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"Voice Of Missouri Free Will Baptists"

"A Man

Sent

From

God"

Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Johnson



Editorial

by Clarence Burton

It was my privilege to attend two special events that honored a great man. The Alumni Banquet on Tuesday afternoon and the special service held at the War Memorial Auditorium on Wednesday morning were held for the purpose of honoring Dr. L. C. Johnson, retiring president of Free Will Baptist Bible College. The themes for both occasions were proper and appropriate, "A Man Sent From God" and "A Man Of God's Choosing." The testimonies and the program presentations reflected so well the life, the character, and the qualities of the one being honored. Those who know Dr. Johnson are fully aware that he would be the last one to solicit personal praise and commendation. And, yet his humility and dedication naturally draw from his friends a spontaneous response of appreciation.

Someone has said that there are three qualities

reflected in the life of a great man: humility, friendliness, and dedication. Dr. Johnson was humble in that he became a friend to all. He was so dedicated to the task that God had called him to do that he leaves not just an institution that is identified with him, but hundreds of lives that have been committed to the Lord because of his influence.

May I say, for myself and for Missouri Free Will Baptists: Thank you, Dr. Johnson, for a job well done.

Now the responsibility for the presidency has been passed on to the president-elect Dr. Charles Thigpen. The Lord, in His personal and providential care, leads in matters committed to Him. We shall be praying for the newly elected president as he continues to give leadership to an institution that has done so much for so many.



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A Hurt Slightly Healed



by Lloyd Durbin

In Jeremiah 6:14 we read, "They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; where there is no peace."

Jeremiah saw in his day a truth so pronounced that he said the priests and prophets were dealing falsely with it and had only silently healed or helped the people. Judah had strayed away from God. Jeremiah knew of their sins and warned them out of a heart of love and concern. He was the type of preacher that was needed for his time, and the kind of preacher that we need today. We need preachers that will speak out against sin. We need to recognize that there are many false religions and teachings that will not heal the hurt of the people.

We should also recognize that there are many false teachers and cults that are teaching a social religion or a religion of works. This will not heal the sins of the people. The only thing that will do that is repentance, a born again experience, and the blood of Jesus Christ. A religion that preaches salvation without commitment or salvation without Christian conviction will not heal. I believe that Free Will Baptists have the gospel; we believe that it will heal and that it will bring about a commitment and a new birth experience. We need to realize that the new birth is more than just a new beginning; it is a

definite commitment to Christ. As we teach and preach this, we can show our people that God can heal and that He will heal as we commit ourselves to Him.

In our day, it seems fashionable to think that one must build great buildings, universities, or cathedrals of glass in order to prove that we love the Lord. I believe that our love for the Lord is proven by devotion to Him in preaching His Word and offering a "balm"; a "Balm of Gilead" Jesus Christ that will heal the hurt of the people. Jesus Christ must be given first place in our programming, planning, teaching, and preaching.

I pray that we will have more dedicated people in the ranks of Free Will Baptists. I trust that our consecration will be so deep that we will not be just Sunday morning Christians, but our devotion will bring us to church on Sunday night and to the prayer service on Wednesday night. My prayer is that I might point people to the One that can heal completely and not leave them slightly healed.

About the writer: Reverend Lloyd Durbin is pastor of the Mill Creek Church. He has served as Missouri State Home Missionary and pastored various churches in the Southeast District Association. He and his family have also blessed the hearts of many people with their ministry of gospel singing.

CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS

New Work at Blue Springs

Reverend Alvin Hook, missionary pastor, writes, "I wish to inform you of a new Free Will Baptist Church in Blue Springs, Missouri. The first service was held Sunday, March 11, 1979, in the Blue Springs Community Center. Eighteen people attended the service, but I personally feel that this number was rather low. I believe that with hard work and prayer we will increase.

"Blue Springs has grown from 6,000 to over 25,000 in the past few years. The town is made up largely of younger families that have moved into the suburbs.

"If you have family or friends in the area, please contact me at First Free Will Baptist Church, P.O. Box 443, Blue Springs, Missouri 64015 or call 1-816-228-4213. Please pray for us and this work. We are receiving no support at present from the Missouri State Home Mission Board, inasmuch as it is supporting several works. If you can give an offering for the Blue Springs Mission it will be appreciated. May I express my thanks to the pastors and churches that have already given support to the work." Reverend Hook is a graduate of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.



