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Essentials

Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

Last month we dealt with the first two questions concerning advertising for a revival meeting. They were:

- 1. What do we have to offer?
- 2. What qualities does our offer have that makes it desirable?

We now continue with questions three and four. We are using Luke 8:38-40 as the basis for our answers.

3. To whom are we making the offer?

4. How has our offer been received?

The third question is answered in the statement found in the beginning of verse 29, "Return to thine own house...." In other words, Jesus gave this man a specific group of people to reach. In our advertising for a particular evangelistic meeting we need to know who we want to reach. If it is to be a revival or training endeavor, let us get the word to church people. If it is an evangelistic meeting, let us reach the unchurched and lost. We need to know who we are reaching if we are to know how to effectively advertise.

Notice the answer to our fourth question as it is stated in verse 40 "... when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him." One man's promotion was so effective in his city of what Christ had done for him that Jesus did not want for a crowd upon His return. Jesus Himself showed His interest in the reaction of people when He asked, "... Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" (Matthew 16:13). The principle here to follow is to determine the effectiveness of our advertising. Is it making the claims of Christ known to the proper people? Do those people understand what is offered? Has a positive response been stimulated?

Through revival and evangelism, we are making available the greatest offer that can be found anywhere; life in Christ. Through our advertising and promotion let us make the offer clear, meaningful, and attractive. Then we can expect not only attendance but decisions to accept our offer.

From the Desk of the Promotional Secretary

by Clarence Burton

The Psalmist stated, "Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks...." Someone has said that "Thanksgiving is an overflow of an inward-flow." If so, that is the feeling I have concerning the Lord's blessings on our state ministries and the response of so many faithful pastors and churches in Missouri. The month of August was an exceptionally good month. We are so thankful.

I have noticed from reading the church bulletins and weekly newsletters that many pastors feel the need of a deep spiritual revival. I sense and feel this need also. I trust that we shall see the greatness of God, the goodness of God, and the mercy of God; and through these expressions and under the mighty leadership and conviction of the Holy Spirit of God, that we shall see a great revival sweep across our state and nation. May this be our prayer, "Lord, send a revival and let it begin in me!"

I had the privilege of being with these churches and Quarterly or District Associations in August.

Friday, August 3,	Greater Kansas City District Association,
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Saturday, August 4,	sociation, Berkeley
	Church, pastor, Nick Hollis
Sunday a.m., August 5,	Faith Church, Lemay, pastor, Wayne Rhoades
Sunday p.m., August 5,	Gray Summitt Church,
Saturday, August 11,	pastor, Johnny James First Quarterly Meeting,
	Houston Church, pastor, Chuck Horton
Sunday, a.m. August 12,	Calvary Church, Conway, (Without pastor at
Sunday, p.m. August 12,	present) Eastern Gate Church,
	pastor, Kevin Francis
Friday, August 17,	Niangua Association, Pleasant Ridge Church,
Saturday, August 18,	pastor, Len Gardner Laclede Association, New
Saturday, August 10,	Home Church, pastor,
Sunday, August 19	Paul Bliss Number One Church,
Sunday, August 26,	pastor, Gene Postlewaite Olivet Church, pastor, Cliff Bowman

It is always a joy to fellowship and worship with our people throughout the state of Missouri. We appreciate so very much the kind hospitality expressed to us as we labor in this ministry. May the Lord bless each pastor and church for their faithfulness in serving Him.

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Aunt Em always has time to listen to anyone who comes to her simple hillside home in the Ozarks. This day was no exception. As I walked down the winding, tree shaded roadway, I thanked God for allowing me to know her. Woodland flowers gave beauty to the valley and hillside road. Rebirth of flowering trees and shrubs gave proof of eternal life.

As I stepped up to her doorway, Aunt Em opened the door to welcome me. "Come, sit a spell," she said. Inside my pocket was a letter from a friend who had suddenly realized that her youth was gone, her children had homes of their own, and she had little to occupy her time. She was constantly depressed and felt that her life was useless and about over.

