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CHURCH	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JUL.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.
Beacon		71	90	105		113		97	89			
Belton												
Buffalo	66	47	56	76	76	72	68			32	33	32
Calvary, Conway	75	53	67	104	106							
Calvary, Fenton	85	87	110	150	117	105	109	106				
Cape Girardeau	105	77	108	95								
Copper Mines	79	48	86	82	85	74	80	71	73	73		
DeSoto	151	153	169									
Farmington	428	404	420	475	494	444	446	454	455	514	670	
Flat River, First	188	150	210	214	228	209	188	192	196	202	224	199
Fourth, St. Louis	179	142	194	231	187	155	146	157	138	133		
Fredericktown, First					104	109	98	101	98	133	129	115
Grant Avenue, Spg.	106	94	115	130	134	104	128	120	119	126	133	134
Happy Home	25	25										
Hannon	75	60										
Hartville	81	53										
Hazel Creek	48	42	43									
Houston				73	75	68	65	67	85	77	75	70
Jones Chapel	104		101									
Joplin	92	75										
Kirksville	100	123	119	126	122	144		108	117	127		
Marshfield	54	51		56	59	54	52	48	53	51	59	58
Mtn. Grove, First	228	161	221	316	266							
Parkview, Desloge					58					52	45	45
Richwoods	32	23	23	30	23	35	36	27	35	42	44	48
South Side	97	64		131	107	95	91	90	82	83		
Terrill Rd, Moberly	39	31	26	29	23	15	16	17	18	20	21	30
Oak Hill, St. Clair		37	44	59	57	45	52	49	38	55	74	64
Trinity, Bridgeton	164	158	136	151	170	169	158	139	129	144	152	149
Thayer	122	83										
Twin Oak	84	74	93	80	87	83	82	78	68			
Viburnum	49	42	38									
Victory, KC	63	50	70	94	70	68	75	62	67	60	64	62
Willow Springs	87	65	98	105	98	100	100	100	98	100	98	103
Lebanon, First	110	98	116	120	125	120	128	101	111			

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A black silhouette of a man in profile, facing right, with his hands clasped in prayer. The background is a light, textured pattern of leaves and branches.

FATHER'S GETHSEMANE

by
Leona McMillan

Father couldn't commune with God as fervently and as freely as he wanted when his six children, ranging from four to fifteen, were actively engaging in family fun, frolic, and fighting. He would disappear to his secret place to talk with God through Jesus Christ. His favorite spot was up a hollow behind our farm house in the hills of West Virginia.

Many days I watched him go to the tranquility of the mountain stream fed by a refreshing waterfall, bordered by lush green grass, hedged about by mountain laurel and various other wild flowers of all colors, shapes, sizes, and fragrances. Birds sang their hallelujah chorus from lofty hemlock, birch, and walnut trees. But as Father knelt to pray beside the huge, moss-covered rock, the birds hushed their singing.

As I looked upon God's Holy Cathedral, I found myself repeating, "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters . . ." (Psalm 23:2). I thanked God for this beautiful passage of Scripture which was so dear to my father that he helped each of his children recite Psalm 23.

Father took his burdens to this "Gethsemane" and left them there with Jesus. Once I got so close when Father prayed in his Holy Sanctuary that I heard him call each of his children's names. He told Jesus how much he loved Him and all his children, and asked Jesus to intercede for him to His Father in Heaven. He prayed, "Jesus, take my requests to God for health, strength, and wisdom in raising my family to obey God's laws."

He prayed for his friends, the church, the pastor, and even his enemies. And I asked myself, "How could my father have enemies? Some may misunderstand his German accent, but no kinder heart ever beat than my father's."

Father came down from the hills with the sweet peace flooding his soul to overflowing . . . and his burdens piled at the feet of Jesus, and another

Scripture flooded my mind, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD which made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1, 2).

I was deeply moved and inspired by the transformation I witnessed in Father through his faithful prayer life, and I found my own Holy Place to go when I needed to be alone and talk with God. It was a mountain top surrounded by pastures with white daisies nodding agreeably in the gentle breeze. Beyond the mountains, I gazed at winding dirt roads like ribbons, and occasionally saw a car chugging along like a toy, or a boy trudging along with a fishing pole. I thanked God again and again for every good thing He gave us. Mostly I thanked Him for wonderful Christian parents and I wanted life to stay as it was forever.

Things never stay the same, which I learned very soon. God had plans for our lives.

Father retired from the coal mines in West Virginia at the young age of 73. He was still reasonably healthy and productive, but his family convinced him that it was time he took life a little easier. We relocated Father and Mother into a new home. The mining company was planning to open a mine on the very spot where Father had his beautiful garden of prayer, and his home and farm would be taken for the new mine operation.

