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He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

PSA. 23:2

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IN THE ARMS OF GOD

*I feel the touch of hands so kind and tender.
They're leading me in paths that I must trod;
I have no fear when Jesus walks beside me,
For I'm sheltered in the Arms of God.*

The words of this song have given peace to the friends of Verneta Douglas. Verneta went to be with the Lord on March 24, 1979.

Many times in life we enjoy our friends but never realize how much our friends are worth to us. The only way to have a friend is to be one and this was certainly Verneta. Beautiful and rich are true friendships. Friendship is beautiful and is a joy forever. As Keats once stated, "Its loveliness increases and it will never pass into nothingness." Verneta was a person who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much. She is greatly missed by the First Free Will Baptist Church of O'Fallon where she was a charter member and a well-loved member. We shall always remember the words that are so often stated; "It is better to have loved and lost than to have never loved at all." We know she is resting in the Arms of God, and we feel her life touching our lives.

A Friend,
Carolyn Sue Lombard

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A NOTE OF THANKS FROM BEN SCOTT FAMILY

As native Missourians, my wife and I have always felt very warmly toward the people of that state, and especially those connected with the Free Will Baptist work in any way. It was our privilege to pastor churches in Missouri and to work closely with many in the State Association in other days. We have continued to maintain an interest in the work of your state, although we have been in Arkansas for the past twenty years.

Recently I was hospitalized in Little Rock, during which time I underwent open heart "by-pass" surgery. The Lord has blessed with a most satisfactory recovery, at least to this point. Barring any unexpected complications, I expect to resume full pastoral responsibilities in a few weeks.

Mrs. Scott and I have been overwhelmed at the outpouring of expressions of concern during this time. We are most humbled to think of the cards, letters, phone calls, and other kind expressions. We have learned of many churches and groups which had special prayer in our behalf. We'd certainly like to say "THANKS." Your prayers and expressions of concern have been a source of great encouragement.

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MAN'S HOLINESS

by O. D. Matthews

Scriptural Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:7; Hebrews 12:14; Matthew 5:8

"For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

INTRODUCTION

The title of my message is somewhat an eye-catcher. It could be misleading, and it is often misused. There are a lot of people in our modern world that would like to take this title and blow it up in order to say that their own self-righteousness is good enough to save them. These self-righteous people depend upon their own merits, deeds, works, goodness, and even the law to save them, but this is not our intent or thinking. The Word of God plainly states and teaches that we are not saved by our own self-righteousness. Note the following Scriptures: Romans 3:10, 23—"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

Titus 3:5, 6—"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour."

Romans 3:20—"Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight." Also note what the Prophet Isaiah says about our own righteousnesses. Isaiah 64:6—"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." Notice the term, "Filthy rags." Filthy means unclean, defiled, corrupt, wicked, unfit, and not pleasant to look at. And when we think of rags we think of something useless, no value, trash, and something that has been discarded. This is the way that our own self-righteousness looks in the eyes of God. There is a difference between self-righteousness and "Man's Holiness," and that difference is taught in our text verses and the Holy Scriptures. Five (5) great truths concerning Man's Holiness are taught in His Word.

1. That the Source of our holiness is God.
2. The basis of our holiness is the blood of Christ.



3. The guarantee of our holiness is the resurrection of Christ.
4. The channel of our holiness is our personal commitment and faith in Him.
5. The perfection of our holiness is the glorious return of our Lord and Savior.

In this message I want to consider the fourth great truth as given above. The channel of our holiness is our personal commitment and faith in Him. Man's holiness is what we are after we come to God through His Son, and it is manifested in our lives through Our Experience, Our Position, Our Expression, and Our Profession in this life. Let's note these 4 as given.

I. OUR EXPERIENCE

We manifest our holiness in this world through our *experience*. When we come to God through His Son, we have an experience. This experience we call the new birth, and this is a must. We become a new creature or, may I say, we have a new experience. Christ told Nicodemus in John 3:3, 5, that this is a must in order to see and to enter the kingdom of God. When we have this great experience, we act different, we talk different, we dress different, we think different, and glad to say, we smell different because we are new creatures or new beings. Second Corinthians 5:17—"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

We don't look and go to the world for our daily walk of life. To be sure, we are in the world, but we are not of the world. We are to come out from among the world and live a separated life. Second Corinthians 6:17, 18 states—"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." We are not of this world, neither do we belong to the world. We are just strangers and pilgrims in this world. Strangers, because we do not belong to it, for we belong to God, if we have had an experience with Him. Pilgrims, because we are just passing through the world and dressing ourselves for the world to come that we might live forever. Man's holiness is manifested in this world through our experience, and without this great experience we cannot live holy. And if we are not holy, we shall not see God.

