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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	202	188
Flat River, First	150			234	199	203	263	225	233	248	202	
Fourth	134	145	193	181	185	147	126	177	175	165	193	179
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	123	96	95	97	89	98	87	83	104	106	106	100
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	23	28	33	32	33	36	27	30	33	41	31	32
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	64	157	154	137	106	117	91	107	97	101	98	97
Terrill Road, Moberly	31	19	28	35	40	39	39	32	40	43	38	39
Trinity	136	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	65	93	110	98	95	100	108	107	109	119	104	87

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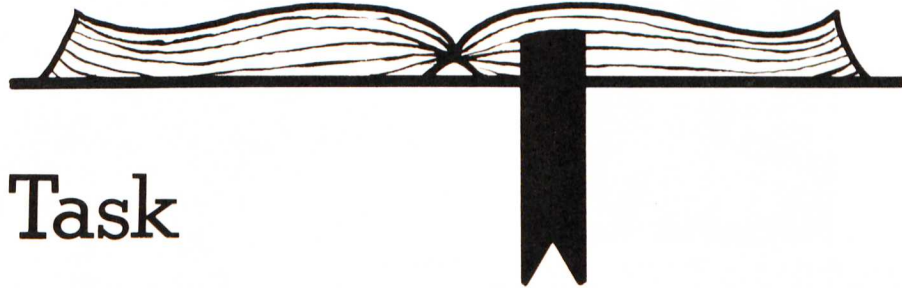
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The Urgency of My Task



by Archie Cooper

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31, 32).

I read somewhere of an Arabian Prince who received a new sword. One of his friends found fault, saying, "The sword is too short." But the Prince wisely replied, "To a brave man no sword is too short. If it be too short, take one step forward and it will be long enough."

Are we truly going on toward Christian maturity? Are we really continuing in the Christian faith?

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3).

"If ye continue . . . ye are my disciples indeed." May these words send us on our way in genuine discipleship again.

REMEMBER—Remember what God in Christ Jesus has done for us. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

Remember the vows which we made to God in that high and holy moment when we first gave our hearts to Him.

Israel was a forgetful people in spite of God's favor and blessing as noted by the Psalmist's lament. "The forgot God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt" (Psalm 106:21). Do you remember your first Bible? Do you remember when you were baptized? Do you remember your first testimony? What a thrill and joy to become a partaker of that new life in Christ. Remember?

RECOMMIT—One committed to Christ should always be sensitive to His will and to His way. The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 12:1, 2, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which* is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be

ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." There's not a day but every Christian should begin it with a sincere recommitment of his life to Christ and to God's will for his life. Commitment of life, for it is not our own; commitment of possessions, for we are only stewards over them. When we remember how careful we were when we were first saved, what a blessing awaits us when once again we renew our commitment to Him.

REDISCOVER—The urgency of our task as a Christian calls for a rediscovery of our possessions in Christ. Some of us have been saved quite a long time. We've lost the thrill and wonder and even the joy of our salvation.

We need to rediscover the joy of our salvation. Jesus said, ". . . that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full" (John 15:11). David said, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation" (Psalm 51:12).

We need to rediscover the fellowship of the church. Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together for fellowship. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them," said Jesus. When the fellowship of the church becomes our life, then we will be faithful to the services of the church.

We need to rediscover the promises of the Bible. Truly great and precious promises are given to us in the Word of God, of which many have not been claimed.

REDEDICATE—The urgency of our task demands a new sense of dedication, and the words of David the king strike us quite forcibly when we hear him say, "And who *then* is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" (1 Chronicles 29:5). For the flickering fires of faith, nothing is so necessary as allowing the Holy Spirit to rekindle our hearts, our love, our devotion, and our loyalty to Jesus Christ. We need to heed the admonition of the Apostle Paul to his son Timothy, "Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee" (2 Timothy 1:6).

These are days that call for a rededication of our thoughts and energies as the people of God. To Free Will Baptists of today God seems to come with clarion call to the urgency of our task to preach and teach while the door of opportunity is still open.



About the Writer: Reverend Archie Cooper was saved in 1934 and began preaching in 1935. He is director of Morning Meditations, a radio program that began in 1947 at a local station in Kirksville, Missouri. This has been a continuous ministry Sunday through Friday at 6:15. (This may well be a record for a Free Will Baptist minister, radio ministry, in Missouri.) Reverend Cooper has pastored several churches in the Northeast Association and is presently serving as pastor of the Lowground and Mt. Harmony churches. He has served in various offices for the association.