While our parents tried desperately to adjust to city life and Father found new secret places to pray, the memory of his mountain retreat remained vivid in his mind and heart. I shall never forget my father's prayers and the commendable Christian life he lived. I learned from him how essential prayer is to my life.

Even though I've had to find new places to speak with God in prayer, my mind travels back to the vision of my father coming down from the hills with the assurance that his prayers were heard and would be answered.

Fall Enlargement Campaign Instrument For Growth

Sunday schools in twenty-two states and the Virgin Islands utilized the "I Will Build My Church" enlargement campaign as an instrument to evangelize. The National Sunday School and Church Training Department promotes three enlargements each year.

Reporting Sunday schools registered an average increase over their Spring attendance amounting to 28.68 percent.

Appropriate recognition is being given through awards for first and second place winners in seven different numerical divisions.

The year 1980 marks the time of celebration for the bicentennial of the Sunday school. Two brand new campaigns have been prepared for this event. The first is entitled "Bringing Forth Fruit," written by Rev. Jonathan Thigpen. The second for the fall campaign was written by Dr. Ken Riggs. It is entitled, "Students of the Word." Its emphasis is to put the *school* back in Sunday school.

Spring campaign materials are now ready for shipment. Information and order blanks will be mailed in January. Plan ahead to get involved.

Division			Spring Avg.	Camp. Avg.	Increase
A	1st	First—Florence, AL	513	625	21.83%
	2nd	West Tulsa—Tulsa, OK	568	576	1.41%
B	1st	Farmington—Farmington, MO	433	607	40.18%
	2nd	No Report			
C		No Reports			
D	1st	Northside—Tulsa, OK	210	264	25.71%
	2nd	Guin—Guin, AL	217	268.2	23.59%
E	1st	Shafter—Shafter, CA	156	208	33.33%
	2nd	First—Sparta, TN	169	186	10.06%
F	1st	First—Columbus, MS	137	195	42.34%
	2nd	FWB Church—Christiansted, St. Croix, V.I.	105	139	32.38%
G	1st	First—Oak Ridge, TN	74	138	86.49%
	2nd	First—Smithville, MS	57	106	85.96%
H	1st	Calvary—Norman, OK	22	53	140.91%
	2nd	First—Salem, OR	30	65.2	117.33%

CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Bigelow Leaves Farmington to Go to Texas

Wesley Bigelow's voice broke as he extended his resignation to the pastor, Jim McAllister, and the congregation of Farmington Free Will Baptist Church on November 18, 1979.

He, his wife Glenda, and their daughter Amy, moved December 5th to College Station, Texas, to begin a new Free Will Baptist church.

Wes has been with Jim McAllister as assistant pastor for the past 6 and one-half years. He has been at Farmington for 5 and one-half years. He was director of bus ministries, follow-up minister, and visitation director. His wife, Glenda, was primary church director and a supervisor in the Farmington Christian Academy.

Pastor McAllister said, "Wes has played such an important part in the development of this church. He has been involved in every phase of its growth. We all love him and will miss him greatly. But we believe God will use him to build a great church in Texas."

Kenny Petty will become visitation and follow-up director at Farmington; Roger Hogan will become bus director; and David Bates will be director of youth ministries.

Fourth Church Plans for New Year

Leman Killian, church reporter, writes, "The Fourth Church is planning ahead for the year 1980. We are looking forward to these events: Revival meeting with Reverend Millard Sassar, April 14-20; special Homecoming, April 20th; Easter Sunrise Service, April 6th; Vacation Bible School, May 5-9; Worker's Conference May 16 and 17 with Reverend Jim McAllister and Reverend Millard Sassar. The subjects that this conference will cover are Evangelism and Outreach, Bus Ministry, Christian Education, Church Music and Church Finances; Special Youth Revival in July; Church Fellowship Dinner October 4; Revival Meeting with Reverend Jim McAllister October 5-11."

Letter From the Bowers Family

Greetings from the "High Country." May we express our thanks to the following for special gifts: the First Church of Mountain Grove and Pastor Lynn Wood for a church bus; the Hartville Church and Pastor Bud Arnold for the communion set; the Myrtle Church and Pastor Glen Campbell for prospect cards; the Parkview Church and Pastor Guy Leonard for wash basin and towels; the Thayer Church and Pastor Richard Robinson for the personal shower. A special thanks to the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary for their many projects for us and other missionaries.

Without your help it would be impossible for us to be here. With your continued help and support, we will, one day, have a strong Free Will Baptist church in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

We surely do miss the wonderful fellowship of our Free Will Baptist people of Missouri. Please continue to remember us in prayer.