II. OUR POSITION

We manifest our holiness in this world through

our *position*. We take on a new position after we have had an experience with the Lord. This position entitles us to a new family name, to a new family likeness, and to a new family inheritance. John 1:12 states that we become a son of God. First John 3 calls us sons and children, and Paul states in Romans that we are sons, children, and heirs of God. Note Romans 8:17—"And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ." Our position makes us now a son, a present possession and blessing. First John 3:2, 3, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." Our holiness is manifested in this world through our experience and through our position. We know that we are the sons of God; God gives us this assurance.

III. OUR EXPRESSION

Man's holiness is manifested in our *expression* in this life. Our character and our attitude in this present world will manifest our holiness before the world. Galatians 5:19-21 gives us the works of the flesh and of the world, and it also states "that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Galatians 5:22, 23 gives us the fruit of the Spirit which we can justly and rightly say are the works of holiness or the fruits of holiness. There are 9 great graces given. The first 3, which are love, joy, and peace, give us (the believers) the assurance that we are living holy in God's sight. The second 3, longsuffering, gentleness, and goodness, tell and prove to the world that we are living holy before God. The last 3, faith, meekness, and temperance, are genuine proof to God that we are living a holy

life for Him. We manifest our holiness through our experience, position, and our expression. Paul charged the church at Rome to live holy. 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."

IV. LAST

We manifest our holiness in this world through our *profession*. Who carries this great gospel of Christ to this lost and dying world? Is it the ungodly and the unrighteous? Certainly not. It is carried by the ones who are living godly and holy in this world. The only mouth God has is the mouth of the righteous. The only hands that do the work of the Lord are the hands of the righteous. The only feet that carry the gospel to all the parts of the world are the feet of the holy and righteous, and the only money that God gets is the money of the righteous to support His great cause. Our channel of our holiness is manifested through our experience, our position, our expression, and our profession. All through His wonderful Word He teaches us how to live, and that way is to be holy. I close with Titus 2:11, 12—"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." I repeat part of my Scriptural text, "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness... without which no man shall see the Lord."

CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Blessings at Berkeley

The pastor, Reverend Nicholas Hollis, writes, "The Lord is blessing the Berkeley Church. We have recently had two professions of faith, two baptisms, and a number of rededications. The church recently purchased a 1976 van. The offerings and attendance are doing well. We recently had a 'Get Acquainted Sunday,' and it was a special blessing to everyone."

Dr. & Mrs. LaVerne Miley Honored

Sunday, April 1, was designated Dr. Miley Day in the Northeast Missouri Free Will Baptist Association. A special service to honor Dr. & Mrs. Miley was

held in his home church, Hazel Creek, at 3 p.m. The opening prayer by Rev. Gil Mertz was followed with congregational singing. Rev. Archie Cooper made a plaque presentation to Dr. & Mrs. LaVerne Miley from the association reading: "In honor of Dr. & Mrs. LaVerne Miley, for the many years of missionary service to God, from the Northeast Missouri Association."

Lynn Miley, missionary son of the Mileys, brought the message and showed slides of the life of an African witch doctor who became a Christian convert and soul winner.

Benediction by Rev. Eddie Pierce was followed by a reception and fellowship.

Rev. Boyce Williams is pastor of Hazel Creek Church.

Greetings From the Vandivorts

We are looking forward to seeing some of you if we can attend the state meeting.

We had 35 in services Sunday. One man was saved in our Sunday morning jail service. We are doing paper work concerning our church property and church building plans. Pray with us about a building loan.

Mark and Debbie have recuperated from the car wreck in December. Louise's cardiologist has recently diagnosed her to have there heart conditions related to a damaged heart valve. He hopes the problems can be controlled with proper care and medication with possible need for a valve replacement in the future.

We appreciate the love and support of the people in our home state.

Mark and Louise Vandivort and Family

Youth Banquet at Myrtle Church

A Valentine's Youth Banquet was held at the Myrtle Church on February 17, 1979. The program included electing a king and queen. Steve Evans was elected king and Vicky Ehrhardt was elected queen. The ladies of the church served a spaghetti supper. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship.



Thanks From Virgil Wisehart

May we express our sincere appreciation to everyone for the prayers, cards, and other acts of kindness during my illness. I am doing reasonably well with my heart condition showing some favorable improvement.