Youth Camp Board Meets

The Youth Camp Board met January 22, at the State Office and released this information. A Worker's Handbook is being compiled and will be given to all workers prior to the session in which they will work. Also, in order to meet the Fire Insurance Standard all cabins must meet an electrical code that satisfies this standard. The Youth Camp Board is working on this code. Reverend Jim Stovall, board member, stated that he has access to electrical boxes w/220 plug outlets for \$25.00. Last year some food donations were given such as a beef and other items. These were enjoyed and appreciated so much that requests are made again this year for those wanting to make such donations. **GENERAL CAMP MAINTENANCE WORK DAY AT YOUTH CAMP IS SATURDAY April 28.** (This day is to be used for the camp rather than church cabins.)

The First Free Will Baptist Church, Cape Girardeau, reports these weekly averages for 1978: Sunday school, 101; Morning Worship, 108; Evening Worship, 59; Prayer Meeting, 45. The average weekly offering was \$519.44. (This does not include special offerings.) Reverend Frank Giunta is the pastor.

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

Revival is for our church family. And, in this and subsequent articles we want to look at the possibility of reviving God's people.

First of all, we need to plan for our church people's needs to be met through revival. Included in this planning is **WHEN** to have a revival meeting and **WHAT TYPE** of meeting is needed. Our people may not need a standard revival meeting every spring and fall. The church may need warming up in February. Or, it may need a new vision in the heat of August. Having revivals scheduled far in advance is, many times, wisdom. But, the pastor who is

feeling the pulse of his congregation may sense a need for a weekend meeting or mini-revival. Perhaps special training is needed in the area of personal soul-winning. Different types of meetings may require different styles in evangelists and music programs in order to meet the immediate spiritual needs of our people. Let us keep in mind we are building and strengthening our flock and not just trying to satisfy the demands of our spring and fall calendar.

In this issue we have discussed, "Planning Revivals to Meet the Needs of Our People." In issues to come we will consider, "Preparing Our People for Revival" and "Reaching Our People Through Revival."

REPORT FROM THE SOUTH FREMONT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

Pastor Wayne Wagner writes, Brother Malcolm Fry, assistant director of the National Sunday School and Church Training Department of our denomination, was in the Springfield area, Sunday, February 11. Brother Fry was at our church on

Sunday morning to sing and preach for us. To be sure, he brought a wonderful message to our congregation. We were thrilled by the Holy Spirit's ministry of the Word during that service. Also, we went to the Grant Avenue Church that same afternoon for a CTS workshop. I am grateful that the Sunday School and Church Training Board had Brother Fry come and present the CTS program to our churches.

CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Dear Brother Burton:

A motion carried in our Mission Association last year that I, as Clerk of the Association, send a copy of the Temperance Committee's Report to you requesting that it be printed in the GEM at your convenience and when space permits. Following is the report:

We, the Temperance Committee, recommend that each pastor and church oppose, both by precept and example, the following:

1. Alcoholic beverages, either the use, the sanction, or sale thereof.
2. That our people refrain from the illicit use, the sanction, or sale of all controlled substances commonly referred to as narcotics, and oppose the legalization of any controlled substance that would capture the mind.
3. That we oppose abortion in our nation and speak out against it.
4. That we oppose pre-marital sex and live-in relationships of unmarried couples.
5. That we oppose infidelity among our members, one toward another.
6. That pornography be opposed by our churches, whether it be in printed or written form or on the screen, and urge our people to patronize stores that **DO NOT SELL OR DISPLAY** pornographic materials, and to make our feelings known to those who make such publications available to the public. We strongly urge that our churches teach and train their people that these things are wrong, and encourage them to keep their lives pure and clean in these troubled times.

Mrs. Neil Hamelton, Chairperson
Mrs. Marie Acres,
Mrs. Judy Ice.

Thank you,
Sincerely in Him,
Max Courtney, Clerk
Mission Association of Free Will Baptist Churches

Brother Kellerman Promoted to Glory

Brother Jesse L. Kellerman was born August 14, 1900 and went to be with the Lord on January 24, 1979. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Virtess Kellerman; two daughters, Mrs. Doris Arnold and Miss Sharon Kellerman; one son, Harold Kellerman; two sisters Minnie Burcham and Goldia Kellerman.