Church Family Costume Party at Grant Avenue

Geneva Clements, church reporter, gives this report and photo of the party: "Vic Burks, a newly ordained deacon of the Grant Avenue Church, is portraying a hymn in the Free Will Baptist Hymnal at the Costume Party. What hymn is Vic portraying? Better yet, which one is Vic?"



Vic Burks (at left?)

Three Deacons Ordained at Eastern Gate

Pastor Kevin Francis writes, "Greetings from the Eastern Gate Free Will Baptist Church. Our country's economy is sagging and the international situation is ominous, but the Lord is blessing His people. We want to share with others what the Lord is doing for us.

"We have recently ordained three godly men to the office of deacon. Brother Ed Willoughly was ordained in a service held Sunday evening, October 28, 1979. Reverend Tommy Brashear preached a revival for the church the preceding week, and it was only fitting to conclude the revival with a special service. Brother Larry Stephens was ordained in a service on Friday evening, November 16, 1979, with Reverend Don Lombard delivering a challenging message. Then, Sunday evening, November 25, 1979, Brother Doug Norris was ordained. Reverend Clarence Burton delivered the key message of the evening, and the love of God was manifested in such a wonderful way.

"The Lord is blessing the work at Eastern Gate, and the Holy Ghost is revealing the love of Jesus Christ in every service. We ask that our brothers and sisters remember us in prayer as we continue to serve Christ."



Three deacons at Eastern Gate

Report From Belton Church

Mrs. Bill Eden writes, "We are thankful for the Sunday school attendance (see chart) and the increase in attendance for the preaching services. The men are involved in leveling and cleaning the church yard and also a lot of painting. The church recently voted to erect a new brick sign. We are also thankful the Lord provided a house for us only four blocks from the church. We desire your prayers as we serve the Lord. Reverend Bill Eden is the pastor."

Calendar Of Events For 1980

- February 25-27 Bible Conference, Hillsdale
Free Will Baptist College
- February 22-March 4 **Older Adult Ministries to
be emphasized in various
locations in Missouri. Rever-
end Herman Hersey will
be the speaker. Sponsored
by Christian Board of
Education**
- March 9-13 Bible Conference, Free Will
Baptist Bible College
- March 24-26 **Preacher's and Pastor's Sem-
inar, Youth Camp, Niangua**
- March 31-April 2 Evangelism Conference,
West Tulsa Church, Tulsa,
OK.
- April 15 **Deadline for entries, State
Competitive Activities**
- April 20 Foreign Missions Call-A-
Thon
- April 25-26 National Master's Men Con-
ference
- May 3 **State Competitive Activi-
ties, Farmington Church**
- June 2-5 **Missouri State Associa-
tion, Lebanon, Nelson Com-
munity Center**
- Monday evening **Youth Service**
- Tuesday **Woman's Auxiliary**
- June 15-20 **Youth Camp (ages 7-12)
Niangua**
- June 22-27 **Youth Camp (ages 13-18)**
- July 20-24 National Association, Ana-
heim, California
Youth Conference
WNAC
- September 22-24 **Minister's and Layman's
Retreat, Youth Camp,
Niangua**
**Speaker: Dr. Stephen
Olford**
Subject: Revival
- September 25-27 WNAC Retreat, Smokey
Shadows Conference Cen-
ter, Pigeon Forge, Tenn.
- October 20-21 **All Boards Meeting, Youth
Camp, Niangua**
- October **Fall Enlargement Cam-
paign**
- October 27-29 Missionary Conference, Free
Will Baptist Bible College
- November **National Home Missions
and Church Extension Em-
phasis**

Note: Missouri State Auxiliary Retreat date will be
carried when the date is finalized.



On The National Front

Older Adult Ministries to Be Emphasized

The Board of Christian Education is happy to announce that Reverend Herman Hersey, of Nashville, Tennessee, will conduct a series of workshops across Missouri. This will be the last week of February and the first week of March.

The workshops will be 4 to 6 hours of help on many ways the older adults can minister and be ministered to by our churches.

Older adults, teachers, and pastors are especially urged to attend. The schedule of workshops is as follows: Grant Avenue, Springfield, February 22, Friday evening; Willow Springs, Mountain Grove, February 23, Saturday morning and evening; First Church, Lebanon, February 24, Sunday morning and evening; First Church, Joplin, February 25 and 26, Monday and Tuesday evenings; Beacon, Raytown, February 27, Wednesday evening; Victory, Kansas City, February 28, Thursday evening; First Church, Flat River, March 1, Saturday morning and evening; Bethel, Festus, March 2, Sunday morning and evening; Fourth Church, St. Louis, March 3 and 4, Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Hillsdale Highlights

A new year is just around the corner. What will it bring? "No one knows what a day shall bring forth." However, I am sure that new challenges will present themselves, so let's prepare ourselves to meet the challenges and the needs that the new year will bring. Hillsdale wants to be ready. With your prayer and financial support, we will enjoy success in the new year. Many of our people and churches are preparing to give a special offering to Hillsdale this Christmas. I hope you will not forget us.