Youth Rally at Fourth Church

Roger Hovis, youth reporter, writes. "The Fourth Free Will Baptist Church held one of the best youth rallies ever held in the St. Louis area. The attendance for the rally was over 200 with ten churches participating. The program consisted of a trip, by photo, on 'Life's Ship' with it ending on the 'Gospel

Ship.' Special singing was presented by Calvary Fellowship and Fourth Church. The puppets Leroy and Reggie were enjoyed by everyone. The film, 'A Distant Thunder,' was shown and the young people were quite impressed by it. The youth were served homemade ice cream and other refreshments following the program."

Gleanings From the Church Papers and Bulletins

The Mules and the Camels engaged in a Race Around The Holy Land at the First Church in Cape Girardeau. The pastor, Brother Frank Guinta, and the Mules won. So the Camels and Brother Jerry Scott served the victory dinner A quote from Brother Roger Harwell's mid-week paper, "Some people spend the greater part of their lives exercising only one part of their body—their wishbone." A quote from Brother Lynn Wood's mid-week paper, " . . . There exist Lay Members in nearly every congregation. Some Lay in bed on Sunday; some Lay out on Sunday evening; some Lay by in Store as though God had failed to prosper them. When responsibility presses, some Lay down on the job. Will a religion that won't take you to church take you to Heaven?" The Grant Avenue Church was host to the Ozark District Woman's Auxiliary Sweetheart Banquet on Monday evening, February 19. It was well attended and enjoyed by everyone The First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley is gearing up for the Missouri State Competitive Activities. Gigi Barks, the coach, is planning on a winner this year Lyndell Harrington, Sunday school superintendent of the Central Church, sent out an informative letter encouraging folks to attend a 13 week Bible Study through the Old Testament with the pastor Brother Evans teaching the class Brother Glen Rehkop stated in his mid-week paper that the Grace Church recently voted to secure Gene Miller for the position of Music Director and Youth Minister Brother Ben Scott a well known Missourian underwent open heart surgery a short time ago. He is at home and doing well Brother N. R. Smith and the folks at the First Church in Joplin are enjoying a recently redecorated auditorium The South Side Church and Brother Bill Van Winkle are involved in a tight race with Brother Jerry Norris and the Calvary Church in the Sunday School Enlargement Campaign. (I would hesitate to guess the winner.) . . . The Farmington First Church *Newsletter* notes that wedding bells rang for Roger Petrie and Tammy McAllister. Congratulations Tammy and Roger *Out of Darkness*, the midweek paper that is published by the First Church in DeSoto, has an interesting article which states, "We are not particular how you get to church, by car, on foot, on the bus, walking, by bicycle, or pogo stick, we just want you to come. If you need transportation we will pick you up. We don't have a pogo stick but we will 'getcha.'" Brother Miller, that should get them one way or another An interesting question and answer in bold print on the *Trinity Newsletter*, "If God sent you a letter, would you read it? He already has—the Bible!"

From the Desk of the Promotional Secretary



by Clarence Burton

February was a busy month. But I am thankful that some signs of spring began to "peep through" before the month was gone. The Lord has blessed in so many ways and I can only say "Thank you, Lord." I have seen souls saved, Christians strengthened, and have heard testimonies that God's grace is sufficient in every test, trial, and temptation.

The cooperative receipts were very fine in February. This is significant for both January and February, inasmuch as the weather has affected the weekly attendance. We can only thank God for the faithfulness of Christian people in supporting the Lord's work. May the Lord bless every pastor, every Christian, and every church that consistently supports this ministry.

I began the month with Rev. & Mrs. Jerry Norris and the enthusiastic folks at the Calvary Fellowship Church in Fenton, MO. The enthusiasm and excitement is running high at that church. Brother Norris always gives me a cordial welcome and I enjoy the fellowship. Even though this church is quite young, it is a consistent supporter of the cooperative plan and, of course, designated giving. We had a fine Sunday dinner with some friends of several years, Lawrence and Frances Combs. That Sunday evening we enjoyed being with Rev. & Mrs. Tom Owens and the Oak Hill Church. Tom and Mary are always cordial and we enjoy their friendship. The church is doing well and is in a new auditorium. This is very nice and accommodating.

