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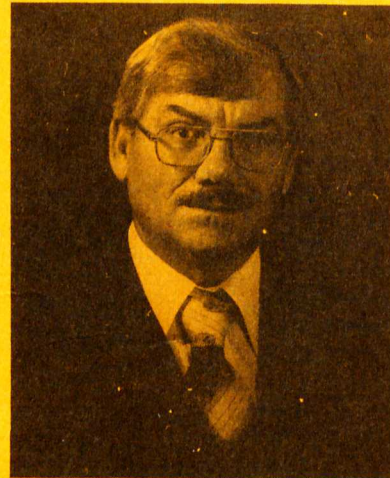
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# Points for Pastors



by Jim McAllister

One thing is sure to happen. People are going to get angry with one another. You will have occasion to pray over disruptions in your congregation. It doesn't matter how long you pastor, or how large your church, this will be a recurring problem.

Several years ago, when I was a young minister, two members had a falling out. I interceded and as a result not only were they angry with each other, now they were angry with me. Obviously I did something wrong.

In disruption and internal strife, the following rules are applicable: Be sure you are right. Don't just think you are right, know you are right. Next, pray a long time, as long as you can, before making any decision or taking any action. Then move slowly, deliberately, kindly, and always in a Christ-like way. Always do what you honestly believe in, but for the

cause of Christ.

Be willing to apologize if you are wrong. It won't hurt you. Learn how to say and mean, "I'm sorry, I was wrong." If you practice that, and if you teach and preach this kind of attitude toward wrong doing, most of your people will follow your leadership.

If you have a person or persons who are involved in controversy and won't settle the issue, be patient. Turn this over to God. Go on about your work. Don't allow them to side-track you. At times I have discovered that the devil has side-tracked me from my soul-winning, church building task, and I was occupied with the foolish task of putting out the fire. I was on the defense. Once I stopped defending and started attacking the devil instead of people, I went forward victorious again.

# Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley E. Jones

Successful advertising is more than giving public notice. It is, as the dictionary says, "proclaiming the qualities of, generally in order to sell." Many different approaches can be used in advertising, but the goal is always the same: making known an offer in such a fashion that a positive response will be generated. When it comes to revival and evangelism, the same principles of advertising apply.

The following questions need to be asked and answered if our advertising for special revival and evangelistic services is to be successful.

1. What do we have to offer?
2. What qualities does our offer have that makes it desirable?
3. Who are we making the offer to?
4. How has our offer been received?

In this article, we will discuss the first two questions. We will look to the Word of God for our answers. Luke 8:38-40 gives one of many instances when proper advertising was successful. "Christ" is

the answer to the first question (verse 39). We often promote our facilities, programs, and personalities and then wonder why so many fail to accept Christ. Whatever method of advertising is used, the main offer should be easily seen and understood, which is Christ and all that is available in Him.

Verse 39 also gives the answer to our second question, "And he . . . published . . . how great things Jesus had done *unto him*." Many religions and organizations have made boast of what they have to offer. We, as Christians, need to have a personal knowledge and experience of what Christ has done for us and can do for others. We have more than an empty boast, we have changed lives. So, when we advertise for a revival meeting, let us not cheapen the reality of the power of Christ with impersonal, poorly prepared, and unattractive promotion.

(to be continued)



# ? ? ? What is Your Question ? ? ?

by Dr. Jim Davis

## QUESTION:

I am a college student majoring in one of the natural sciences. This past year I had a course in organic evolution. This course went against everything I have ever been taught in Sunday school and church. The professor made fun of the creation as well as Christianity in general. He made evolution sound very plausible. Now I don't know what to believe. Can you help me?

## ANSWER:

Shades of the past!! This sounds very much like my own experience thirty years ago. Yes, I think I can help.

In the first place the THEORY of evolution, as it is taught today, is diametrically opposed to several well-established scientific laws, the foremost being the Second Law of Thermodynamics. This law states that in any energy transfer or change, although the total amount of energy remains unchanged, the amount of useful and available energy is always decreased. Since all activities of nature (including biological activities) involve such energy transfers, there must be an ever-decreasing supply of usable energy for maintaining such processes in the universe as a whole. This means that there is a tendency for the complex to deteriorate into the more simple. However, the theory of evolution teaches just the opposite: that there is a tendency for the simple to be built into the complex.

There are many more scientific reasons for rejecting the theory of evolution. There is the absence in the fossil records of the intermediary forms of life bridging the major divisions of the Phila.