I am convinced that we have people who will be reading this article who may have a tax problem this year. Why don't you check with your accountant and see if you could make a sizable contribution to Hillsdale. I know it will not eliminate the tax burden, however, you might be able to give and, at the same time, help yourself. Pray about this important matter.

We are encouraged by ten new applications for the spring semester and the prospect of eight others. Thank you for your prayer support in this matter.

May the Christ of Christmas be enjoyed in your heart this Christmas season and all through the new year.

Remodeling At Youth Camp

Plans are underway to prepare the Youth Camp for Winter Retreats and have better accommodations for regular Youth Camp Sessions. The cafeteria will be enlarged to include a fireplace and a recreation area. This will enable State Boards, Churches, Quarterly Meetings or District Associations to hold retreats during the winter months. Also, some of the cabins will be winterized in order that sleeping accommodations will be available for the winter retreats.

March has been designated as the month churches and District Associations will be asked to make a special contribution for this project. The State Promotional Secretary has been asked by the Youth Camp Board to give special emphasis to this project during the designated month, *March*.

It would be well for Youth Groups in the local church or associations to begin working towards a sizable contribution as quickly as possible. Some suggested ideas are, Rock-A-Thon; Walk-A-Thon; Bake Sale; Car Wash or etc.

The Goal to be reached is \$5,000. To break this down it would amount to 100 churches giving \$50.00 each. In order to compensate for the churches that may not give \$50, it would be well for some of the churches to give \$100. This could be raised in January, February, and March. The offering should be sent to the treasurer of the Youth Camp Board, Rev. Charley Miller, Box 207, DeSoto, MO 63020, or to the State Office, Missouri State Association, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536. I believe that we can do it!

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

In past articles, we have considered revival preparation mainly in regard to the church. In this article, we will look at some requirements for the evangelist.

He should be called by God. While every Christian should be involved in winning the lost (2 Timothy 4:5), there is a calling of God to the office of evangelist (Ephesians 4:11). In a very real sense, every Christian is a minister. Still, God has called selected men into the ministry to give leadership and example. If the evangelist takes his calling seriously, his labor will be acknowledged by others (Acts 21:8).

He should be of unquestionable character. Questionable character will hinder the effectiveness of an evangelist's ministry (1 Timothy 3:7). A church cannot work comfortably with such an evangelist.

He must be willing to work with the pastor. He is not to be used as a puppet by the pastor and church, but neither should he be cold toward the needs of the church who has called him for the meeting. He should compliment the ministry of the pastor rather than belittle the pastor's work in the eyes of the church. When a meeting has concluded, there should not be a dreamy glow around the ministry of the evangelist, but a greater respect on the part of the people for the ministry of their pastor and their local church.

He must preach the Word. Some evangelists have given the impression that the power of a message is in their voice or pulpit manners. But, the truth is, the authority and power of an evangelistic message is in the Word of God (Romans 1:16, Hebrews 4:12).

He must be a man of prayer. Any evangelist who does not believe in and exercise prayer should not be in your pulpit. Contact with God through prayer is essential for any worthwhile evangelistic endeavor. The old saying is still true, "Revivals are not worked up, they are prayed down."

Admittedly, this is only a partial list of requirements for the evangelist. But it is hoped that this list will serve to challenge every church to be selective when considering an evangelist for a revival meeting.

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS GIVING NOVEMBER 1979

Fellowship	\$16.00
Farmington	5.00
South Fremont	380.76
Fourth	36.57
Grace	25.00
West Plains	140.00
Houston	84.76
Kay Matthews	10.00
Sue Matthews	10.00
Cooperative Receipts	2,984.56
Flat River, First	100.00
Pleasant Ridge—Urbana	10.00
Mountain Grove	54.00
Columbia	5.00
Fordland	31.00
Terrill Road	4.85
New Harmony Sunday school	21.91
Thayer	5.00
Buffalo	25.00
Lebanon, First	76.00
Beacon	101.50
Grant Avenue	31.00
Joplin	7.00
Macedonia Auxiliary	190.00
Victory	47.00
Purdy	60.00
Bethel-Festus	33.00
Henry Lee	1.00
Myrtle	76.25
Koshkonong	22.00
Faith-West Plains	50.40
Sedalia	81.46

