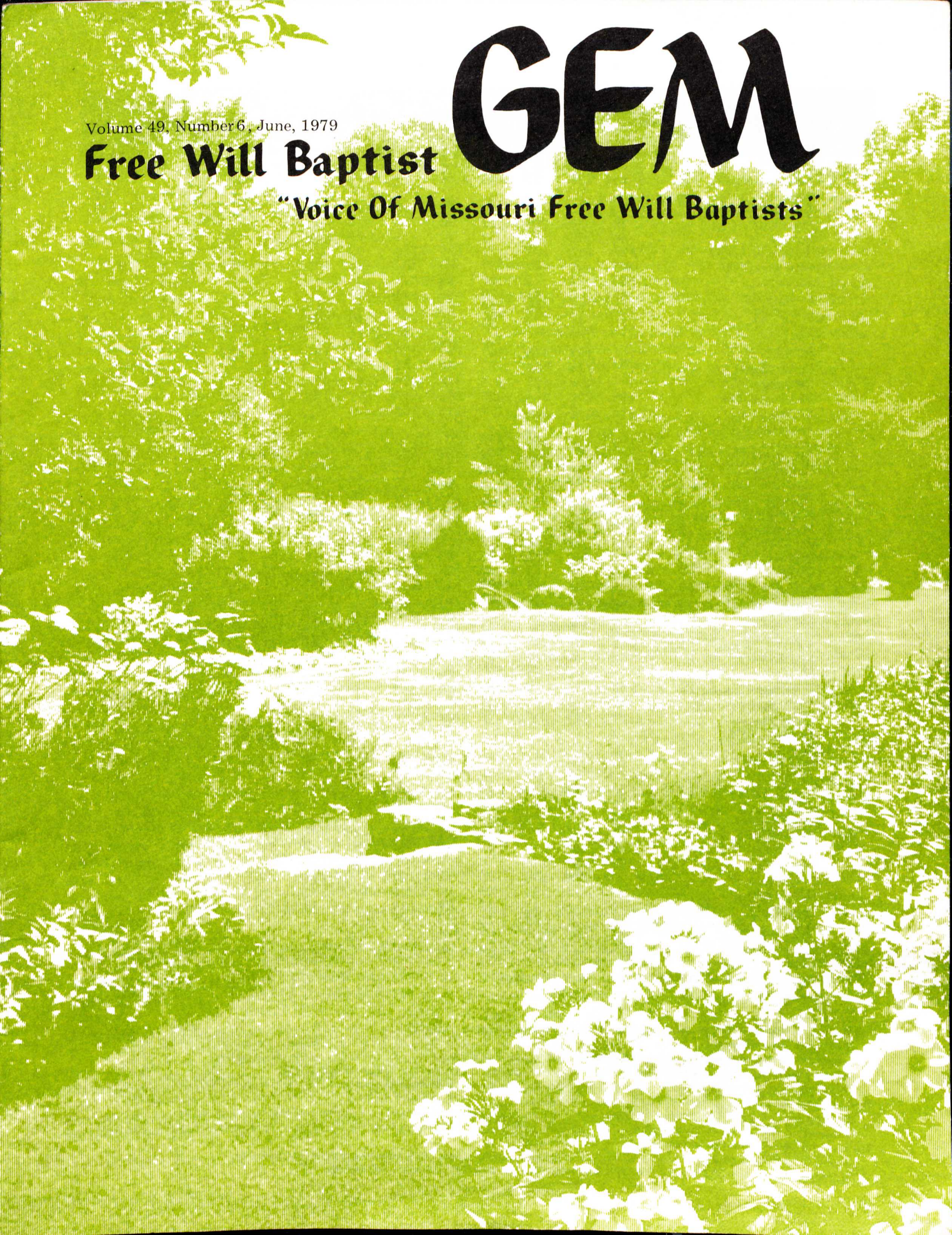


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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1978-79

CHURCH	MAY	JUNE	JUL.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.
Aulsbury Chapel	95	104	91	97	86	84	77					
Beacon									71	90	105	
Bethel, Festus		102	96	93	109	109	112					
Black Oak	40	33	26	29	36	31						
Buffalo	56	66	62	62	70	71	74	66	47	56	76	
Calvary, Conway	125	115	104	131	134	118	99	75	53	67	104	106
Cape Girardeau	91	92	99	87	93	106	109	105	77	108	95	
Carterville	20	22	24	26	24	22	28					
Cedar Ridge	46	36	41	36	38	44	44					
Columbia	55	57	60	49	54	44	47	44				
Copper Mines	85	91	78	89	85	77	82	79	48	86		
Cuba					58	57	64					
De Soto	161	149	143	147	153	155	147	151	153	169		
Faith Chapel	20	18	27	32	37	35	39					
Farmington		460	429	438	438	474	434	428	404	420	475	494
Flat River, First	199	203	263	225	233	248	202	188	150	210	214	
Fourth	185	147	126	177	175	165	193	179	142	193	245	171
Fredericktown, First												104
Grace	190	196	160	170	203	216						
Grant Avenue		115	121	124	127	125	128	106	94			
Happy Home	24	25	27	25	25	30		25	25			
Hannon	76	78	78	75	75	72	79	75	60			
Hartville					85	79	77	81	53			
Hazel Creek					58	59	61	48	42	43		
Hurryville	55	56	48	59	70							
Jones Chapel	96	98	99	116	118	106	110	104		101		
Joplin	93	100	88	96	96	105	91	92	75			
Kirksville	89	97	87	82	93	114	135	100	123			
Lebanon, First	130	122	101	107	112	118	126	110	98	116	120	
Macedonia, I.C.	69	67	70	63	67	65						
Marshfield	57	60	60	54	55	57	54	54	51			
Mtn. Grove	246	247	231	242	241	239	248	228	161	221	316	266
Mt. Zion, Cuba	51	51	47	54	55	51	54	50	38	48		
Myrtle	50	45	45	51								
New Harmony	30	27	28	29	34	34	28					
O'Fallon	82	89	73	88	99	101	89	84				
P. C. Anderson	55	67	63	57	30	33	31					
Pleasant Home	63	66	57	66	66	72	65					
Pleasant Ridge,					45	45	46	37	26			
Alton												
Richwoods	33	36	27	30	33	41	31	32	23	23	30	35
Rock Chapel	139	117	97	98	103	99	105					
Second, Seymour	39	51	50	50	63	63	53	45				
Sedalia	12	12	13	14	13	14	14					
So. Fremont	65	69	60	47	68	62	73					
South Side	106	117	91	110	97	101	98	97	64			
Terrill Rd.	40	39	39	32	40	43	38	39	31	26	29	23
Trinity	172	168	148	140	170	172	164	158	136		170	169
Thayer		128	132	125	152	144	130	122	83			
Twin Oaks	93	87	95	95	90	91	105					
Viburnum	46	39	41	41	35	41	44	49	42	38		
Victory, KC	66	53	67	78	67	65	78					
Willow Springs	95	100	108	107	109	119	104	87	65		105	98