Wheat and Fitzpatrick's textbook in Biology, page 420, boldly declares:

"... When all fossils are placed in the correct timetable as revealed by the rocks in which they were trapped, a succession of organisms developing from simple to more complex is disclosed..." This statement, and others like it, would lead the student to believe that there is a clear, concise record recorded in the rocks. This is just not the case. In fact, such statements ought to be utterly repugnant to the scientific mind and truly this is the case in many instances.

Professor A. C. Seward of Cambridge University says:

"A student who takes an impartial retrospect soon discovers that the fossil record raises more questions than it answers."

Herbert Spencer in *Illustrations Of Universal Progress*, page 376, states:

"The facts of paleontology can never suffice either to prove or disprove the developmental hypothesis."

Professor L. T. More of Cincinnati University states in his book, *The Dogma of Evolution*, page 160, that:

"... the more one studies paleontology, the more certain one becomes that evolution is based on faith alone."

Douglas Dewar, distinguished naturalist of England, wrote in his book, *Difficulties of the Evolution Theory*:

"Paleontology cannot be regarded other than a hostile witness. It is not possible to draw up a pedigree showing the descent of any species, living or extinct, from an ancestor belonging to a different order. The earliest known fossils of each class and order are not half-made or half-developed forms, but exhibit, fully developed, all the essential characteristics of their class or order. It is not possible to arrange a genealogical series of fossils proving that any series has in the past undergone sufficient change to transform it into a member of another family. All the changes proved by fossils that have taken place in animals are within the limits of the family."

If evolution were true, life throughout the ages would have been drifting over, in a continual stream, from one form to another, taking millions of years to bridge family after family. As untold millions of years passed new strata were being formed while fish became four-legged amphibians, which drifted over into reptiles whose scales became feathers and front feet became wings. Other reptiles and amphibians later developed into mammals, apes, and man. Yet as these changing creatures lived and died for hundreds of millions of years while new strata were being deposited, no fossil has been found that clearly shows one of the millions of necessary transitional forms. Isn't it strange that the only fossils that are found are those of the parent family with all of the essential characteristics of their class or order?

Charles Darwin (*Origin of the Species*, Vol. 2, page 49, 6th ed.) attempted to answer this objection by saying:

"Geology assuredly does not reveal any such finely graded organic chain; and this perhaps is the most obvious and serious objection which can be urged against the theory. The explanation lies, however, in the extreme imperfection of the geological record."



But yet, the evolutionist has taken that same record, admitted to be "imperfect" by them, and has formulated a strict "science" called "evolution."

The truth of the matter is that the record of the rocks proclaims that life appeared suddenly and in complex form, that new families came abruptly upon the scene, without apparent predecessors. The fossil record testifies that life does not cross the family boundaries, though varying widely within these boundaries. Paleontology proves that the first bats were true bats, the first whales were true whales, etc.

In every area of science used as proof of evolution, arguments such as I have given here may be presented against the theory of evolution.

One final note, and this is ultimately the most

important of all. The Lord Jesus Christ believed in the creation as stated in Genesis 1 and 2. In Matthew 19:4, 5 Jesus, discussing the important subject of marriage, declared:

"... Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and females, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?"

Jesus, in quoting from Genesis 1:27 and 2:23, 24, thus confirms the Genesis account of creation. If one believes in a literal interpretation of the Scripture, the Genesis account does not allow for evolution.

## **CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS**

### **Wonderful Report From Waynesville**

The church reporter from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Waynesville writes, "We write this report that each church may rejoice with us as we rejoice in the blessings the Lord has given to us. The Apostle Paul wrote, 'Rejoice with them that do rejoice . . . .'"

The church under the leadership of the Holy Spirit called Brother Gordon Butler to serve as interim pastor following the resignation of the pastor Brother Murray Southwell. Reverend Southwell accepted the pastorate of the church in Arlington, Virginia. Following a short interim period, Reverend Butler was called to serve as pastor. On March 1, the church voted to place the pastor on a "full-time" basis.

The church began experiencing a revival in the early part of the year. The church called Reverend Mike Hutsell to serve as evangelist and the Lord gave a great revival. It seemed that every member of the church rededicated his life to the Lord. During the year there were forty additions to the church and fifteen people followed the Lord in water baptism. The Sunday school average increased 100% and the Woman's Auxiliary increased 150%. The church is supporting the cooperative program and designated giving, especially in the area of missions. The church has also given much time and labor for work on the church building and the parsonage. The Teen Department is growing and is one of the hardest working groups in the church. Their projects and work have supplied so many needs in the church.