O'Fallon	85.41
Olivet	100.00
Hurryville	50.00
Viburnum	45.60
Hannon	145.00
Neosho	10.00
National Home Missions	24.05
Total	\$5,186.01

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MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING

November 1979

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Columbia	\$75.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$ 5.00
General Fund	10.00
Charolette Tallent	10.00
Jim McLain	30.00
Lynn Miley	20.00
Kirksville, First	\$24.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$14.00
Howard Filkins	10.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$75.00
General Fund	\$40.00
Mike Cousineau	35.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$20.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Jim McLain	10.00
Monett	\$87.00
General Fund	\$22.00
Jerry Banks	40.00
Mike Cousineau	25.00
Olivet	\$45.00
Bobby Poole	\$25.00
Lonnie Sparks	10.00
Jim McLain	10.00
Merl's Chapel	\$43.50
Dale Bishop	\$43.50
Flat River, First	\$322.06
General Fund	\$151.00
Howard Filkins	171.06
Walnut Grove	\$10.00
Lynn Miley	\$10.00
Rock Chapel	\$10.00
Dock Caton	\$10.00
Hannon	\$72.50
Howard Filkins	\$25.00
Jerry Pinkerton	25.00
Steve Lytle	22.50
West Plains, First	\$50.00
General Fund	\$50.00
New Harmony	\$81.22
Lynn Miley	\$40.61
Jim McLain	40.61
Fordland Auxiliary	\$20.00
Howard Filkins	\$20.00
Fordland	\$15.00
Howard Filkins	\$15.00
Columbia	\$77.00
General Fund	\$ 2.00
Lynn Miley	35.00
Jim McLain	20.00
Charolette Tallent	5.00
Howard Filkins	5.00
Joe Haas	10.00
Fourth	\$117.00
Steve Lytle	\$107.00
Charolette Tallent	10.00
Thayer	\$5.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$5.00
South Side	\$139.00
Charolette Tallent	\$85.00
Howard Filkins	54.00
Total	\$1,288.28

STATE YOUTH CAMP

Faith, Lemay	\$10.00
New Rock Springs	\$10.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$ 5.00
Olivet	\$10.00
Hartville	\$10.00
Willow Springs	\$10.00
Thayer	\$10.00
Total	\$65.00

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Monett	\$ 13.27
Thayer	\$255.00

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Willow Springs	\$ 10.00
Total	\$278.27

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Columbia (MO Project)	\$10.00
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GREENEVILLE CHILDREN'S HOME

Myrtle	\$ 1.63
Waynesville	\$27.73
Total	\$29.36

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Columbia	\$5.00
General Fund	\$5.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Monett	\$36.25
Branson	\$36.25
Leadington	\$60.00
Branson	\$60.00
Merl's Chapel	\$100.00
Branson	\$100.00
Terrill Road, Moberly	\$14.89
General Fund	\$2.31
Branson	12.58
Flat River, First	\$100.00
General Fund	\$100.00
New Harmony	\$40.61
Moberly	\$40.61
Thayer	\$79.00
Branson	\$75.00
General Fund	4.00
Total	\$445.75

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Columbia	\$20.00
Mark Vandivort	\$20.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$802.00
Howard Bowers	\$797.00
Mark Vandivort	5.00
Daniel Vandivort	\$50.00
Mark Vandivort	\$50.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$100.00
Mark Vandivort	\$35.00
Howard Bowers	65.00
Monett	\$90.00
Bob Thomas	\$5.00
Howard Bowers	35.00
General Fund	50.00
Olivet	\$15.00
Vergel Maness	\$15.00
Flat River, First	\$40.00
Howard Bowers	\$40.00
Rock Chapel	\$30.00
Howard Bowers	\$30.00
Fordland	\$4.00
Howard Bowers	\$4.00
Leadington	\$5.00
Howard Bowers	\$5.00
Fourth	\$12.00
Vergel Maness	\$12.00
Wolf Creek	\$20.00
Mark Vandivort	\$15.00
Howard Bowers	5.00
Thayer	\$325.00
Howard Bowers	\$325.00
Bethel, Festus	\$29.00
Vernon Long	\$24.00
Bill Adkisson	5.00
Johnnie & Eunice Land	\$25.00
Howard Bowers	\$25.00
Total	\$1,567.00