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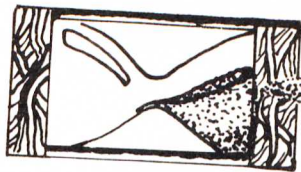
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CHRIST FOR THE PAST,



By Reverend Guy Leonard

Few passages in the Bible give us an insight into all the blessings we have in Christ. This passage, when looked at closely, sheds more light on the benefits we have in Christ than almost any other. I would like to draw your attention to parts of three verses and enlarge upon them. They deal with our past, present, and future as related to Christ Jesus.

I. The Past: Note the last part of verse 26, "... he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." God has a law, "The soul that sinneth shall surely die." Based on Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," we see the penalty of sin is upon us all, no escape, all must pay. Now according to the passage before us (verse 22), there was the necessity of a blood sacrifice for sin, but the blood of calves and goats was not sufficient for the forgiveness of sin; something better was required. Romans 3:24, 25 tells of Christ being a "propitiation" for our sins. This has to do with the sacrifice and blood offering upon the mercy seat under the law whereby God "passed over sins." Note that sin was always just passed over, but there were sins, nonetheless. Man needed a better sacrifice, so God in love gave of Himself in the person of Christ. Love is always the giving of oneself. Romans 5:8 is the proof: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Now back to verse 26. Not only did Christ die for us, but He appeared in the presence of God to present Himself as our sin offering. The results of this are:

When we accept Christ as our Savior and confess Him, we are freed from the guilt and penalty of sin. We have placed our guilt and penalty upon Christ. I note some new converts still are not able to discern between guilt and remorse for sin. We should always feel sorry for our sins, but we need not feel guilty because Christ accepted this when He died for us. Praise God I am now free from the guilt and penalty of sin.

II. The Present: The now, where we live today. One would likely say, "Fine, the past is taken care of, but what about today?" Praise God, He leaves nothing to fear. Verse 24, "... now to appear in the presence of God for us." Note, not for Himself or someone else, but for us. You see, God is a personal God. Because you and I live in a world of sin, we need someone to speak to God for us, someone to plead our case. Well, that has been taken care of by Christ (Hebrews 2:16-18). Christ took on our nature, suffered and died; now He is able to deliver them that are tempted—you and me. We note

PRESENT, AND FUTURE HEBREWS 9:16-28

further in Hebrews 4:14-16 that Christ knows what we are going through. He feels our sins now and offers us mercy and help. We now, in this present world, have one to deliver us from the habit and dominion of sin. Praise God, isn't it great to know that now through Christ you don't have to be a slave to sin and you don't have to let sin rule over you? We are now free, because of our new nature, from the habit of sin. This means we no longer practice sin. "Thanks be unto Christ that giveth us the victory."

III. The Future: About now someone is saying, "Great, but what about the future?" The past is taken care of. Today is taken care of, but I worry about tomorrow. Well, I tell you, God has left nothing to chance. He has taken care of everything. Look at verse 28, "... He shall appear the second time without sin unto salvation." When we start talking about the return of the Lord, many things and questions are asked. I know a lot of things are going to happen when Christ appears but the most important, I believe, is the gathering together of His children. The Bible teaches us that God is going to pour out His wrath without mercy upon this ungodly world. Praise God, this passage tells us His appearing is "salvation" for us. Salvation means to be saved from. We will be saved from God's wrath. We are to be saved from the presence of sin. What a glorious hope this is. We will be in a place where sin will never tempt us again. We will have a new body (1 John 3:2). We will get a body like Jesus, one which knows no sin. Second Peter 3:13 tells us of dwelling in a new Heaven and new earth, one where sin never enters. Titus 2:11-14 teaches us Christ is going to take unto Himself a "peculiar people." Peculiar means "belonging exclusively to one person, shut up as a jewel." This is what is ours at the appearing of Christ.