Virgil and Blanche Wisehart

HOMECOMING WEEKEND AT FELLOWSHIP

The last weekend of March was a busy one and a special one for all the folks at Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, MO. The people along with their pastor, Brother Wayne Phillips, felt that one day was just not sufficient, so they planned a whole weekend of activities.

On Friday night, March 23, the Evangel Players from the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, TN, were present to present two Christian Dramas, "Everyman" and "No Name In The Street." The auditorium was filled for this service. Visitors from other Free Will Baptist churches were abundant.

On Saturday night, March 24, amid a late March

snowstorm, some 50 brave souls ventured out to hear Brother Ken Riggs, a member of the faculty at the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, TN, speak on the home and the family.

Sunday morning dawned with cloudy and overcast skies; but the temperature had climbed sufficiently to melt the ice off the highways, and some 241 people arrived for the Sunday school hour. The church was filled for the morning worship hour as many former members came back to say "Happy Birthday." Brother Riggs spoke both in the Sunday school hour and in the morning worship service. A basket dinner was served in the activities building under the banner, "Showers of Blessings at Fellowship." Some 150 people remained for the meal. In the afternoon, a "Singspiration" was held, with several of the church groups singing along with the "Singing Disciples" of Desloge, MO. After returning to the activities building to "clean up" the remainder of the food, a group of tired but happy people returned home to rest up to begin their 34th year in worship and service to their Savior, Jesus Christ.





Points for Pastors

by Jim McAllister

Decision making is an important part of the growth of the church, and indecision is a primary reason for the decline of the church. When you study the Book of Acts, you find many decisions made. These decisions determine the future growth of the church.

There are three kinds of decisions you and your church must make. First, there are those which occur repeatedly. Such decisions are ordering Sunday school literature, janitor supplies, purchasing necessary supplies, etc.

Second, there are emergency decisions such as a conflict in the church, Sunday school, or staff, or a fire, bus accident, etc.

Third, those we seek out, like starting a new department, Christian school, beginning a revival, or bus ministry.

The average church and pastor is reluctant to make decisions. That's probably why it remains an "average church." Here are three guidelines for making decisions:

1. Those who make decisions should be the ones to carry them out. It's easy for deacons to make decisions about discipline and leave it to the pastor to initiate the disciplinary action.
2. Always communicate the plain, simple facts to the people before asking for a decision. Then organize effectively to carry out the project.
3. The people of the congregation must accept the decision, not just have it sold to them. You see, decision making is a group process. If everyone is for it, and all understand the decision, and all cooperate, problems will be eliminated.

For example: When we decided to start our Christian school, it was after weeks of informing the congregation as to the need, costs, opportunities, etc. Then we had a film shown on the Christian school program which explained how we would finance it, where we would get the teachers, and how our facilities would be used. We had two long question and answer sessions, and, finally after announcing several times in the church bulletin, we voted with *no* opposition. The people made the decision and have been behind it all the way.

From the Desk of the Promotional Secretary



by Clarence Burton

Let's attend the Missouri State Association this year! I surely would like to encourage everyone that can to be there for the preaching, the fellowship, and the joy of making decisions for the Lord together. The host pastor and church, Reverend Nicholas Hollis and the First Church of Berkeley, Missouri, have extended a warm invitation to attend and enjoy the good things of the Lord together. This year both day and evening services will be held at the church. The auditorium can seat 600 and should adequately accommodate all the services. There are a number of motels and eating establishments located in the general area of the church which will make it convenient for everyone. The Lord has blessed with another wonderful year. The weather has affected the attendance, but the cooperative and designated giving are up. This reflects that dedicated Christians will give their tithes and offerings to the Lord. So, I hope to see you at the State Association in June and enjoy the blessings of the Lord as we enjoy our fellowship together.

This report is for the month of March. This month ends our Missouri State Association year. The Lord has blessed and we are so thankful. We exceeded our budget of \$145,000. This was done because of the faithfulness of Missouri Free Will Baptists. May the Lord bless every pastor and church and the Jones Evangelistic Team (they have been faithful in supporting cooperative and designated giving) for their faithfulness and consistency in giving to support the Lord's work throughout the Free Will Baptist denomination. Because of this we have exceeded our yearly goal, and every department has shared in this generous giving.

My first quarterly meeting to visit was the Liberty Meeting on Saturday, March 3. This was hosted by Reverend and Mrs. Nelson and the Mt. Zion Church (Cuba). This was a fine meeting with the church giving good hospitality and delicious food. The preaching was challenging and helpful. The day was well spent for the Lord. The next day, Sunday March 4, I was with the Bailey Chapel Church for the Sunday school and the morning worship service. I enjoyed the fellowship with the pastor, Reverend Farrell Hutsell, and his wife and the folks at the church. We certainly appreciate the consistent support of this church for our state and national ministries. That evening I was with the Liberty Church and the pastor and family, Reverend and Mrs. Dan Talbott.