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

October 1979

Cedar Ridge	\$66.41
Mt. Pisgah	88.00
Houston	170.75
Royal Oak	53.00
Harmony, Kansas City	197.00
Kingsway, Springfield	337.00
Purdy	146.80
New Rock Springs	80.38
Parkview, Desloge	164.16
Bailey Chapel, Tunas	54.00
Belton	138.18
Monett	364.61
Myrtle	152.73
Flat River, First	384.36
Fellowship, Flat River	60.00
Hickory Grove	48.15
Eastern Gate, Springfield	41.34
Community	36.71
Faith, Lemay	199.50
O'Fallon	422.00
Macedonia, SS	18.00
Freeman Chapel	264.62
Freeman Chapel	294.83
Victory, Alton	139.00
South Side, St. Louis	165.00
Faith, Fair Grove	133.52
Hopewell, Tunas	221.00
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	53.00
Mill Creek, Fredericktown	183.08
Hurryville	130.00
Richwoods	174.70
Central, K.C.	780.00
Hannon, Liberal	246.00
Olivet, Marshall	200.00
Pleasant Grove, Mtn. Grove	145.78
Blue Springs	7.59
Grace, Arnold	730.00
Neosho	10.00
Mtn. Grove, First	556.70
Kirksville	212.83
Fredericktown, First	294.33
Hartville	215.52
Rock Chapel, Norwood	388.12
Calvary, Conway	104.09
Cope	31.41
Sedalia	138.75
Granby	61.89
Oskaloosa	19.55
Malden	95.11
Aulsbury Chapel, Bonne Terre	844.04
Mt. Zion, Thayer	31.00
Verdella, Liberal	129.40
New Hope, Fredericktown	67.35
Sikeston	145.00
Columbia	50.00
Number One	41.50
Mtn. Valley	174.98
Terrill Rd., Moberly	31.50
Mine La Motte	25.00
Gray Summit	53.34
Bethel, Festus	276.00
Beacon, Raytown	420.40
New Harmony, SS	7.15
Thayer	174.15
Cuba	197.56
Old Bethel	20.00
Leadington	266.10
Union Grove	100.00
Happy Home, Ava	90.51
Walnut Grove, Myrtle	99.65
Buffalo	149.35
Marshfield	198.83
DeSoto	450.00
West Plains, First	182.00
Lebanon, First	306.00
Bismark	93.00
Grant Avenue, Springfield	463.04

Byrd, Myrtle	13.68
Merl's Chapel	114.18
Mt. Vernon	102.35
Joplin	339.15
Fourth, St. Louis	314.00
El Dorado, First	5.00
Black Oak, Marshfield	10.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	42.15
Mt. Zion, Thayer	27.43
Houston	134.50
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	243.82
Eastern Gate	29.90
South Side	263.87
Wolf Creek, Mansfield	186.36
Total	\$16,132.74

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

November 1979

Farmington	\$950.00
Mill Creek	110.28
Number One	44.17
Belton	112.23
Oskaloosa	15.82
Fellowship	48.00
Bailey Chapel	32.60
Harmony, K.C.	200.00
Blue Springs	10.28
Parkview	133.39
Kirksville	132.20
Purdy	100.00
Mtn. Grove, First	426.04
Macedonia, SS	14.50
Myrtle	124.14
Rolla	110.00
Rolla	66.00
Calvary Fellowship, Fenton	1,399.17
Sedalia	122.18
Mine La Motte	18.70
Faith, Lemay	143.75
Columbia	50.00
DeSoto	550.00
Hurryville	88.00
Kingsway	217.50
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	41.00
New Rock Springs	59.99
Mt. Pisgah	65.00
Neosho	10.00
Monett	327.57
Pleasant Hill	59.45
Fredericktown, First	258.33
Gray Summit	46.85
Olivet	200.00
Calvary, Conway	110.00
Joplin	246.05
Merl's Chapel	52.76
Evangel	104.00
Royal Oak	32.00
Victory, Alton	122.00
Terrill Rd.	32.61
Buffalo	304.49
Hartville	144.71
Beacon	351.12
Hopewell	109.00
Cuba	125.81
Union Grove	73.00
Berkeley	443.75
Union	240.00
Grace	574.00
Faith, Fair Grove	98.05
Granby	34.54
Sikeston	118.09
Rock Chapel	311.40
Hannon	145.00
West Plains	175.00
The Jones Family Evangelistic Team	293.59
Marshfield	134.34
Cedar Ridge	76.00
New Harmony, SS	6.28

Malden	132.38
Grant Avenue	517.00
Verdella	84.15
O'Fallon	330.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	81.29
Waynesville	242.00
Waynesville	148.55
Trinity	390.00
Copper Mines	120.00
Copper Mines	185.00
Way Side, Willow Springs	225.00
Pleasant Hill	36.67
Fourth	273.00
Community	20.21
So. Fremont	44.00
Berkeley	339.37
Leadington	280.78
Gray Summitt	39.78
Willow Springs	187.57
Bismark	26.00
Harmony, K.C.	180.00
Eastern Gate	28.50
Thayer	211.00
Black Oak	10.00
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
South Side	186.00
The Jones Family Evangelistic Team	231.49
Wolf Creek	173.10
Bethel, Festus	213.00
Mill Creek	104.62
New Harmony, SS	6.23
Fellowship	48.00
Total	\$15,844.42