In this troubled world we live in, we can take faith and hope in Christ. He has appeared to deliver us from the guilt and penalty of sin, past. He is appearing now to deliver us from the habit and dominion of sin, present. He is coming to deliver us from the very presence of sin, future. God has made all the provisions for us; all we have to do is claim them and live in the light of them. No wonder the song writer says: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below...."

About the writer: Reverend Guy Leonard is pastor of the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church in Desloge, Missouri. He is serving as moderator of the St. Francois District Association and is actively involved in state and national work.

CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Two Missouri Churches Place in Enlargement Campaign

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Mountain Grove, Missouri, won first place in Division D of the Spring Enlargement Sunday School Campaign. The Sunday school showed an increase from 241 to 316 (31.22%). The pastor is Reverend Lynn Wood and the youth minister is Reverend Greg McAllister.

The Fourth Church in Maplewood, Missouri, won second place in Division E of the Spring Enlargement Sunday School Campaign. The Sunday school showed an increase from 177 to 231 (30.51%). The pastor is Reverend Ken Dodson. Appropriate trophies are being awarded to first and second place winners. Sunday schools in 26 different states participated in the campaign.

Easter Sunrise Service at Lebanon

The Young Christian Crusaders of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Lebanon, Missouri, held the Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday morning, April 15, at 6:30. A skit was presented entitled "He Lives." The special music was presented by the Brawley Family, Barbara Agan, and a choral group from the Lebanon High School. The message was delivered by Reverend Edwin Bowden. There were 116 in attendance.

The sponsors of the group are Bruce and Connie Myers and Jackie and Debbie Fincher.

Revival and Easter Services at Hopewell

The Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church at Tunas, Missouri, enjoyed revival services March 19-24 with Reverend Nathan Ruble serving as evangelist. An Easter Program was presented on Wednesday evening before Easter with the theme "He Is Risen." Elementary age children enjoyed an egg hunt.

The Junior Class planned an afternoon Tea in honor of the mothers on Mother's Day. Each mother was given a "Flower Seed Packet Corsage."

Memorial Day services were held at the church on May 28 with a former pastor, Reverend Frank Linton, delivering the message. Reverend Milan Ruble is the pastor. Church reporter is Eva Marie Glor.

First Church at Springfield Reports

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Springfield,

Missouri, has been experiencing blessings from the Lord. The average attendance has been very good with a high attendance on Easter Sunday of 190 for Sunday school and 199 for the morning worship. The Sunday school has grown because several of the families have been working hard inviting others.

During the first week of April we had a good revival with Reverend Darrell Strain serving as the evangelist. He did a wonderful work as evangelist. "We just want to praise the Lord for all the good things the Lord has done for us," writes the church reporter.

Reverend Mike Hutsell is the pastor.

Report From the Adkissons in Iowa

The Lord is blessing and we are seeing growth. Our average attendance for April was 57. A young man from FWBBC will be working with us this summer. Thanks for the gifts.

Good News From Fredericktown



*Grand Prize Winning Float
First Free Will Baptist Church*

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*" (Psalm 126:5, 6).

The blessed truth of these verses is being rejoiced in by the congregation of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Fredericktown. The weather of the first quarter of the year took its toll on our Sunday school; our first quarter average had dropped to a low of 77.9. Our Sunday school officers determined to do something about it.

On Easter Sunday the church launched into a five-week "Growing for God" Sunday school campaign. Our goal was to increase our average to 110, a 40% increase over the previous quarter. Special days were observed each Sunday. When the final Sunday

arrived and the tally was done, God had blessed with a 50% increase to an average of 116. We praise the Lord for His goodness!

For the second year in a row, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fredericktown won the grand prize for their float in the annual Azalea Festival Parade. The festival theme was "What the World Needs Now," and the church adapted to this theme the title, "Newness of Life." The "Newness of Life" theme was depicted by a caterpillar, cocoon, and butterfly portraying the new creation of nature and the need of a new creation in mankind found only in Jesus Christ. The pastor is Reverend John Turner.

New Association Organized in Springfield



On April 24, 1979, six churches met at the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church for the purpose of forming the Greater Springfield Missouri Area Association of Free Will Baptists. The churches are: Grant Avenue, Eastern Gate, Kingsway, South Fremont, Buffalo, and Fordland. The theme of the service was "Uniting for Growth and Service." It was expressed by the host pastor that the purpose of the organization was to develop a closer fellowship among the churches in the Springfield area, and it would also make it more expedient for attendance by working within a closer area. The officers elected to serve the association were: Moderator, Millard Sasser; Assistant Moderator, Nathan Ruble; Clerk, Eddie Altis; Assistant Clerk, Larry Stevens; and Treasurer, Shorty Hampton. Reverend Wayne Wagner was elected to be recommended to the Missouri State Association to serve as the General Board representative.

The organizational service was conducted by Reverend Lynn Wood, Reverend Kent Tallent, and Reverend Clarence Burton. These represented the Executive Committee and State Office of the Missouri State Association.

Growing at Grace

Reviewing at Grace: The Retirement Village project was presented by Reverend Andy Lay with

the Grace Free Will Baptist Church pledging \$500. The goal, however, is to give at least \$6.50 per member. A weekend revival was held by The Durbin Family. It was a blessing to the church. The church voted to purchase three lots behind the church property. Wanda Huett was in charge of an enjoyable Christmas Program. The CFC held its annual Sweetheart Banquet and Dewain and Wanda Shoults were elected king and queen. Arthur Vincent's barbecue was delicious. Gene Miller, our new music and youth director, is truly an attribute to our church. He has organized a youth choir and has plans to organize a church band.