"It's been an unusually hard winter, but spring's here. Isn't it a blessing that the seasons aren't always the same? Life is like that when we stop to think of it. When we are growing up, we're just bustin' with enthusiasm and hope. Then we become busy with careers, makin' a home, and rearin' children. We are so busy there's little time of our own. Then the fall of life comes. This is where your friend is. She isn't so busy now, and there are few requirements for her time. As Uncle Ed says, 'Our life's work is kinda A

"laid by" like the corn crop will be later this summer.' All of life's seasons have their joys. Why the Bible says there's a time for all things—a time to sow and a time to reap. The autumn is a nice time of the year. Your work is mostly done, and you can do some things you've always wanted to do. Find a time each day for feelin' good for others. Write or call someone in a nursing home. The weary young mother down the road could rest a bit while you rocked her fretful baby. Aunt Nan, who lives over the hill, hasn't been feelin' too pert. A bowl of hot soup and a short visit would bring cheer. The children who lost their mother need your strength now. A Sunday school class needs a teacher. A note of encouragement and prayer for the missionary family would be appreciated. Not needed? My dear, your friend is needed as much as ever."

Looking at Aunt Em's glowing face and listening to her speak, there was no doubt that her "Fall" was indeed a happy one in which she gained much happiness and satisfaction from serving God at any season of life.

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Points for Pastors

by Jim McAllister

Organization is a must for the pastor who would be successful in the ministry of Jesus Christ. If a man plans to do a good job, he must get himself and his work under control and under direction.

In this month's "Points for Pastors" section, let's briefly look at those areas where a pastor should strive to organize himself and his work:

- 1. Organization of time: Time for Bible study and prayer; time for family; time for himself; time for planning; time for visitation; time for sermon preparation.
- 2. Organization of program: The church program should be well planned. For example, the order of service should be planned out in such a way that the worshipers will receive the most out of the service. Our morning worship has recently undergone change. Here is the present order of service: Organ prelude Choir enters (congregation stands)

Choir enters (congregation stands) Welcome Congregational singing Prayer Choir special Special song Announcements and recognition of visitors Two successive hymns Offering Special song

- Message
- Invitation

This program works tremendously well, and most important, it is not my idea but our music director's.

Personnel Changes

Steve Shaw to Evangel Church, Webb City Steve Hale to Olivet Church, Marshall Keith Tallent to Olivet Church, Marshall Bill Van Winkle to First Church, Murfreesboro, Tennessee Brother Van Winkle has been serving as Clerk of the Missouri State Association. We regret to see him leave the state, but we shall be praying for him in his new endeavor.

CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Praising the Lord at Parkview

Mrs. Cleo Leonard, church reporter, writes, "How we praise the Lord for His blessings to us. Twelve of our young people attended youth camp and their lives were blessed as a result of it. Six of them followed the Lord in the ordinance of water baptism, along with a young lady from Sunset Beach. We also had one baby dedicated in a recent service. Pray for us that our church will continue to be a light in our community for the Lord."

The Giuntas Celebrate Their Silver Wedding Anniversary

The congregation of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, held open house in honor of the 25th Wedding Anniversary of their pastor and wife, Reverend and Mrs. Frank Giunta. They were married in Sardis, Mississippi, on August 23, 1954. They have two children, Karen and Steve, both of Cape Girardeau.

A cake baked and decorated in a silver anniversary decor by members of the Woman's Auxiliary accented the serving table. The honorees were presented with a silver tea service by the congregation.

Out of town guests who attended the event included the couple's mothers, Mrs. Ruth Swan of Pocahontas, Arkansas, and Mrs. Josephine Giunta of St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Giunta, Mrs. Frank Negro, Mrs. Patsy Heflin, and Sharon Ford.

Editor's note: Happy Anniversary to a fine couple.



Aulsbury Chapel Starts Children's Church

On January 28, 1979, the Aulsbury Chapel Church began a new ministry: a Children's Church. The first Sunday there was an attendance of eleven, with an average of twenty-seven at the present time. The ages range from 3 to 11.

Brother Dave Pinkston is the director of the ministry with Lee Ann Ames and Marilyn Pinkston serving as pianist and song leader. Each one works with the teaching of the children.

Once a month the children provide special music for the congregation in the main sanctuary. The church has been greatly blessed by the children's willingness and eagerness to serve the Lord.

The fruit of this labor has already been seen in several of the children making professions of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and following Him in water baptism.

The church reporter writes, "We praise the Lord for the children and the workers who are giving their time and talent to the Lord to reach these for Christ."

Reverend Earl Ames is pastor of the church.

The Lord Blesses at Twin Oaks

Mrs. Madeline McFarland, church reporter, writes, "We are continuing to enjoy the blessings of the Lord at the Twin Oaks Church. We are seeing people saved at the regular services and one of our young Sunday school teachers has answered his call to the ministry. This young man, Brother Steve Tinsley, delivered a message on Sunday evening, using as his Scripture Hebrews 11. The message was blessed of God.

