it was over the power was on. Reverend Bob Thebeau was a little disappointed inasmuch as he had hoped that he might get to preach by lantern light.

The Lord called a good Christian, Sister Mildred Shoemaker, to be with Him. But our loss is Heaven's gain, writes Mrs. McFarland.

The Lord has blessed the church with much talent and the fine pastor, Reverend Truman Huffman, uses all ages to work in the church. Our goal is to reach as many people in 1979 as we can for the Lord. God gave us a great year in 1978 but we are looking for a better one this year. We know that we must go out and win them for Jesus. It is wonderful to know that Jesus will save all that will come to Him. We must give our tithes and offerings that our preachers and missionaries and all of us can go and labor in a world of sin that souls will be saved. Let us as Christians work while it is day and band ourselves as one in the name of Christ.

Report from Stockton

Reverend John McClure, recently elected pastor of the Stockton Church, writes that December was a little hectic and January started off very slow. But that is understandable considering the very bad weather we have had.

A Christmas Fellowship Dinner was enjoyed at the McClure home on Thursday night, December 21. Twenty-two people met with covered dishes and various goodies, so the table was full and the fellowship was great.

On Christmas Eve a special birthday party was held for Jesus. The attendance was 28 with some folks missing because of illness. The special music was given by Brother McClure and Ramona York.

The McClures extend an invitation for anyone

visiting in the area to stop by and worship with them in their regular services.

Project Seasweep Successful at Trinity

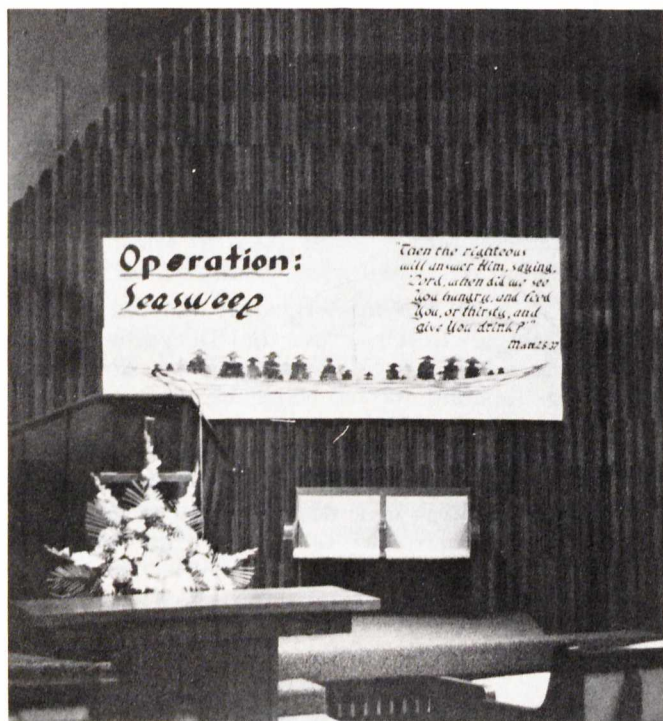
On Sunday, November 19, the communion table of Trinity Church was replaced by an 8 foot refugee boat and a large loaf of bread containing 25 lbs. of flour.

The plight of the refugees in Southeast Asia had been laid upon the hearts of the people for the previous 10 weeks. Children, young people, and adults streamed down the aisles of Trinity Church to demonstrate their Christian concern for human suffering on the South China Seas.

Approximately \$1,100.00 in pennies, nickels, dimes, and dollars poured from the small "refugee boats" into the large boat as a visible evidence of the members' love and concern.

Half of the monies given went to help the ministry of World Vision's chartered ship that has been ministering to the fleeing thousands these past six months. The other half of the money will go to our National Association Foreign Missions.