Overland Church News

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit In This Place described the atmosphere that prevails in the Overland Church," writes church reporter, Mariam Wilhite.

During the month of April, with the exception of one Sunday, we closed each Sunday evening with a baptismal service. The altars have not been barren as we have witnessed the salvation of ten precious souls and twelve additions to the church. We look forward with great satisfaction for each service. The pastor, Reverend Harry Asher, recently said, "I'm more excited and encouraged than I have been for fifteen years."

Our keyword for '79 is "Super-aggressive." Pray for us that we will be super-aggressive for the Lord.

Report From Eastern Gate



This report comes from the pastor, Reverend Kevin Francis, and Mrs. Alice McCormack: "We enrolled in the National Sunday School Enlargement Campaign and experienced growth and souls saved. The average Sunday school attendance increased in March from 28 to 67 with a record high of 94 the last Sunday. There were four people saved on the last Sunday with a young couple rededicating their lives and homes to the Lord the following Sunday.

"Easter Sunday was a special day at Eastern Gate. The day began with a sunrise service at 6:30. This was followed with breakfast in the new kitchen. At the close of the morning worship, the pastor held a Baby-Dedication Service. The names of the ones dedicated and the parents are: Heather Hodges, parents, Gary and Karen; Jeremy Loveland, parents,

Brad and Tracy; Jennifer and Heather McCraw, parents, Jim and Linda."

Reflections of Pastors' Seminar



The Pastors' Seminar, primarily for younger preachers, held at the Youth Camp was a successful and helpful seminar. These comments have come from some of the ones that attended: "The preachers' seminar did more for me than you will possibly know. I needed it badly and I am glad that I attended. I learned so much that I feel will help the church I am serving." "It gave me added incentive to do well in the Lord's ministry and instructed me how to conduct my ministerial activities on a practical level." "I am personally thankful for the spirit-filled individuals that taught and I am glad that the seminar was made possible." "I needed the fellowship very much and it was so good to meet some of the other young preachers and fellowship with them."

The seminar was sponsored by the promotional department with Brother Jim McAllister and Brother Clarence Burton, the promotional secretary, serving as teachers. They were assisted in specific ministries by Evangelist Stanley Jones, Brother Lynn Wood, and Brother Greg McAllister.

New Work at Arcadia Valley

Marie Kemp and Mary McFarland write, "We are happy to bring you good news of a new mission being sponsored by the Madison County Quarterly Meeting. The vision for this work resulted when Bob and Marie Kemp moved to Lesterville, Missouri. They were members of the Twin Oaks Church where Bob served as a deacon and Marie served in various capacities. The first meeting was held on April 28, with it being used as a work day. Those attending and helping from Madison County were Reverends Truman Huffman, Raymond Michael, David McCutcheon, and Bob Thebeau. Also assisting were Mr. and Mrs. William McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Upshaw, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Michel and sons

Buddy, Bruce, and Bobby. Dinner was served and visitation followed in the afternoon. On Sunday morning a meeting was held with 18 present. These offices were filled temporarily: Reverend Al Helms, pastor; Bob Kemp, superintendent; Buddy Michel, assistant superintendent; Carol Miller, secretary; Rosemary Kemp, pianist; Gracie Michel, song leader; Marie Kemp, clerk-treasurer; Bobby Michel and Phillip Helms, ushers; and Ed Michel, Don Duncan, and Al Miller as trustees.

"The name of the new church shall be known as the Arcadia Valley Free Will Baptist Church. All offerings or donations should be sent to Marie Kemp, Route 1, Box J-1, Lesterville, Missouri 63654. Wonderful cooperation has been received from the local newspapers and radio stations. We are launching out on faith, and we are trusting God's blessings on this work. Pray for the work here that God's work will prosper in His name and that souls will be saved."

WINNERS, MISSOURI STATE COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

Bible Memorization

First Grade

First—Jon Roy Smith, Rock Chapel

Second—Charity Van Winkle, South Side

Second Grade

First—David Walls, Berkeley

Second—Kevin Scott, Berkeley

Third Grade

First—Judy Smith, Rock Chapel

Second—Robin Virtue, Rock Chapel

Second—Scott Bodecker, Grant Avenue

Sword Drill

First—Debbie Barnett, Grant Avenue

Second—Tina White

Music and Arts

I. Vocal Solo

Adventurer

First—Sean Hodge, Farmington

Second—Michelle Brown, South Fremont

Herald

First—Deloris Morrison, New Life, Licking

Second—David Brawley, First Church, Lebanon

Crusader

First—Stacey Hampton, Grant Avenue

Second—Rhonda Sasser, Grant Avenue

Ambassador

First—Marilyn Lawson, Grant Avenue

II. Vocal Emsemble
 First—Grant Avenue
 Second—Farmington, First Church

III. Choir and/or Chorale
 First—Grant Avenue Choral
 Second—Farmington Choir, Farmington

IV. Instrumental Solo
Herald: Angela Felts, Grant Avenue

V. Keyboard
Learner
 First—Bobby Ketcherside, Trinity
 Second—Lori McQuarter, First Church, Lebanon

Adventurer
 First—Teresa Cluck, First Church, Farmington
 Second—Michelle Brown, South Fremont