In May of this year, the church decided that it had grown to the extent that it needed to give some assistance to the ministering of the church. So the members selected three men to serve as deacons. The Lord led in selecting these men that were men of faith, full of the Holy Ghost, and knowledgeable



in the Scriptures. They were ordained on June 10, 1979. They are: Brothers Bill Tryan, Charlie Ballard, and Steven Lynch. The wives of these respectively are Clara, Dorothy, and Debra. The chairman of the ordaining council was Reverend Grover Terry with the charge to the men given by Reverend Clarence Burton and the charge to the church given by Reverend Mike Hutsell. Reverend Dan Talbot served as a member of the ordaining council. The prayer of consecration was led by the pastor, Reverend Gordon Butler. Other ordained attending the service were Charlie Story, Bob Princhette, Elma Story, Richard Breeden (pastor of Dearfish Baptist Church), Clarence Chrisman, Marion Allsman, and Elmerson Story.

This was a great day in the history of the Waynesville Church. The Sunday school reached a high goal of 107 with 181 for the worship service.

The people enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the church and the children enjoyed games as the adults had fine Christian fellowship. The ordination service was held at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The pastor, Brother Butler, states, "My family and I wish to thank the wonderful people of the Waynesville Church for their love, kindness, and helpfulness. I also wish to thank the preachers that drove quite a distance to be at the service: Clarence Burton, Dan Talbot, Mike Hutsell, Grover Terry, and Marion Allsman. It is very pleasing to see so many people ordained and lay people gather together for a special ordaining service. I would like to offer my services to any and every church by way of holding evangelistic services or any help that I might give. If my wife and I may help, please let us know. Remember us and the ministry of this church in your prayers."



## Blessings at Calvary Fellowship

Peggy Rider, church reporter, writes, "The Lord has blessed us in 1979 with numerous souls saved and additions to the church. We give the Lord praise for 31 professions of faith and 36 new members. On Father's Day the people voted by ballot and selected Richard Webb as the Layman of the Year. He was presented with a plaque as an expression of appreciation. The church is starting the Calvary Bible Institute in September. October 8-14 Reverend John Gibbs will be with the church in revival services. The Lester Family will be the guest singers for Homecoming Day on October 7. The church is offering \$175,000 in bonds to finance the building of a new sanctuary (that will seat four hundred), additional classroom space, pastor's office, nursery, and new kitchen facilities. We are thankful for the fine leaders, pastor Jerry Norris; deacons Rich Webb and Jesse Hogan; superintendent Wes Rider; musicians Jonna Bowlin, Ron Scott, and Finis Barr. Also everyone that helps in the work at Calvary."

## Underwood and Sassar Make Honor Roll at FWBBC

The Free Will Baptist Bible College announced that when exams were over and grades were totaled, 140 students at the college were placed on the Dean's List of honor students.

Gary Underwood was placed on the A Honor Roll and Jonna Sassar was placed on the B Honor Roll.

Editor's note: Both are winners!

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**Reminder: All Boards Meeting**

**Date: October 15-16**

**Place: Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, Niangua, MO**

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### Thanks to Brother Rufus Coffey

Reverend Rufus Coffey, retiring Executive Secretary, has served the National Association of Free Will Baptists in a dedicated, committed, and compassionate way. These excerpts from letters express the feeling of people throughout the denomination. "Rufus and Maude Coffey with their children are remembered by me as dedicated, committed, faithful servants of the Lord." J. Reford Wilson; "Rufus Coffey is a large man with a tender heart. He is a good man who loves God and loves people." Charles Thigpen; "For twelve years your life has been one generous outpouring of God's love and I thank you so much." June Critcher; "One of the commendable qualities in the life and ministry of Rufus Coffey is diplomacy. Over and over again he has shown a genuine desire to settle disagreements among the brethren." Bobby Jackson.

We shall be praying for Brother Coffey as he continues to serve the Lord.





# On The National Front

## Report On The National Association—1979

NASHVILLE, TN—The National Association of Free Will Baptists elected its first executive secretary in 12 years as business concluded at the 43rd annual convention in Charlotte, North Carolina's Civic Center, July 19. Melvin Worthington, 42-year-old pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia, was named successor to outgoing executive secretary Rufus Coffey.

Convention officials reported 4,500 delegates and visitors from 40 states and nine foreign countries attended the July 15-19 gathering. National Youth Conference personnel registered 1,300, while Woman's Auxiliary Convention recorded 937 registrants.

