

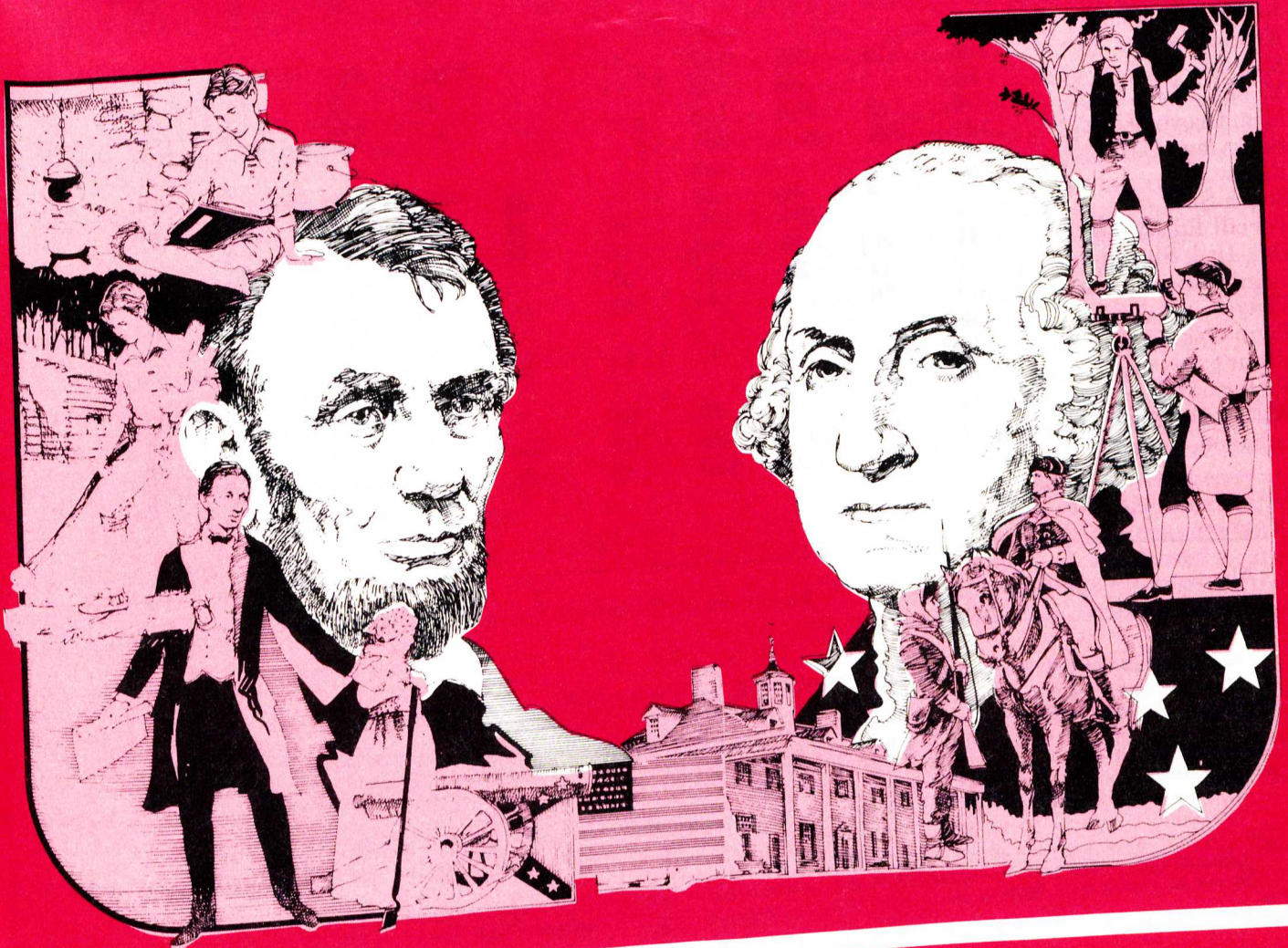
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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1978-79

