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# SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1978-79

CHURCH	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JUL.	AUG.	SEPT.
Aulsbury Chapel	97	86	84	77										
Beacon						71	90	105	113	97	89			
Bethel, Festus	93	109	109	112										
Black Oak	29	36	31											
Buffalo	62	70	71	74	66	47	56	76	76	72	68			
Calvary, Conway	131	134	118	99	75	53	67	104	106					
Calvary Fellowship	72	72	109	93	85	87	110	150	117	105	109	106		
Cape Girardeau	87	93	106	109	105	77	108	95						
Carterville	26	24	22	28										
Cedar Ridge	36	38	44	44										
Columbia	49	54	44	47	44									
Copper Mines	89	85	77	82	79	48	86	82	85	74	80	71	73	73
Cuba		58	57	64										
DeSoto	147	153	155	147	151	153	169							
Faith Chapel	32	37	35	39										
Farmington	438	438	474	434	428	404	420	475	494	444	446	454	455	
Flat River, First	225	233	248	202	188	150	210	214	228	209	188	192	196	202
Fourth	177	175	165	193	179	142	194	231	187	155	146	157	138	133
Fredericktown, First									104	109	98	101	98	133
Grace	170	203	216											
Grant Avenue	124	127	125	128	106	94								
Gray Summit											14	19		
Happy Home	25	25	30		25	25								
Hannon	75	75	72	79	75	60								
Hartville		85	79	77	81	53								
Hazel Creek		58	59	61	48	42	43							
Houston								73	75	68	65	67	85	
Hurryville	59	70												
Jones Chapel	116	118	106	110	104		101							
Joplin	96	96	105	91	92	75								
Kirksville	82	93	114	135	100	123	119	126	122	144		108	117	127
Lebanon, First	107	112	118	126	110	98	116	120	125	120	128	101	111	
Macedonia, Ind.	63	67	65											
Marshfield	54	55	57	54	54	51								
Mtn. Grove, First	242	241	239	248	228	161	221	316	266					
Mt. Zion-Cuba	54	55	51	54	50	38	48							
Myrtle	51													
New Harmony	29	34	34	28										
O'Fallon	88	99	101	89	84									
Parkview									58					
P. G. Anderson	57	30	33	31										52
Pleasant Home	66	66	72	65										
Pleasant Ridge, Alton		45	45	46	37	26								
Richwoods	30	33	41	31	32	23	23	30	23	35	36	27	35	42
Rock Chapel	98	103	99	105										
Second, Seymour	50	63	63	53	45									
Sedalia	14	13	14	14										
South Fremont	47	68	62	73										
South Side	110	97	101	98	97	64		131	107	95	91	90	82	83
Terrill Rd.	32	40	43	38	39	31	26	29	23	15	16	17	18	20
Trinity		140	170	172	164	158	136	151	170	169	158	136		
Thayer	125	152	144	130	122	83								
Twin Oak	95	90	91	105	84	74	93	80	87	83	82	78	68	
Viburnum	41	35	41	44	49	42	38							
Victory, K. C.	78	67	65	78	63	50	70	94	70	68	75	62	67	60
Willow Springs	107	109	119	104	87	65		105	98	100	100	100	98	

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# Christ Preeminent In Our Look

Text: Titus 2:13

by Rev. Glen Rehkop

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In this chapter of Titus, the great Apostle Paul teaches how a true minister of Christ should work in his pastoral duties. He advises to speak "sound doctrine." He challenges young and old, men and women, how to live in this present world. He teaches us to "adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things."

The message of great hope is given. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world"; and in the next breath Paul speaks to our very soul: "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

The Church is to "look" and "expect" the coming again of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The anointed writer declares it to be a "happy hope." Of His coming again, he says that it's going to be glorious.

In the early 1940's, President F. D. Roosevelt ordered General Douglas MacArthur to leave the Philippine Islands. MacArthur obeyed the order reluctantly. As he left he told the Filipinos: "I Shall Return." They looked forward to this promise with eager anticipation and expectation. In 1945 MacArthur waded ashore with these words: "I Have Returned."

These words sounded out the message that they had been freed from bondage, misery, heartache, and heartbreak that the enemy had inflicted upon them. The battle had been won. Victory was theirs. To say the least, it was a blessed, happy situation.

Jesus was speaking in the Passover chamber on one occasion, and He told His associates that one day He was going to come back for His own. This is what He has to say: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Hear what He is saying. "I'm going away, however, I will come again!"