Ambassador
 First—Marilyn Lawson, Grant Avenue

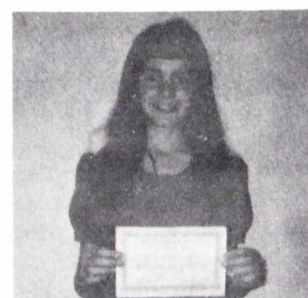
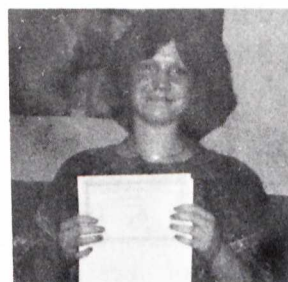
Bible Tic-Tac-Toe

First—South Fremont—Allen Pointer, Lisa Easterwood, Caralea Brown, Cris McPhail
 Second—Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove

Bible Bowl

First—Berkeley—Mark Scott, Lisa Wallace, Melanie Forrester, & Robbie Crowe
 Second—Mountain Grove

First Place Winners



Bond Burning at Grant Avenue

On Sunday, April 1, 1979 at the Evening Worship the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church held a "Bond-Burning Service." Reverend Millard Sasser, pastor, stated, "This is a highlight in the history of the church inasmuch as it reflects the love and faithfulness of the people accomplishing a goal that it set to meet." Several people were recognized during the service as an opportunity for testimonies was given. Reverend Clarence Burton, Missouri State Association promotional secretary, shared in the "Bond-Burning" and delivered the message.

Mortgage Burning at Monett

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, Missouri held a "Mortgage Burning Service" at the Morning Worship on Sunday, April 8, 1979. Dr. James Davis, pastor, stated "The people of the church are to be commended for meeting this financial obligation before the expected date. This shows concern and a willingness to give as the Lord has prospered."

Reverend Clarence Burton, Missouri State promotional secretary, delivered the message.

A prayer of thanksgiving was offered at the altar.



Mortgage Burning at First Church Monett

Nashville, Tenn.—Two students from Missouri attending Free Will Baptist Bible College will hold office in campus organizations next school year, 1979-80, according to Peter Wilson, Dean of Students. They are Mark Tallent and Gary Underwood. They were chosen in elections held as the current school year drew to a close.

Mark, a junior from St. Louis, is the new president of the Alpha Chi Omega society. He was treasurer of the society, vice president of his sophomore class, and a member of the school's drama team, The Evangel Players. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tallent and attends South Side FWB Church, Rev. Bill Van Winkle, pastor.

Gary, a sophomore from Williamsville, is chaplain of his junior class and president of the campus Foreign Missions Fellowship. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Underwood and attends Richmond

Chapel General Baptist in Wappapello.

Pray for these students during the summer and as they assume the responsibilities of their offices in the fall.



Points for Pastors

by Jim McAllister

We now have a full-time staff consisting of Pastor, Associate Pastor, Youth Pastor, Christian Educational Director, Secretary, and Minister of Maintenance. Our school has twelve staff members. That means there are eighteen paid people working in our church and school program. That's quite a group, considering five years ago we only had one, the pastor.

Many of you are already hiring second and third men as well as secretaries. Some of you are preparing to begin Christian schools. When you do, you will face a whole new range of problems you never faced before. Such problems as jealousy, salary disputes and gripes, work delegation, just to name a few.

In this article let me tell you of some things we have done to make our program work more effectively.

1. Prepare a job description for all the church staff. Briefly, the associate pastor is in charge of follow-up, bus ministry, and visitation. The youth pastor is in charge of all youth, teen ministries as well as our six children's churches. He also assists our bus ministry. The Christian educational director is principal of our school and assists in Sunday school administration. The minister of maintenance is in charge of all custodial work and also helps on bus visitation as well as youth ministries.
2. Keep salaries confidential.
3. Have staff meetings.
4. Recognize all workers from the pulpit and in newsletters and bulletins.
5. Keep a happy atmosphere. The staff should be able to laugh and play jokes, but yet respect one another.
6. Treat them with respect. My wife and I have a Christmas dinner yearly for all our staff and their families. They enjoy it, we enjoy it, and morale is helped.

Your staff will be extremely important in your church. They should not be hired to do what laymen won't do, but what laymen can't do. Bus captains should be laymen, Sunday school teachers should be laymen, choir members and musicians as well as music director should be laymen. However, if they aren't available, use your staff. I thank God for our staff. They mean everything to me and our church.

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

One aspect of preparation for the church-wide revival that has been ignorantly and sometimes purposely overlooked is that of finances. There is nothing spiritual or pious about allowing the financial needs of a meeting to go inadequately met.

The financial needs of a church-wide revival should be considered in the early stages of revival preparation. This can be accomplished by the church as a whole, but preferably by a committee set up for that purpose. If a committee is used, be sure it consists of individuals who have a realistic approach to monetary obligations.

The finance committee should consider all financial obligations that are concerned with a meeting. Such as promotion, advertising, and special workers. The committee should receive and deposit all offerings, pay all bills, and give a detailed report to the church following the revival.

If special workers are invited to be a part of the revival effort (such as evangelist, singers, children's workers, etc.), their financial needs should be discussed frankly with them by the finance committee. Most full-time evangelists and special workers will appreciate a church's honest concern and will be glad to share the needs of their ministry and family. An evangelist who is regarded by a church worthy to be called for a meeting is worthy of proper honorarium for his services.