Reverend Bill Van Winkle, pastor of the South Side Church officiated at the service and in his message he stated three important qualities reflected

in the life of Brother Kellerman. "He was a man of God, he was assured of his salvation, and he was a servant of God." It was also noted in the message that he was a charter member of the South Side Church. His burial service was on the day of the 34th anniversary of the church. He served in various positions in the church being elected as the first trustee. He served the church several years as custodian. Surely the devotion and faithfulness of this servant will be missed greatly by the church he served and by his many friends.



Winter News From South Side

Sue Winchester writes, "Before beginning my report I would like to apologize for not sending the *Gem* news concerning the 50th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Hill. The service was held on September 22, 1978. The vows were read by their son Reverend Bud Hill of Florida. The gala event was shared by over 300 friends and relatives.

The church bid a sad farewell to Reverend and Mrs. Grover Terry on November 15, 1978 as they left St. Louis and began their new work in Marshfield, Missouri.

On December 10, 1978 the newly elected pastor Reverend Bill Van Winkle and his family began their work at the South Side Church. The church anticipates the blessings of the Lord as they work toward leading people to Christ. During the interim period Reverend H. T. Dann and Reverend Loy Smith served the church faithfully in preaching the Word.

A very special day was observed by Brother Jesse Kellerman and his wife "Bea" on January 19, 1978. This lovely couple observed their 50th wedding anniversary. Open House was held in the Fellowship Hall for many friends and relatives.





Points for Pastors

by Jim McAllister

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There's an old song that goes, "You gotta have heart." Well, in building a growing Sunday school and church, "you gotta have room," or space to grow. In this article, let's look at some of the space requirements for growth:

Auditorium—No low ceilings. Make sure it is roomy, cheery, and worshipful.

Nursery—Clean, comfortable, accessible, colorful.

Sunday school—Ample room, clean, comfortable assembly, and class rooms.

Offices—Ample room for study and counseling.

Parking—Sufficient off street parking for your sanctuary.

Rest rooms—Clean, roomy, and sufficient.

Now, how can you provide space? Well, if finances are not available, you can have divided services. That's where you have two Sunday schools and two worship services. This may cause some inconvenience, but that's better than losing your people. When it comes to parking space, buses will help here. You could even have a parking place at another location and then bus your people to and from the parking lot. If you need educational space you could build in sections. For example, we built our first educational building in two programs. We couldn't borrow money to begin so we raised enough to build the first floor, then a year later borrowed enough to construct the other two floors. Thus we have 10,000 square feet of educational space built for \$8.00 per square foot. We are now building another three floor building (including a gymnasium) for less than \$10.00 per square foot. You don't have to spend \$30.00 per square foot to build in most cities. Use your head.

When you build, make it nice, attractive, but not too elaborate. Your people won't want bus kids or big crowds to mess up their "pretty" church.

Here are a few hints for saving money. Carpet the floors, use wall paneling and drop ceiling. Buy your own material (save about 10%) and sub-contract the job yourself. Get a lot of bids before accepting the best. Use a bond program for financing if you can't borrow from a bank or raise the money yourself. Be sure, however, that all bonds are sold before starting the building program. Preacher, don't you handle the money, and be sure accurate records are maintained. You *can* build what you need.

Mrs. Betty Reeves gives this report on the passing of Mrs. Mildred Hilderbrand.

GONE HOME

Dedicated to Mrs. Mildred Hilderbrand,
charter member of Fellowship FWB Church,
Flat River, Missouri,
who passed away on December 18, 1978.

No light shines in the window,
No one greets you at the door,
For the occupant now is missing;
She doesn't live there anymore.

Her little house stands empty,
No singing fills the air,
No prayers ascend to Heaven,
For Mrs. Hilderbrand is not there.

For it was in late December,
That she left this world of woe
To meet her dear Friend, Jesus,
The One, who loved her so.

She's now "Gone Home" to Heaven
Her joy is now complete,
She's greeting friends and loved ones
As she sits at Jesus' feet.

Betty Reeves

Mrs. Mildred Margaret Hilderbrand was born in St. Elmo, Illinois on September 24, 1882 and passed away on December 18, 1978 in Warrensburg, Missouri. At the time of her death, she was 96 years, 3 months and 24 days of age.

She was a charter member of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Missouri and was a long time Free Will Baptist. She was faithful in the truest sense of the word to all phases of her church and her denomination and was active until the last 6 months of her life. Like Dorcas, her hands were never idle as she worked willingly to help others. Many pieces of her handiwork are scattered around the country as she gave unselfishly of herself and her work. Life was not always easy for her, but according to her testimony, "The Lord never failed to supply my needs."