Veteran convention watchers analyzed the 1979 session as a reaffirmation of staunch conservatism for the 252-year-old denomination. Lengthly resolutions sounded clear notes opposing moral and social decadence. Delegates drew lines defining the denomination's commitment to biblical inerrancy and rejection of the modern charismatic movement.

In other Charlotte action, convention delegates:

**PAID TRIBUTE** to Rufus Coffey for 12 years' service as executive secretary of the National Association. During the Wednesday missionary service, Moderator Bobby Jackson presented a commemorative plaque to Rev. Coffey and a bouquet of roses to Mrs. Maude Coffey, accompanied by thunderous applause from 3,400 worshippers.

**REELECTED** North Carolina Evangelist Bobby Jackson to his third consecutive term as moderator. Other officers elected included assistant moderator Eugene Waddell (Tennessee), Clerk Waldo Young (Oklahoma) and Assistant Clerk A. J. Looper (Alabama).

**APPROVED** a 1980 budget surpassing \$6.6 million for seven national departments.

**RE-ALLOCATED** Cooperative Plan disbursements effective fiscal 1980. The major change specifies that national departments will receive allotted monthly percentages from Co-op receipts, instead of Executive Office expenses being totally underwritten before other departments share in Co-op monies.

**RESOLVED** opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment, abortion on demand, and religious cults.

**VOTED** *Treatise* adjustments clarifying the Free Will Baptist position against the tongues movement

and strengthening *Treatise* affirmation of biblical inerrancy and infallibility.

**TABLED** the General Board recommendation to appoint a biennial study committee to investigate the feasibility of the national convention meeting every two years.

**REJECTED** suggested changes in the executive secretary's term of office and method of election. Suggestions, amendments, and substitute motions were debated at length before delegates tired of the matter and tabled it all.

**GAVE** a record \$11,600 missionary offering on Wednesday night of the convention.

**ACCEPTED** an invitation from Ohio's State Association to conduct the 1983 national convention in Columbus.

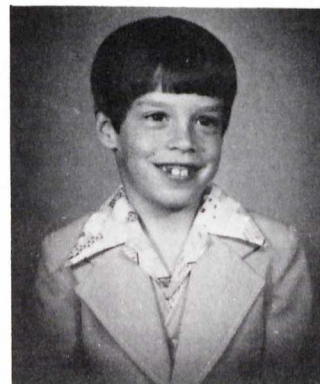
## REPORT ON NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE 1979

NASHVILLE, TN—Approximately 3,000 Free Will Baptist youth and adults converged at Charlotte, North Carolina's Civic Center to attend the 1979 National Youth Conference keynote service Sunday night, July 15, 1979.

The service contained quite a variety of special music ranging from the Cramerton Christian School Choir, consisting of junior-age boys and girls, to a mixture of pre-teen through college-age singers in the Swannanoa Free Will Baptist Church Youth Choir, to the mature rendition of two songs by the Watchmen Quartet, consisting of four young ministers from Oklahoma.

According to Mrs. Nancy Cole, NYC Registration Coordinator, statistics are as follows: 586 Participants in Bible Competition and Music and Arts from 19 states; total registration attendance 1,260 from 24 states and 2 foreign countries.

Winners in Bible Competition and participants receiving a one (1) rating in Music and Arts Festival from Missouri during NYC '79 are as follows:



*Bible Memorization Grade 2*  
First Place  
David Walls  
Berkeley Church, Berkeley



*Bible Bowl*  
 Second Place  
 Melanie Forrester, Lisa Wallace,  
 Mark Scott & Robert Crowe  
 Berkeley Church, Berkeley

The following received a one (1) rating:

*Category I Vocal Solo*

Herald

Delores Morrison  
 New Life Church, Licking

Crusader

Stacey Hampton  
 Grant Avenue Church, Springfield

Ambassador

Marilyn Lawson  
 Grant Avenue Church, Springfield

*Category III Choirs and Chorales*

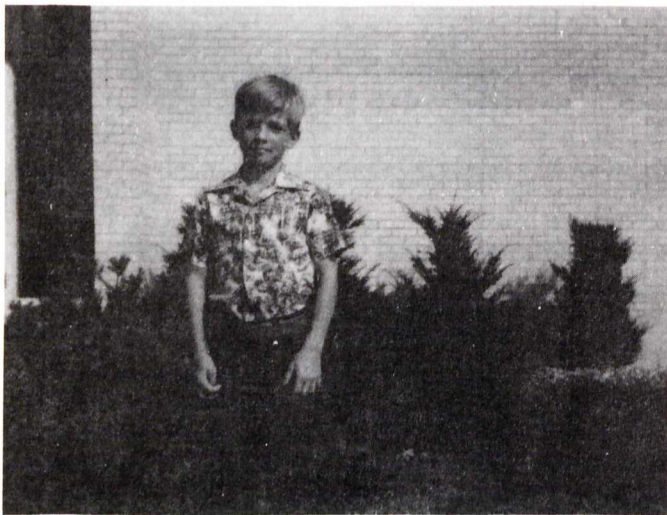
Division IV

Grant Avenue Church Girls Chorale  
 Springfield

*Category IV Instrumental Solo*

Herald

Angela Felts  
 Grant Avenue Church, Springfield



*Category VI Keyboard Solo*

Learner

Bobby Ketcherside  
 Trinity Church, Bridgeton

Ambassador

Marilyn Lawson  
 Grant Avenue Church, Springfield

*The Editor says, Congratulations!*

**Bryant Family Available  
 for Evangelistic Work**

The Bryant family began their ministry as an evangelistic team in Kansas in 1976. They have labored in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and spent a year in California. While in California the Bryant family appeared on a weekly television program called Manna From Heaven. While in Lompoc, California, they had a thirty-minute radio program on Sunday mornings. The family consists of Reverend George Bryant, his wife Edna, the children, Mark, Randy, Christopher, and Kathleen. Debra and Michael are with them but do not sing.

Brother Bryant has served as pastor and youth director for sixteen years; therefore, he feels that he and his family can effectively minister to a church in revival services. Because of back surgery a year ago, he is unable to follow any other kind of work. They may be contacted at the following address: The Bryant Family Gospel Singers, P.O. Box 94, Hartville, MO 65667. They have a few open dates in October.



**Dear Friend of Missions,**

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus. We trust that God is blessing you and yours in a wonderful way.

Recently, we had to make one of the most difficult decisions that we have ever had to make. Due to certain changes in Panama we are no longer able to get the necessary special education and vocational training for John David. This has presented an impossible situation as far as our service in Panama is concerned. Therefore, on June 25, we returned to the States. This was after we sincerely thought it was the Lord's will for us. We are now seeking the Lord's will for our future service for Him. We appreciate your prayers and financial support so much. Our people have been so very good to us. Very rarely has our account ever been in the red. Since we will be with the Foreign Missions Department for a few months, we sincerely request that you continue to send funds to our account in Nashville until you receive your next newsletter within just a few weeks. At that time we will give you more details as to our situation. Please pray for us as we look to the future.



Our work in Panama continues to make good progress. The Panamanian brethren are taking more responsibility in the work. We have several promising workers. Our great need, as on most of our fields, is for the Lord to raise up more national workers to take the gospel to their own people. Two of our young men have just returned to Panama after graduating from the Rio Grande Bible Institute in Edinburg, Texas, near the Mexican border. We have another young man and a young lady who plan to enroll in the institute this September.

Please continue to pray for Mom Willey and Steve and Judy Lytle as they continue to serve the Lord in Panama. A recent letter from Steve stated that the church we recently left is maintaining a good attendance. Steve and Judy are helping them in Sunday school and one of the young men who just returned from the Bible Institute will be pastor of the church. In our next letter we will give you more information in regards to Panama and our work there.

God bless you and thanks again for your faithfulness.

In Christ,  
Bill, Glenda, and Family

Many thanks to the good people of Missouri.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—Free Will Baptists are invited to attend the Inauguration of Dr. Charles A. Thigpen as Free Will Baptist Bible College's third president on October 2 at 10 a.m. in the school's Activities Building, Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Thigpen succeeds Dr. L. C. Johnson, who retired from the presidency June 1, 1979, to become the college's first chancellor. The late Reverend L. R. Ennis also served as president of the college, 1944-47.

Dr. Robert Picirilli, academic dean, will preside at the inauguration. Reverend Randy Cox, chairman of the board of trustees, will conduct the investiture.

The service will be attended by college personnel, representatives of other educational institutions, employees of departments of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and a host of alumni, pastors, and other friends of the college. A reception for guests will follow the inauguration.