I always enjoy the fellowship of this church and appreciate the faithful support this church gives to

to our ministries. The following Friday evening I had the privilege to unite in marriage my wife's niece Linda Wisehart to Rob Hough. I enjoy weddings, and we enjoyed the fellowship of the folks at the wedding.

We met with the Bootheel District Association the next day, Saturday, March 10. The association met with Reverend and Mrs. Denzil Durbin and the Poplar Bluff Church. This church is growing and growing. They certainly did a commendable job hosting the association. I always appreciate the fine hospitality extended to me from this group of churches. You can be sure that no one goes away hungry at the Durbins. The preaching and fellowship was blessed of God.

The next day we enjoyed being with Reverend and Mrs. Frank Giunta and the First Church at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. This church is growing, and it is evident the Lord is blessing the ministry of this work. We enjoyed a fine Italian dinner with the Giuntas' following the morning service. We appreciate the support the Bootheel Association is giving to the ministries of the state and national work.

That week we had the privilege of attending the Bible Conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College. What a joy to see so many fine young Christian people training to be more effective servants of the Lord. It is a thrill to see our young people use their abilities for the Lord and to live with the awareness that they belong to God and what they are and hope to be is because of the goodness of God. May the Lord bless every young person throughout our denomination, and may we encourage and lead them to give of themselves, wholly, to Him. Special honors were given to Dr. Johnson, the retiring president. He was deserving of these. (I had an article last month concerning this.) The week of March 18 we were with former Missourians, Rev-

erend and Mrs. Danny Martin, and the church he serves, the O'Kean Free Will Baptist Church near Pocahontas, Arkansas. The Lord blessed with a fine revival, and it was a joy and blessing to be with Danny and Brenda and the friendly, cordial folks at the O'Kean Church.

On March 28, 1979, Brother John McAllister went to be with the Lord. He and Sister McAllister were members of the First Church, and Vivian and I enjoyed sweet fellowship with them. Of course everyone at the church enjoyed their fellowship. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. McAllister and the two sons, Reverend Jim McAllister of Farmington and Reverend Jack McAllister of Overland Park, Kansas.

The month closed out with the Retirement Village Rally, March 31, 1979. I appreciate so much the time and work Evangelist Stanley Jones and Ruth and John put into this rally. The special singing was provided by the following: Choirs from the First Church in Mountain Grove, Grant Avenue, Lebanon, and Hartville churches; families, the Durbin Family from Fredericktown, and the Voices in the Wilderness from Wilderness, and of course the Singing Jones Family. Everyone enjoyed the singing and left with the feeling that perhaps we could do this again next year.

May I say thanks again for the support given to the unified plan of support—cooperative giving. The Lord has blessed and we are so thankful because through this so many, many people have benefited and the cause of Christ has advanced. Let's keep the good work moving for the Lord and continue to be faithful in our labor for Him. Please continue to make your checks payable to and mail to Missouri State Association, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, Missouri 65536. (Please earmark all designated monies.)

Absent From the Body; Present With the Lord

John McAllister was born June 21, 1914, and departed this life March 28, 1979. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Ruby McAllister of Lebanon, Missouri; two sons Reverend James McAllister and Reverend Jack McAllister; one brother Wayne McAllister; and two sisters Beulah Harlament and Leodah Van Hoosier. The Memorial Service was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon, Missouri. Dr. James Davis and Reverend Joe Braddy officiated at the service. It was stated in the memorial message that Brother McAllister was a faithful servant of the Lord and was well loved by his friends and fellow workers. At the time of his death he was serving as music director of the First Church in Lebanon.

Lela Reid was born October 27, 1911, and departed this life March 14, 1979. She is survived by one son, Jack Reid; and five sisters, Gladys Reid, Leona Percy, May Percy, Ora Mings, and Myrtle Reid. The Memorial Service was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon, Missouri. Reverend Roger Harwell and Reverend Joe Braddy officiated at the service. It was stated in the

memorial message that Sister Reid had enjoyed a full life as a Christian and she shared this feeling with others. She was a member of the First Church in Lebanon, Missouri.

