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**"... and the truth shall make you free. . . ."**

# SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1978-79

CHURCH	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY
Aulsbury Chapel	104	91	97	86	81	77						
Beacon								71	90	105		
Bethel, Festus	102	96	93	109	109	112						
Black Oak	33	26	29	26	31							
Buffalo	66	62	62	70	71	71	66	17	56	76		
Calvary, Conway	115	104	131	134	118	99	75	53	67	104	106	
Cape Girardeau	92	99	87	93	106	109	105	77	108	95		
Carterville	22	24	26	24	22	28						
Cedar Ridge	36	41	36	38	44	44						
Columbia	57	60	49	54	44	47	44					
Copper Mines	91	78	89	85	77	82	79	48	86			
Cuba				58	57	64						
DeSoto	149	143	147	153	155	147	151	153	169			
Faith Chapel	18	27	32	37	35	39						
Farmington	460	429	438	438	474	434	428	404	420	475	494	
Flat River, First	203	263	225	233	248	202	188	150	210	214		
Fourth	147	126	177	175	165	193	179	142	194	231	187	155
Fredricktown, First												
Grace	196	160	170	203	216						104	
Grant Avenue	115	121	124	127	125	128	106	94				
Happy Home	25	27	25	25	30		25	25				
Hannon	78	78	75	75	72	79	75	60				
Hartville				85	79	77	81	53				
Hazel Creek				58	59	61	48	42	43			
Houston										73	75	68
Hurryville	56	48	59	70								
Jones Chapel	98	99	116	118	106	110	104		101			
Joplin	100	88	96	96	105	91	92	75				
Kirksville	97	87	82	93	114	135	100	123	119	126	122	144
Lebanon, First	122	101	107	112	118	126	110	98	116	120		
Macedonia, I. C.	67	70	63	67	65							
Marshfield	60	60	54	55	57	54	54	51				
Mtn. Grove	247	231	242	241	239	248	228	161	221	316	266	
Zion-Cuba	51	47	54	55	51	54	50	38	48			
Myrtle	45	45	51									
New Harmony	27	28	29	34	34	28						
O'Fallon	89	73	88	99	101	89	84					
G. Anderson	67	63	57	30	33	31						
Pleasant Home	66	57	66	66	72	65						
Pleasant Ridge				45	45	46	37	26				
Alton												
Richwoods	36	27	30	33	41	31	32	23	23	30	23	35
Rock Chapel	117	97	98	103	99	105						
Second, Seymour	51	50	50	63	63	53	45					
Sedalia	12	13	14	13	14	14						
South Fremont	69	60	47	68	62	73						
South Side	117	91	110	97	101	98	97	64				
Terrill Rd.	39	39	32	40	43	38	39	31	26	29	23	15
Trinity	168	148	140	170	172	164	158	136		170	169	
Thayer	128	132	125	152	144	130	122	83				
Twin Oaks	87	95	95	90	91	105						
Virburnum	39	41	41	35	41	44	49	42	38			
Victory, K. C.	53	67	78	67	65	78						
Willow Springs	100	108	107	109	119	104	87	65		105	98	100

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# \$ COOPERATIVE GIVING \$



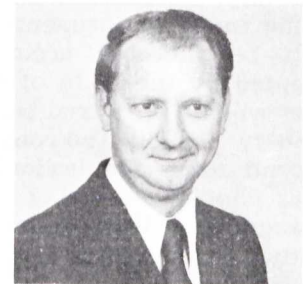
Pastor McAllister  
Farmington



Pastor Rehkop  
Grace



Pastor Miller  
DeSoto



Pastor Goff  
First, Flat River

Every pastor and church is to be commended for their united effort in exceeding the goal for Cooperative Giving last year. May the Lord help us that we will do it again!

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## Report on the Missouri State Association 1978-79

by Clarence Burton

The weather was almost perfect—the accommodations very adequate and the fellowship was sweet. It was evident the Lord was blessing from the first song until the final amen.

The Youth Service, under the direction of the Sunday School and CTS Board, was wonderful. The service was directed by Reverend Kent Tallent, chairman of the board, with Evangelist Jonathan Thigpen bringing the message. The Lord blessed the message with decisions made for Christ. This was followed with a Youth Banquet, which was directed by Reverend Roger Harwell with a ventriloquist and his buddy—Coach and Ronny. This was fun time with a good meal and a gospel message.

The Woman's Auxiliary met on Tuesday. Mrs. Helen McAllister, president, directed the services. I always enjoy the worship service, especially. Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley were the guest speakers for the Morning Worship and the Auxiliary Banquet. They always bless the hearts of the ones with whom they share their message.