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS November, 1979

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions	\$2,931.22
16.00% Promotional Department	2,535.11
4.50% General Fund	713.00
5.50% Youth Camp	871.44
2.00% Christian Board of Education	316.89
2.00% Sunday School and CTS	316.89
5.00% Retirement Program	792.22
5.00% Retirement Center	792.22
2.00% Possible Purchase of Ret. Unit.	316.89
60.50%	
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	950.67
11.00% Foreign Missions	1,742.87
8.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	1,267.55
6.00% Executive Department	950.67
6.00% Nat'l. Home Mis. & Church Ext.	950.67
2.00% Nat'l. Board of Ret. & Ins.	316.89
.25% Laymen's Board	39.61
.25% Theological Commission	39.61
33.50%	
Total Disbursements	\$15,844.42

November, the month of Thanksgiving! We have so very much for which to be thankful. The cooperative and designated giving is reflective of love and concern. Missouri Free Will Baptists have given well thus far this year. We trust that it shall continue and every recipient of this giving will be blessed as this money is used for the Lord. May the Lord bless every church for its faithfulness.

TRUTH

This study on TRUTH is presented for the love of the truth.

"For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an anti-christ" (2 John 7).

"Truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17).

Jesus said that He is truth. "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

Jesus has said that we can know the truth, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

How can we know the truth? Jesus said, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come" (John 16:13).

How can we recognize the Spirit of truth? Jesus said, "He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you" (John 16:14). (Also read 1 John 4.)

God wants you to know the truth: He wants to save you out of the snare of the devil. "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4).

"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (2 Corinthians 4:3, 4).

The question is—do you want to know the truth? If you do, God will give you "... repentance to the acknowledging of the truth"; that you may recover yourself "... out of the snare of the devil ..." because you are "... taken captive by him at his will" (parts of 2 Timothy 2:25, 26).

Will you receive "... the love of the truth, that they [you] might be saved" (2 Thessalonians 2:10)?

It is a dangerous thing not to seek and to love the truth.

"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thessalonians 2:11, 12).

Also read Romans 1:16-32, especially noting that those who knew God did not like to "... retain God in *their* knowledge ..." and "who changed the truth of God into a lie ..." (verse 25).

And we know where a lie comes from. Jesus said of the devil, "... He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it" (John 8:44).

So the choice becomes clear—truth or a lie, Jesus or the devil, life or death???

Betty McGuire, an active member of the Parkview Church in Desloge, Missouri, submitted this Bible Study on Truth. May it strengthen our faith as we read it and meditate on it.

NEWS FROM MARK AND LOUISE VANDIVORT

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September 1979

Dear Supporting Friends,

By remembering us in prayer, you are our supporting friends! We need you and appreciate you. "Ye also helping together by prayer for us . . ." (2 Corinthians 1:11).

The Sunset Free Will Baptist Church hosted the Arizona Quarterly Meeting September 8. About 100 delegates and visitors from Arizona's seven churches enjoyed Flagstaff's cool mountain air and spirit-filled preaching and fellowship. Delegates drove an average of 428 miles round trip. Our speakers included Reverend Cliff Holland, Home Missionary to Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Mrs. Dottie (Walker) Wright of Fresno, California. In 1961 Dottie and about a dozen other young people used to pile into our *Falcon* on the way to the Twin Mountain, New Hampshire CTS. Dottie gave testimony of attending ten consecutive Bible Conferences at Free Will Baptist Bible College, beginning as a freshman in high school. This is much to the credit of follow-up pastors of that home mission point.

We are now seeing God develop a new set of memories. Lives are being changed for eternity in another part of the United States. Today, one of our members asked us to join in counseling with a young woman who needs to experience God's saving grace and deliverance from many entanglements. We spent most of the morning in prayer, counsel, and Bible study. We ask you to pray for her and her ex-husband.

The Arizona State Mission Board owns a nearly new church building in Globe, Arizona,—a beautiful mountain area (Globe-Miami) of about 20,000 people. The door of this church is now closed. In retrospect, nineteen years ago Louise and I owned a 1954 *Ford*, a piano, and our personal items. As we prayed about leaving Free Will Baptist Bible College for New Hampshire where God led us to open a closed church, Louise insisted on selling her beautiful, prized piano. That and a check from the National Home Missions Board bought gas and groceries until I obtained a job with a Christian contractor. A few days ago Louise said, "Mark, let's see if there isn't someone out there among our Free Will Baptist people who would answer God's call to Globe." The September 28, *Arizona Republic*, reported that the Inspiration Consolidated Corporation Co. plans to build 1,800 single family dwellings to help with the need for housing in the Globe-Miami area. The area is strongly Mormon. More Bible churches are needed. If you wish more information, please contact us.