Finances for a revival campaign can be raised in several ways. The method you decide to use will depend on your own situation. You might want to include an adequate amount in your church budget. Many churches receive an offering during the revival and if necessary add to it from the church treasury. Some churches lay aside special offerings in advance of the meeting for the revival needs. Whatever methods your church uses, be sure your people are made aware of the need and feel a part of meeting that need. It is neither wise nor ethical to expect visitors to carry this financial responsibility.

Proper preparation will help alleviate the apprehensive feeling that arises from trying to raise enough funds at the last minute to cover the expense of the church-wide revival. This will enable the church and evangelist to turn their attention to more immediate spiritual needs, paving the way for a more successful revival.



On The National Front

Nashville, TN—Approximately 3,000 young people and their sponsors from more than 28 states are expected to gather in Charlotte, North Carolina's Civic Center on Sunday night, July 15, 1979, to worship together during the keynote service of the 1979 National Youth Conference, according to Dr. Malcolm C. Fry, NYC Director. Four action-packed days of exciting Bible Competition, stirring Music and Arts presentations, challenging messages from God's Word, and the best in friendship and fellowship await the large group. (Details are outlined in the spring and summer issues of TEEN ACTION Magazine, available from Randall House Publications, Box 17306, Nashville, Tennessee 37217, for 85¢ plus postage and handling.) Here's a synopsis and reminder:

1. Theme:
"Approved unto God...and of men" (2 Timothy 2:15; Romans 14:18)
2. Keynote Speaker:
Reverend Eugene Hales, Pastor, West Duplin Free Will Baptist Church, Warsaw, North Carolina
3. Special Music:
Cramerton Free Will Baptist School Choir
Swannanoa Free Will Baptist Mixed Choir
Watchmen Quartet (young pastors from Oklahoma)
4. Banquets:
Junior Adventurer, Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.—\$5.00 each
Youth, Tuesday at 9:30 p.m.—\$6.50 each
5. Special Event:
Carowinds, Wednesday from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m.—\$6.25 each. Tickets available at NYC '79 Registration Area *only*—please do not request them prior to arrival in Charlotte.
6. Registration:
All attenders who have completed Grade 1 in the 1978-79 school year through age 24 and all adult coaches and directors *must* register and receive the official NYC '79 Identification Badge. This registration is *in addition to* fees for Bible Competition and Music and Arts Festival entries. You can register prior to July 1 for only \$4.50 per person. Preschool children are admitted free to all activities. After July 1 the

registration fee will be \$5.00. THE FAMILY PLAN is available to those who *pre-register*, giving a price break to families with two or more children. The following restrictions exist: (1) Those using the FAMILY PLAN must pre-register. (2) Registration forms for members of the same family must be mailed *together* in order to receive a discount. (3) Only children who are registering for the Conference are counted in determining the fee. (4) The reduced rate applies *only* to Learners through Ambassadors (Grade 1 through age 24).

FAMILY PLAN DISCOUNT CHART

2 children (same family)	\$4.00 each
3 children (same family)	\$3.50 each
4 or more children (same family) . . .	\$3.00 each

NYC '79 Official Registration Cards are now available from the NYC Office for your use in pre-registration. Order sufficient supply for all your attenders—one registration card per person is required. There is no charge for these cards.

7. June 1, 1979, is the deadline for submitting all entries in Category 9 (Creative Writing). Send with registration form and \$5.00 registration fee to the NYC Office, Box 17306, Nashville, Tennessee 37217.
8. Bible Competition and Music and Arts Festival participants are reminded that their registration

forms and entry fees are due in the NYC Office *no later than June 15, 1979*. Permission must be received from the NYC Office for any exception.

9. Creative Art entries (Category 8), are NOT to be mailed to the NYC Office. Each participant who has properly met all entry requirements shall take his or her entry to the NYC Registration Area, Check Room Lobby in the Sheraton Center Hotel.
10. A completely revised edition of the "NYC Guidelines for Competitive Activities and Music and Arts Festival" is now available from the NYC Office for \$2.50, plus postage and handling. It is imperative that coaches, leaders, and sponsors secure same.
11. NYC '79 Day of Prayer is July 8, 1979. Please calendar that date. Pray specifically for the following:

NYC Director—Dr. Malcolm C. Fry
 NYC Coordinator—Mr. Mike Boggs
 NYC Registration Coordinator—Mrs. Nancy Cole
 NYC Music Coordinator—Dr. Charles Hampton
 Keynote Speaker—Rev. Eugene Hales
 Other coordinators, musicians, special music groups, judges, quizmasters, scorekeepers, doorkeepers, timekeepers, activity personnel, banquet program personnel, and other volunteer workers.
 God's presence and power.

NATIONAL CONVENTION MEETS IN NORTH CAROLINA

NASHVILLE, TN—All roads slant east as the National Association of Free Will Baptists moves across the Old North State July 15-19 toward its 43rd annual convention in Charlotte, North Carolina's Civic Center.

North Carolina is unique in Free Will Baptist history because 252 years ago (1727) denominational roots were planted in Chowan County by Paul Palmer. It will be a homecoming atmosphere for the expected 4,000 delegates and visitors from 40 states who drive or fly into the area of their spiritual ancestry.

This is the fourth time in 34 years North Carolina has hosted the national convention, the last occasion 14 years ago (1965) in Raleigh. North Carolina also welcomed the 1959 convention to Asheville and the 1945 session to Middlesex. The task of hosting the 43rd annual meeting is shared by 26,200 members in 177 churches of the nine associations comprising the North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists.

Meeting simultaneously with the National Association is the National Youth Conference. Attendance for the Sunday night keynote service at NYC '79 is expected to reach 4,000. Officials anticipate 3,000 youth registrants in Charlotte.