The Missouri State Association, itself, began on Tuesday evening. Someone said, "The Lord was surely with us, for His presence was felt in the congregation and special singing and the wonderful preaching of the Word. The theme this year was "Christ Pre-eminent." The clerk, Reverend Bill Van Winkle, declared the Sixty-Sixth Session in session as he read Colossians 1:18 and asked that we keep this thought in mind throughout the State Association. Reverend Frank Giunta delivered the keynote

message and emphasized "Christ Pre-eminent in our life." Reverend Nathan Ruble continued developing the theme with the Wednesday morning message by showing that Christ should be "Pre-eminent in our love." Dr. Roger Reeds kept the fire in the pulpit when he preached on Wednesday evening on the subject that Christ must be "Pre-eminent in our labor." Reverend Glen Rehkop summed it up and put the icing on the cake with his message that declared the necessity of Christ being "Pre-eminent in our look." The devotional messages given by Reverend Howard Bowers, Reverend Richard Robinson, and Reverend Dana Booth prepared the way for smooth and effective business sessions.

The moderator, Reverend Bill Evans, handled the business sessions, beginning with the General Board Meeting until the adjournment of the association, with professional skill and leadership. The sad note of the association was knowing that Brother Evans was moving out of state. He accepted the pastorate of the Free Will Baptist Church in Colquitt, Georgia. We will surely miss Bill, Brenda, and the boys, Jeff, Lee, and Benji. They have provided leadership, motivation, and inspiration to our state work. We pray the Lord's choice and special blessings as they continue to serve Him. We are confident the newly elected moderator, Reverend Dale Skiles, will continue to give leadership to our state ministries. He has served well as Assistant Moderator; therefore, let us labor together with him for the cause of Christ.

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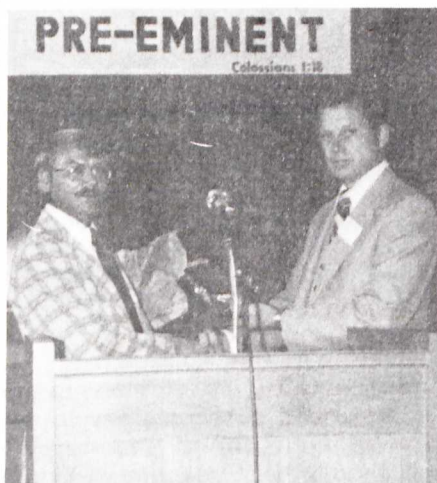
In the business session the body voted to recommend to the National Association that it meet bi-annually. (This will be submitted to the General Board of the National Association.) The body also adopted a recommendation from the executive secretary, Reverend Rufus Coffey, that cooperative giving to the departments of the National Association be allocated according to the percentage adopted by the body of the National Association. This will be on a trial basis for one year beginning January 1, 1980. The continuation of this will likely depend upon the leadership the executive office gives cooperative giving in our denomination. The Retirement Village was reemphasized by Reverend Andy Lay, director of development, and Don Ruble, secretary of the board. The need is for commitments from prospective buyers. Hopefully this will occur in a short time. Much of the other business was important to our state work but was routine in

nature.

A "Moderator's Plaque" was presented to Reverend Bill Evans in appreciation for his faithful service as moderator for the past three years. He was also given a standing vote of thanks.

The Missouri State Association adopted a budget of \$170,000 for cooperative giving. We trust the Lord for His blessings of this. As the Lord leads and blesses we know that this goal will be met. Therefore, we are trusting that pastors will lead and the laity will encourage in order that we can do together that which the Lord has led us to do. Everyone is aware that the cause of Christ is extended in every phase of His work throughout our denomination, through cooperative giving. Let's meet this goal.

I will close this report with the statement I hear every year and it sounds good, "The Lord surely loves us because He is so good to us." Let us praise God from whom all blessings flow!



Presentation of "Moderator's Plaque" to retiring Moderator, Rev. Bill Evans by newly elected Moderator, Rev. Dale Skiles.



The Ushers



Rev. and Mrs. Nick Hollis



Roy Thomas and Don Elkins

More photos of the State Meeting will be published in the next issue.



## COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

May 1979

Thayer	\$155.00
Bailey Chapel	42.00
Royal Oak	34.00
Willow Springs	204.40
Blue Springs Mission	7.55
Harmony, K. C.	110.00
Myrtle	140.77
St. Francois District Assn.	57.20
St. Francois District Assn.	13.00
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Mt. Pisgah	84.00
Mt. Zion, Thayer	61.69
Community	37.22
Grant Avenue	616.00
Houston	180.00
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	54.00
Monett	389.34
Cope	38.60
The Jones Family Evangelistic Team	147.80
Parkview	143.48
Belton	210.41
Terrill Road, Moberly	43.50
Oskaloosa	33.75
Faith, Fair Grove	146.39
Fredericktown, First	301.77
Jones Chapel (Jan.-Feb.-Mar.-Apr.)	558.77
Number One	38.00
Faith, Lemay	58.46
Purdy	173.00
Fellowship	50.00
Verdella	125.77
New Rock Springs	104.49
Hannon	303.00
Sikeston	123.10
New Harmony SS	7.21
United Independent Free Will Baptist	120.00
Olivet	200.00
Sedalia	99.60
Hurryville	150.00
Grace	845.00
Macedonia SS	15.00
De Soto	500.00
Malden	103.93
Bethel, Festus	328.00
Kirksville	240.61
Cuba	155.13
Cabool	141.79
Walnut Grove	113.00
Rolla	60.00
Victory, Alton	130.00
Mill Creek SS	29.00
Mill Creek Church	100.03
Flat River, First	518.61
Columbia	50.00
Hartville	207.87
Mtn. Grove, First	602.78
Cape Girardeau	347.00
Mtn. Vailey	181.99
Poplar Bluff	65.00
Poplar Bluff	85.00
Granby	247.78
Byrd	18.54
Union Grove	50.00
Mine La Motte	24.13
Shiloh	24.00
Hopewell	134.50
The Jones Family Evangelistic Team	236.82
Beacon	100.00
Buffalo	164.31
Farmington	1,137.67
Rock Chapel	339.00
O'Fallon	492.00
West Plains, First	215.00
So. Fremont	27.00
Copper Mines	150.00
Merl's Chapel	62.83
Joplin	303.05
Mt. Vernon	104.44

Poplar Bluff	65.00
Marshfield	167.98
Grant Avenue	308.00
Fourth	371.50
Pleasant Hill	57.87
Wolf Creek	181.94
Black Oak	10.00
Leadinton	301.81
Kingsway	234.46
El Dorado, First	5.00
Salem	25.00
Waynesville	150.00
Waynesville	288.70
Thayer	159.78
Viburnum	30.00
Berkeley	475.83
Cope	27.00
New Rock Springs	75.69
Monett	311.91
Flat River, First	359.29
Purdy	128.00
Willow Springs	173.43
Total Receipts for Cooperative Giving	\$18,217.37

## COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

May 1979

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions	\$ 3,370.21
16.00% Promotional Department	2,914.78
4.50% General Fund	819.78
5.50% Youth Camp	1,001.96
2.00% Christian Board of Education	364.35
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	364.35
5.00% Retirement Program	910.87
5.00% Retirement Center	910.87
2.00% Recommendation Awaiting Adoption	364.35
60.50%	
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	\$1,093.04
11.00% Foreign Missions	\$ 2,003.91
8.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	1,457.39
6.00% Executive Department	1,093.04
6.00% National Home Missions	1,093.04
2.00% Board of Retirement and Insurance	364.35
.25% Laymen's Board	45.54
.25% Theological Commission	45.54
33.50%	
Total Disbursements	\$18,217.37

## MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION GIVING MAY 1 through JUNE 1, 1979

Pleasant Ridge	\$ 10.00
Columbia	5.00
Terrill Road-Moberly	8.75
New Harmony	18.52
Oak Hill	34.50
Hannon	303.00
Olivet	200.00
Fellowship	15.00
DeSoto	100.00
Fourth	38.43
Houston	47.00
Sedalia	66.44
National Home Missions	19.17
Grace	25.00
Myrtle	19.24
South Fremont	131.50
West Plains	70.00
Cuba	26.25
Cooperative Receipts	2,619.26
Total	\$3,757.06

Secretary-Treasurer  
Rev. Lawrence Thompson  
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## **CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS**

### **Dedication of Educational Building at Verdella**

On Sunday, May 6, 1979, the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church dedicated its new Educational Building. The new unit joins the present building and gives several classrooms and assembly areas.

The pastor, Reverend Leroy Blankenship, stated in his remarks that the new building was needed and the Lord had supplied that need through the people of the church. He thanked the people for giving financially and with their labor. Reverend Clarence Burton, state promotional secretary, delivered the dedicatory message. In his opening remarks he expressed appreciation for the ministry of the pastor in leading the church to build the needed building and stated that he was grateful for young ministers who were committed to preach the gospel and endeavor to enlarge the work of the Lord. Special singing was provided by Bob and Barbara Hopkins.



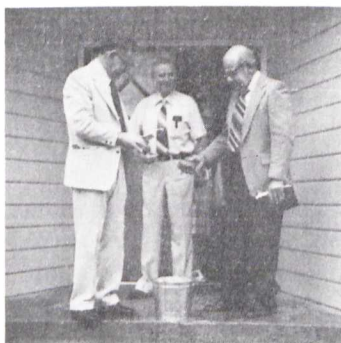
*Rev. LeRoy Blankenship  
Bob & Barbara Hopkins  
Verdella Church*



*Pastor and Church Board  
Verdella Church*

### **Wonderful Love Loaf Response at Myrtle**

The Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church recently participated in the World Vision International Love Loaf program. After less than three months, the members of the church brought their love loaves back to church, and they had collected \$248.00. Shown opening the loaves are Glynn Campbell, pastor, and deacons Virgil Wisehart and Hubert Brewer.