Her husband and 3 children preceded her in death. She is survived by 2 daughters, Mrs. Minnie Perry and Mrs. Rosemond Harris, and 1 son, Glen Hilderbrand. She also leaves a great number of children and grandchildren in the Lord to mourn her passing.

Funeral services were held on December 21 at the Stocker-Sparks Funeral Chapel in Flat River, Missouri. Reverend Ken Doggett, former pastor, officiated at the service. The deacon board, Marion Sherrills, Dolvin Tinsley, Marion Bailey, Ken Bailey, and Robert Reeves, along with the associate pastor, Mike Creech, served as pall bearers for their long-time friend. Reverend Wayne Phillips is pastor of the church.

Though sadness filled our hearts, we rejoiced to know that she had received the best Christmas present ever. She was with Jesus.

From the Desk of the Promotional Secretary

by Clarence Burton



I like this: "The reason for an unsatisfied life is usually an unsundered will."

January, what a month! New Year's Eve gave us sleet and snow and then it seemed that every weekend following we had more snow and some zero and subzero weather. But inasmuch as the month of January does not end before I send in the material for the February issue of the *Gem* this will be read in March. Hopefully we will be seeing signs of spring by then.

The first Sunday of the year I was with my home church in Lebanon, Missouri. We always enjoy being with the folks at home. Reverend and Mrs. Braddy and their children have been well received and they are laboring well with the church and the community.

The executive committee met Monday, January 8, at the promotional office. The moderator, Reverend Bill Evans, led in planning the program for the Missouri State Association. Also, some other items were discussed.

The following Friday we attended the Free Will Baptist Bible College Banquet in Leadington, Missouri. It was well attended and the response was very good. (A report was given in the February issue of the *Gem*.) The next Saturday, that is, the next day, I attended the Southeast Missouri District Quarterly Meeting. Reverend and Mrs. John Turner and the First Church in Fredericktown, Missouri, hosted the meeting. They surely did a great job and everyone enjoyed the fellowship, fine preaching, and the delicious food. (The Turners have been well received by the church and the association.) That afternoon we went to St. Louis to attend the Free Will Baptist Banquet but because of the snow blizzard it was canceled. The next day we were with the First Church in Berkeley, Missouri. It always gives a warm feeling to be with the folks there and to preach and share in a service with them.

The next Sunday was a full day but it was enjoyable. That Sunday morning we were with Reverend and Mrs. Ken Dodson and the Fourth Church in Maplewood, Missouri. This church has been faithful in supporting the state ministries and, of course, the national ministries. We always enjoy the fellowship of these folks. That afternoon we were with the Trinity Church for a special service. The church surprised the pastor with a "This Is Your Life" program. (An article about this is in this issue of the *Gem*.) It was quite a surprise and we were glad to be there and share in the program. That

evening it was our privilege to be with the O'Fallon Church and Reverend and Mrs. Don Lombard. This is surely a fine and faithful church.

The following Friday and Saturday the snow and ice caused a cancellation of the Harmony Quarterly Meeting and the St. Francois District Quarterly Meeting.

The Lord blessed in January as He always does. The cooperative receipts were very fine and the designated is doing well also. It works this way: When cooperative giving is up, designated giving is up also. (Much of the designated giving is sent direct.)

May the Lord bless everyone that is faithful in sharing the responsibilities of these ministries. We are doing together that which we could not do separately. Cooperative giving is a unified way of sharing in the Lord's work. Let us never forget that He is the Giver and we are the receivers. May we always be faithful in giving to carry the gospel and promote His cause until He calls us home.

Please make all checks payable to Missouri State Association and mail to P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, Missouri 65536.

Reverend Dale Kester Announces Call as Evangelist

Reverend Dale Kester has announced his resignation as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Koshkonong, Missouri, effective March 25, 1979. He gives the following testimony.

While visiting the Holy Land in December of last year, I was on the Mt. of Olives when I felt the Lord spoke to me about doing evangelistic work. My first reaction was as Moses, I can't do it. But I feel that the Lord has answered my prayer in directing me to know that this is His will. So I must do His will. I have been at Koshkonong for a little over two years. Several people have been saved and I feel that the Lord has blessed the church. It is difficult to resign, but I know that with the prayers of God's people my family and I will work hard in trying to win souls to Jesus. Jesus said in Luke 19:10, "For the Son of Man is come to seek and save that which was lost." I want to win the lost to Jesus.