The following Tuesday the Youth Camp Board and the Retirement Village Committee met in Lebanon. These men have tremendous responsibilities, and we should remember them as well as other boards and committees in our daily prayers. Before the week ended I had the privilege of meeting with the quarterly conference of the Indian Creek Association. Everyone enjoyed the warm hospitality and accommodations of Dr. & Mrs. James Davis and the First Church in Monett, MO. I always enjoy the friendship of this church and association. As always, the fellowship of the quarterly meeting was great and the food was delicious.

The next day, Sunday, February 11, I had the joy of being with Rev. & Mrs. Jim McCully and the Mt. Vernon Church. This is a relatively new work that is growing, and the pastor and the church family are doing a real work for the Lord.

The Christian Board of Education met at the State office Tuesday, February 13. This board is making plans for a seminar at Youth Camp with Dr.

John Broger. The dates are September 10-12. The next evening I was the guest speaker for a Sweetheart Banquet. Rev. Kent Tallent extended the invitation in behalf of the First Church in Buffalo, MO. We surely did enjoy the delicious food and sweet fellowship.

The Sunday School and CTS Board met at the State Office on Saturday February 17. This board has been quite active in promoting a renewed interest in Church Training and making proper preparation for the State Church Training Competition activities which will be held May 5, at the Trinity Church in Bridgeton, MO.

On Sunday, February 18, we enjoyed being with Rev. & Mrs. Cliff Bowman and the Olivet Church in Marshall, MO. We enjoyed the fellowship with the Bowmans and the church family. This church is initiating plans for the ACE school to begin this fall. The people are excited and responding with much enthusiasm. That Sunday evening we were with Rev. & Mrs. Bill Knapp and the Calvary Church in Conway, MO. We appreciate and enjoy these folks. The weather has affected most churches, but the evening attendance at Calvary would make most pastors feel like their labors were worthwhile.

The next evening, Monday, February 19, I was a guest of my wife at the Greater Ozark District Woman's Auxiliary Sweetheart Banquet. This was held at the Grant Avenue Church in Springfield, MO. This was enjoyable. The program included special music, and the pastor, Rev. Millard Sasser, was the speaker. He delivered a challenging and thoughtful message on the family and home. The food was delicious and the fellowship sweet.

I met with the St. Louis District Master's Men for a Prayer Breakfast on the last Saturday in February. Loyd Olsan, National Director of the Master's Men, was there and presented a challenging message. The women did a fine job in preparing a tasty breakfast, and it was an enjoyable meeting.

The last Sunday in February I had the privilege of being with the First Church at Hartville, MO. The pastor, Rev. Floyd Arnold, was in revival services with the First Church in Kirksville, MO. This is a fine church and I received a blessing being with them.

That closes out February. It was a fine month; some more snow and ice, but through it all we can see the protective hand of God and recognize His blessings and His leadership on our state ministries. It must be this way, for without Him we would fail. I feel as did the psalmist, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High."

Please continue to remember us and the state ministries in your daily prayers. The Lord is blessing, and we are continuing to go ahead of the projected budget month by month. Every phase of our state and national ministries shares in this increase. It comes in and goes out to spread the gospel; to carry the Good News that the Son of Man is come to seek and save that which is lost. Let's continue to be faithful. Payday will be Someday and what a Day that will be! Please make all checks payable to Missouri State Association and mail to P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536.



Points for Pastors

by Jim McAllister

The church finances are important. Most of us don't consider money very spiritual, but it certainly isn't very spiritual not to have it. Money is important. Many preachers have been crucified because they did not know how to handle finances. In fact, during the past twenty years I have found so few preachers who knew much about church budgets and finances. This to the shame of our colleges.

A budget is a necessity. The church needs to know where it is going and how it will get there. A budget is a road map in financial matters. The budget should take salaries, building payments and up-keep, utilities, literature, insurance, and outside giving into consideration. As the church grows you will add other items such as staff salaries, bus ministry, children's church, and maybe even a Christian school. You must consider every detail a possible expenditure your church will experience during the coming year, then put that into the budget. Next, you can know how much your income must be for the coming year. If the income figures to be less than the expenditures you will have to deduct some expenditures.

Stick with your budget. Don't deviate from it. The church should adopt the budget when presented by the church board and pastor, and it should be followed.