In order to carry out the project, laymen of the church were actively involved: a large banner painted by a church member depicted the plight of the refugee boats; the 8 foot boat at the front of the building was built by one of our staff members, the large loaf of bread was baked by one of the ladies of the church. In addition, small boats for every Sunday school member were made by lay people. "The active participation of lay people in carrying out the commission of Jesus Christ is the greatest blessing that any pastor can have," stated Pastor Spurgeon.



Douglas County Congregation Loses Church Building

The congregation of the Pleasant Home Free Will Baptist Church were unable to meet for their final service of 1978, due to a devastating fire which completely destroyed their building and all its contents in predawn hours on Sunday, December 31. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

At the regular mid-week service, which was held in the community building on Wednesday evening following the fire, the body made plans to hold regular service in the community building. They set up tentative plans for rebuilding. Weather and road conditions made the next Sunday services impossible, but on Sunday, January 14, 1979, the regular Sunday morning service was enjoyed by twenty-eight members and their pastor, Rev. Vandon Lee Easter, of Vanzant, Mo.

There were some who did not feel too badly displaced in the different setting, as the old building, then the Holt School, is the site of the church's origin. It was there that the pastor, Rev. Clyde Rutledge, insisted that Sunday school be organized nearly 40 years ago, and an "evergreen Sunday school" was the result. It is believed this two-week interruption is the only time since that more than one Sunday would be canceled due to weather and roads.

When the small congregation felt the need for a church building, they pooled their resources and faith, and were grateful for the small, one-room structure which finally evolved. More people were attracted to the growing church, and in 1961 construction of an auditorium was begun. Then 3 years ago a kitchen and bathroom facilities were added. Many of those involved in the earlier building programs are no longer here, but younger families and new families have come into the fellowship with the same faith and courage that made the other building projects possible.

Construction of a new building will begin as soon as weather permits. A minimum insurance will cover the cost of starting a building, faith will see it completed.

Retirement Village Rally

Place: Nelson Community Center
Lebanon, Missouri

Date: Saturday, March 31, 1979

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Program: Progress Report and Retirement Village
Presentation Reverend Andy Lay
Singing: Singing Jones Family
Other Singing Groups

Please mark this date on your calendar and make plans to attend.



Points for Pastors

by Jim McAllister

by Jim McAllister

"We need a new building." Those words have spelled either great success and spiritual growth for a church, or disaster, confusion, financial ruin, and division. I honestly think success or failure is determined by the pastor.

First, do you really need the building? Honestly look at your church attendance, your past growth, your prospects for growth, the financial condition and prospects of the church, the desire of the congregation to build.

Second, what type and size building do you need? Please don't allow your ego to stick its ugly head in here. Don't build more than you need, just to keep up with some other preacher. Also, don't spend money needlessly on elaborate furnishings, that is, unless the church can afford it.

Third, have a building committee and treasurer, and use them. Give them authority and allow them to function without your continual interference. Cooperate with them like you want their cooperation in other matters.

Fourth, decide what you will build and have drawings made. Then get bids either from a general contractor or sub-contractor (less expensive).

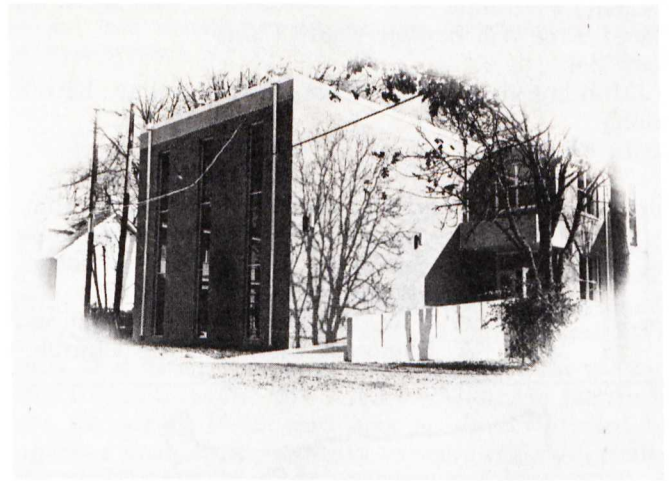
Fifth, set a date for completion and strive to meet the deadline. However, if you don't make it, it isn't the end of the world.