Free Will Baptists are encouraged to participate in this historic denominational event and to pray for God's continued blessing on the administration and ministry of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

#### MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION GIVING JULY 1 through JULY 31, 1979

Fellowship .....	\$ 16.00
Houston .....	51.50
Hannon .....	194.00
Victory .....	226.98
Lebanon .....	24.00
Mountain Grove .....	2.50
Terrill Road .....	6.00
Columbia .....	5.00
Pleasant Ridge .....	10.00
Thayer .....	29.50
Flat River .....	100.00
New Harmony S.S. ....	38.91
Martinstown .....	10.00

Grace .....	25.00
Alice Woolsey .....	50.00
Fourth .....	16.76
West Plains .....	70.00
DeSoto .....	50.00
Myrtle .....	74.82
Sedalia .....	58.23
Union Light .....	24.00
Oak Hill .....	27.00
Cuba .....	24.45
National Home Missions .....	5.00
Cooperative Receipts .....	2,517.84
Total .....	\$3,657.49

#### MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING July 1979

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS	
Flat River .....	\$30.00
General Fund .....	\$30.00
Columbia .....	\$25.00
Mark Vandivort .....	\$25.00
Olivet .....	\$55.00
Bill Adkisson .....	\$40.00
Vergel Maness .....	15.00
Oak Hill .....	\$9.81
General Fund .....	\$9.81
New Hope .....	\$10.00
General Fund .....	\$10.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$20.00
Howard Bowers .....	\$20.00
Fordland .....	\$13.00
Vergel Maness .....	\$3.00
Mark Vandivort .....	10.00
Wolf Creek .....	\$10.00
Mark Vandivort .....	\$10.00
Thayer .....	\$14.00
Howard Bowers .....	\$10.00
Mark Vandivort .....	4.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$29.00
Mark Vandivort .....	\$6.00
Cochrane .....	2.00
General Fund .....	21.00
Pleasant Hill .....	\$12.81
Mark Vandivort .....	\$12.81
Flat River, First .....	\$35.00
Bill Adkisson .....	\$35.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$70.00
Howard Bowers .....	\$45.00
Mark Vandivort .....	25.00
Total .....	\$333.62

#### COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS July 1979

Pleasant Home .....	\$218.06
Union Grove .....	88.00
Hartville .....	168.78
Parkview .....	120.48
Beacon .....	100.00
Fredericktown, First .....	199.15
Calvary, Conway .....	160.70
Bailey Chapel .....	40.00
Hurryville .....	126.00
Viburnum .....	15.00
Grace .....	661.00
Terrill Road, Moberly .....	27.04
Columbia .....	50.00
Union Light .....	128.96
Belton .....	137.97
Faith, Lemay .....	65.00
Way Side .....	170.00
Victory, Alton .....	148.00
Cape Girardeau .....	265.00
Fourth .....	229.55
Macedonia .....	13.00
Rolla .....	75.00
Verdella .....	109.40



Marshfield	144.60
Royal Oak	33.00
Oskaloosa	30.52
Granby	40.88
Sedalia	87.35
Hickory Grove	46.55
Richwoods	137.15
Cabool	76.84
Old Bethel	20.00
Aulsbury Chapel	689.18
Faith, Fair Grove	100.40
Bismark	24.00
South Fremont	20.00
Black Oak	10.00
Wolf Creek	128.84
Thayer	190.16
Buffalo	149.34
Copper Mines	180.00
Cuba	143.51
Waynesville	161.00
Leadington	259.42
Happy Home	55.49
United Free Will Baptist	75.00
South Side	256.35
Grant Avenue	308.00
Community	28.70
Pleasant Hill	27.68
Mt. Zion, Thayer	21.78
Fourth	275.00
St. Francois Assn	13.00
Farmington	2,231.30
Mt. Pisgah	83.00
Willow Springs	245.57
Walnut Grove	116.86
Myrtle	142.79
Way Side	100.00
Gray Summit	58.80
Houston	190.93
Bailey Chapel	50.00
Berkeley	373.77
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Harmony, K. C.	195.00
Cope	27.82
Mt. Zion, Thayer	30.36
New Rock Springs	105.25
Belton	174.19
Total Cooperative Receipts	\$14,365.29

## COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS July 1979

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions	\$2,657.58
16.00% Promotional Department	2,298.44
4.50% General Fund	646.44
5.50% Youth Camp	790.09
2.00% Christian Board of Education	287.31
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	287.31
5.00% Retirement Program	718.26
5.00% Retirement Center	718.26
2.00% Possible Purchase of Retirement Unit	287.31
60.50%	
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	861.92
11.00% Foreign Missions	1,580.18
8.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	1,149.22
6.00% Executive Department	861.92
6.00% National Home Missions	861.92
2.00% Board of Retirement & Insurance	287.31
.25% Layman's Board	35.91
.25% Theological Commission	35.91
33.50%	
Total Disbursements	\$14,365.29

The Lord has blessed. We are so grateful! Let us continue to give as He has blessed and trust Him that we shall reach the goal we set for this year. May the Lord bless you for your faithfulness in giving as He hath given to you.