The pastor must not serve as church treasurer. To do so is to flirt with suicide. He must not ever handle church monies. In our church the ushers receive the offerings, the deacons count and deposit the money (they are bonded), a deposit slip copy is given to the church office and the chairman of the finance committee and to the church treasurer. The church secretary writes all checks to pay church bills but only the treasurer can sign the checks. As you can see, this gives the church and each person handling money several safe-guards. The reputation of the pastor is very important and must be guarded. There are always those among us who would like nothing better than to accuse us of mismanaging money, or even stealing it. If you aren't careful to protect yourself by making sure *you don't touch church money*, they will get you. Have a budget, and see that it is followed.

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

No one becomes a medical doctor without sufficient preparation. We as God's people are engaged in the greatest work on the face of the earth. That being, evangelizing the world for Christ. And we need to be prepared.

Once the date for revival has been set and the particular spiritual need is determined—training, revival, or inspiration—then we can begin the preparation of our people.

Each member of the church family needs to be made aware of the existing spiritual need and led to carry a burden for the revival effort. This burden is intensified by prayer. Organized prayer bands, made up of Sunday school classes, auxiliary groups, etc., should begin meeting well in advance of the revival date and continue throughout the meeting. These groups should have a list of needs they desire met in this particular meeting and go over the list each time they meet for prayer. Without these prayer bands there will be no church-wide burden. Without a burden there will be no expectancy. Without expectancy our people will enter the revival meeting void of purpose and the meeting will be another "calendar revival" without accomplishment.

Preparation for the service itself is also very important. Have a capable person in charge of the music. Keep the congregational singing alive and meaningful. Do not use singing for a "fill-in." Make it an important part of the revival effort. The choir and special music should be well prepared. Each time those involved in the choir or special music meet for rehearsal, include a time of prayer. Pray that God will use the music to condition hearts to receive the preaching of His Word.

Train faithful workers beforehand to be used in the altar service. Some basic instructions in which verses of Scripture to use with a seeking heart could mean the difference between victory and defeat for the one who comes forward. These workers should know to pray and work with people in the altar without the preacher having to remind them.

A prepared people will have their hearts and minds in the revival effort, and God will bless with results that honor Him.

What Is Your Question?



Dr. James Davis

Question: I am a Christian and I have peace in my heart with God, but I get depressed so easily and quite often. Can you give me a possible reason for this and what I can do to cope with or overcome it?

Answer: First of all we must differentiate between true, clinical or reactive depression and a temporary blue or down period, sometimes called simple depression. Simple depression can be brought about by many different factors. A person may put off things or procrastinate in required activities and feel guilty because of it. The guilt will bring depression. Someone has said that preachers and women are the most prone to this kind of depression. In fact those who are relatively free to plan their own schedules are subject to this depression. Of course the way to solve this is to confess the procrastination and complete the required tasks. Reactive depression is a condition marked by feelings of worthlessness, dejection, and worry. This person believes that all he does results in failure. He feels inadequate and unworthy of respect and love.

The most consistent finding in all kinds of depression is a strong sense of guilt. This guilt may either be real as a result of unconfessed, unforgiven sin, or it may be imaginary. The only way that real guilt may be dealt with is to confess and repent of the sin, or sins, that brought it. God has promised to clear our record, or forgive us, when we confess our sins to Him (1 John 1:9; Proverbs 28:13). He then will restore us to peace and the depression will pass.

Imaginary guilt is another matter. In my experience, far more Christian people suffer depression from this type of guilt than the first mentioned. There are many facets to this, but allow me to mention only one by way of example. Imaginary guilt usually springs from a lack of love and acceptance. As an unwanted child, a person may feel no deep sense of belonging. Sometimes he is told he is unwanted and sometimes he merely senses it. As a result, he becomes conscience smitten for being there; he feels he is causing all the problems. If he were out of the picture, the family would be fine. He feels guilty for being there and grows up feeling guilty for even being a person. This imagined guilt persists throughout life. Understanding imaginary guilt is the first step in turning it over to the Lord; experiencing God's acceptance is the antidote to rejection and its twin, depression.

I am convinced that the Scriptures hold the key to all such problems as we have been discussing. The Apostle Paul reminded the Philippians (4:4-8) that "the peace of God that passeth all understanding"

can be a present possession of every Christian. A careful study of this passage will reveal that a positive attitude with much prayer, self discipline, and the control of our thought life will issue in the PEACE OF GOD.