In Acts 1:10, 11, just a little later, we see something amazing taking place. Jesus walked and communed with those who were near and dear to Him. He was giving them the message on the "Great Commission" in verse 8. In verse 9 Jesus begins to soar out into the air and the clouds hide Him from their view as He returns back to Heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. As they looked long and strenuously into the heavens the angelic beings came and spoke to them saying: "... Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same

Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Jesus is coming again!

There are some things about the last days that we may not all be agreed upon. However, there is one thing that we are all agreed upon and are in harmony with—that is, the coming again of Jesus Christ our Lord to receive His children to Himself. As the text verse declares: "The glorious appearing or visible coming again of Christ in glory." This is one of the cardinal truths of the Scriptures. So very much is hinged upon this truth.

Deliverance from this old sinful world with all its miseries and testings. Deliverance from pain, sufferings, tears, sorrow, and man's enemy, death. To inhabit an eternal home not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Hear how Paul emphasizes the truth in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

The Lord Jesus is coming again! Those who died in Christ, He is going to bring forth from the grave. We that are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. So shall we *ever* be with the Lord. Comfort one another with the message.

Scofield says: "To the Church the descent of the Lord in the air to raise the sleeping Saints and change the living Saints is set as a constant expectation and hope."

Christ's coming again is certain. There is genuine Scriptural basis for us to build our hopes upon. This is not just an afterthought of someone. The greatest attested fact of all the Scripture is the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. It has been declared by the Patriarchs, the Prophets, and Preachers from the Old Testament through the New Testament. The Gospels are diamond-studded with references to His coming again.

Jesus taught us about His coming. "If I go away I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also." Jesus cannot lie. We can depend upon His promise. Before He went away He promised that He would not leave us

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comfortless. He promised His Holy Spirit. True to His promise, we have the Spirit's Divine presence to guide, instruct, reprove, and direct our paths.

The angels said He would return in Acts 1:10, 11. The Apostle Paul paints the picture so beautifully and explicitly that one's spirit is almost captured by it all. Paul says: "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God." The second coming of Jesus Christ is not a question among saved people. We believe it. We believe that His coming is imminent. Philippians 4:5 states: "Let your moderation [gentle, forbearing spirit] be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand." James 5:8 declares: "Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

There are definite signs given in Scripture that point to His coming. One is the parable of the fig tree in Matthew 24:32. If this is the rebuilding of the Jewish nation, then it is a definite sign that Jesus' coming is at hand. The attitudes that 2 Timothy 3:1-7 describes will prevail preceding His coming are undoubtedly with us now.

The text speaks of looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus taught us to watch and pray. The looking, watching, waiting, praying that is connected with His return involves more than just a staring off into space or loafing around waiting for an event. It implies:

*Preparedness.* When the Lord returns He will come for a prepared people. "Be ye also ready for in such an hour you think not the Son of Man cometh." Preparedness involves *praying*. "Watch and Pray." Never was there a need for seeking the face of our Lord in earnest praying as it is right now. "If My people which are called by My name will humble themselves and pray." Being prepared involves *separation*. Remember 2 Timothy 3 says that in the last days men would be "lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." Instead of praying "even so come Lord Jesus" the prayer might well be, "wait a little longer please Jesus." I've got another camping trip to go to this weekend. I've got to enjoy my land or possessions. I have to see about the oxen. My wife has other plans for me. Second Chronicles 7:14 speaks to us saying, "turn from your wicked ways." Again, the Bible says: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." God's people must be separated from the filth, vice, and un-Christlike attitudes in the world.

Paul writes in Colossians 3:2-4. "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." Looking for Christ calls for *obedience*. First Timothy 6:14, "That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ." Note God's command. "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, where unto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."

We look for Christ's return by carrying out the

Great Commission. Acts 1:8. Evangelizing. Soul winning. Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 2:19, 20, "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For ye are our glory and joy." Could David be looking this far when he wrote: "He that goeth forth with weeping bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him"?

In looking for Jesus' coming again we must be about the Father's business of winning souls. Looking for Jesus' coming involves *worship* and *church attendance*. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching." He who looks for Jesus' coming again will be a faithful Christian in service, tithing, and soul winning.

The writer of Hebrews looked for His appearing (Hebrews 9:28). Peter looked for His appearing (1 Peter 5:4; 2 Peter 3:10). John looked for His appearing (1 John 2:28). Paul looked with great expectation (2 Timothy 4:7, 8). I read a story of a man who was to be executed for his testimony for Christ. As the executioner raised the ax to behead him, the Christian began to quote: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me on that day: . . ." The executioner interrupted. "That does not mean you, sir! That was for the Apostle Paul." The Christian immediately replied: "You forgot what the rest of the verse said, sir. It says, 'Not to me only but to all them that love his appearing.' " May our prayer be: "Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus."