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS	
Terrill Road, Moberly	\$7.50
General Fund	\$7.50
Columbia	\$5.00
General Fund	\$5.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$32.39
General Fund	\$32.39
Thayer	\$4.00
Total	\$48.89

## MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP

Hartville	\$10.00
Pleasant Ridge	45.00
New Life	58.00
United—Independent Free Will Baptist	70.00
Number One	32.47
Olivet	200.00
Central	780.00
DeSoto	500.00
Bethel	212.00
Malden	100.91
New Hope, Fredericktown	49.40
Joplin	239.74
Merl's Chapel	56.30
Hopewell	185.00
West Plains, First	168.00
Rock Chapel	267.59
Mine La Motte	42.13
Kirksville, First	178.28
Faith, Lemay	\$10.00
Fourth	\$20.00
Olivet	\$10.00
Thayer	\$10.00
Flat River, First	\$10.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$ 5.00
Willow Springs	\$10.00
Total	\$85.00

## HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Grant Avenue	\$22.00
Willow Springs	\$10.00
Total	\$32.00

## FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Columbia	\$15.00
Flat River, First	\$ 5.00
Total	\$20.00

## BOB CARR ACCOUNT

Grant Avenue	\$15.00
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## CHILDREN'S HOME, GREENEVILLE, TN

Myrtle	\$6.04
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## FOREIGN MISSIONS

Parkview	\$18.00
LaVerne Miley	\$4.50
Norman Richards	4.50
Bill Fulcher	4.50
Carlisle Hanna	4.50
Columbia	\$144.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$ 5.00
Lynn Miley	55.00
Jim McLain	70.00
General Fund	4.00
Charolette Tallent	10.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$42.39
General Fund	\$32.39
Jim McLain	10.00
Olivet	\$95.00
Bobby Poole	\$40.00
Jim McLain	20.00
Bill Fulcher	20.00
Jerry Pinkerton	10.00
Lonnie Sparks	5.00



# SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1978-79

CHURCH	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY
Aulsbury Chapel	91	97	86	84	77								
Beacon							71	90	105	113	97	89	
Bethel, Festus	96	93	109	109	112								
Black Oak	26	29	26	31									
Buffalo	62	62	70	71	74	66	47	56	76	76	72	68	
Calvary, Conway	104	131	134	118	99	75	53	67	104	106			
Calvary Fellowship	61	72	72	109	93	85	87	110	150	117	105	109	106
Cape Girardeau	99	87	93	106	109	105	77	108	95				
Carterville	24	26	24	22	28								
Cedar Ridge	41	36	38	44	44								
Columbia	60	49	54	44	47	44							
Copper Mines	78	89	85	77	82	79	48	86					
Cuba			58	57	64								
DeSoto	143	147	153	155	147	151	153	169					
Faith Chapel	27	32	37	35	39								
Farmington	429	438	438	474	434	428	404	420	475	494		446	454
Flat River, First	263	225	233	248	202	188	150	210	214			188	
Fourth	126	177	175	165	193	179	142	194	231	187	155		
Fredericktown, First													
Grace	160	170	203	216						104	109	98	
Grant Avenue	121	124	127	125	128	106	94			134	104	128	
Gray Summit												14	19
Happy Home	27	25	25	30		25	25						
Hannon	78	75	75	72	79	75	60						
Hartville			85	79	77	81	53						
Hazel Creek			58	59	61	48	42	43					
Houston													
Hurryville	48	59	70						73	75	68		
Jones Chapel	99	116	118	106	110	104		101					
Joplin	88	96	96	105	91	92	75						
Kirksville	87	82	93	114	135	100	123	119	126	122	144		
Lebanon, First	101	107	112	118	126	110	98	116	120				
Macedonia, I. C.	70	63	67	65									
Marshfield	60	54	55	57	54	54	51						
Mtn. Grove	231	242	241	239	248	228	161	221	316	266			
Zion-Cuba	47	54	55	51	54	50	38	48					
Myrtle	45	51											
New Harmony	28	29	34	34	28								
O'Fallon	73	88	99	101	89	84							
G. Anderson	63	57	30	33	31								
Pleasant Home	57	66	66	72	65								
Pleasant Ridge			45	45	46	37	26						
Alton													
Richwoods	27	30	33	41	31	32	23	23	30	23	35	36	
Rock Chapel	97	98	103	99	105								
Second, Seymour	50	50	63	63	53	45							
Sedalia	13	14	13	14	14								
South Fremont	60	47	68	62	73								
South Side	91	110	97	101	98	97	64						
Terrill Rd.	39	32	40	43	38	39	31	26	29	23	15	16	17
Trinity	148	140	170	172	164	158	136	151	170	169	155	136	
Thayer	132	125	152	144	130	122	83						
Twin Oaks	95	95	90	91	105								
Virburnum	41	41	35	41	44	49	42	38					
Victory, K. C.	67	78	67	65	78								
Willow Springs	108	107	109	119	104	87	65		105	98	100	100	100