Editor's note: It has been suggested to me, more than once, that we try a Question and Answer column in the *Gem*. I gave this some prayerful consideration; and I felt that Dr. James Davis, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Monett, would be the logical one to answer the questions. I asked him and he graciously agreed to do this. This will be carried as a regular column as long as sufficient questions are sent in that would justify the need for this. Personally, I like this and I believe it will be something the *Gem* readers will enjoy. Please send your questions to Dr. James Davis, 107 W. Sycamore, Monett, MO 65708 or to the *Gem* office.

JONES TO VACATE HILLSDALE POST

MOORE, OK—Rev. Bill M. Jones, president of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, resigned January 22 after eight years as chief administrator of the Oklahoma institution.

Jones announced his decision to Hillsdale's trustees during their yearly organizational session meeting on campus. He said his plans are indefinite. The resignation becomes effective August 1.

"This seems to be a good time for me to leave," reflected the outgoing president. "The future is bright for Hillsdale. We have a stable faculty and a solid academic foundation. I'm quite optimistic.

"I've accomplished what I came here to do," he continued. "But I believe freshness in the president's office is now needed to guide the school into new areas."

A trustee spokesman said the board has initiated plans to secure Jones' successor.

The 42-year-old Texas native was named to the Hillsdale post in 1971. He previously served as a member of the college faculty in 1969-1970.

During Mr. Jones' tenure Hillsdale erected five major campus buildings including a multi-purpose gymnasium, four-plex dormitory, 16 apartment dormitory, a duplex, and the president's home. Gift income to the college tripled under Jones' leadership rising from \$93,000 annually to \$270,000.

Prior to his 1971 Hillsdale appointment. Rev. Jones was director of communications for the Foreign Missions Department (1970-71). He first came to national prominence as a missionary to the Ivory Coast (1959-69).

Bill Jones is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and Oklahoma City University. He attended the Dallas Theological Seminary.

Request for Names in Omaha, Nebraska

The Jerry McClary Family, under the direction of the National Home Missions Board, will be moving to Omaha, Nebraska, as quickly as their itinerate work is completed. Brother McClary has asked that anyone having relatives or friends in that area to please send the names and addresses to him. His address is Jerry McClary, 114 Cedar Street, Rosedale, Washington, North Carolina 27884.



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Dates To Remember:

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

Especially for the Youth Growing Pains

by Greg McAllister

Here are some things you should never do on the spur of the moment:

- (1) Move
- (2) Get Married
- (3) Buy a car
- (4) Choose to attend a college located more than ten miles from home.
- (5) Volunteer to be in charge of crafts in Vacation Bible School.

The reason it is unwise to do these things on the spur of the moment is that these things should not be regarded in the realm of "ideas." They should be considered DECISIONS, and should be examined carefully before they are decided upon. Four of these items can change your life. (Volunteering to be in charge of crafts at Vacation Bible School is a form of insanity, and I'm not qualified to deal with that.)

However, I have made the other four decisions at one time or another in the past four years. I'm sorry to say that buying a car was an idea I had on the spur of the moment, and I'm still paying for that bright idea. I'm afraid I also decided to move one day and moved two days later. That was probably a bad idea, too.

The two decisions I'm proudest of are the two concerning (1) where to attend college and (2) who and when to marry. The reason I'm happy about these is that they were reached through prayer. Prayer is the acid test for any decision. If you pray about something and get up from your knees with assurance, then you've touched God. Sometimes it's assurance that you're right, and sometimes that you were wrong. Sometimes God will have fortified you, and sometimes He will have weakened you. At any rate, your will must be submissive to God's.

Remember how Jesus prayed in Gethsemane? "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42). Do you think Jesus WANTED to suffer the agonies of the cross? Don't be silly! He was as much human as you and I, and most of us are scared to death of pain. Christ was simply so burdened with God's plan, that He was able to love more than He hurt.

Christ had a decision to make. He had to move from Heaven to earth. His decision wasn't on the spur of the moment; it had been planned since the beginning. As Moses said in Exodus 2:22, he became a "stranger in a strange land." Doing God's will has always been the burden of one man or one woman—standing alone. Is this a decision you're willing to make?

About the writer: Greg McAllister is serving as minister of youth at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Mountain Grove, MO. He is a graduate of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College and has been actively involved in youth work both in Oklahoma and Missouri.