"The attendance has dropped a little, but it is because our church is involved in helping other churches. Brother and Sister Raymond Michael are serving as pastor of the Union Light Church; Brother and Sister Bob Thebeau are serving as pastor of the Oak Hill Church; Bob and Marie Kemp and Ed and Gracie Michael and sons are helping with the new church at Ironton, Missouri; our own Don and Carolyn Rouse and children are helping with the church at Viburnum.

"Our church has a prayer chain which has already brought results. We know when God's people pray and humble themselves, the Lord will bless and many things can be accomplished for the Lord."

Successful Pastor and Layman Retreat

The Pastor-Layman Retreat, sponsored by the Christian Board of Education and held at the Youth Camp, was a very successful endeavor. It was a time of self-examination, spiritual enrichment, and Christian growth.

The Christian Board of Education is to be commended for bringing Dr. John Broger to serve as the leader and speaker. He is articulate, knowledgeable, and understanding. As someone mentioned following the seminar, "My life will not be the same as a result of this study. I never realized the Scriptures were so practical in enabling one to understand oneself and one's relation to others."

The enrollment was noticeably larger for this retreat than the previous one with Dr. Broger; which would indicate he was appreciated and this type of ministry is wanted by ministers and laymen.

Ground Breaking Ceremonies at Cuba

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Cuba, Missouri, held Ground Breaking Ceremonies July 9, 1979. A fellowship dinner was enjoyed following the service.

The congregation is planning to build a new church auditorium with a seating capacity of 300. The 40 by 80 foot structure will include a full basement and include office and classroom space. The ones involved in the ground breaking were Pastor Dale Pitts, James Vance, Morris Tucker, Paul Dictens, and Bob Luke.



Master's Men Campout at O'Fallon

The Master's Men of the O'Fallon Free Will Baptist Church held a campout service on Cuivre River at Troy, Missouri, on September 7 and 8. The Friday evening devotional message was delivered by Gary Sutton and the Saturday morning devotional message was delivered by Dale Buie. Mrs. Pattie Sutton prepared the food. (It was good!) Loyd Olsan, National Director of the Master's Men, was a special guest.

Gary Sutton states, "Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and was encouraged by the event. We hope to make it an annual event and plans are being made for a Spring Campout/Retreat."

Organizational Service in Des Moines

Reverend and Mrs Bill Adkisson write, "Our work in Des Moines, Iowa, has been completed. The organizational service for the church was held on August 15, 1979. Reverend John Cunningham was called to serve as pastor. We appreciate so much the faithful support of the people in Missouri during our labor in Iowa. Pray for us in our ministry in West Virginia.

Promoted to Glory

Reverend Finis David Johnson was born December 25, 1905, and departed to be with the Lord August 4, 1979. Brother Johnson was saved at the age of 20. He united with the Cave Springs Free Will Baptist Church and served as a layman for 8 years, as an ordained deacon for 11 years, and as an ordained minister for 34 years. He pastored 18 churches in Oklahoma and Missouri. His final witness was "I'm going home."

Memorial services were held at Thayer, Missouri, with Reverends Harry Beatty and E. E. Simpson officiating.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Tula Johnson, two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Hollis and Mrs. Zona Brawley, and several nieces and nephews, other relatives, and friends.



Dear GEM family,

We are returning to Ivory Coast! During our missions retreat (August 6-10), we received our new assignment. We will be going to Doropo, our bush medical station as a maintenance missionary. There has been a long standing need for someone to repair and build—someone to free the trained missionaries from these endless tasks so they can keep on with evangelizing and language study. Howard has always enjoyed this type of work and has had plenty of experience from our rural Missouri background. Praise the Lord for this new assignment.

We are counting on our Missouri friends to rally to our support as the needs are urgent on the field. We will go just as soon as we have funds. \$12,000 cash is needed along with \$1,200 in monthly pledges. We will be available for services throughout the state. You can call us at home (405-794-5653) here in Moore, Oklahoma, or contact Henry Van Kluyve at the Foreign Missions office in Nashville (615-361-1010).

Because of Dale's educational needs, we will not return to the boarding school at Bouake where we served 4 years as dorm parents. His counselor felt I could teach him at home for the next two years, so a new experience awaits us both.

We'll keep you posted on current events. Pray with us for needed support!