Did you ever notice the words to the beautiful, old hymn of the church "Sweet Hour of Prayer"?

Sweet hour of prayer, Sweet hour of prayer  
The joys I feel the bliss I share  
Of those whose anxious spirits burn  
With strong desires of Thy return.

Looking for that blessed (happy) hope, that glorious appearing . . .

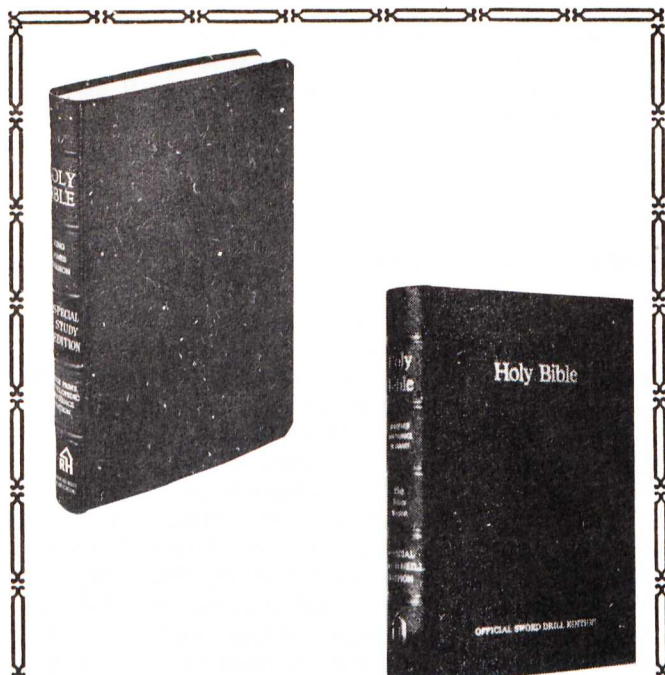
One day the skies will illuminate with flaming glory and Jesus will come for His own. He will set us free from pain, sorrow, worry, misery, frustration, heartache, heartcry, and death.

Rev. Ben Scott wrote in his church's newsletter some time back. "This is a sad day in which we're living. Inflation, crime, violence, lawlessness. Scriptural predictions are being fulfilled right before our eyes. Our only hope is the 'blessed hope' of Christ's second coming."

Look up, Christian. God has promised a better day.

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### RANDALL HOUSE TO PUBLISH TWO SPECIAL BIBLES

Randall House Publications, the publishing trade name of the Sunday School and Church Training Department, announces the release of two new Bibles.

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## Points for Pastors

by Jim McAllister



This month we will continue discussing our subject of pastoral and church organization. We have already considered the choir music program, the Sunday school, and the staff in earlier months. Last month we discussed: 1. the Pastor's time; 2. the order of service; 3. the organization of visitation. The pastor needs to organize his own visitation schedule. If he studies in the morning, then he will need to visit in the afternoons. Since hospitals usually have regular, enforced visiting hours, he will need to plan his visiting around his hospital calls. He should also plan to visit when he can take a layman with him. I usually go visiting two nights per week when I can take different laymen with me. This allows me to not only make the necessary visits, but to train my laymen also; 4. the organization of records: An organized system for filing your sermon outlines in such a way that you can locate a needed sermon subject (never throw outlines away). You should keep all your church bulletins. I keep them in notebooks in yearly groups. You should keep all financial records, Sunday school records, and all membership and baptismal records.

We could go on and on but I think you can see that organization is important to the busy and successful pastor. A pastor should never have to write or prepare anything twice. He won't if he organizes his records and his program.

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## CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS

### Church Presents New Car to Pastor

Church reporter, Alpha Hicks, writes, "The DeSoto Church voted to purchase a new Ford LTD for the pastor, Reverend Charley Miller. The people felt that he had done so much for them that they wanted to show their love for him. The Lord blessed with a wonderful month in August. There were several professions of faith and eight people united with the church. The Vacation Bible School was wonderful. The offering was used this year to purchase a gift for a young man that had a serious spinal operation. The offering received was exactly the amount needed to purchase the gift."