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

West Plains	\$ 70.00
DeSoto	100.00
South Fremont	229.00
Hannon	306.00
Grace	25.00
Oak Hill	15.50
O'Fallon	15.00
Nat'l. Home Missions	69.22
Myrtle	32.95
Sedalia	56.70
Fourth	21.34
Fellowship	15.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Mtn. Grove	2.50
Columbia	5.00
Lebanon	4.00
Flat River, First	100.00
Terrill Road-Moberly	9.00
Thayer	22.45
Hazel Creek	10.00
Beacon	5.00
Cooperative Receipts	2,575.44
Total	\$3,699.10

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COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS February, 1979

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions	\$2,575.44
16.00% Promotional Department	2,227.39
4.50% General Fund	626.46
5.50% Youth Camp	765.67
2.00% Christian Board of Education	278.43
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	278.43
5.00% Retirement Program	696.06
5.00% Retirement Center	696.06
2.00% Recommendation awaiting adoption at State Association	278.43
60.50%	
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	\$ 835.28
11.00% Foreign Missions	\$1,531.34
8.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	1,113.70
6.00% Executive Department	835.28
6.00% National Home Missions	835.28
2.00% Board of Retirement & Insurance	278.43
.25% Laymen's Board	34.80
.25% Theological Commission	34.80
33.50%	
Total Disbursements	\$13,921.28

The year is almost completed. The Lord has blessed in a wonderful way. Let us continue to thank Him as He works through us to supply the need for these ministries.

MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING February 1979

FOREIGN MISSIONS	
Pleasant Ridge	\$20.00
Jim McLain	\$10.00
General Fund	10.00
Mountain Grove, First	\$145.00
General Fund	\$145.00
Monett, First	\$15.00
Charolette Tallent	\$15.00
Parkview	\$16.25
LaVerne Miley	\$4.06
Carlisle Hanna	4.06
Norman Richards	4.06

Bill Fulcher	4.07
West Plains, First	\$50.00
General Fund	\$50.00
Hannon	\$153.00
Bill Fulcher	\$30.50
Charolette Tallent	10.00
Steve Lytle	45.00
Jerry Pinkerton	50.00
Jim McLain	17.50
Columbia	\$12.00
General Fund	\$2.00
Jerry Pinkerton	5.00
Charolette Tallent	5.00
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
Lebanon, First	\$92.00
Charolette Tallent	\$ 2.00
Jerry Pinkerton	45.00
Clint Morgan	45.00
South Side	\$108.00
Bill Fulcher	\$10.00
Charolette Tallent	98.00
Flat River, First	\$100.00
General Fund	\$100.00
Kirksville, First	\$55.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$50.00
Clint Morgan	5.00
Oak Hill	\$15.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$15.00
Walnut Grove	\$10.00
Lynn Miley	\$10.00
Black Oak	\$75.25
Dale Bishop	\$27.75
Jim Moser	47.50
Merl's Chapel	\$46.00
Fred Hersey	\$46.00
Fordland	\$10.00
Charolette Tallent	\$10.00
Thayer	\$21.00
Patsy VanHook	\$ 5.00
Jerry Pinkerton	16.00
Bethel	\$3.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$3.00
Fourth	\$151.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$10.00
Steve Lytle	96.00
Bill Fulcher	25.00
Charolette Tallent	20.00
Total	\$1,192.50

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Mountain Grove, First	\$22.50
General Fund	\$ 2.50
Mark Vandivort	20.00
Monett, First	\$40.00
Larry Powell	\$15.00
Bob Francis	15.00
Bob Thomas	5.00
General Fund	5.00
Olivet	\$55.00
Bill Adkisson	\$40.00
Mark Vandivort	10.00
Vergel Maness	5.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$25.00
Mark Vandivort	\$25.00
Columbia	\$5.00
Mark Vandivort	\$5.00
Fourth	\$12.00
Bob Francis	\$ 2.00
Vergel Maness	10.00
South Side	\$15.00
Bob Francis	\$15.00

Flat River, First	\$52.00
Bill Adkisson	\$52.00
Fordland	\$23.00
Mark Vandivort	\$10.00
Vergel Maness	13.00
Thayer	\$4.00
Mark Vandivort	\$4.00
Wolf Creek	\$10.00
Mark Vandivort	\$10.00
Rock Chapel	\$40.00
Leland Horton	\$10.00
General Fund	5.00
Bob Thomas	25.00
Bethel	\$15.30
Bob Francis	\$ 4.00
Bill Adkisson	11.30
Total	\$318.80