For Christ in Ivory Coast, Howard & Joan Filkins

P.S. Target date for leaving is November 1.



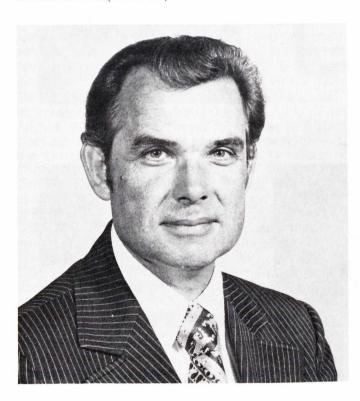
GEORGIA PASTOR NAMED FREE WILL BAPTIST EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Melvin Worthington, 42-year-old pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia, won the denomination's top administrative post at their July 15-19 convention. Approximately 4,500 delegates and visitors caucused in Charlotte, North Carolina's Civic Center to witness the closely contested appointment during the National Association of Free Will Baptists' 43rd annual session. Worthington edged flamboyant challenger Newport News, Virginia, Pastor Don Pegram by 21 votes.

Dr. Worthington—Bible expositor, writer and conference speaker—moves to Nashville, October 1, where he succeeds former Executive Secretary Rufus Coffey who resigned after 12 years and returned to the pastorate.

The newly elected official told delegates and reporters during a brief post-convention interview, "I see the executive secretary's primary task as being a pastor to the pastors."

Rev. Worthington was assistant moderator of the quarter-million member denomination two years. The Ayden, North Carolina, native moderated Georgia's 12,000-member State Association four years and in 1978 was named Georgia Bible Institute's first president. He chaired both the Graduate Study Committee (1976-77) and the national Sunday School Board (1975-77).



HILLSDALE HIGHLIGHTS

School is now in progress with a total enrollment of 152. Out of this number, 62 are freshmen, and 115 are on campus students. This number is less than last year, however, we must look to the future with greater efforts in enrollment. You, as pastors and parents, are needed to help in this important matter of recruitment. Somehow we must convince ourselves that Christian leadership and service, in addition to a good academic base, will produce those desired results needed to reach the world for Jesus Christ.

ATTENTION PASTORS

A call-a-thon has been planned this year in order to set the quota in giving for each church. Several board members have volunteered to come to Hillsdale on October 8th to participate in the call-a-thon. A goal has been set by the promotional department at \$310,000.00. In light of that figure, every church will need to increase its giving. Please pray about what your church can do each month.

The schedule for the singing groups, New Life Singers, Harvesters Quartet, and Concert Choir, has been completed for the fall semester. It is hoped that these groups will be a blessing to your church. A college day in your church will bring added incentive to help your fund raising and student recruitment. Dale and Kathy Norrid will be traveling with the New Life Singers, and Terry and Paula Rowland will be traveling with the Harvesters Quartet.

NEWS RELEASE—AUGUST 1, 1979

National Home Missions churches are experiencing God's blessings this summer! *Harley Bennett*, Pocatello, Idaho, has had 18 people saved through door-to-door visitation!

Jesse Dunn, Salem, Oregon, had 5 adults saved in a Sunday morning service. All of them were above 50 years of age.

Bob Thomas, Greeley, Colorado, had a big day July 29th with 156 in attendance.

Jerry McClary, Omaha, Nebraska, has concluded his itinerate and is getting ready for his first service.

Thirty-seven National Home Missionary couples were introduced at the National Association in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Wednesday night missions offering was the largest ever given— \$11,661.49!

Trading stamps are coming in for the National Home Missions station wagon for John Gibbs, new Director of Development, to use in traveling. Send your stamps to Bill Campbell, c/o First Free Will Baptist Church, 835 North Utica, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74110.

Respectfully submitted, Roy Thomas General Director



O. C. A. Staff



O. C. A. Board



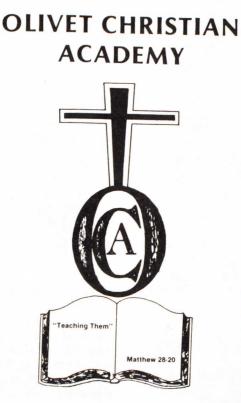
O. C. A. Rev. & Mrs. Cliff Bowman and Mrs. Allen



O. C. A. First Day in Learning Center



O. C. A. Kiddy Care Sleeping Room





O. C. A. Students at office space in Learning Center



O.C.A. students in learning center



O. C. A. Outside Activities



Mo Bowman and "Children"



O. C. A. Kiddy Care Group

Olivet Christian Academy



Editor's note: It was my privilege to preach the Dedicatory Message for the dedication service of the Olivet Christian Academy in Marshall, Missouri. It was an exciting and wonderful day. It was evident the Lord had led and was leading in this endeavor. I believe the School and the church will continue to grow under the capable leadership of the pastor, Reverend Cliff Bowman, his wife Frances, and the fine staff working with him. The following article expresses the inception, the planning, and the beginning of the Olivet Christian Academy.