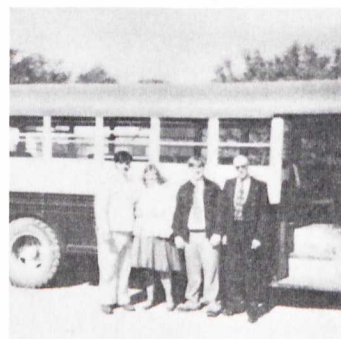
### **Bus Ministry Blessings at Kirksville**

The Lord has been richly blessing the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kirksville through the Bus Ministry. Pictured is our bus crew. From left to right are Randy McCann, the bus driver; Pat McCann, the bus secretary; Chris Thomas, the bus captain; and Don Green, the Sunday school superintendent. These dedicated workers were honored at the church on Sunday, June 3, 1979, for their outstanding achievement in the Bus Ministry. We were very proud to induct them into the "50 Club" after they were able to maintain an average of 50 riders or more on the church bus for the month of May.

As the result of their hard work, the Lord blessed their efforts with an average of 56 riders on the 48 capacity bus. For the safety and comfort of the passengers, it became necessary to make two trips. Also, the Lord graciously allowed our church to see 7 parents of the children that ride on the bus come to accept Jesus as their own personal Savior during the 4 week campaign.

Of course, the Bus Ministry would not be nearly as successful if it were not for the fine Sunday school staff. Also, the tremendous Children's Church program directed by Neva Thomas, Garry Matthews, Lila Thompson, and Becky Johnson. So many have contributed at the church to make it possible for the souls that have been saved, the lives which have been changed, and the families that have been reached since we began the Bus Ministry. For all this, we give God the glory and praise that He deserves!

Reverend Gil Mertz is the pastor.



### **OVERLAND CHURCH NEWS**

On Sunday, June 10, the Overland Church honored the pastor and his wife (Harry and Dottie Asher) with a special fellowship gathering. Sister Asher had remarked that her greatest need was for a dog chain to keep Brother Asher at home, so they were presented a dog collar, with an attached chain made from dollar bills (\$67.00) fastened together in a paper chain. They were also presented a beautiful mirrored plaque with a rainbow and a miniature ark on it. This was all done in honor of their 32nd wedding anniversary.

In conjunction with the Overland Police Department, the church held a Bicycle Rodeo on June 2. Bikes were inspected to meet safety standards. Boys and girls were given instructions on safety and laws regarding cyclists; they then rode an obstacle course



to test their skill. Five detectives from the Overland Police Department were on hand to assist. We feel it was a successful and worthwhile endeavor.

We still want to report the good hand of our Lord God upon us. Souls are still being saved, and God is adding to the church. We stand "Amazed in His Presence." Miriam Wilhite is the church reporter.

**Rev. Howard Bowers  
to Colorado Springs**



Reverend and Mrs. Howard Bowers have been employed by the National Home Missions and Church Extension Department and will be working towards establishing a church in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is doing itinerant work now in preparation for the new work in Colorado.

Brother Bowers is a veteran pastor, having seventeen years pastoral experience. He has held district offices and served on state boards. He recently resigned the pastorate of the Rock Chapel Church at Norwood, Missouri. The Lord blessed his ministry with the attendance almost doubled and an extensive building program.

Howard and Betty are well loved and their ministry will be missed in Missouri. We will be praying that the Lord will bless their new endeavor as they labor for Him. They would like the names of people living in Colorado Springs that may be interested in attending a Free Will Baptist church. The Bowers may be contacted at this address: Reverend Howard Bowers, 623 South 6th Street, Thayer, Missouri 65791.

#### Awards Service at FCA

The Farmington Christian Academy held its annual Awards Service on May 24, 1979. The *editor* had the privilege of being the guest speaker for this service. It is amazing what the Lord is doing at Farmington. The school has had phenomenal success, and it is just in the beginning stage. It is evident that the leadership of the church and the academy is working in harmony and unity in this endeavor for the Lord. The principal of the academy, Gene Wilfong, summarizes the function of the school with these statements.

Recognizing their scriptural responsibility, the people of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Farmington began praying and planning for a Christian school. Prayers were answered when Farmington Christian Academy opened its doors for the first time in August, 1977. The school opened with an enrollment of 67. The next year enrollment jumped to 98. Another increase in enrollment is projected for the fall of 1979. Academic and extracurricular programs are continuing to develop. God once again has blessed the leadership of men who would search the Scriptures, determine God's way, and lead His people in it.