Sixth, use volunteer help if the church is in favor, but if not, have contractors build it. Don't divide the church, or allow discord or hurt feelings to arise due to volunteer work. The money you save isn't worth it. A guilt complex brought on by a church member who doesn't want to work on the building may drive him from the church.

Seventh, watch the money. Many churches have constructed buildings they could not afford and suffered years under the financial strain. Don't build on anticipated income. Build and spend on the basis of present income.

Eight, give praise to those who labor on the building committee, those who volunteer work, those who give, those who donate material, and those who pray and cooperate.

In conclusion, be sure you have the church supporting the program. Be sure you know what you are going to build and how to build it. Be sure you can afford it. Be sure you need it, and finally keep on top of every little problem no matter how small. But above all . . . Be sure!



PROJECT FOR BIBLE COLLEGE MOVES

TOWARD CLIMAX

Missouri Free Will Baptists are over half finished on one of the largest projects ever undertaken by any group in the denomination, according to Reverend Ronald Creech, Director of Development for Free Will Baptist Bible College. The project is to underwrite the college's \$125,000—wing added to Welch Memorial Library in 1973.

To complete the drive, Reverend Creech is scheduling a series of victory dinners to be held across the state in early 1979. The first dinner, already held in Kansas City in September, resulted in \$6,275 in gifts and commitments. Dinners will be held in the St. Francois Association area, January 12, and in the St. Louis Association area, January 13. Several others are also being planned for different areas of the state.

Reverend Creech said he appreciated the help of all the Free Will Baptists in the state, the pastors in all the planning meetings, and especially that of Reverend Clarence Burton, promotional director. Creech says, "Missouri will come through. Watch and see! This is a strong state and can be counted on to produce on its commitment."

The target date for completing the drive is June 1979.

Editor's note:

Another successful dinner was held in the St. Francois District Association on January 12. The total amount raised in cash and pledges was \$10,004.00. Reverend Creech stated, "I am delighted and pleased for such a wonderful response." (The dinner that was scheduled in St. Louis District Association was canceled because of the weather.)

Missouri Free Will Baptists, it is looking better all the time!

Pastoral Changes:

Reverend Philip Jones to the Bethel Church, Festus, Missouri

Reverend John Turner to the First Church, Fredericktown, Missouri

Reverend Nick Hollis to the First Church, Berkeley, Missouri

Preacher's Seminar

Place: Free Will Baptist Youth Camp
April 2-4

(Monday 4:30 p.m. through Wednesday 12:00 noon)

Cost: \$5.00

Purpose: Discuss and give direction on subjects that should be of special interest to the preacher who is relatively young in the ministry. The subjects will include: The Making of a Preacher, The Preacher and his Denomination, A Financial Plan for the Church,

Parliamentary Procedure, Preparing a Church Budget, Ministering the Ordinances of the Church, Hospital Visitation, Funeral Services, Youth and Senior Citizens Ministries, Rules for Church Growth, etc. etc.

A book entitled *Pastoral Helps* will be given to each one that registers.

The Seminar will be conducted by Reverend James McAllister and Reverend Clarence Burton.

Comfortable accommodations will be available at the youth camp for this seminar.

On The National Front

Great Preaching Conference at Tulsa

The National Home Missions Department has announced that on February 26-28 there will be a "Great Preaching Conference" at West Tulsa Free Will Baptist Church. These men will be on the program: Brother Fred Warner, Brother Richard Cordell, Brother John West, and Brother Harry Staires. The General Director and Associate Director, Brothers Roy Thomas and Trymon Messer, will also be preaching at the conference.

Special singing will be presented by Brother John Gibbs and the Oklahoma Ministers Quartet.