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Pleasant Ridge	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Mountain Grove, First	\$2.50
General Fund	\$2.50
Columbia	\$5.00
General Fund	\$5.00
Lebanon, First	\$4.00
General Fund	\$4.00
Flat River, First	\$100.00
General Fund	\$100.00
Terrill Road, Moberly	\$9.00
General Fund	\$9.00
Thayer	\$22.45
General Fund	\$22.45
Hazel Creek	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Beacon	\$5.00
Moberly	\$5.00
Total	\$167.95

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Mountain Grove, First	\$60.00
Monett, First	7.80
Bethel	5.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Total	\$82.80

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Bethel	\$20.00
Columbia	\$5.00
Total	\$25.00

STATE YOUTH CAMP

Mountain Grove, First	\$20.00
Olivet	\$10.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$5.00
Fourth	\$10.00
Willow Springs	\$10.00
Oak Hill	\$10.00
Flat River, First	\$20.00
Thayer	\$10.00
Faith, Lemay	\$10.00
Total	\$105.00

JAMES WILLIAMS ACCOUNT

Monett, First	\$20.00
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BOB CARR ACCOUNT

Merl's Chapel	\$36.00
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COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

February, 1979

Belton	\$ 111.74
Purdy	106.00

Faith, Fair Grove	98.31
Community	24.20
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Mtn. Grove, First	335.04
Mill Creek S.S.	35.50
Mill Creek Church	43.44
New Rock Springs	63.63
Monett, First	309.48
Buffalo	136.82
Farmington	1,008.69
Parkview	108.75
West Plains, First	177.70
Kingsway	183.00
Hannon	141.00
Poplar Bluff	40.00
Waynesville	164.10
Waynesville	146.00
Victory, Alton	96.00
DeSoto	450.00
Calvary Fellowship	1,066.89
Harmony, K. C.	116.00
Columbia	50.00
Sikeston	82.00
Malden	70.78
Olivet	200.00
Mt. Pisgah	43.50
Faith, Lemay	46.58
Lebanon, First	325.00
Bailey Chapel	12.00
Cope	14.00
South Side	218.74
Beacon	299.00
Royal Oak	16.00
Flat River, First	358.76
Terrill Road, Moberly	30.64
O'Fallon	396.00
Martinstown	100.00
Salem	25.00
Kirksville, First	179.75
Oak Hill, St. Clair	250.27
Fredericktown, First	226.71
South Fremont	20.00
Byrd	14.47
Grace	568.00
Hurryville	80.00
Hurryville	100.00
Black Oak	10.00
Merl's Chapel	60.59
Cabool	88.11
Viburnum	30.00
Berkeley	416.97
Evangel	286.00
Union Grove	279.00
Joplin	233.70
Hartville	103.28
Rolla	55.00
Cape Girardeau	210.00
Marshfield	130.62
Happy Home, Ava	79.16
Thayer	204.48
Wolf Creek	192.60
Macedonia SS	10.00
Copper Mines	150.00
Rock Chapel	162.36
El Dorado, First	5.00
Fourth	306.00
Calvary, Conway	483.00
Leadington	230.80
Freeman Chapel	46.46
Beacon	217.32
Black Oak	10.00
Mt. Zion, Thayer	40.20
Low Ground	86.37
Oskaloosa	26.37
Lebanon, First	326.00
Sedalia	85.15
Hannon	165.00
Liberty	174.00
Harmony, K. C.	93.00
Willow Springs	205.25
Total	\$13,921.28