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning"

A seed for an institution of Christian education was sown in the hearts of several Free Will Baptist preachers during the Missouri State Association when it convened at Farmington Free Will Baptist Church in the year 1960. Much thought, study, and prayer followed. For several years Bro. Bowman served with some of these men on committees searching out the feasibility for a Bible College in the state of Missouri. During this study of the need for an institution for Christian education, Bro. Bowman saw a need for a Christian school to prepare young people for an institution of higher learning. Motivated by this burden, he began to sow the thought and plan the work of beginning a Christian school at the Olivet Free Will Baptist Church in Marshall. The congregation shared this burden and began praying, working, and giving toward this work.

The first plan was to begin a preschool, then, one year later, open a school for kindergarten through 8th grade using the present facility. In August, 1978, a preschool was opened with 4 students. As the months followed, the enrollment increased to 43 with an average of 30 students daily by the end of the school year in May. By that time, the vision had enlarged and plans changed to include the construction of a three-story educational building and include grades 9 through 12. Construction of the new building began in May with completion date scheduled for August 25, dedication the 26th, and opening of Olivet Christian Academy August 27. Rev. Steven Hale was hired in March to teach in preschool during the summer months and to assist in the planning and preparing for opening day. Rev. Keith Tallent was hired and began work in June.

At times it seemed the church had bitten off more than they could chew. But, they were determined to chew it, and chew it they did. The inside of the building was completed and ready to occupy at 10 minutes after 5:00 p.m., on August 25. August 26 was a great day when the facilities, as well as the people, were dedicated. The diagnostic tests had been given, the curriculum prescribed, and students were over-anxious for 8:30 a.m., August 27-opening day for O. C. A. Enrollment, kindergarten through 12th grade, was 28. The number in preschool was 16. Neither number was as large as had been hoped for—but what a day! The dream became a reality! Praise God. By the end of the second week, the number enrolled had increased to 34 in kindergarten through 12th grade, and 28 plus in preschool. More inquiries are being received each day.

The church is proud of the staff and give them their full support. Rev. Cliff Bowman, pastor of the church, serves as Principal of the school. Rev. Steven Hale is Superintendent and Learning Center Supervisor. Rev. Keith Tallent serves as Learning Center Supervisor and P.E. Instructor. Sister Alice Tallent is the Kindergarten-First Grade Supervisor. Rev. Hale's wife, Joyce, is a stand-by to fill in when needed. Preschool Staff consists of Sister Francis Bowman as director, Sister Kathy Bowman as attendant, and Sister Viola Hays as teacher. Rev. Bowman also teaches in the Preschool. The School Board for Olivet Christian Academy consists of Bro. Bill Swanigan (Chairman of Trustee Board), Bro. Harry Lee Diebel (Chairman Trustee Advisory Committee), Rev. Keith Tallent, Rev. Steven Hale, and Rev. Cliff Bowman.

The dedication required to build the school is still there, the determination is still there, and Olivet Christian Academy is there.

MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING August 1979 FOREIGN MISSIONS