Teressa Lynn Weaver was born February 26, 1961, and departed this life March 22, 1979. She is survived by her parents Kenneth and Jo Ann Weaver of Lebanon, Missouri. The Memorial Service was held at the First Nazarene Church near Lebanon, Missouri. Reverend Dean Rhoades and Reverend Clarence Burton officiated at the service. Teressa was a student of the Lebanon High School and would have graduated this spring. She made profession of faith in Christ while attending the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp in Niangua, Missouri. It was stated in the memorial message that she loved and she was well loved by her many friends. She was a member of the First Church in Lebanon, Missouri.

The following Missouri students at Free Will Baptist Bible College were on the mid-term Dean's List for second semester:

Joanna Sasser
Gary Underwood

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

If we are to have church-wide revival, we must reach people and encourage them to attend. One group of people that many churches have problems reaching are the "careless church members." These can be reached. Out of approximately two hundred public decisions for Christ in meetings conducted by the Jones Family Evangelistic Team, one hundred and fifty were rededications . . . church people who had become careless. But, how to reach them and challenge them to attend revival services is the real subject at hand.

First, show interest in them. There should be interest shown by families toward careless church members. Ask a family to invite a careless member over for a meal in their home prior to the revival meeting. It could be a good relaxed atmosphere in which to show real concern for their spiritual well being. Plan activities during the revival that include every member of the delinquent family. Have a "parents night" when all the parents present are recognized and honored. Have a youth get-together following one of the revival services. Have a young married social. Be sure these activities provide for good fellowship and have a real spiritual emphasis. Keep in mind, we normally reach the people we are planning for and showing interest in.

Second, invite them to attend revival services. Many methods can be used to invite our careless church members to revival. And many, if not all, should be used. It does not hurt to overlap, but be sure each careless member is contacted. Use the telephone. Have several ladies to take the list of names to be contacted and divide them up between them. Then, they can call each one and give a personal invitation to attend. Mail each member a revival notice. Set up visitation teams to go to the homes and invite delinquent families. Keep a record of each contact made. Don't be disappointed if they do not attend if we have not invited them.

Third, pray for them. Our efforts must be blessed by God. After we have done our part, then we can ask the Holy Spirit to deal with the hearts of those we have contacted. Let us not send the Holy Spirit to do the job Jesus commanded us to do. Jesus said, "Ye [us] shall be witnesses." The Holy Spirit will empower us to be witnesses, and He will bring conviction in hearts through our witness. To that end, we can pray.

What Is Your Question?



by Dr. James Davis

I have heard various explanations as to who was Cain's wife. Some of them seem pretty far out to me. Can you give a clear Biblical answer to this?

The Bible clearly teaches that Adam and Eve were the first human beings created by God on this planet (Genesis 1:26-30; 1 Corinthians 15:45; 1 Timothy 2:13). Furthermore, Adam and Eve were the *only* human beings created by God on the earth. This is easily seen from the genealogical tables since the ancestors of all the individuals mentioned finally find their origin in Adam. The roster of nations mentioned in Genesis 10 traces their origin to Noah whose ancestor was Adam. And then there is the statement made in Genesis 3:20—"And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of ALL LIVING." All the rest of humanity was propagated naturally by reproduction.

Some Biblical expositors, however, have insisted that there were more than one human couple created and that Adam and Eve represented the whole race as God created it. Writing on Genesis 1:26-2:4a, Elliott in his book *The Message of Genesis*, page 40, says, "It would appear more probable that the Genesis passage is speaking of the creation of the human race even as it speaks of the various classes of animal and vegetable life. There is certainly the possibility that God created more than one man . . . If this be the case, it alleviates such questions as, 'Where did Cain get his wife?' There were others whom God had created and from whom Cain could choose." This would certainly make the answer to our original question easier, as Mr. Elliott suggests, but his reasoning is fallacious.

Such statements as, "Wherefore, as by *one man* sin entered into the world . . ." (Romans 5:12), and "For as by *one man's* disobedience many were made sinners . . ." (Romans 5:19), and "The *first man Adam* was made a living soul . . ." (1 Corinthians 15:45) teach one single paternal ancestor of the human race. This being true, there could have been no other families on the earth at the time Cain was forced to leave his father's house and become a vagabond in the earth (Genesis 4:13, 14). It is my contention that when he left his father's house he took a younger sister who became his wife. That sister had to have been born sometime after Cain, who was the firstborn, and Seth, who was the third son born to Adam and Eve and born after Abel was killed. Genesis 5:3, 4 tells us that Adam was 130 years old when Seth was born and that "he begat sons and daughters." So my contention, and I think the only logical conclusion, is that Cain's wife was a younger sister.