## Wonderful Revival at Cuba

A report comes from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Cuba, Missouri, that the church experienced a great revival. There was a total of 22 first time decisions and 23 rededications. On August 12, 1979, the pastor, Reverend Dale Pitts, baptized eleven and on September 16, 1979 he baptized sixteen. The church requests prayer that the spirit of revival will continue. Reverend Lawrence Thompson was the evangelist.



*Rev. Dale Pitts Baptizing*

## Homecoming at Richwoods

The First Free Will Baptist Church at Richwoods, Missouri, observed Homecoming Day on September 2, 1979. Reverend Dale Skiles, a former pastor, delivered the morning message. Another former pastor, Reverend Wayne Adrian, was at the church for the special services. Mrs. Junior Lewis is the church reporter and Reverend Elvis Reed is the pastor.

## Good Report From Fredericktown

A report comes from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Fredericktown stating that the church has been enjoying a spirit of revival this fall. The attendance has been up 27 percent during the Enlargement Campaign with a high attendance of 183 the first Sunday in October. Dr. James Davis was the evangelist for a week of revival services the first week in October. There were ten people that made first time decisions and four others that made rededications. The pastor, Reverend John Turner, had the opportunity of leading a man 99 years old to the Lord. The saved man made this statement, "I've read the Bible all my life, but did not know how to be saved."

During the past six weeks the Lord has blessed the church with 12 new converts and 7 rededications. A total of 15 have united with the church.

The people of the church are rejoicing in the blessings of the Lord, knowing that if God's people want revival and get themselves humbled before God, the Lord will send revival.

## Moving Forward at Salem

Church reporter, Jean Jadwin, writes, "The Salem Free Will Baptist Church, under the leadership of Reverend Gary Hutsell, is moving forward for the Lord. The regular attendance is increasing and two people united with the church in September. Several things are noteworthy: a building fund has been started, repair work in the basement, including work on bathrooms, classrooms, etc. Also, plans are underway for a bus ministry. The Youth Leaders, Jerry and Linda Gibbs and Debbie Sapaugh, are doing a commendable job and making plans for the coming year. Several women of the church are now meeting the first and third Thursday mornings for prayer, Bible study, and visitation. The Lord is blessing this." Mrs. Jadwin states further, "I would like to leave a thought with you. A Christian teacher in the Salem School sent out a questionnaire to some of the parents with this question: Would you rather your child cheated on his or her schoolwork and made an A or not cheat and make an F? The answer the teacher received was that most parents wanted their child to make an A even if it involved cheating."

## New Pastor at Fourth

Leman Killian, church reporter, writes, "Greetings to all our *Gem* readers from the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church. I was elected reporter for the coming year and I hope to have something about our activities in the *Gem* regularly. Reverend Ken Dodson resigned as pastor in August. In looking back on the past two years of his work as pastor, I can remember mostly the Spring Sunday School Campaign of 1979. We averaged 231 for the month with a high of 271 for one Sunday. This won the Sunday school second place in its division of the national campaign. Following Brother Dodson's resignation, the church spent much time in prayer seeking the Lord's leadership for another pastor. During this period our offerings and attendance were affected, but we continued to support the cooperative plan and our direct giving for missionaries. As we were praying for a pastor, the Lord directed Brother Leroy Blankenship, a former member of the Fourth Church, to come and preach for us. The church extended to him a call to pastor the church after voting in a business session. He and his fine family accepted the pastorate of the Fourth Church. We are happy to have this good pastor and his wife lead us and work with us as we serve the Lord. At present we are involved in the Fall



Enlargement Campaign and our three buses are bringing the people to the church. Our attendance is climbing through much work and sacrifice. Our offerings are back to normal and we thank the Lord for our people that give as the Lord blesses them.

"The Durbin Family will be with us for a weekend revival the fourth week in October.

"The Fourth Church has meant much to me and my family. We have seen the Lord bless in so many ways. We ask you to remember the Fourth Church as you pray. I feel that the Lord's return is near and we must hold to God's Unchanging Hand. A church that prays together will stay together and grow together."

#### News From Twin Oaks

Church reporter, Madeline McFarland, writes, "We are happy to report to our *Gem* friends that souls are still being saved at the Twin Oaks Church. In a recent service a young father and mother made profession of faith in Christ. Several things have happened at the church. On September 30 we had a dinner in honor of Don and Carolyn Rouse and their family. They are now working with the Viburnum Church. Brother Tom Owens was with us for a morning service on September 30. He preached an inspiring message and the Spirit of God was greatly felt among the people. We have three new babies at the church: the Reese twins, Richard and Robert, and Jimmy Hale. Plans are in progress for Halloween and parts have been given out for the Christmas program. The program will be held on December 15, 1979. A young person was saved the first Sunday in October and on Thursday evening, while on visitation, the pastor and Bobby Hale led Barney to the Lord while visiting with the sick. The fourth night following Brother Barney's conversion he died. He had been ill for a long time. The Lord is so merciful.