FOREIGN MISSIONS	*100 co
Beacon	\$166.90
Lynn Miley	
Jerry Pinkerton	
Bill Fulcher	
Mtn. Grove, First	
General Fund	
Mike Cousineau	
Lynn Miley	\$22.14
Jim McLain	
Fourth	
Steve Lytle	
Charolette Tallent	
Jerry Pinkerton	
Bill Fulcher	
Carlisle Hanna	
Steve Lytle	50.00
Jerry Pinkerton	
Charolette Tallent	
Jim McLain	
Bobby Poole	
Jim McLain	
Lonnie Sparks	20.00
Pleasant Ridge	
General Fund	
Jim McLain	
General Fund	
Jerry Banks	
Mike Cousineau	
Merl's Chapel	
Lonnie Sparks	
Kirksville, First	
Jim McLain	
West Plains, First	
General Fund	
Buffalo	
Jerry Banks	
Jim McLain	
Clint Morgan	
Lebanon, First	\$347.00
Charolette Tallent	
Jerry Pinkerton	
General Fund	
Howard Filkins	
Lynn Miley	
Jim McLain	
Steve Lytle	
Columbia	\$5.00
Thayer	00.c¢
Jerry Pinkerton	\$6.00
Jones Chapel	
Mike Cousineau	. \$20.00
Jones Chapel Young People's SS Class	
Mike Cousineau	
Grant Avenue	
Fred Hersey	
Don Sexton	
Archie Mayhew	
General Fund	25.00
Black Oak	
Lonnie Sparks	. \$44.25
South Side	
Bill Fulcher	
Joplin, First	
Bill Fulcher	\$5.00
Jim McLain	
Dock Caton	7.00

Jerry Banks	3.00
Lonnie Sparks	2.00
Total	\$2,330.43

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Flat River, First \$	5.00
Lebanon, First \$7	5.00
Columbia	5.00
Grant Avenue\$8	0.00
Joplin, First	2.00
Total\$16	7.00

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Mtn. Grove, First
(\$50.00 is for Michael Walker Account)
Monett, First\$14.12
Lebanon, First \$75.00
Grant Avenue
Willow Springs \$10.00
Joplin\$5.00
Total\$479.12

RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

Grant Avenue Church .		. \$1.00
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BOB CARR ACCOUNT

Grant Avenue								 										. 4	\$15.00	
Merl's Chapel .	•																	. 4	\$36.00	
Total								 	 										\$51.00	

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STATE HOME MISSIONS

New Harmony\$22.14
Moberly \$22.14
Pleasant Ridge\$10.00
General Fund
Liberty \$200.00
Branson
Flat River, First \$100.00
General Fund
Terrill Road\$3.00
General Fund
Waynesville\$59.80
Branson
Mt. Vernon\$10.00
Rolla\$10.00
Lebanon, First \$89.00
General Fund
Columbia
General Fund
Beacon
Moberly\$10.00
Grant Avenue\$103.33
Branson\$103.33
Fourth
General Fund
Joplin\$12.00
General Fund
Hannon\$180.00
Stockton Mission \$180.00
Total
NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Mtn. Grove, First	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	. \$775.00
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Howard Bowers
Mark Vandivort
Fourth
Olivet
Vergel Maness
Monett, First
General Fund
Bob Thomas
Flat River, First
Howard Bowers
Bill Adkisson
General Fund
Fordland\$36.22
Howard Bowers
Daniel Vandivort\$50.00
Mark Vandivort
Rock Chapel
Howard Bowers
Leadington\$57.50
Howard Bowers
Wolf Creek \$20.00
Mark Vandivort \$15.00
Howard Bowers 5.00
Lebanon, First \$160.00
General Fund
Vergel Maness 25.00
Bill Adkisson
Mark Vandivort
Thayer
Howard Bowers
Mark Vandivort 2.00
Pleasant Hill\$16.00
Mark Vandivort
Grant Avenue
Mark Vandivort
Cochrane
General Fund 1.00
Total\$1,850.92

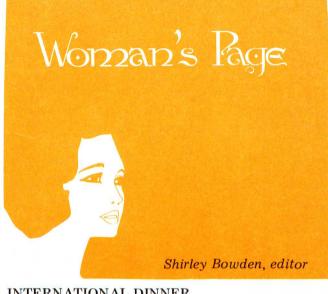
COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS August, 1979

Number One
Sedalia
Sikeston
Grace
Fredericktown, First
Neosho
Hurryville
Mtn. Valley
New Harmony
Blue Springs Mission 14.58
Granby
Buffalo
Macedonia
Mtn. Grove, First
Faith, Lemay
Parkview
Fellowship 60.00
Beacon
Hannon
Olivet
Pleasant Ridge 55.00
Hartville
Rolla
Purdy
Monett, First
Liberty
Joplin
Mt. Vernon
Merl's Chapel
Bethel
Byrd
Mill Creek Sunday school
Mill Creek Church
Kirksville
The Jones Family Evangelistic Team 235.32
Faith, Fair Grove
Flat River, First
Calvary, Conway
Royal Oak
West Plains, First 222.50
Victory, Alton