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Oak Hill	\$16.00
General Fund	\$16.00
Merl's Chapel	\$45.00
Carlisle Hanna	\$45.00
West Plains, First	\$50.00
General Fund	\$50.00
Walnut Grove	\$20.00
Lynn Miley	\$20.00
Kirksville, First	\$31.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$31.00
Hickory Grove	\$29.78
Steve Lytle	\$29.78
Black Oak	\$26.06
Ron Calloway	\$26.06

Fordland	\$10.00
Charolette Tallent	\$10.00
Thayer	\$5.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$5.00
South Side	\$95.00
Charolette Tallent	\$95.00
Beacon	\$210.78
Lynn Miley	\$210.78
Grant Avenue	\$265.00
Don Sexton	\$40.00
Jerry Pinkerton	105.00
Fred Hersey	120.00
Total	\$1,103.01



# Woman's Page



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## District News

The Greater Ozark District Woman's Auxiliary met at the Eastern Gate Free Will Baptist Church on August 13, 1979, for their quarterly meeting. The Eastern Gate Auxiliary presented a skit entitled "The Invisible Guest." The skit presented an auxiliary at a monthly meeting trying to decide what to do with the missionary that will be arriving the next week. Unknown to the auxiliary, the missionary has come a few days early and is in an obscure place where the ladies cannot see her. The skit is available through the WNAC office in Nashville, Tn. Mrs. Carol Willoughby presented slides sent from the Children's Home in Greeneville, Tennessee. The project for the district was to bring money to send to the children's home for purchase of school supplies. The offering received was \$188.00. Mary Ann Owens, home missionary to Branson, Missouri, shared with the women some of the things God has already done in Branson. They are in the process of securing land to build a church. Pray that the Lord will lead them to His choice. The next district meeting will be held at the Waynesville Free Will Baptist Church on November 19. Rev. and Mrs. Bud Arnold of the Youth Camp will present a slide presentation of the work of the youth camp since 1946 to the present day.

## New Address Changes

The following missionaries have address changes. If you are corresponding with any of these and do not have the new address, these will be listed below.

Charolette Tallent  
10 Cour Kennedy  
35000 Rennes, France

Jerry Banks  
Matsuba cho 1 chome 5-3  
Hiroshia cho, Sapporo Gun  
Japan 061-11

If you have never written to a missionary, why not

sit down now and write to one? They are interested in what you are doing.

## Books Worth Reading

Getting ready for winter? Many of us do not like to think about all the snow and cold days that may come. For those days you do not want to get out, why not get some of the recommended reading from the National Woman's Auxiliary? Below are some the books that can be read.

*What Every Christian Should Know About Growing*, by LeRoy Eims. The book shows how to study the Bible, develop a prayer life, avoid pitfalls to Christian growth, how to be fruitful, and a way to be victorious over sin.  
(A leader's guide is available also.)

*Be Mature*, by Warren Wiersbe, is a book worth reading. Dr. Wiersbe discusses five marks of maturity that God wants us to attain, and how to attain these. (A leader's guide is available.)

*The Middle Years*, by Paul E. Johnson, shows how to make the most of the middle years.

*Single*, by Marilyn McGinnis, is a guide for women who are both single and Christian. She shares ways to overcome loneliness, how to handle finances, and what to do after a divorce.

These books are available at the Lebanon Bible and Book Store.

## STATE PROJECTS

Just a reminder of the state projects for this year.

\$1,500 for the Lynn Miley Family, \$1,500 for the Jim McLain Family, \$1,500 for the Howard Bowers Family, and \$1,500 for the Tom Owens Family. Money for these projects should be sent through your district or if there is no district, they should be sent to Blanche Wisheart, Myrtle, MO.