Thanks for continuing to pray about our property situation. We have done much praying, researching, and listening to competent counsel. At this point the

highway expansion seems some years away. Our church currently has enough money saved that we could pay off the mortgage on the property. We are asking you to pray with us about a loan for a multipurpose (church, daycare, commercial, etc.) building, seating 120 or more people. Thus, we could start with our U.S. 89 frontage property and look for God's direction in the future for expansion or relocation.

We ask you to pray that we can obtain an equitable settlement for the December 1978 head-on collision that totaled our automobile and, were it not for God's protection, could have totaled out Debbie, her two friends, and myself. We were paying for uninsured motorist protection from a company that, in good faith, we have paid premiums to for most of our married life.

For the first time we are experiencing one of our children leaving home! Andy received a scholarship and work study package from the University of Southern California where he is enrolled in a dual major—Electrical and Bio-Medical Engineering. He desires your prayers. Our church is feeling his departure as music director, engineer, etc. Pray that Andy can be an effective witness on the vast mission field at USC where there are 110 nations represented. He also needs fellowship with Christian students.

Philip, Steve, Bethany, and Debbie also need your prayers. There are many Mormon and Catholic students in their schools, as well as on the teaching staff.

A few days ago our National Director, Rev. Roy Thomas, wrote, challenging home missionaries to establish a beachhead for Free Will Baptists. Advancements are being made with your help! The opposition we face is not "... flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers . . . against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12). He (the devil) is not giving up his ground without a severe struggle.

Let Colossians 4:2-6 guide you in praying for us:

1. for opening hearts' doors, verse 3
2. for speaking to people of Christ, verses 4 & 6
3. for our faithful obedience, verse 5
4. for redeeming the time, verse 5

We appreciate your support of the "Vandivort" account, c/o Board of Home Missions, Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.
We remain on the beachhead,

Mark & Louise Vandivort

Andy, Phil, Steve, Bethany, and Debbie

Woman's Page



Shirley Bowden, editor

GREATER OZARK DISTRICT MEETING

The Greater Ozark District Woman's Auxiliary met November 19 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Waynesville, Missouri. Reverend and Mrs. Bud Arnold, camp superintendent for the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, were the special speakers. Brother Arnold showed slides of the youth camp from its beginning, 1946, to the present day. It was very interesting to see the development of the youth camp up to the present time. Free Will Baptists in the state of Missouri have very much to be thankful for—the many hours spent to make the camp what it is today. Brother Reeves was the first man to begin building on the youth camp.

Over \$200.00 was given toward the purchase of a dishwasher. If you or an auxiliary in your church would like to help in the purchase of a very needed dishwasher, please contact Reverend Charles Miller, Box 207, Desoto, MO 63020, or Shirley Bowden, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536.

YEAR COMES TO A CLOSE

By the time you receive the *GEM*, 1979 will have become memories. Nineteen hundred and eighty will be a reality. We have a brand new page to begin. I always enjoy new beginnings. It seems there is always a challenge to see what will happen in the coming days. We as co-laborers with God have many things we can do for HIM. Let's take time to stop and ponder as to what we have and what we can become through Him.

PRAYER REQUESTS

I received a letter from the Earnie Deeds in Lafaiete, Brazil. They have shared some prayer requests that I would like to pass on to the auxiliaries.

The Christians in our congregation seem to be growing in some ways. They are looking for a lot to buy and envisioning the day when they can have a church building. Giving is increasing as they learn

and adopt the doctrine of tithing. They will give half of this year's special Christmas offering to a Free Will Baptist Brazilian who is preparing herself to work among unevangelized Indians. Concern for fellow believers who are needy or sick is being shown, and they try to reach others for Jesus. Yet many are slack in attendance and others face situations that tend to defeat and discourage them. Here are some examples:

Sr. Oswaldo, a 55-year-old man who has been a believer for about three years, was attacked, falsely accused, and hit with a rock which left a gash on his forehead that required five stitches.

A young woman, Emilia, is persecuted and sometimes beaten by her atheist husband.

Another woman, Dona Maria Hilza, has suffered further physical problems since receiving Christ earlier this year.

Young, single Francisco wanted to witness to a co-worker about the Lord, but was rebuked by his listener for not having overcome the habit of smoking.

As we see it, each of these situations presents a challenge to the believer involved for spiritual victory and growth. Will you pray for them and for us as we seek to be used of God to build them up in faith?