Terrill Road	
Waynesville	
Rock Chapel	
Mine La Motte	
Cape Girardeau	
Verdella	
Hopewell	
DeSoto	
Cedar Ridge	
Wolf Creek	
Lebanon, First	
Union Grove	
Malden	
Cuba	
Columbia	
Thayer	
Jones Chapel	
Happy Home	
Pleasant Hill	
Leadington	
South Fremont	
O'Fallon	
Grant Avenue	
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Buffalo	
New Rock Springs	
Black Oak	
Viburnum	
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Harmony	
Belton	
Fellowship	
Cabool	
Mt. Zion, Thaver	
Trinity	
Cuba	
Faith, Fair Grove	
Eastern Gate	
South Side	
Houston	
Blue Springs Mission	
Farmington	
Olivet	
Hannon	
Berkeley	
Mtn. Grove, First	17
Monett	$\frac{1}{20}$
Total Cooperative Receipts	14
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COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS	
July 1979	
18.50% Missouri State Home Missions\$3,351.23	
16.00% Promotional Department	

16.00% Promotional Department
5.50% Youth Camp 996.32
2.00% Christian Board of Education
2.00% Sunday School & CTS
5.00% Retirement Program
5.00% Retirement Center
2.00% Possible Purchase of Retirement Unit 362.29
60.50%
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College\$1,086.88
11.00% Foreign Missions
8.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College1,449.18
6.00% Executive Department1,086.88
6.00% National Home Missions
2.00% Board of Retirement and Insurance 362.29
.25% Layman's Board
.25% Theological Commission
33.50%
Total Disbursements\$18,114.74

The Lord blessed in a special way in the month of August. There were a few double checks which may be reflected in the next month, but it was an exceptionally fine month. The Lord has blessed through pastors and churches that are supporting this fair and equitable plan of support. May the Lord bless each pastor, layman, and church for this faithful and consistent reflection of Christian love that shows concern and compassion.



INTERNATIONAL DINNER

The Mountain Grove Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary hosted a very successful International Dinner, September 4, 1979. This was one of our enlistment efforts for the year. The dinner followed the annual emphasis program, "Growing Up For God," held on the last Wednesday evening of August. Over fifty ladies enjoyed food from Mexico, France, Israel, and Japan. To celebrate two of our ladies birthdays, an American birthday cake was served.

An informative program was presented by four of our ladies explaining some of the customs and history of the country they represented. We were reminded of the missionaries that represent Free Will Baptists in each country, and some of their needs were also brought to our attention.

We feel very confident that we will have several new Auxiliary members as a result of this effort. (Submitted by Jo Hurtt)

REFLECTIONS OF RETREAT

September 6 and 7, 1979, seventy-eight women from across Missouri met at the Youth Camp near Niangua, Missouri, for the 1979 retreat. This year was the first time for the retreat to be held on a Friday and Saturday. June Critcher, from Nashville, Tennessee, spoke to the ladies using the theme "God's Wonderful Word in a Woman's World." Mrs. Critcher shared with the women how to apply God's Word in their lives, how to personalize the Scriptures, and recommended many good Bible study books. Jo Ann Wood, Elaine Skiles, Mrs. Denton, and Sandy Smith, shared in the afternoon session how God's Word had helped them in some very difficult situations. The evening service began with singing of choruses and then Mrs. Critcher presented the third portion of the retreat by speaking on "My Attitude Toward God's Word." A fashion show of the latest styles was presented. (For more information on the fashion show, contact Helen McAllister. I had to promise I would not show the pictures in the Gem.)

Saturday morning, after a good night of rest (?),

Kay Tallent gave the morning devotion, after which Mrs. Critcher presented the last portion of the session, "Translating God's Word Into Daily Living."

Books recommended at retreat are as follows: Be Mature, Be Rich, Be Joyful, Be Right, Be Ready. These are all written by Warren Wiersbe and can be purchased at the Lebanon Bible and Book Store. Other books that were recommended at the retreat were How To Study the Bible, Disciplines of a Beautiful Woman, The Godly Woman. These, too, may be ordered from the bookstore.

REMEMBER OUR STATE PROJECTS. SEND ALL MONIES TO BLANCHE WISEHART.

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION GIVING **AUGUST 1979**

Olivet\$ 100.00
Hannon
Houston
Victory
Fellowship
Fourth
Terrill Road
Columbia
Pleasant Ridge
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Thayer
Cooperative Receipts
Dexter Mission
West Plains
Grace
25.00
Sedalia
Total\$4,652.67

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