I was saved in September, 1974, in the home of Reverend Howard Bowers. Two weeks later my wife was saved. Brother Bowers has been a real strength to my life. I felt the Lord calling me to the ministry about a year after I made profession of faith. Shortly after that I was called to pastor the church at Koshkonong.

If I may be of help to you in any way please contact me at this address and telephone number. Dale Kester, P.O. Box 488, Koshkonong, Mo 65692, 1-417-867-5631.



On The National Front

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

Greetings from the National Home Missions Department. The year 1978 now is history. I trust that it was a good year for you folks, and that you are looking forward to the challenges of 1979!

Last year was an outstanding one for National Home Missions. Our missionaries saw a record number of 864 people saved and baptized, and gave more than \$51,790 to outside causes. Twelve new missionaries were sent to the field.

The total income to National Home Missions in 1978 was \$751,145.28, which was \$1,145.28 over our quota. Eleven states exceeded their quotas. You gave \$40,896.02 which was over your quota. This letter is to say thanks to you and all the folks in your state. Without your giving, praying, and helping in so many other ways this could not have been possible.

Your quota for 1979 is \$50,000.00. We hope you will begin now to work to reach it so that we can reach our quota of \$800,000. Please continue to pray for all of our missionaries and for us here in the Department that 1979 will be the most effective year that we have ever had for our Lord.

Also, pray for more laborers. We need to start many more churches in 1979 in the 9 states and 26 capital cities where we do not have any Free Will Baptist churches as yet.

Again, thank you so much for your prayers and financial support.

In His service,
Trymon Messer
Associate Director

TRINITY SAYS "THANKS" TO PASTOR SPURGEON

All too often a person must die to achieve notoriety or fame. An author dies, and suddenly, the bookstores can't stock enough of his books. An artist dies, like Norman Rockwell, and his paintings double in value. A politician dies, like Hubert Humphrey, and people stand in line to sing of his great triumphs.

Or, to bring it a little closer to home, we wait until a loved one dies, and then in our sorrow and grief, we say nice things of him that we never said when he was alive. I have known of people, and I'm sure you have, too, who would not have anything to do with a member of their family while they were living. But when that father, mother, sister, or

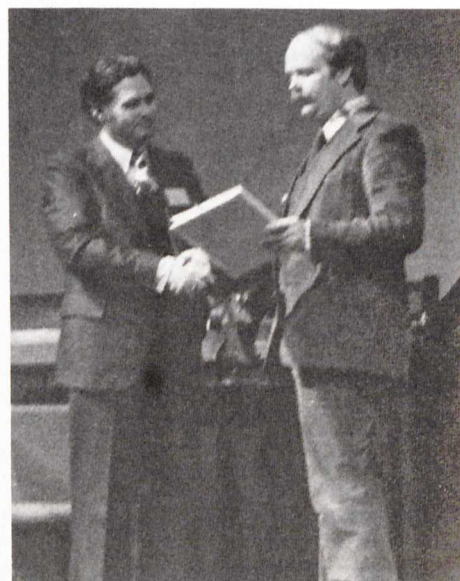
brother died, suddenly, they felt guilty about their mistreatment of that person. Because of this guilt, they said nice things about them, hoping to soothe their conscience. Why wait until they're fatally ill or dead to tell them how much we appreciate them, or what they have meant to us?

The folks at Trinity Church, in Bridgeton, Missouri, aren't expecting Russel Spurgeon to die, he's not even sick, or to leave them. But they did say thanks to him recently. In a "This is Your Life" program they told his life story. The story was told through surprise guests from his past, taped and personal testimonies, pictures, and the reading of a brief biography.

Everyone present was given an opportunity to share what Pastor Spurgeon meant to their personal lives. Through their testimonies, he was described as a father, a counselor, a friend, an example to follow, and a teacher, but best of all, a *pastor*. One who loves and feeds the flock God has given him. One who feels the pain when one of the flock hurts. And when one of the lambs is injured, he administers the oil of the Word to heal the wound. The sheep love him very much, and told him so by honoring him with this day.

Elaine, his lovely wife of 27 years, sat by his side on the platform; expression of gratitude was shown to her as well. It is difficult to acknowledge the work of a pastor without paying tribute to his wife who has wept and prayed with him, who has stood beside him when others deserted him, who has been "Father" at times when Father was doing the work God had called him to. God does more than just call men to the ministry, He calls families. Elaine has been an example to the women of Trinity, and the Lord has blessed many lives through her ministry at the organ. The church is grateful for her important contribution to the pastorate.