Farmington Christian Academy is odd in the sight of the world. Students are required to dress, talk,

and act like Christians. Rebellion against authority and scriptural principles is not tolerated. Daily devotions, Scripture memorization, and chapel services enrich and nurture young lives daily. Students work hard and play hard. Most of all they are not just prepared to make a dollar, but to live a profitable life for Jesus Christ.

The results have been far-reaching and gratifying. Two have announced a call to the ministry, and one announced a call to the mission field. Numerous testimonies of parents and students once again remind us; "So shall my Word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11).

## From the Desk of the Promotional Secretary

*by Clarence Burton*

Inasmuch as space is needed I will make my report brief.

Friday, May 4,

Greater Kansas City District Association, Beacon Church

Saturday, May 5,

Competitive Activities, Trinity Church

Sunday, May 6,

Verdella Church

Tuesday, Wednesday,

May 8, 9,

Indian Creek Association, Macedonia Church

Saturday, May 11, 12,

Mission Association, New Rock Springs Church

Saturday, May 12,

Evening,

Harmony Association, Second Church, Seymour

Sunday, May 13,

Elnora Church

Monday, May 14, 15,

Sunday School and Church Training Board Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee

Friday, May 18,

Niangua Association, Hopewell Church

Saturday, May 19,

Cave Springs Association, Shiloh Church

Sunday, May 20,

First Church, Lebanon

Thursday, May 24,

Farmington Christian Academy Awards

Sunday, May 27,

Gardner

Sunday, May 27,

Evening

Second Church, Lebanon

May the Lord bless every pastor that has led the church he serves or is leading the church in the support of our state and national ministries through cooperative giving. This has been a plan God has blessed inasmuch as it follows the principle set forth in the Scripture of giving to the Lord the tithe and offering. Also, I pray the Lord's blessings on everyone that has been so kind and thoughtful in so many ways. Please remember this labor in your prayers.

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## Pastoral Changes

Reverend Ken Beavers to New Hope Church, Fredricktown

Reverend Bob Dickey to Hannon Church, Liberal

Reverend Lawrence Thompson to Oak Hill Church, St. Clair

## Important Dates

Woman's Auxiliary Retreat,

Friday and Saturday, September 7, 8

Place: Free Will Baptist Youth Camp

Pastor-Layman Retreat, Monday, Tuesday,  
and Wednesday, September 10-12, 12:00 noon  
Place: Free Will Baptist Youth Camp  
Speaker: Dr. John Broger

All Boards Meeting,

Monday and Tuesday, October 11 and 12

Place: Free Will Baptist Youth Camp

# What is Your Question?

by Dr. James Davis

## QUESTION:

I know it is wrong to smoke, but how can I prove this to a few of my church members who smoke?

## ANSWER:

Sometimes the human being is very difficult to understand. Practically everyone tells us that smoking is detrimental to our health, yet in spite of all of this, we go right on cutting our lives short. As far back as 1960 the American Heart Association published this statement:

"Up to the present, a number of medical studies have been made, nearly all demonstrating a statistical association between heavy cigarette smoking and mortality (death) or morbidity (illness) for coronary heart disease. In these studies, death rates from coronary heart disease in middle-aged men were found to be from 50-150% higher among heavy cigarette smokers than among those who do not smoke."

It is further estimated that four out of five cases of lung cancer in men from age 25 to 75 are due to smoking. The incidence of lung cancer among heavy smokers (more than two packs a day) has been judged to be from 13 to 50 times that in non-smokers.

One study, including 200,000 policyholders of U.S. Government life insurance, showed the mortality rate to be double for those who used two or more packs a day compared to those who were non-smokers. This same study revealed that those who smoked regularly more than one pack per day had a 15.8 times greater chance of dying with lung cancer than did the non-smoker. On and on the statistics go. Study after study has shown the same thing. I personally believe the evidence is irrefutable that smoking is harmful to our bodies.

Therefore, the question is no more: Is it wrong to smoke? Now the question is: Do we have the right to knowingly destroy our physical bodies? I say knowingly because there are few people who have not heard these statistics that I have just quoted.

The Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of

God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy . . . ."

The word translated "defile" in the first clause of verse 17 is the same as that rendered "destroy" in the second clause. It has the general meaning: to bring into a worse state; to mar or to injure. Verse 17 may, therefore, be rendered, "If any man injure (or mar) the temple of God, him will God injure." This remains true whether we interpret this passage as referring to the church as the body of Christ, or the individual as a member of that body. After all, does not Paul emphatically state that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20)?

Therefore, it seems rather straightforward that smoking is harmful to the body and, if harmful to the person physically, God condemns it. If we do smoke and our bodies are harmed, the indication is that He will bring disciplinary judgment upon us.

Smoking, of course, is not the only thing that may harm our bodies. Alcoholic beverages, over-eating, drug abuse, etc., will take their toll.