"The men of the church have been busy helping those in need. They cut wood for the Phillips family while Brother Phillips was in the hospital. They also used their pickup trucks to move one of the families while Brother Alley was away working as a truck driver. So the Lord provides for the needs of His children. Pray for us at the Twin Oaks Church that we will always do the will of God and serve Him. We will always praise His name."

#### Catching Up With South Side

On June 24, 1979, the children of South Side Church enjoyed a day of fun, fellowship, and learning at Carondelet Park. The event was called a "Bible Fair." There were Bible games, quizzes, displays, and prizes to help acquaint the kids more with the Word of God. The youth of our church helped with the booths under the direction of Fred and Debbie Hargraves. The latter folks as well as the Sunday school and Children's Church workers are to

be commended for all the hard work put into that special day.

As with most churches, we experienced a summer "lull." With State and National meetings, people on vacations, you just can't get people together. At least I thought that until August 20-24 when our church held a Children's Revival. The week was special for both children *and* adults. Reverend Ken Dodson and the puppet team from the Fourth Church presented a fine program of gospel and a puppet show that delighted those attending. Several decisions and rededications were made for God.

Reverend Bill Van Winkle preached his final sermons as pastor of South Side Church on September 30, followed that evening by a time of refreshments and fellowship. The Van Winkle family felt led to return to Murfreesboro, Tennessee, where they had begun a work under the Home Missions Board several years ago. We will miss them greatly.

God quickly answered our prayers for a new pastor. Reverend Jim Mertz will begin his duties as pastor on October 21, 1979. Reverend Mertz and family formerly pastored in Florence, Alabama, Lebanon, Missouri, and Pryor, Oklahoma. Reverend Mertz announced his call to preach while a member of South Side almost thirteen years ago.

Pray much for South Side Church in the months to come that we might work and grow for the glory of God.

*Sue Winchester, Church Reporter*

#### Pastoral Changes:

Leroy Blankenship to Fourth Church, St. Louis  
Tim Eaton to Victory Church, Kansas City

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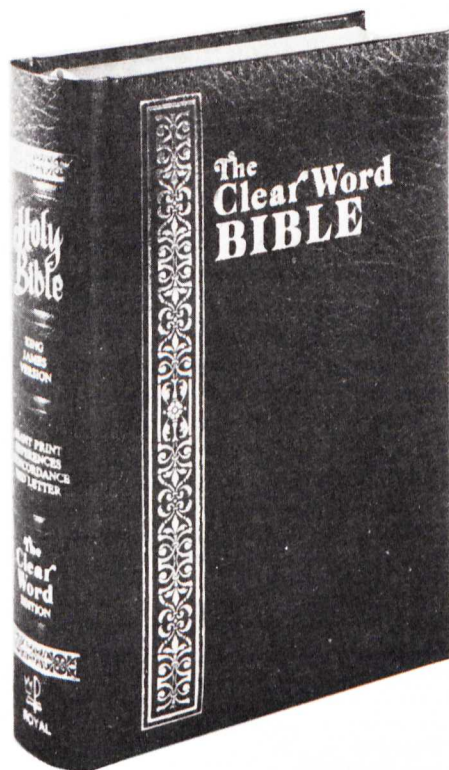
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Exodus 17:12







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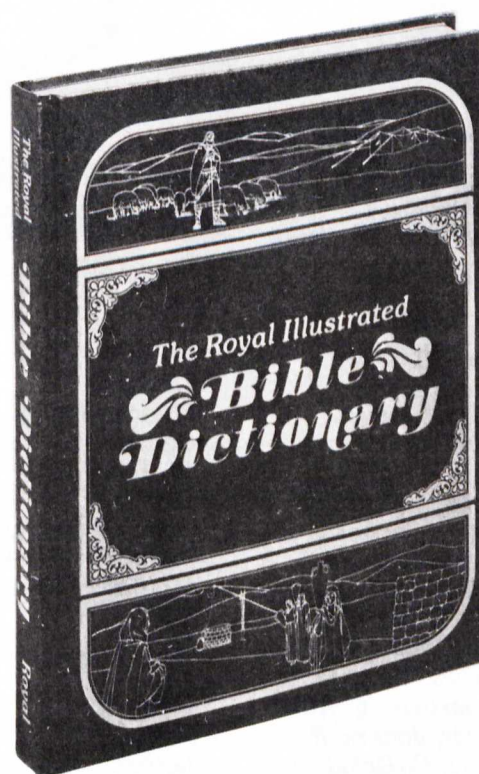
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## BIBLE COLLEGE ENROLLS 528