PROGRAM OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

Theme: "Christ Pre-eminent"

(Colossians 1:18)

Place: First Free Will Baptist Church,
Berkeley, Mo. 8900 Springdale

Tuesday Night, June 5, 1979

- 7:30 p.m. Worship in Song — Jim Mullen
Convening of Session — Rev. Bill Van Winkle
Welcome — Rev. Nick Hollis
Response — Rev. Lynn Wood
- 8:00 p.m. Moderator's Message — Rev. William Evans
Special Music — Trio, Cape Girardeau
- 8:15 p.m. Keynote Message — Rev. Frank Giunta
"Christ Pre-eminent in our Life"
Report of the Committee On Committees
Benediction



Wednesday, June 6, 1979

- 9:00 a.m. Congregational Singing — Rev. David Huett
Devotional — Rev. Howard Bowers
- 9:15 a.m. Credential Committee's Report
* Seating of Corresponding Messengers
General Board Report
Statistician's Report
- 10:45 a.m. Recess
Exhibits
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Hour — Rev. Dale Skiles, Presiding
Congregational Singing — Rev. David Huett
Special Music — Keith & Alice Tallent
Message — Rev. Nathan Ruble
"Christ Pre-eminent in Our Love"
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Congregational Singing — Rev. David Huett
Devotional — Rev. Richard Robinson
- 1:45 p.m. Report of National Offices' Representative
Report of State Treasurer & Promotional Secretary
Report of State Home Missions Board
Report of Sunday School & CTS Board
Report of Christian Education Board
Report of Youth Camp Board
- 4:00 p.m. Adjournment
* Corresponding Messengers Recognized as Time Allows



Wednesday Night, June 6, 1979

- 7:30 p.m. Worship Service — Rev. Clarence Burton, Presiding
Congregational Singing — Jim Mullen
Special Music — Gary and Linda Walls
- 8:00 p.m. Message — Dr. Roger C. Reeds

"Christ Pre-eminent in Our Labor"
Benediction



Thursday, June 7, 1979

- 9:00 a.m. Congregational Singing — Rev. David Huett
Devotional — Rev. Dana Booth
- 9:15 a.m. Report of the Resolutions Committee
Report of the Obituary Committee
Report of the Placement Committee
Report of the Nominating Committee
- 10:45 a.m. Recess
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service — Rev. Bill Evans, Presiding
Congregational Singing — Rev. David Huett
Special Music — by Grace Church
Message — Rev. Glenn Rehkop
"Christ Pre-eminent in Our Look"
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Remaining Business and Final Adjournment



GENERAL BOARD MEETING FOLLOWING SESSION

- Motel 6
4576 Woodson Rd.
Phone 427-6100
Single \$9.95
Double \$13.95
4—\$16.95
- Red Roof Inn 2 people \$19.67
270 and Hanley 1 person \$17.52
Phone 831-7900 3 people \$23.97
Single \$16.44
Double bed 2 people \$21.82
tax incl.
- Days Inn
45 Woodson
Phone 423-6770
Single \$19.88
\$4.00 for each additional person.
- Ramada Inn
9636 Natural Bridge
Phone 426-4700
Single \$33.00
Double \$39.00
- Holiday Inn
270 at Hanley
Phone 524-2500
Single \$25.00 2 persons \$30.00
Double—2 beds \$32.00

6. Kingsway Inn
Natural Bridge and Brown Rd.
Phone 427-7600
Single \$25.00
Double \$32.00
7. Willow Motel
10130 Natural Bridge
Phone 427-9452
No Reservations taken—
Single bed rooms only (double beds) \$9.65 tax
incl.

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Church Delegate _____

Name of Church _____

Signed _____

Pastor or Church Clerk _____

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

March 1979

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions	\$2,739.50
16.00% Promotional Department	2,369.29
4.50% General Fund	666.36
5.50% Youth Camp	814.45
2.00% Christian Board of Education	296.16
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	296.16
5.00% Retirement Program	740.40
5.00% Retirement Center	740.40
2.00% Recommendation awaiting adoption at State Association	296.16
60.50%	
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	888.50
11.00% Foreign Missions	\$1,628.89
8.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	1,184.65
6.00% Executive Department	888.48
6.00% National Home Missions	888.48
2.00% Board of Retirement & Insurance	296.16
.25% Laymen's Board	37.02
.25% Theological Commission	37.02
33.50%	
Total Disbursements	\$14,808.08

This has been another wonderful month. The Lord has blessed again through the churches that are supporting this unified plan of support. As this money is disbursed let us pray that souls will be saved and the work of the Lord enlarged. May the Lord bless the gifts and the givers.

MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING

March 1979

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Mountain Grove, First	\$3.75
General Fund	\$3.75
Columbia	\$5.00
General Fund	\$5.00
New Harmony	\$32.24
Moberly	\$32.24
Pleasant Ridge	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Flat River, First	\$200.00
General Fund	\$200.00
Moberly, Terrill Road	\$7.25
General Fund	\$7.25
Beacon	\$5.00
Moberly	\$5.00

Thayer	\$49.85
General Fund	\$49.85
Lebanon, First	\$18.00
General Fund	\$18.00
Total	\$331.09

STATE YOUTH CAMP

Mountain Grove, First	\$10.00
Clark & Clobell Deeds	\$25.00
Faith, Lemay	\$10.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$10.00
Olivet	\$10.00
Oak Hill	\$10.00
Flat River	\$10.00
Fourth	\$10.00
Thayer	\$10.00
Willow Springs	\$10.00
Total	\$115.00

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Columbia	\$5.00
Mark Vandivort	\$5.00
Monett, First	\$60.00
Larry Powell	\$15.00
General Fund	30.00
Bob Francis	15.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$19.75
General Fund	\$3.75
Mark Vandivort	16.00
South Side	\$15.00
Bob Francis	\$15.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$50.00
Mark Vandivort	\$50.00
Flat River, First	\$31.00
Bill Adkisson	\$31.00
Olivet	\$55.00
Bill Adkisson	\$40.00
Mark Vandivort	10.00
Vergel Maness	5.00
Rock Chapel	\$70.00
General Fund	\$20.00
Bob Thomas	40.00
B. Adkisson	10.00
Wolf Creek	\$10.00
Mark Vandivort	\$10.00
Thayer	\$4.00
Mark Vandivort	\$4.00
Fourth	\$12.00
Vergel Maness	\$10.00
Bob Francis	2.00
Total	\$331.75

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Mtn. Grove	\$1,160.00
Choir Tour	\$1,100.00
Non-Designated	60.00
Willow Springs	\$10.00
Monett, First	\$11.11
Total	\$1,181.11

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Columbia	\$ 5.00
Flat River, First	\$20.00
Total	\$25.00

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME, GREENEVILLE, TENNESSEE

Myrtle	\$4.75
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TOMMY & DEBORAH ALLEN ACCOUNT

Thayer Free Will Baptist Church	\$73.50
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FOREIGN MISSIONS

Columbia	\$12.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$5.00

Charolette Tallent	5.00
General Fund	2.00
Monett, First	\$15.00
Charolette Tallent	\$15.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$100.00
Bill Fulcher	\$50.00
Jerry Pinkerton	50.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$117.50
General Fund	\$117.50
New Harmony	\$64.48
LaVerne Miley	\$32.24
Jim McLain	32.24
South Side	\$123.00
Bill Fulcher	\$10.00
Charolette Tallent	113.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$20.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Jim McLain	10.00
Flat River, First	\$200.00
General Fund	\$200.00
Parkview	\$17.56
Bill Fulcher	\$4.39
Norman Richards	4.39
LaVerne Miley	4.39
Carlisle	4.39
Olivet	\$95.00
Bobby Poole	\$40.00
Mabel Willey	20.00
Lynn Miley	10.00
Jerry Pinkerton	10.00
Howard Filkins	5.00
Lonnie Sparks	5.00
Jim McLain	5.00
Oak Hill	\$12.00
General Fund	\$12.00
Merl's Chapel	\$36.00
Fred Hersey	\$36.00
West Plains, First	\$100.00
General Fund	\$100.00
Kirksville, First	\$34.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$34.00
Walnut Grove	\$10.00
Lynn Miley	\$10.00
Lebanon, First	\$76.00
Dennis Teague	\$ 3.00
Charolette Tallent	15.00
Jerry Pinkerton	29.00
Clint Morgan	29.00
Black Oak	\$45.50
Earnie Deeds	\$45.50
Thayer	\$17.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$12.00
Patsy VanHook	5.00
Fourth	\$160.00
Steve Lytle	\$105.00
Bill Fulcher	25.00
Jerry Pinkerton	10.00
Charolette Tallent	20.00
Hannon	\$112.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$25.00
Charolette Tallent	20.00
Steve Lytle	25.00
Lynn Miley	20.00
Bill Fulcher	22.00
Total	\$1,367.04

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS March 1979

Farmington	\$954.44
Verdella	107.73
Bailey Chapel	32.00
United (Free Will Baptist)	55.00
Belton	128.61
Myrtle	104.59
New Rock Springs	82.74
Mill Creek	45.23
Faith, Fair Grove	127.21
Fellowship	50.00
Monett	311.84