The Woman's National Auxiliary Convention con-

ducts their one-day annual conclave Tuesday, July 17.

Five speakers launch 1979's convention theme, "The Spirit-Controlled Life." Sunday morning's speaker is Heritage Temple Pastor Paul Thompson of Columbus, Ohio. Other conference speakers include North Carolina Pastor Gordon Sebastian of Peace Church, Wilson; Free Will Baptist Bible College President Charles Thigpen; 17-year medical missionary to Africa LaVerne Miley; and former California State Moderator Edward F. (Butch) Johns, pastor of First Church, Chula Vista, California.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Moderator Bobby Jackson will gavel to order some of the most important business sessions the denomination has faced in a decade this July.

Not since 1967 has the national convention inaugurated a new Executive Secretary. One of the major responsibilities awaiting delegate consideration is selection of a successor for outgoing Executive Secretary Rufus Coffey. Coffey resigned in March and is returning to the pastorate in August.

In other business, delegates must vote on three items postponed from the 1978 General Board report relative to *Treatise* additions and doctrinal clarification.

One item concerns a five-paragraph explanation

of the Free Will Baptist position regarding glossalalia (speaking in tongues).

Two other statements more precisely defining inspiration and Scriptural infallibility and inerrancy will demand close delegate scrutiny.

Nine national board positions are to be filled in Charlotte. Master's Men, Home Missions, and Retirement and Insurance Departments are scheduled to receive three new members each.

The Theological Liberalism and Historical Commissions will replace one member each. New General Board members from 16 states will be elected.

FAMILY ORIENTATION

Approximately 3,000 young people and their sponsors are expected to gather in the Civic Center Sunday night, July 15, to worship together during the keynote service of the 1979 National Youth Conference.

Pastor Eugene Hales of West Duplin Free Will Baptist Church, Warsaw, North Carolina, will bring the keynote address and develop the theme, "Approved . . . unto God . . . and of men," taken from 2 Timothy 2:15 and Romans 14:18.

A unique variety of special music is planned for the keynote service, including a mixed choir and a children's choir from North Carolina as well as the Watchmen Quartet (young pastors from Oklahoma).

Four action-packed days of Bible competition, Music and Arts presentations, messages from God's Word and the finest in fun and fellowship await the large group expected to attend NYC '79.

Bible teacher and speaker, Mrs. Kay Arthur, will address the fellowship dinner of Woman's National Auxiliary Convention Monday evening, July 16. The annual banquet is scheduled in the Civic Center and is open to both men and women.

Mrs. Arthur's weekly radio program on WMBW—the Moody Station—in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and her tape ministry reach 38 states and seven foreign countries. She and her husband Jack Arthur operate *Reach Out*, a Bible conference ministry located in Chattanooga.

"Knowing and Growing" (Ephesians 4:15b) is the theme for the business and worship session on July 17 in the Civic Center. Awards for the creative writing contest will be given at that time.

Major addresses are slated by missionaries Jerry Barron, Mexico; Jimmy and Janie Aldridge, Ivory Coast, West Africa; and Lorene Miley, former missionary to the Ivory Coast.

Numerous workshops and seminars designed to aid Christian workers in local churches are slated Monday and Tuesday of the convention.

The National Association of Free Will Baptists is comprised of nearly 2,500 congregations who have voluntarily chosen to unite in an endeavor to extend local church witness throughout the world. The objectives of the National Association are implemented through eight departments which serve the needs of local churches from offices in Nashville, Tennessee.

NEWS FROM HILLSDALE

Thirty-eight Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College students received degrees during graduation exercises May 11 on Moore campus, according to Dan Arnold, Hillsdale registrar.

Eighteen students were awarded the Bachelor of Arts in Theology degree and twenty received the Associate in Arts degree.

The Reverend Ray Gwartney, chairman of the Hillsdale Board of Trustees, delivered the baccalaureate address at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 6.

Graduation was at 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 11. Reverend Bill Jones, whose resignation as Hillsdale president will take effect August 1, delivered the graduation address.

Graduates, their hometowns and majors include these from Missouri: Kevin Francis, BA, theology; Johnny Kruger, BA, theology, Farmington; and Rose Sponsler, BA, business, Kirksville.

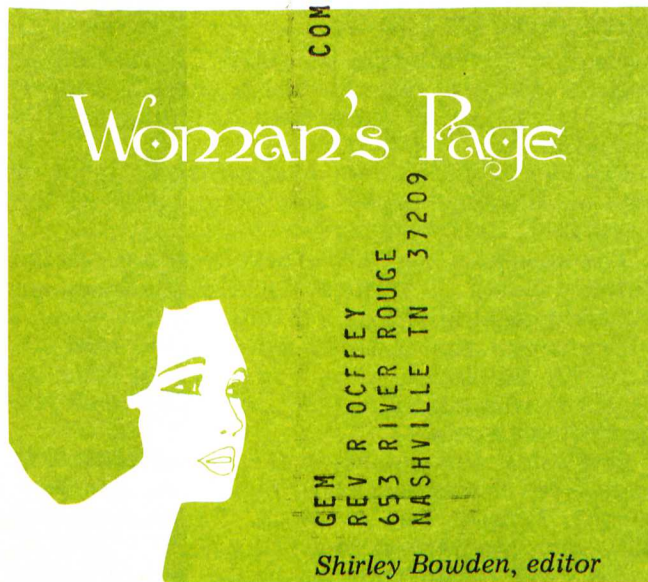
Reverend Bailey Thompson, director of public relations, states, "School is out for the summer. During these months our giving is always down. Let's rally this year to keep the giving up. The only summer income we have is the gift income received from individuals and churches. Let's not fail to support Hillsdale. We must have a Christian training center for our Free Will Baptist young people. Surely all of us could sacrifice something in order that Hillsdale may continue to train young people to reach young men and women for Jesus Christ."