The West Tulsa Church reached a high of 916 in Sunday school. This will be a fine opportunity to tour the building and meet the people and staff. Reverend Connie Cariker is the pastor. Registration fee is \$5.00.

Cooperative Giving All-Time High

Reverend Rufus Coffey, Executive Secretary, announced that cooperative giving for 1978 will set an all-time record. An increase of 17½ percent from January through November has been recorded.

NAE Convention March 6-8

The annual NAE Convention dates are March 6-8. The meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida. The theme this year is "Sharing The Good News of Jesus Christ."

The featured speakers this year will be Dr. Adrian Rogers, pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church; Dr. Warren Webster, General Director of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Missions Society; Dr. Paul Smith, pastor of the People's Church Toronto, Canada, and others.

The 1979 convention will offer seminars, workshops, and public sessions designed to challenge and direct attendees in carrying out the Great Commission. Dr. Billy Melvin is the Executive Director of NAE.



Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world's unreached millions will be the focus of NAE's 37th Annual Convention. Bringing together a unique cross-section of evangelical leaders from across the nation and the world, the 1979 convention will offer seminars, workshops and public sessions designed to challenge and direct attendees in the carrying out of Christ's Great Commission.

Write for information today.

**37th Annual
NAE Convention
March 6-8, 1979
Orlando, Florida**

NAE, Box 28, Wheaton, IL 60187

Bible Conference at Hillsdale

The annual Bible Conference, scheduled for March 5-7, will feature Hillsdale alumni. Speakers will include graduates Bob Thompson, Frank Wiley, Frank Giles, Jay Tilson, Jim Shepherd, Keith Burden, Andy Percy, and Richard Robinson. Other alumni will be used in presiding over services and for special singing.

Bible Conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College

Dr. Jim Mercer and Reverend Jack Stallings will be the featured speakers at Free Will Baptist Bible College's spring Bible Conference, March 11-15, 1979. A prime feature of the 1979 Bible Conference will be a program on Wednesday morning, reviewing Dr. Johnson's ministry at FWBBC. Alumni also plan to honor the retiring president at their meeting on Tuesday.

Trustees Approve Major Renovation At FWBBC

The Free Will Baptist Bible College trustees approved plans to modernize the school's Memorial Auditorium during the coming year. Changes in the auditorium will increase its seating capacity by nearly 50 percent. By adding a balcony and making other changes the renovated auditorium will seat about 640 and will enable the entire student body to attend chapel services in one building.

Other changes include air conditioning the auditorium and student lounge, bricking the exterior of the auditorium, refinishing the inside, and installing a new roof. The entrance will be extended toward Richland Avenue to enclose a lobby. Four entrance doors will increase access to the building and a glass panel facade will enhance its appearance. A projection/audio-visual booth will be built on the balcony. The renovation will take most of the 1979-80 school year.

The date set for the inauguration of Dr. Charles Thigpen as president is October 2, 1979 at 10:00 a.m. It will be open to all Free Will Baptists, with special invitations to be sent to several thousand pastors, alumni, friends, and representatives of other institutions.

Christmas Greetings From Our Missionaries:

Editor's note: The greetings arrived after December 15, consequently

the earliest issue for publication is this issue. The material for the January issue must be mailed in December. We can still enjoy these greetings as they were sent to the *Gem* readers.

The Fulchers in Panama: We trust that you will have a very Happy Christmas at your house this year. May you experience real joy and peace in your heart as you celebrate the birthday of our Saviour. We pray that as we enter into another New Year we will not forget to praise the Lord for what He has done for us during 1978, and may we look forward to another year of opportunity to serve Him. We praise the Lord for His continued blessings upon our family and our work in Panama. We are very busy these days in the various ministries of the Agua Buena Church. Our Sunday school continues to grow. We had in the 90's for most Sundays with a high of 126 a few weeks ago. Bill has started a Bible Institute class on Tuesday evenings with young people and adults enrolled. Thank you so much for your financial support for our work during the past year. You have played a tremendous part in the building of Panamanian Free Will Baptist churches. May the Lord lead you as you make plans for giving to His work during 1979.