Mtn. Grove, First	417.81
Columbia	50.00
New Harmony SS	10.43
Purdy	128.30
Faith, Lemay	45.00
South Side	208.85
Houston	157.00
Community	27.13
Mt. Pisgah	53.00
Pleasant Hill	63.60
Number One	45.46
Pleasant Grove (Cope)	21.73
Royal Oak	24.00
Pleasant Ridge	49.00
Union Grove	130.00
Cape Girardeau	146.00
Shiloh	34.54
Flat River, First	476.95
Mine La Motte	34.00
O'Fallon	444.25
Victory, Alton	107.00
Joplin	271.70
Mt. Vernon	206.65
Kingsway	239.00
Beacon	317.83
Blue Springs, First	13.35
Parkview	117.48
Buffalo	153.27
Rolla	51.00
Hurryville	92.00
Olivet	200.00
Oak Hill	264.42
Rock Chapel	255.52
Merl's Chapel	60.34
Happy Home, Ava	31.94
Fredericktown, First	186.63
Freeman Chapel	78.37
Macedonia SS	10.00
West Plains, First	195.00
Hartville	146.86
Grace	599.00
Way Side, Willow Springs	80.00
Marshfield	134.33
Kirksville, First	181.39
Berkeley	436.92
Wolf Creek	119.22
Cabool	93.36
Copper Mines	115.00
Houston	122.30
Leadington	331.27
Buffalo	148.98
Black Oak	10.00
Pleasant Grove (Cope)	29.37
Waynesville	144.10
Number One	24.36
Myrtle	101.88
Union Light	102.58
Viburnum	15.00
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Fourth	273.00
De Soto	500.00
Leadington	283.72
Salem	25.00
Poplar Bluff	43.00
Thayer	152.80
Harmony, K.C.	85.00
Belton	146.00
Flat River, First	462.75
Byrd	86.84
The Jones Family Evangelistic Team	364.27
Willow Springs	203.94
Lebanon	267.00
West Plains, First	181.00
Sedalia	50.18
So. Fremont	21.00
Mt. Pisgah	69.00
Mtn. Grove, First	345.80
Community	49.92
Hannon	223.00
Grant Avenue	616.00
Total	\$14,808.08

Woman's Page



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PROGRAM FOR THE STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

THEME "Lest Thou Forget"
Deuteronomy 6:12a
Organist Jo Ann Thomas
Pianist Jean Williams
Music Director Sue Cook
9:00 a.m. Registration
9:30 a.m. Opening hymn
Welcome Linda Hollis
Response Lorene Pohnert
Theme Song "Remind Me Dear Lord"
Devotion Sandy Smith
Skit Calvary Fellowship Auxiliary
Seating of Delegates
Appointment of Committees
10:30 a.m. Recess
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Congregational Singing
State Woman's Auxiliary Choir
Special Music Dorothy Brawley
Message Dr. LaVerne Miley
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:45 p.m. Congregational Singing
Special Music Olena McLain
Slide presentation by Dr. Miley
Election of Officers
Installation of Officers by Bonnie Maxwell
5:30 Banquet Speaker Mrs. Lorene Miley
Banquet Special Music Staci McAllister

Auxiliary Banquet

The Woman's Auxiliary Banquet will be held this year at 5:30 at the Flaming Pit Banquet Hall. The cost for the banquet will be \$5.95. Tickets will be available on Monday night, June 4, 1979, and the morning of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention. Mrs. Lorene Miley, missionary to the Ivory Coast West Africa, will be our banquet speaker. Make plans now to attend this banquet.

News From the Fredericktown Auxiliary

In the past several months, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Frederick-

town has been serving the Lord in several areas. A total of \$121.00 has been collected toward National Home Missions. In March \$22.00 was given toward their state projects.

Not only have they been giving financially, but the ladies have been doing a good benevolent work. They sponsor an orphan at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, have ministered food to shut-ins, and provided special favors for those in local hospitals.

Fredericktown Ladies' Auxiliary is proving to the church the truth of Proverbs 31:10, "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." (Submitted by the pastor, John Turner)

TOTALS FOR THE STATE PROJECTS AS OF MARCH 1, 1979

HELP CHAROLETTE USE HER TALLENTS	\$1,045.30
VEHICLE FOR THE VANDIVORTS	\$2,075.74
MISSOURI STATE PERPETUAL LOAN FUND	\$910.61

Missouri State Association
June 4-7
First Church
Berkeley, Mo.

Youth Camp	
Pre-teen	June 10-15
Jr.-High	June 17-22
Hi-Teen	June 24-29
Cost \$20.00	