Some time ago a white male, forty-two years old, came to our clinic with a severe kidney dysfunction. He was a business man under a great deal of pressure. His normal routine after work included one martini and two non-prescription headache tablets. This regimen had almost wiped out his kidneys. The alcohol, plus a compound (no longer used in over the counter headache tablets) found in the tablets, acted together to damage the kidneys. I might say it took ten years for this to happen, but it did happen.

The Apostle Paul in Romans 12:1, 2 declared: "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."

I am convinced that, if we took this plea seriously, we would never knowingly, or willingly, do anything, or consume anything, that would harm our bodies. For, you see, the sacrifice that God always demanded was one without physical blemish (Leviticus 1:3; 3:1).





# Points for Pastors

by Jim McAllister

This month let's look at the preacher's library. I've heard college professors say, "If it's a choice between a sandwich and a book, buy the book." I don't know whether I would go that far, but it is certain that a minister's library is as important to him as a carpenter's tools or a painter's brushes.

The young minister will need a good concordance, preferably one such as "Strong's Concordance." He will need a good study Bible, a good Bible dictionary, Matthew Henry's Commentaries, a reli-

able Bible Atlas, and a few good books on such subjects as Jay Adams' pastoral counseling, Spurgeon's commentary on the Psalms, the Daily Study Bible Series, etc. He will also need a service manual for funerals, weddings, baptism, dedication, and graveside services.

As a minister is able, he should add more books to his library. Different translations of the Bible, more extreme commentaries (Pulpit, Lenski), books on more specific subjects, and "How To" books are valuable assets to a busy pastor. After a pastor has been in the ministry for 20 years, he should have a library of 2,000 or more books.

A minister's library is a tax deduction and will serve as a valuable asset to his ministerial work. The pastor's library should be locked, and those using or borrowing books should be controlled. If you aren't careful, your expensive books will gradually disappear. Pastor, build your library.



## On The National Front

### With Our Missionaries:

The Fulchers in Panama: We thank you so much for the offerings that were sent to our account in March and April. We appreciate your interest and concern for our work in Panama. We trust the Lord is blessing every aspect of the work in Missouri. We are also grateful for your prayers. We have seen growth in the lives of many of the believers and the solution to some of the problems within the church. Recently a man received Christ as Savior and a teenage girl joined the church. Our Sunday school attendance is between 75 and 95 each week. Glenda has approximately 35 teenagers in her class each Sunday. Billy will graduate from high school this year. He plans to attend FWBBC this fall. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

The Steve Lytles in Panama: Just a note to again express our appreciation to the good people of Missouri for their faithful support. When you consider how many missionaries the churches in Missouri support, it is obvious that Missourians are among God's faithful people. God is making it possible for us to go home for a short while. We thank God for this and it will be a real joy to see relatives and friends for at least a short visit. May the Lord bless the work in Missouri and continue to remember us in your prayers.

The Jefferys in Japan: We are so thankful for your faithfulness in praying for us and your sacrificial giving to our account. We do need your continued support. This month we are conducting a Sunday school campaign to increase our attendance.

Thus far the enthusiasm has been good. About 25 new children have attended during the campaign. Our furlough begins the last of July. Pray that we will be able to adjust smoothly as this is our first.

The Morgans in Africa: Since arriving at the Ivory Coast, the Lord has richly blessed. His loving hand has been with us directing our paths and protecting us. The power of His presence can only be experienced and not expressed. The church at Doropo is in a real state of spiritual growth. The Christians are showing a real desire to learn more about God. We desire your prayers that this growth will continue and never die out. Your prayers are essential to our ministry.

### With Our Missionaries in the States:

The Vandivorts in Flagstaff, Arizona: We wish to express our appreciation for the "Vehicle for the Vandivorts" gift of \$3,285.63. Pray for God's direction in using this money wisely. We are thankful that Louise is feeling stronger. We ask you to pray with us that we can see our committed families double by next year in order for us to be strong enough to enter into a building program.

The John McClure Family in Stockton, Missouri: We have two Good News Clubs. The attendance is increasing. We are thankful for this sign of interest. We are especially thankful for the lady, Cheryl Lucius, who has opened her home for these meetings. The church has set aside each day at 12:00 noon to pray for this ministry. Perhaps you would like to join us in prayer each day. We have begun a work on a new entrance to the church. It is exciting to see the progress that has been made. We were pleasantly surprised (shocked, is a better word) to receive a large check from a person that attends another church. The Lord is blessing.

The Bob Shockey Family in Kentucky: We send you greetings from our family and pray that God will bless you today. God has been working in our behalf. Already, one of our dearest friends, a

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precious lady, who just lost her husband, has given us a piece of property valued at \$70,000. Please pray that the State of Kentucky will give us an extra entrance to this beautiful property off Highway 60. Betty is preparing our things for moving, and Paula will be finishing school for this year in just two weeks. Please pray that \$5,000 will come in during this month. We will also appreciate your prayers in regards to finding the right home and a buyer for the home we have in Columbus, Ohio.