The Haases in France: Holiday Greetings to each of you. It hardly seems possible that another year has passed so quickly and Christmas is almost here. Please pray for and with us that God, by His Spirit, will show us how to better reach the people in our area for Him. Yes, even French people, as intelligent as they are, are lost and doomed for Hell without accepting the "babe of the manger" as their own personal Saviour. Pray for Christy as she continues her studies at home and continues to bring us much sunshine in our home and hearts. We love you all and thank you so much for your support. Let the love of Christ shine forth brightly in your families as we live for Him.

The Pinkertons in Africa: Thanks so much for your Christmas cards, the warm notes, and your prayers. Due to recent decisions made by the Field Council we will be continuing as dorm parents. We feel that this is God's will at present, even though we hope that sometime we will be with the African people again ministering to them. Jerry made three trips with the Red Goose to get our belongings and it looks as if they are all here now. Please continue to pray for the African Christians. Their life is hard. We are so grateful for the support that everyone has given. We thank God for every dollar that is sent to us. We want to use it to serve Him as we minister in this place of service. Remember us in prayer that we shall be faithful in serving Him.

Sunday School Attendance Averages 1977-78

CHURCH	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
Aulsbury Chapel	76	80	90	95	95	104	91	97	86	84	77	
Bethel, Festus	94	111	124	120	102	96	93	109	109	112		
Black Oak	28	28	31	35	40	33	26	29	36	31		
Buffalo	74	75	85	71	56	66	62	62	70	71	74	
Calvary, Conway	121	111	110	120		115	104	131	134	118		
Cape Girardeau	72	117	113	111	91	92	99	87	93	106	109	105
Carterville	26	25	24	25	20	22	24	26	24	22	28	
Cedar Ridge	39	36	55	45	46	36	41	36	38	44	44	
Columbia	60	66	78	61	55	57	60	49	54	44		
Copper Mines	77	86	92	74	85	91	78	89	85			
Faith Chapel	30	33	34	25	20	18	27	32	37	35	39	
Farmington	389	414	458	509		460	429	438	438	474		
Fellowship									221	248		
Flat River, First				234	199	203	263	225	233	248	202	
Fourth	134	145	193	181	185	147	126	177	175	165	193	176
Grace	193	197	217	213	190	196	160	170	203	216		
Grant Avenue	127	129	145	138		115	121	124	127	125		
Happy Home, Ava	17	23	24	25	24	25	27	25	25	30		
Hurryville	47	55	66	54	55	56	48	50	70			
Joplin	95	105	117	104	93	100	88	96	104	125	101	
Kirksville, First	85	96	95	97	89	98	87	83	104	106	106	
Lebanon, First	109	120	125	131	130	122	101	107	112	118		
Macedonia, Purdy	68	69	76	75	69	67	70	63	67	65		
Marshfield	59	53	58	59	57	60	60	56	54	57		
Myrtle	45	47	52		50	45	45	51				
New Harmony	32	31	34	33	30	27	28	29	34	34	28	
O'Fallon			101	102	82	89	73	88	99	101	89	84
Anderson	37	34	40	39	55	67	63	57	30	33	31	
Pleasant Home	50	60	66	60	63	66	57	66	66	72	65	
Richwoods	25	28	33	32	33	36	27	30	33			
Rock Chapel	80	80	93	110	139	117	97	98	103	99	105	
Second, Seymour	32	33	40	40	39	51	50	50			28	
Sedalia	10	12	16	13	12	12	13	14	13	14	14	
South Fremont	68	69	66	70	65	69	60	47	68	62	73	
South Side	139	157	154	137	106	117	91	107	97	101	98	97
Terrill Road, Moberly	13	19	28	35	40	39	39	32	40	43	38	
Trinity	175	180	183	171	172	168	148	140	170	172	164	158
Twin Oaks	87	89	99	98	93	87	95	95	90	91	105	
Verdella	60	63	73	80		80	68	82	77	76		
Victory, K. C.	74	82	95	81	66	53	67	78	67	65	78	
Willow Springs	111	93	110	98	95	100	108	107	109	119	104	