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Free Will Baptist Bible College reports that 528 students from 29 states and six foreign countries have registered for Fall Semester classes. The 343 returnees were joined by 185 new students who chose the Bible College for their training.

Within the student body, there are 142 ministerial students and 48 who are preparing for missionary service.

By classes, freshmen numbered 131; sophomores, 124; juniors, 131; seniors, 95; and special students, 47. There are 350 who registered as dormitory students and 178 who live off campus.

Concerning this year's enrollment, Dr. Charles Hampton, registrar, observes:

We have a fine student body, and we are off to a good start with a spirit of anticipation. The total enrollment is a slight decrease (3%) from last year's, but there are some strengths about this year's enrollment that I want to share.

We have a good increase in the number of ladies and a slight increase in the number of new students. Another very healthy sign is a marked growth in the number of missionary students. We are also encouraged by the number of students' wives who are taking advantage of night class opportunities this semester.



**FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE  
STUDENTS FROM MISSOURI**

<i>Bebout, B. Ann</i>	<i>Springfield</i>
<i>Berry, R. Jane</i>	<i>DeSoto</i>
<i>Fowlin, Carla J.</i>	<i>Manchester</i>
<i>Felts, Janice E.</i>	<i>Springfield</i>
<i>Hovis, Roger G.</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>
<i>Lundry, Karen J.</i>	<i>Florissant</i>
<i>Matthews, Sheila K.</i>	<i>Cape Girardeau</i>
<i>McGown David L.</i>	<i>Mountain Grove</i>
<i>McGowan, Sandra</i>	<i>Mountain Grove</i>
<i>Moss, Donald L. Jr.</i>	<i>DeSoto</i>
<i>Postlewaite, L. Ruth</i>	<i>Columbia</i>
<i>Reeves, Virginia K.</i>	<i>Flat River</i>
<i>Robertson, Cynthia J.</i>	<i>Doniphan</i>
<i>Sasser, Joanna F.</i>	<i>Springfield</i>
<i>Short, C. David</i>	<i>Belton</i>
<i>Stephens, Ted</i>	<i>Festus</i>
<i>Tallent, Mark S.</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>
<i>Underwood, Gary G.</i>	<i>Williamsville</i>

## MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION GIVING SEPTEMBER 1979

Kingsway .....	\$ 14.65
Black Oak .....	47.15
Marshfield .....	55.00
Cuba .....	38.25
Myrtle .....	38.63
National Home Missions .....	138.43
Olivet .....	100.00
New Harmony .....	22.14
Pleasant Ridge .....	10.00
Liberty .....	200.00
Flat River, First .....	100.00
Terrill Road .....	3.00
Waynesville .....	59.80
Mt. Vernon .....	10.00
Lebanon .....	89.00
Columbia .....	5.00
Beacon .....	10.00
Grant Avenue .....	103.33
Fourth .....	24.91
Joplin .....	12.00
Hannon .....	180.00
Fellowship .....	16.00
Co-op. Receipts .....	3,351.23
West Plains .....	70.00
Grace .....	25.00
Buffalo .....	364.00
South Fremont .....	198.00
Houston .....	39.38
Fordland .....	100.00
Sedalia .....	68.16
Total .....	\$5,493.06
Secretary-Treasurer	
Rev. Lawrence Thompson	
555 Columbia	
St. Clair, Mo. 63077	

## MISSOURI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT APRIL 1, 1979-SEPTEMBER 30, 1979

Balance Brought Forward April 1, 1979 .....\$3,000.70

### Receipts

Missouri Cooperative .....	5,130.07
Woman's Auxiliary .....	186.00

### Associations

Cave Springs .....	\$ 142.07
Central Western .....	248.41
Greater Kansas City .....	145.00
Indian Creek .....	250.00
Liberty .....	60.00
Mission .....	460.00
Northeast .....	80.00
Northwest .....	30.00
St. Francois .....	470.00
St. Louis .....	145.00
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### Camp Operation