Some churches go through pastors the way some people go through cars; a new one every two or three years. Trinity has the same one they've had since 1963. And though he has well over 100,000 miles on him, they feel he "keeps gettin' better and better" and are looking forward to many more years of service with him, should the Lord will it.



Retirement Village Rally

Place: Nelson Community Center, Lebanon, MO.

Time: 7:30

Date: Saturday, March 31, 1979

Program: Singing Jones Family, Fifth Annual Gospel Sing Choirs, and Special Singing Groups from the state of Missouri

Retirement Village Presentation by Andy Lay

Goal: \$5,000 in offering received and commitments (mailed into state office or brought in to the rally)

Come in early and see the Retirement Village land site, the Lebanon Bible and Book Store and the Promotional Office.

Note: The Missouri State Association Year ends March 31, 1979.

Dates To Remember:

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

CTS Competitive Activities—Trinity Church—May 5

Missouri State Association and Related Activities—Berkeley Church, 8900 Springdale, Berkeley, MO.

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—Charlotte, North Carolina—July 15-19

Master's Men Conference To Be Held

On April 27-28, 1979, there will be a Master's Men Conference at Hillmont Camp, White Bluff, Tennessee, just 30 miles west of Nashville, Tennessee. It is a time of sharing your personal feelings and Christian fellowship with Master's Men and Laymen from all over the United States.

On Thursday, April 26, there will be a tour of Nashville including the F.W.B. National Offices and College. It will better your knowledge of the work done in our denomination and functions of those who perform these tasks.

If at all possible, there will be a group leaving the St. Louis area on the evening of April 25 or early a.m. of April 26 depending on response from our laymen.

As State Senator of Master's Men and having attended the conference last year, I personally encourage each one who possibly can to plan to attend. It is certainly a spiritual uplift and a great time of fellowship with other Master's Men Chapters.

If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please call or write as soon as possible.
Gary Sutton 1-314-272-4759

Sweetheart Banquet at Lebanon

The Young Christian Crusaders of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon, Missouri, held their annual Sweetheart Banquet on Saturday February 10, using "Hitch Your Wagon to a Star" as the theme. The festivities started at 6:30 with dinner in the church basement. At 8:00 a skit was presented entitled, "When I Wish Upon a Star." David Brawley

and Tom Jones entertained us with the songs, "Good Morning Starshine" and "Can't Smile Without You." The highlight of the evening was the coronation of King and Queen for 1979. We had seven couples running this year to raise a total of \$724.18. Each couple worked very hard with second runner-up Sharon Rabe and Mike King receiving 11,110 votes equaling \$111.10. First runner-up was Deana Everett and Rickie Morris receiving 13,573 votes totaling \$135.73. Queen and King were Janice Ballard and David Brawley receiving 24,680 votes or \$246.80. Votes are cast as a penny a vote and put into a combined fund for the Young Christian Crusaders. The Young Christian Crusaders would like to thank their church family and friends for their support.

The sponsors for the youth group are Bruce and Connie Myers and Debbie and Jackie Fincher. The pastor is Reverend Joe Braddy.



MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION GIVING JANUARY 5 through FEBRUARY 5, 1979

Fellowship	\$ 30.00
Sedalia	132.25
Union Light	24.00
St. Francois Dist. Home Missions	500.00
West Plains	70.00
Hannon	216.00
Victory	150.00
Grace	25.00
Houston	95.78
Flat River, First	100.00
DeSoto	100.00
Olivet	500.00
Mo. State Woman's Auxiliary	205.22
Fourth	48.21
Terrill Road-Moberly	7.94
Lebanon	5.55
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
New Harmony	12.26
Columbia	5.00
Cooperative Receipts	2,968.81
Total	\$5,206.02

Secretary-Treasurer
Rev. Lawrence Thompson
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COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS January 1979

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions	\$2,968.81
16.00% Promotional Department	2,567.62
4.50% General Fund	722.15
5.50% Youth Camp	882.62
2.00% Christian Board of Education	320.95
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	320.95
5.00% Retirement Program	802.38
5.00% Retirement Center	802.38
2.00% Retirement Unit	320.95
60.50%	9,708.81
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	962.86
11.00% Foreign Missions	\$1,765.24
8.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	1,283.81
6.00% Executive Dept	962.86
6.00% National Home Missions	962.86
2.00% Board of Retirement & Insurance	320.95
.25% Laymen's Board	40.12
.25% Theological Commission	40.12
33.50%	5,375.96
Total Disbursements	\$16,047.63

Inasmuch as December was closed out early additional receipts are reflected in the month of January. The Lord is blessing this ministry for which we are so thankful. Our sincere prayer is that He shall continue to do this through the faithful support of each church that shares in this unified and cooperative plan of giving.

MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING January 1979

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Terrill Road, Moberly	\$ 7.94
General Fund	\$7.94
Lebanon, First	\$ 5.55
General Fund	\$5.55
Pleasant Ridge	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
New Harmony	\$12.26
Moberly	\$12.26
Columbia	\$ 5.00
General Fund	\$5.00
Total	\$40.75

MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP

Parkview	\$20.00
Mt. Pisgah	5.00
Faith, Lemay	10.00
Fourth	20.00
Olivet	10.00
Thayer	10.00
Carol & Jerry Pinkerton, Steam Table	25.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Total	\$110.00

CHILDREN'S HOME—GREENEVILLE, TENNESSEE

Myrtle	\$5.89
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FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Columbia (MO Project)	\$5.00
Monett (James Williams)	\$20.00

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Columbia	\$10.00
Mark Vandivort	\$10.00
Wolf Creek	\$20.00
Mark Vandivort	\$20.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$25.00
Mark Vandivort	\$25.00
Lebanon, First	\$50.00
Mark Vandivort	\$25.00
Leland Horton	25.00
Monett	\$55.00
General Fund	\$20.00
Larry Powell	15.00
Bob Francis	20.00
Fourth	\$24.00
Bob Francis	\$ 4.00
Vergel Maness	20.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$27.00
Mark Vandivort	\$27.00
South Side	\$25.00
Bob Francis	\$25.00
New Hope	\$28.00
Mark Vandivort	\$28.00
Flat River, First	\$52.00
Bill Adkisson	\$52.00
Oak Hill	\$17.19
Bob Francis	\$17.19
Olivet	\$55.00
Mark Vandivort	\$10.00
Bill Adkisson	45.00
Rock Chapel	\$40.00
General Fund	\$ 5.00
Leland Horton	10.00
Bob Thomas	25.00
Faith, Fair Grove	\$14.00
General Fund	\$14.00
Total	\$442.19

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Parkview	\$20.23
Dr. Laverne Miley	\$5.05
Norman Richards	5.06
Bill Fulcher	5.06
Carlisle Hanna	5.06
Columbia	\$20.00
General Fund	\$5.00
Charolette Tallent	10.00
Jerry Pinkerton	5.00
Sedalia	\$134.00
General Fund	\$134.00
Lebanon, First	\$92.15
Dennis Teague	\$ 6.15
Charolette Tallent	21.00
Jerry Pinkerton	32.50
Clint Morgan	32.50
Pleasant Ridge	\$20.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Jim McLain	10.00

Monett, First	\$15.00
Charolette Tallent	\$15.00
Black Oak	\$32.25
Carlisle Hanna	\$32.25
Fourth	\$385.00
Steve Lytle	\$274.00
Bill Fulcher	50.00
Jerry Pinkerton	20.00
Charolette Tallent	41.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$100.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$50.00
Bill Fulcher	50.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$120.00
General Fund	\$120.00
South Side	\$108.00
Charolette Tallent	\$108.00
New Hope	\$3.00
General Fund	\$3.00
New Harmony Sunday school	\$24.50
Jim McLain	\$12.25
Laverne Miley	12.25
Flat River, First	\$100.00
General Fund	\$100.00
Kirksville, First	\$30.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$30.00
Walnut Grove	\$10.00
Lynn Miley	\$10.00
Hannon	\$108.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$25.00
Bill Fulcher	25.00
Steve Lytle	25.00
Lynn Miley	18.00
Charolette Tallent	15.00
West Plains, First	\$120.00
General Fund	\$110.00
Howard Filkins	10.00
Olivet	\$95.00
Bobby Poole	\$40.00
Jerry Pinkerton	10.00
Mabel Willey	20.00
Lynn Miley	10.00
Howard Filkins	5.00
Lonnie Sparks	5.00
Jim McLain	5.00
Merl's Chapel	\$39.64
Fred Hersey	\$39.64
Leadington	\$545.00
Lynn Miley	\$545.00
Thayer	\$10.00
Patsy Van Hook	\$5.00
Jerry Pinkerton	5.00
Total	\$2,131.77

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Willow Springs	\$20.00
Monett	\$16.74
Total	\$36.74