Sunday School Attendance Averages 78-79

CHURCH	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.
Aulsbury Chapel	90	95	95	104	91	97	86	84	77			
Bethel, Festus	124	120	102	96	93	109	109	112				
Black Oak	31	35	40	33	26	29	36	31				
Buffalo	85	71	56	66	62	62	70	71	74			
Calvary, Conway	110	120		115	104	131	134	118				
Calvary Fellowship											88	
Cape Girardeau	113	111	91	92	99	87	93	106	109	105		
Carterville	24	25	20	22	24	26	24	22	28			
Cedar Ridge	55	45	46	36	41	36	38	44	44			
Columbia	78	61	55	57	60	49	54	44				
Copper Mines	92	74	85	91	78	89	85					
Faith Chapel	34	25	20	18	27	32	37	35	39			
Farmington	458	509		460	429	438	438	474				
Fellowship							221	248	202	188		
Flat River, First		234	199	203	263	225	233	248	202	188	150	210
Fourth	193	181	185	147	126	177	175	165	193	179		
Grace	217	213	190	196	160	170	203	216				
Grant Avenue	145	138		115	121	124	127	125				
Happy Home, Ave.	24	25	24	25	27	25	25	30				
Hurryville	66	54	55	56	48	50	70					
Joplin	117	104	93	100	88	96	104	125	101			
Kirksville, First	95	95	89	97	87	82	93	114	135	100	123	
Lebanon, First	125	131	130	122	101	107	112	118	126	110	98	116
Macedonia, Ind. Ck.	76	75	69	67	70	63	67	65				
Marshfield	58	59	57	60	60	56	54	57				
Myrtle	52		50	45	45	51						
New Harmony	34	33	30	27	28	29	34	34	28			
O'Fallon	101	102	82	89	73	88	99	101	89	84		
P. G. Anderson	40	39	55	67	63	57	30	33	31			
Pleasant Home	66	60	63	66	57	66	66	72	65			
Richwoods	33	32	33	36	27	30	33	41	31	32	23	
Rock Chapel	93	110	139	117	97	98	103	99	105			
Second, Seymour	40	40	39	51	50	50			28			
Sedalia	16	13	12	12	13	14	13	14	14			
South Fremont	66	70	65	69	60	47	68	62	73			
South Side	154	137	106	117	91	110	97	101	98	97	64	
Terrill Road, Mob.	28	35	40	39	39	32	40	43	38	39	31	26
Trinity	183	171	172	168	148	140	170	172	164	158	136	
Twin Oaks	99	98	93	87	95	95	90	91	105			
Verdella	73	80		80	68	82	77	76				
Victory, K. C.	95	81	66	53	67	78	67	65	78			
Willow Springs	110	98	95	100	108	107	109	119	104	87	65	

With Our Missionaries:

The Steve Lytles from Panama: We certainly enjoy receiving the *Gem* each month. It's always a treat to hear what's happening "back home" in the churches. The Missouri churches have faithfully supported us over the past years and pray regularly for the work in Panama. We are grateful for this! The Lord richly blessed in 1978. According to a report given at the National Association of Panamanian Free Will Baptists, 234 souls were won to Christ and baptisms numbered 70. In our work in Betania, we saw over 20 conversions and most of

them have remained faithful to the Lord. We plan to have our first baptismal service in the near future. I am teaching four nights a week in four different churches. Enrollment is approximately 75. Please continue to remember us in prayer.



Woman's Page



Shirley Bowden, editor

NEW AUXILIARY ORGANIZED

The women of the Buffalo Free Will Baptist Church met on February 27, 1979. At this time, Mrs. Shirley Bowden passed out the By-laws of the Greater Ozark District Auxiliary Convention. She explained the auxiliary's history and many of its functions. Mrs. Bowden went over the different facets of the auxiliary and shared with us the background of the *Co-Laborer Magazine* and its benefits to the local auxiliary.

Mrs. Bowden then went over the duties of each office and called the meeting to order. At this time, nominations were taken and the following offices were filled: President, Kay Tallent; Vice President, Pam Maynard; Secretary/Treasurer, Barbara Blair; and Mission Prayer Chairman, Edith Boro. The Mission Action and Mission Study offices were left vacant until a later date.

We held our first meeting as an auxiliary on Monday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m. with ten women present. At this meeting we elected the following officers: Mission Action, Debra Skinner; and Mission Study, Lois Jones.

Regular meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month. We are thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the auxiliary program and look forward with great expectation to the coming year in helping our missionaries both home and abroad in any way possible. We pray for God's guidance in all that we undertake. (Submitted by Barbara Blair, Secretary/Treasurer.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

MISSOURI STATE PERPETUAL LOAN FUND

BALANCE 12/31/78	\$328.15
Farmington Auxiliary	20.54
Houston Auxiliary	10.00
Willow Springs Auxiliary	24.80
Balance 2/28/79	\$328.49

HELP CHAROLETTE USE HER TALLENTS

BALANCE 12/31/78	\$434.21
• Eastern Gate Auxiliary	6.00
Farmington Auxiliary	39.78
Farmington First Beginner's Church	103.89
BALANCE 2/28/79	\$583.88

VEHICLE FOR THE VANDIVORTS

BALANCE 12/31/78	\$1,591.84
Farmington Auxiliary	20.53
BALANCE 2/28/79	\$1,612.37

(Submitted by Blanche Wisehart, State Treasurer.)

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