CHURCH	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JUL.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.
Beacon	71	90	105		113		97	89			
Belton									32	33	32
Buffalo	47	56	76	76	72	63					
Calvary, Conway	53	67	104	106							
Calvary, Fenton	87	110	150	117	105	109	106				
Cape Girardeau	77	108	95		76	81	71	78	73	80	66
Copper Mines	48	86	82	85	74	80	71	73	73	66	68
DeSoto	153	169									
Farmington	404	420	475	494	444	446	454	455	514	670	
Flat River, First	150	210	214	228	209	188	192	196	202	224	199
Fourth, St. Louis	142	194	231	187	155	146	157	138	133	139	122
Fredericktown, First				104	109	98	101	98	133	129	115
Grant Avenue, Spg.	94	115	130	134	104	128	120	119	126	133	134
Happy Home	25										
Hannon	60										
Hartville	53										
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Houston			73	75	68	65	67	85	77	75	70
Jones Chapel		101									
Joplin	75										
Kirksville	123	119	126	122	144		108	117	127		
Marshfield	51		56	59	54	52	48	53	51	59	58
Monett, First	76	112	134	138	120	126	117	130	134	156	159
Mtn. Grove, First	161	221	316	266							
Parkview, Desloge				58					52	45	45
Richwoods	23	23	30	23	35	36	27	35	42	44	48
South Side	64		131	107	95	91	90	82	83		
Terrill Rd., Moberly	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	158	136	151	170	169	158	139	129	144	152	149
Thayer	83										
Twin Oak	74	93	80	87	83	82	78	68			
Viburnum	42	38									
Victory, KC	50	70	94	70	68	75	62	67	60	64	62
Willow Springs	65	98	105	98	100	100	100	98	100	98	103
Lebanon, First	98	116	120	125	120	128	101	111	116	119	104

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What makes a marriage?

by Katherine Emmerson

What makes a marriage?
God made the first marriage
When He made Eve a wife for Adam
When He said, "It is not good for man to live alone."

Two people make a marriage—two people who have
love
That is sharing, caring, giving, and forgiving
Two people who care about the sanctity of marriage
Who are proud and thankful to be Mr. and Mrs.

Marriage is wanting and making a home
Marriage is making someone else
So happy that that very happiness
Is multiplied and returned to you.

Marriage is a very worthwhile institution
It has no barriers and no chains
It has only love and respect to hold one secure
It cannot be held together by one person.

Marriage is wanting to be alone—together.
It is being concerned for each other's happiness
It is being true both spiritually and bodily
It is for loving and being loved.

Marriage does not consist of "I'm right, you're wrong."
Marriage consists of what we do and what we
think
Of how we work out our problems, of how we spend
our lives
Being ourselves, yet needing and wanting to be
together.
Marriage can only consist of two people—for in the
Bible
"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his
mother
And shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one
flesh."
"What therefore God hath joined together, let not
man put asunder."

Editor's note: Katherine Emmerson is an active member of the
Wayside Free Will Baptist Church at Willow Springs, Missouri.



SIT A SPELL

The country lane to Aunt Em's house was covered with a skiff of snow. The only signs of life were the tracks of a cottontail and the etches of quail tracks. The air was cold and crisp, and the frost on brushy undergrowth along the roadside sparkled in the mid-morning sunshine. No matter what the weather, I could always look forward to the walk to Aunt Em's. Once there, I could be sure the short visit would provide some understanding of any problem I might have.

As usual, the door to this hospitable hill country home opened in welcome before my foot reached the first doorstep. The fragrance of home baking wafted forward from the kitchen. Aunt Em was preparing for the holidays. She always had plenty to share with friends and neighbors. Aunt Em, in her checked apron, extended a workworn hand in greeting, "Come in and sit a spell, dear child," she welcomed.

I had a problem to discuss with Aunt Em. It seemed a young friend was at a crossroads in making a decision. The young person's peers were caught up in the "rat race" of seeking worldly possessions. Some were quite successful by the world's standards, yet they weren't happy. Something was lacking in their lives. They yearned for something which they weren't attaining and yearned to find joy and peace.