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS December, 1978

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions	\$1,955.19
16.00% Promotional Department	1,690.97
4.50% General Fund	475.59
5.50% Youth Camp	581.27
2.00% Christian Board of Education	211.37
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	211.37
5.00% Retirement Program	528.42
5.00% Retirement Center	528.42
58.50%	\$6,182.60
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	\$ 634.12

11.00% Foreign Missions	\$1,162.55
8.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	845.49
6.00% Executive Department	634.11
6.00% National Home Missions & Church Ext.	634.11
2.00% CTS	211.37
2.00% Board of Retirement & Insurance	211.37
.25% Laymen's Board	26.42
.25% Theological Commission	26.42
35.50%	\$3,751.84
Total Disbursements	\$10,568.56

This month, December, is closed out early in order to meet the deadline for the National Association Office fiscal year, consequently the total receipts are less than normal.

We are running ahead of the budget for which we are grateful. Let us continue to praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow.

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STATE HOME MISSIONS

Pleasant Ridge	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Columbia	\$ 5.00
General Fund	\$ 5.00
Terrill Road, Moberly	\$10.25
General Fund	\$10.25
Bethel	\$15.00
Moberly	\$15.00
New Harmony	\$17.26
Moberly	\$17.26
Thayer	\$ 5.00
General Fund	\$5.00
Total	\$62.51

STATE YOUTH CAMP

Olivet	\$10.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$ 5.00
Faith, Lemay	\$10.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$20.00
Flat River, First	\$10.00
Thayer	\$10.00
Total	\$65.00

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Monett	\$18.64
Mtn. Grove, First	\$40.00
Total	\$58.64

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Columbia	\$ 5.00
Bethel	\$56.05
Beth Hamilton & Scotty Truck Line	\$80.00
Total	\$141.05

BOB CARR ACCOUNT

Merl's Chapel	\$52.25
Bob Carr	\$52.25

CHILDREN'S HOME—GREENEVILLE, TENN.

Myrtle	\$2.38
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NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS & CHURCH EXTENSION

Olivet	\$55.00
Bill Adkisson	\$35.00
Mark Vandivort	15.00
Vergel Maness	5.00
Monett	\$62.00
General Fund	\$17.00
Bob Francis	30.00
Larry Powell	15.00
South Side	\$37.00
Bob Francis	\$37.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$25.00
Mark Vandivort	\$25.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	\$56.85
CELF	\$56.85
Oak Hill	\$10.00
Bob Francis	\$10.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$12.00
Mark Vandivort	\$12.00

Highland	\$15.00
General Fund	\$15.00
Rock Chapel	\$76.00
General Fund	\$31.00
Bob Thomas	35.00
Leland Horton	10.00
Salem	\$60.00
Mark Vandivort	\$60.00
Hannon	\$20.00
CELF	\$20.00
Wolf Creek	\$25.00
Mark Vandivort	\$25.00
Thayer	\$ 2.00
Mark Vandivort	\$2.00
Bethel	\$120.25
Bill Adkisson	\$66.39
Bob Thomas	41.86
Bob Francis	12.00
New Harmony	\$14.46
CELF	\$14.46
Total	\$590.56