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

January 1979

Parkview	\$ 135.39
Community	46.59
Willow Springs	191.63
Wolf Creek	110.90
Terrill Road, Moberly	71.53
New Rock Springs	63.80
Mt. Pisgah	63.00
Oskaloosa	23.28
New Life	12.35
Purdy	193.00
Fellowship	50.00
Sedalia	118.10
Poplar Bluff	80.00
Lebanon, First	385.00
Faith, Lemay	44.10
O'Fallon	362.00
Myrtle	121.75

Victory, Alton	161.00
Pleasant Ridge	37.00
Faith, Fair Grove	171.85
Royal Oak	27.00
Monett	294.77
Salem	25.00
South Fremont	21.00
Black Oak	10.00
Fourth	285.54
Union	60.00
Fredericktown, First	288.63
Harmony, Kansas City	108.00
Houston, First	168.38
Mtn. Grove, First	355.08
Bailey Chapel	29.00
South Side	218.74
Kingsway	249.95
Belton	132.54
South Fremont	26.00
New Hope	62.30
Union Light	79.20
New Harmony SS	3.49
Sikeston	149.28
Malden	88.23
Richwoods	152.48
Cape Girardeau	300.00
Flat River, First	716.69
Byrd	25.30
De Soto	500.00
Beacon	337.16
Aulsbury Chapel	765.42
Mtn. Valley	216.08
Mill Creek	71.80
Grace	830.00
Viburnum	15.00
Viburnum	15.00
Kirksville, First	221.34
Rolla	44.00
Number One	32.92
Hannon	216.00
Hickory Grove	54.46
West Plains, First	248.00
Buffalo	131.71
Twin Oaks	500.00
Columbia	50.00
Oak Hill	234.77
Verdella	117.84
Cope	22.29
Hartville	142.63
Olivet	200.00
Rock Chapel	272.73
Joplin	364.51
Merl's Chapel	49.21
Pleasant Home	131.90
Central	840.00
Berkeley	405.72
Marshfield	157.58
Cabool	109.67
Happy Home	44.47
Trinity	390.00
Old Bethel	20.00
Macedonia SS	8.50
Fourth	392.90
Shiloh	15.38
Copper Mines	120.00
El Dorado, First	5.00
Mt. Zion, Thayer	51.00
Cuba	52.23
Leadington	267.00
Wolf Creek	72.30
Thayer	142.40
Independent Free Will Baptists	50.00
O'Fallon	137.00
Myrtle	76.79
Pleasant Hill	44.90
Houston, First	126.57
Willow Springs	177.36
Verdella	106.94
Sedalia	80.28
Fellowship	50.00
Total	\$16,047.63

Woman's Page



Shirley Bowden, editor

SOUTH SIDE AUXILIARY SPONSORS BANQUET

On November 30, 1978, the South Side Woman's Auxiliary sponsored a Senior Citizen's Banquet. The food was prepared by the younger women of the church for the occasion. A program following the dinner was led by Mrs. Sue Winchester. Special music was given by Rev. H.T. Dan and Mrs. Winchester. A plaque of appreciation was presented to Brother Claude Conway. Rev. Dan also gave a devotion and Mrs. Winchester presented a skit she had written for the occasion entitled "God's Children Retire . . . Never!" The program was closed with all singing "Where We'll Never Grow Old."



STATE PROJECTS

Just a reminder that the year is almost over for our state projects. In June of 1978, we voted to raise \$2,000.00 each for the following missionaries, Charolette Tallent (Help Charolette Use Her Tallents) and Mark Vandivort (Vehicle for the Vandivorts). We also have a project for the State Perpetual Loan Fund of \$2,000.00. These monies should be sent to Blanche Wisehart no later than May 1, 1979. God has blessed the Woman's Auxiliary of Missouri for the money has been coming to Mrs. Wisehart very well. If your auxiliary has not sent in the money for the projects yet, please do so by the above mentioned date of May 1.

(Due to illness of Mr. Wisehart, Blanche was unable to send in a financial report for this month.)

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MARCH

- * Pray for the Jerry Pinkertons as they work in the school as dorm parents with the missionary children in the Ivory Coast.
- * Pray for the Jerry Banks and the Jim McLain families as they prepare to return to the work in Japan. If you have been keeping up with the world news, you will remember the money situation is very grave in Japan. The cost to send a missionary to Japan is much more than it used to be. There are thousands who still have not heard the Good News of Jesus. Pray and ask the Lord to show you what He would have you do concerning this matter.
- * Pray for the Mark Vandivort Family as they work in Arizona.
- * Pray for Charolette Tallent in France.