Registration .....	13,425.00
Camp Rental .....	2,849.78
Individual Gifts .....	185.00
Concession Sales .....	4,903.58
Refunds .....	255.91
Other Receipts .....	101.00
Total Receipts .....	21,720.27 21,720.27
Total To Account For .....	\$32,067.52

### Disbursements

Concessions .....	\$ 3,040.60
Food & Kitchen Supplies .....	5,712.46
Building & Maintenance .....	5,913.26
Utilities .....	3,695.51
Honorarium & Board Travel .....	1,129.72
Camp Superintendent .....	2,400.00
Secretary-Treasurer .....	150.00
Insurance .....	1,423.38



Printing & Supplies .....	708.79	
Equipment Purchases .....	1,432.38	
Kitchen Staff .....	990.00	
Miscellaneous .....	169.89	
Total Disbursed .....	\$26,765.61	\$26,765.61
Fund Balance September 30, 1979 .....	5,301.91	

#### MISSOURI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP GIVING BY CHURCHES

Cuba .....	\$ 80.00
DeSoto .....	300.00
Flat River First .....	60.00
Mt. Grove First .....	130.00
Faith .....	60.00
Fourth .....	85.00
Hartville .....	50.00
Hazel Creek .....	60.00
Macedonia .....	60.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	30.00
Monett .....	120.00
Myrtle .....	120.48
New Harmony .....	50.00
New Home .....	60.00
New Life .....	50.00
New Rock Springs .....	60.00
Oak Hill .....	10.00
Olivet .....	60.00
Oskaloosa .....	60.00
Parkview .....	20.00
Thayer .....	60.00
Verdella .....	70.00
Willow Springs .....	60.00
Hannon .....	100.00
Belton .....	35.00
Neosho .....	130.00
Kansas City Association .....	50.00
Total .....	2,030.48

#### GIFTS BY INDIVIDUALS

Clark & Clobell Deeds .....	\$ 75.00
Minnie Jackson .....	100.00
Total .....	\$175.00

This report is for the first six months of the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1979 and ending September 30, 1979.

#### COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS SEPTEMBER 1979

Community .....	\$ 24.99
Faith, Lemay .....	50.00
Number One .....	33.22
Bailey Chapel, Tunas .....	40.00
Myrtle .....	97.61
Kirksville, First .....	171.63
Lebanon, First .....	558.00
Columbia .....	50.00
Cope .....	21.11
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana .....	39.00
Purdy .....	136.00
Calvary, Conway .....	91.00
United—Independent Free Will Baptist .....	80.00
Beacon .....	100.00
Flat River, First .....	393.54
Parkview .....	136.22
Sedalia .....	102.24
Gray Summit .....	45.95
Marshfield .....	172.95
Marshfield .....	131.43
Mt. Pisgah .....	72.00
New Harmony .....	6.33
West Plains, First .....	179.00
Royal Oak .....	51.00
Victory, Alton .....	88.00
Joplin .....	199.50

Union Grove .....	80.00
Cedar Ridge .....	34.26
Macedonia .....	15.00
Fourth .....	357.00
Calvary Fellowship .....	1,271.40
O'Fallon .....	305.00
Terrill Road .....	36.63
South Fremont .....	20.00
Sikeston .....	149.25
Fredericktown .....	205.43
Shiloh .....	23.00
Hartville .....	153.46
Mine La Motte .....	22.50
Oskaloosa .....	48.37
Rolla .....	53.00
First, Springfield .....	657.00
Grace .....	600.00
Rock Chapel .....	239.22
Pleasant Hill .....	42.75
Copper Mines .....	125.00
Hurryville .....	93.65
Thayer .....	212.34
Highland .....	33.50
Fourth .....	229.00
Wolf Creek .....	135.85
Waynesville .....	130.00
DeSoto .....	475.00
Verdella .....	115.98
Leadington .....	287.07
Farmington .....	950.00
United—Independent Free Will Baptist .....	85.00
Willow Springs .....	167.69
Fordland .....	90.00
The Jones Family Evangelistic Team .....	157.27
El Dorado Springs, First .....	5.00
Evangel .....	104.95
Black Oak .....	10.00
Berkeley .....	339.07
Neosho .....	10.00
Salem .....	25.00
Union Light .....	105.56
Oak Hill, Fredericktown .....	106.00
Grant Avenue .....	440.10
Cabool .....	100.29
Twin Oaks .....	450.00
Total .....	\$12,367.31

#### COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS September 1979

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions .....	\$2,287.95
16.00% Promotional Department .....	1,978.77
4.50% General Fund .....	556.53
5.50% Youth Camp .....	680.21
2.00% Christian Board of Education .....	247.34
2.00% Sunday School & CTS .....	247.34
5.00% Retirement Program .....	618.37
5.00% Retirement Center .....	618.37
2.00% Possible Purchase of Retirement Unit .....	247.34
60.50%	
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College .....	742.05
11.00% Foreign Missions .....	\$1,360.40
8.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College .....	989.38
6.00% Executive Office .....	742.04
6.00% National Home Missions & Church Extension .....	742.04
2.00% Board of Retirement & Insurance .....	247.34
.25% Laymen's Board .....	30.92
.25% Theological Commission .....	30.92
33.50%	
100%	
Total Disbursements .....	\$12,367.31

The Lord has blessed with another fine month. Total cooperative receipts for the first six months of the state association year show that we are a little above our projected budget. We are thankful to God and the faithfulness of the pastors and churches that are supporting this unified plan of support.



# MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING

## September 1979

### MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Hazel Creek	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Lebanon, First	\$34.00
General Fund	\$34.00
Columbia	\$5.00
General Fund	\$5.00
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Flat River, First	\$100.00
General Fund	\$100.00
Mt. Vernon	\$20.00
Rolla	\$20.00
New Harmony	\$21.33
Moberly	\$21.33
O'Fallon	\$79.34
Branson	\$79.34
Terrill Road, Moberly	\$6.28
General Fund	\$6.28
Thayer	\$3.00
General Fund	\$3.00
Fourth	\$39.80
General Fund	\$39.80
Grant Avenue	\$30.00
Branson	\$30.00
Total	\$358.75

### MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP

Faith, Lemay	\$10.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$5.00
Hartville	\$10.00
Thayer	\$10.00
Willow Springs	\$10.00
Total	\$45.00

### Retirement Program

Grant Avenue	\$1.00
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Bob Carr	
Grant Avenue	\$10.00
Blue Springs	\$5.00
Beacon	\$5.00

### FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Columbia (MO Project)	\$10.00
Grant Avenue	\$60.00
Development Fund	\$50.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Total	\$70.00

### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Lebanon, First	\$211.00
Howard Bowers	\$177.00
General Fund	34.00
Columbia	\$10.00
Mark Vandivort	\$10.00
Flat River, First	\$158.00
General Fund	\$111.00
Howard Bowers	37.00
Bill Adkisson	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$80.00
Howard Bowers	\$45.00
Mark Vandivort	35.00
Oak Hill, Union	\$6.00
General Fund	\$6.00
Daniel Vandivort	\$50.00
Mark Vandivort	\$50.00
Rock Chapel	\$20.00
Bob Thomas	\$ 5.00
Howard Bowers	15.00
Thayer	\$39.00
General Fund	\$39.00
Wolf Creek	\$20.00
Howard Bowers	\$5.00
Mark Vandivort	15.00
Fourth	\$10.00
Vergel Maness	\$10.00
Grant Avenue	\$7.00
Mark Vandivort	\$5.00
Cochrane	2.00
Total	\$611.00

### HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

September 1979

Grant Avenue	\$10.00
Willow Springs	\$10.00
Total	\$20.00

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Kirksville, First	\$35.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$35.00
Lebanon, First	\$80.00
General Fund	\$34.00
Charolette Tallent	21.00
Clint Morgan	12.50
Jerry Pinkerton	12.50
Columbia	\$123.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$ 5.00
Lynn Miley	30.00
Joe Haas	10.00
General Fund	23.00
Charolette Tallent	25.00
Jim McLain	30.00
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	\$20.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Jim McLain	10.00
Mt. Vernon	\$40.00
Jim McLain	\$20.00
Clint Morgan	20.00
New Harmony	\$42.66
Lynn Miley	\$21.33
Clint Morgan	21.33
West Plains, First	\$50.00
General Fund	\$50.00
Oak Hill, Union	\$12.10
General Fund	\$12.10
Walnut Grove	\$10.00
Lynn Miley	\$10.00
Thayer	\$5.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$5.00
Fourth	\$104.00
Steve Lytle	\$84.00
Charolette Tallent	20.00
Black Oak	\$40.75
Howard Filkins	\$40.75
Grant Avenue	\$416.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$95.00
Fred Hersey	120.00
General Fund	101.00
Don Sexton	50.00
Archie Mayhew	50.00
Total	\$978.51