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Olivet	\$95.00
Bobby Poole	\$40.00
Mabel Willey	20.00
Jerry Pinkerton	10.00
Lynn Miley	10.00
Howard Filkins	5.00
Lonnie Sparks	5.00
Jim McLain	5.00
Monett	\$15.00
Charolette Tallent	\$15.00
South Side	\$108.00
Charolette Tallent	\$108.00
Merl's Chapel	\$80.75
Jerry Webb	\$36.25
Jerry Pinkerton	44.50
Pleasant Ridge	\$20.00
Jim McLain	\$10.00
General Fund	10.00
Columbia	\$5.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$5.00
Kirksville, First	\$36.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$36.00
Oak Hill	\$9.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$9.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$140.00
General Fund	\$140.00
Bethel	\$25.41
Charolette Tallent	\$15.00
Jerry Pinkerton	10.41
Hannon	\$98.50
Jerry Pinkerton	\$25.00
Steve Lytle	25.00
Bill Fulcher	25.00
Lynn Miley	23.50
West Plains, First	\$60.00
General Fund	\$50.00
Howard Filkins	10.00
New Harmony	\$34.52
Laverne Miley	\$17.26
Jim McLain	17.26
Lebanon, First	\$20.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$10.00
Clint Morgan	10.00
Thayer	\$17.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$12.00
Patsy VanHook	5.00
Total	\$764.18

Woman's Page



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REPORT OF STATE PROJECTS 12/31/78

1978-1979 Mo. St. Project/Missouri St. Home Mission Loan Fund	
Beacon Aux.	\$ 47.42
Bethel Aux., Festus	4.11
Bethel Aux., West Plains	10.00
Berkeley Aux.	8.34
Farmington Aux.	37.83
Fredericktown Aux.	50.00
Grant Avenue Aux.	3.34
Jones Chapel Aux.	9.32
Macedonia Aux.	9.31
Merl's Chapel Aux.	9.31
Faith, Hope and Charity Aux., Monett	9.31
Myrtle Aux.	55.00
South Side Aux.	3.94
Viburnum Aux.	64.25
Willow Springs Aux.	6.67
TOTAL BALANCE 12/31/78	\$328.15

1978-1979 Mo. St. Project/Help Charolotte Use Her Tallents	
Beacon Aux.	\$ 47.41
Bethel Aux., Festus	4.10
Bethel Aux., West Plains	15.00
Berkeley Aux.	8.33
Eastern Gate Aux.	10.30
Farmington Aux.	73.83
Fredericktown Aux.	46.72
Grace Aux.	25.00
Grant Avenue Aux.	43.33
Houston Aux.	100.00
Myrtle Aux.	55.00
South Side Aux.	3.93
Willow Springs Aux.	1.26
TOTAL Balance 12/31/78	\$434.21

1978-1979 Mo. St. Project/Vehicle For The Vandivorts.	
Beacon Aux.	\$ 47.42
Bethel Aux., Festus	4.10
Bethel Aux., West Plains	204.70
Berkeley Aux.	8.33
Cabool Aux.	71.94
Cape Girardeau Aux.	20.00
Farmington Aux.	39.84
Fredericktown Aux.	46.72
Grace Aux.	25.00
Grant Avenue Aux.	93.33
Hannon Aux.	100.00
Hartville Aux.	25.00
Houston Aux.	45.50
Kingsway Aux.	25.50
Leadington FWB Church	577.79

Mine La Motte Church	100.00
Myrtle Aux.	55.00
South Side Aux.	3.93
Willow Springs Aux.	97.74
TOTAL BALANCE 12/31/78	\$1,591.84

In His Service
Blanche Wisehart
TREASURER.

Dates To Remember:

(Young) Preachers Seminar—Youth Camp—April 2-4

C.T.S. Competitive Activities—Trinity Church—May 5

Missouri State Association and Related Activities—
Berkeley Church

Executive Committee—10:00 a.m. June 4
General Board Meeting

Executive Committee	10:00 a.m. June 4
General Board Meeting	2:00 p.m. June 4
S. S. & CTS Youth Service	7:30 p.m. June 4
Tuesday-Woman's Auxiliary	9:30 a.m. June 5
State Association	7:30 p.m. June 5-7

Youth Camp

Pre-teen	June 10-15
Jr.-High	June 17-22
Hi-Teen	June 24-29

National Association—Charolette, North Carolina—
July 15-19