Bill Campbell, sponsor of the First Tulsa youth group, presented keys to a 15-passenger Ford van to Hillsdale College during On-Campus Days. The group raised funds for the van through projects and by collecting green stamps and cash gifts from individuals and churches.

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION GIVING APRIL 1979

Grace	\$ 25.00
Mountain Grove	3.75
Columbia	5.00
New Harmony	32.24
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Flat River, First	200.00
Terrill Road, Moberly	7.25
Beacon	5.00
Thayer	49.85
Lebanon	18.00
Victory	256.90
Fellowship	15.00
DeSoto	100.00
Olivet	200.00
Myrtle	71.68
South Fremont	113.00
National Home Missions	107.00
Missouri State Woman's Aux.	177.50
Cooperative Receipts	2,739.50
Total	\$4,136.67

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**MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S
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**"HELP CHARLOTTE USE HER TALLENTS"
ACCOUNT OF DESIGNATED GIFTS**

Beacon Aux.	\$ 117.97
Berean Aux.	11.91
Berkeley Aux.	58.33
Bethel Aux., Festus	58.24
Bethel Aux., West Plains	40.00
Cape Girardeau Aux.	15.00
Central Aux.	73.50
Columbia Aux.	39.00
Eastern Gate Aux.	47.30
Farmington Aux.	347.91
Fellowship Aux.	45.00
Fordland Aux.	20.00
Fourth Church Aux.	33.33
Fredericktown Aux.	145.47
Grace Aux.	25.00
Grant Avenue Aux.	43.33
Hannon Aux.	100.00
Jones Chapel Aux.	8.00
Kingsway Aux.	16.25
Lebanon Aux.	99.00
Macedonia Aux.	50.00
Mountain Grove Aux.	78.27
Myrtle Aux.	55.00
New Harmony Aux.	5.00
O'Fallon Aux.	15.00
Olivet Aux., Marshall	100.00
South Side Aux.	14.17
Thayer Aux.	20.00
Trinity Aux.	5.86
Viburnum Aux.	20.00
Victory Aux.	130.00
Waynesville Aux.	65.66
Willow Springs Aux.	42.36
Farmington Beginner's Church	103.89
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2,049.75

**MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION LOAN FUND
ACCOUNT OF DESIGNATED GIFTS**

Beacon Aux.	\$ 117.98
Berean Aux.	11.93

Berkeley Aux.	8.34
Bethel Aux., Festus	58.23
Bethel Aux., West Plains	35.00
Cabool Aux.	10.00
Cape Girardeau Aux.	15.00
Central Aux.	35.00
Columbia Aux.	28.00
Cuba Aux.	33.21
Eastern Gate Aux.	38.26
Faith, Hope & Charity Aux., Monett	9.31
Farmington Aux.	188.60
Fellowship Aux.	45.00
First Church Aux., Springfield	14.00
Fourth Church Aux.	33.34
Fredericktown Aux.	50.00
Grant Avenue Aux.	78.59
Houston Aux.	10.00
Jones Chapel Aux.	17.32
Kingsway Aux.	18.00
Lebanon Aux.	70.00
Macedonia Aux.	59.31
Merl's Chapel Aux.	9.31
Mountain Grove Aux.	50.00
Myrtle Aux.	55.00
O'Fallon Aux.	15.00
Olivet Aux., Marshall	100.00
South Side Aux.	13.18
Trinity Aux.	5.85
Viburnum Aux.	64.25
Victory Aux.	80.00
Waynesville Aux.	25.84
Willow Springs Aux.	31.47
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,434.32

**VEHICLE FOR THE VANDIVORTS
ACCOUNT OF DESIGNATED GIFTS**

Beacon Aux.	\$ 117.97
Berean Aux.	11.92
Berkeley Aux.	58.33
Bethel Aux., Festus	58.24
Bethel Aux., West Plains	204.70
Cabool Aux.	71.94
Cape Girardeau Aux.	35.00
Central Aux.	75.50
Columbia Aux.	104.00
Copper Mines FWB Church	387.32
Farmington Aux.	135.20
Fellowship Aux.	45.00
Fordland Aux.	20.00
Fourth Aux.	33.33
Fredericktown Aux.	102.72
Grace Aux.	25.00
Grant Avenue Aux.	93.33
Hannon Aux.	100.00
Hartville Aux.	25.00
Houston Aux.	45.50
Jones Chapel Aux.	8.00
Kingsway Aux.	25.50
Leadington FWB Church	577.79
Lebanon Aux.	69.00
Macedonia Aux.	50.00
Mine La Motte FWB Church	100.00
Mountain Grove Aux.	50.00
Myrtle Aux.	55.00
New Harmony Aux.	5.00
Olivet Aux., Marshall	100.00
South Side Aux.	13.17
Thayer Aux.	128.57
Trinity Aux.	5.86
Viburnum Aux.	20.00
Victory Aux.	130.00
Waynesville Aux.	94.00
Willow Springs Aux.	97.74
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$3,279.63