## Home Missions Department

This department received the largest amount of receipts in its history for any given month during the month of May, 1979. The department expressed appreciation to those that have supported with finances and prayer support.

Reverend John Gibbs, pastor of the Wooddale Free Will Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, has been added to our staff of the National Home Missions Department. He will serve as the Director of Development. Brother Gibbs will assume his duties August 1.

## BIBLE COLLEGE HONORS 89 GRADUATES

Nashville, TN—A record crowd filled Free Will Baptist Bible College's Activities Building on May 17 as the college conferred degrees, diplomas, and certificates on the 89 members of the graduating Class of 1979. President L. C. Johnson presented 41 B.A. Degrees, 32 B.S. Degrees, eight Christian Worker's Bible Diplomas, and eight Business Certificates.

Paul Kettelman, director of Public Relations, paid tribute to people, past and present, whose efforts made FWBBC and the current graduation possible.

Dr. Johnson, on the eve of his retirement from the presidency, challenged graduates to use the skills gained at the college for the Lord. He also presented plaques to three members of the faculty who will not be returning next year: T. L. Burch, for 20 years of service; Mrs. Rufus Coffey, who has taught music for the school for a total of 13 years; and Miss Judy Shrewsbury, who has been librarian for eight years.

Rev. Wayne Hale of Flat River, Mo., was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree.

MOORE, OK—Don Elkins, of Jacksonville, Arkansas, was selected by the Board of Trustees during their regular meeting May 10 to head Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. He will assume the responsibilities of president July 1.

A high school administrator for nine years, Elkins earned the Bachelor of Science degree from Arkansas Polytechnic College, and the Master of Science of Education degree from the University of Central Arkansas. He has also accumulated 36 hours of graduate credit toward the doctor's degree in administration at the University of Arkansas.

Elkins is chairman of the Board of Deacons of the Jacksonville First Free Will Baptist Church, serves on the Central Association Mission Board, and is chairman of the National Master's Men Board.

Elkins and his wife Lawanda have two daughters—Dana, 5, and Donya, 9.

He comes to Hillsdale at a time of great potential. Free Will Baptists are urged to pray for him as he develops the academic programs, implements programs of recruitment and fund raising, and coordinates the inner workings of one of the greatest institutions owned and operated by Free Will Baptists.

Pray, too, for his family, that, as they serve with him, their ministry will be far reaching and effective.

## MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING May 1979

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Thayer	\$19.00
Patsy Van Hook	\$5.00
Jerry Pinkerton	14.00
Fourth	\$327.00
Steve Lytle	\$227.00
Bill Fulcher	50.00
Jerry Pinkerton	20.00
Charolette Tallent	30.00
Cuba	\$44.03
Norman Richards	\$ 5.00
General Fund	39.03
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	\$20.00
Jim McLain	\$10.00
General Fund	10.00
Monett	\$143.00
General Fund	\$48.00
Jerry Banks	60.00
Dock Caton	10.00
Mike Cousineau	25.00
Buffalo	\$52.25
Jerry Banks	\$52.25
Parkview	\$21.45
LaVerne Miley	\$5.36
Carlisle Hanna	5.36
Bill Fulcher	5.36
Norman Richards	5.37
Columbia	\$19.00

General Fund	\$ 4.00
Charolette Tallent	10.00
Jerry Pinkerton	5.00
Hannon	\$152.00
Steve Lytle	\$25.00
Jerry Pinkerton	25.00
Bill Fulcher	25.00
Charolette Tallent	25.00
Jim McLain	25.00
Carlisle Hanna	27.00
New Harmony	\$116.10
Call-A-Thon	\$66.00
LaVerne Miley	25.05
Jim McLain	25.05
Olivet	\$95.00
Bobby Poole	\$40.00
Jim McLain	20.00
Bill Fulcher	20.00
Lonnie Sparks	5.00
Jerry Pinkerton	10.00
Kirksville	\$368.00
Jim McLain	\$310.00
Jerry Pinkerton	58.00
Walnut Grove	\$10.00
Lynn Miley	\$10.00
Myrtle	\$250.00
Lynn Miley	\$250.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$492.00
Mike Cousineau	\$437.00
General Fund	55.00
Clark & Clobell Deeds	\$40.00



General Fund	\$40.00	
South Side		\$128.00
Charolette Tallent	\$108.00	
Bill Fulcher	10.00	
Steve Lytle	10.00	
West Plains, First		\$86.55
General Fund	\$86.55	
Indian Creek Association		\$2,099.55
Dock Caton	\$699.85	
Mike Cousineau	699.85	
Jerry Banks	699.85	
Merl's Chapel		\$290.00
Carlisle Hanna	\$40.00	
Lynn Miley	250.00	
Fordland		\$10.00
Charolette Tallent	\$10.00	
Aulsbury Chapel		\$50.00
Bill Fulcher	\$25.00	
Jerry Pinkerton	25.00	
Black Oak		\$26.00
Lynn Miley	\$26.00	
Beacon		\$169.00
Lynn Miley	\$169.00	
Oak Hill		\$12.77
General Fund	\$12.77	
Flat River, First		\$100.00
General Fund	\$100.00	
Total		\$5,140.70

#### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Thayer		\$56.00
Mark Vandivort	\$56.00	
Fourth		\$24.00
Vergel Maness	\$20.00	
Bob Francis	4.00	
Mt. Pisgah		\$25.00
Mark Vandivort	\$25.00	
Monett		\$169.00
General Fund	\$89.00	
Bob Francis	60.00	
Bob Thomas	20.00	
Columbia		\$10.00
Mark Vandivort	\$10.00	
Olivet		\$55.00
Vergel Maness	\$15.00	
Bill Adkisson	40.00	
Flat River, First		\$146.00
Bill Adkisson	\$46.00	
General Fund	100.00	
Mtn. Grove, First		\$7.00
Mark Vandivort	\$7.00	
Rock Chapel		\$40.00
Bob Thomas	\$10.00	
General Fund	30.00	
Fordland		\$13.00
Vergel Maness	\$ 3.00	
Mark Vandivort	10.00	
Wolf Creek		\$10.00
Mark Vandivort	\$10.00	
Total		\$555.00

#### BOB CARR ACCOUNT

Buffalo	\$71.05
Merl's Chapel	\$41.00
Total	\$112.05

#### STATE HOME MISSIONS

Thayer	\$51.85
General Fund	\$51.85
Pleasant Ridge	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Terrill Road, Moberly	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
New Harmony	\$25.05
Moberly	\$25.05
Flat River, First	\$200.00
General Fund	\$200.00
Columbia	\$5.00
General Fund	\$5.00
Hazel Creek	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Oak Hill	\$13.00
General Fund	\$13.00
Total	\$324.90

#### MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP

Thayer	\$20.00
Willow Springs	\$20.00
Flat River, First	\$10.00
Fourth	\$10.00
Clark & Clobell Deeds	\$50.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$50.00
Hartville	\$10.00
Olivet	\$10.00
Faith, Lemay	\$10.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$ 5.00
Monett	\$90.00
Total	\$285.00

#### HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Willow Springs	\$20.00
Monett	\$32.16
Mtn. Grove, First	\$30.00
Total	\$82.16

#### FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

(MO Project)	
Columbia	\$15.00
Flat River, First	\$ 5.00
Total	\$20.00

#### FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME FOR CHILDREN, GREENEVILLE, TENNESSEE

Myrtle	\$1.62
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# Woman's Page



*Shirley Bowden, editor*

## STATE MEETING NEWS

*Shirley Bowden, editor*

June 5, 1979, the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary convened at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley. The following projects were adopted:

1. Foreign Missions: \$1,500 for the Lynn Mileys with the project entitled, "Wash, Dry, Cook, and Grind; Help Ramona save some time." The money will be used to purchase appliances.

2. Foreign Missions: \$1,500 for the Jim McLains with the project entitled, "Mary McLain, Back to School." The money will be used toward Mary's education.

3. National Home Missions: \$1,500 for the Howard Bowers with the project entitled, "Spring the Bowers to Colorado." The money will be used in helping establish a work in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

4. State Home Missions: \$1,500 for the Tom Owens with the title, "Help Tom Build a Church in Branson, MO."

The following officers were elected to serve for the next 2 years: President, Helen McAllister; Vice-President, Jo Ann Wood; Secretary, Shirley Bowden; Treasurer, Blanche Wischart; Field Worker, Vivian Burton; Members at large, Jo Ann Thomas, Jean Williams, and Elaine Skiles. If you need any help in your auxiliary, please contact any one of the officers, and they will be glad to help in any way they can.

## RETREAT NEWS

Retreat will be held, September 7, 8, 1979, at the Missouri State Youth Camp, Niangua, MO. The retreat will begin on Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. and will end at noon on Saturday. The retreat speaker will be Mrs. June Critcher from Nashville, Tennessee. Make plans now to attend the retreat. There is always a lot of fellowship at the retreat.

## Goals for '78 projects reached

The goals for the 1978 projects were reached and then some. The Foreign Missions project, "Help Charolette use her Talents," totaled \$2,049.75. The National Home Missions project was Vehicle for the Vandivorts, with the total \$3,279.63. The State Home Missions project was the Missouri State Loan Fund, with the total of \$1,434.32. Thank you for all the auxiliaries and churches that helped with the 1978 projects. The Lord certainly blessed.