Aunt Em looked up with a sad smile. "Yes, my dear, too many of our young people are unhappy because they lack the peace that submission to the will of God can give. At this Christmas season, we become intensely aware of the meaning of peace. Too many do not open their minds and hearts to God. God speaks to us in many ways. Listen to the wind. Hear the gurgling brook as it flows along the ice-encrusted channel. He speaks to us through winter scenes of snow-covered woodlands, fields, and hills. Look at the sun rising above the far hills. The scene changes with the seasons, and life's needs of each season are provided by His hand. Try to find happiness in the simple things, and learn of His peace in everyday activities."

Returning homeward down the lane from Aunt Em's house, I was thankful for people such as she. It seemed that the song the angels sang on the most important night of history was more meaningful now. Let us not forget the message, "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Editor's note: Space did not permit including this article in the December issue. But it is so warm and readable I thought it would be well to include anytime.

CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Blessings at Copper Mines

Peggy Rider writes from the Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church: The Lord is blessing in a wonderful way! We have just recently begun a Sunday school contest with a goal of 100 in January. With the great help of Stan Pirtle and Bob Hoffman, we have already reached 91. Surely with this kind of enthusiasm, we will reach the goal of 100.

On February 16, 1980, Finis Barr and the Believers will be singing at the church. We are looking forward to this, and we believe that it will encourage many people in the area to attend.

The church recently hosted the monthly Youth Rally. The attendance was 149, and the young people did a fantastic job. The Lord has blessed with a fine group of young people. It seems that a revival spirit is sweeping through the church.

Reverend Wesley Rider is the pastor of the church.

Woman's Auxiliary Working at Hartville

The First Free Will Baptist Church at Hartville, Missouri, reports that the Woman's Auxiliary has had a great year. The enrollment for the auxiliary is 18 with an average attendance of 17. A strong effort was made for new members during the enlistment campaign in January.

A very important project recently accomplished was installing new cabinets in the kitchen and laying carpet on the church basement. The auxiliary also gave 19 fruit baskets to the senior citizens at Christmas.

Reverend Bud Arnold is the pastor.

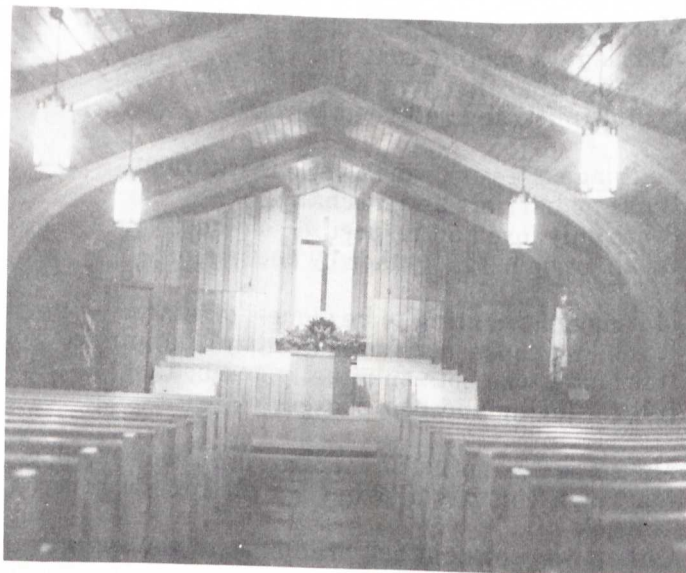
History of Grace Church

The church reporter writes, Our beautiful church began as a dream as a few people met in a tent near Cook's Market almost twenty years ago. From a very humble beginning, with the first services held in an old store building, the Grace Church has continued to grow. There were twenty-two people that met for the first service in a building that was located where the Bargain Barn is presently located. Several churches and the local Mission Board donated chairs, hymnals, children's tables and chairs, an electric piano, and an altar. The church was organized on July 28, 1961, and Reverend Johnnie Land was elected to serve as pastor. The building fund started with 52 cents that was found during the many hours of cleaning. Brother Land placed this small amount on the altar at the first meeting, and God has multiplied it over and over

again.

Our loving Heavenly Father opened the windows of Heaven and showered His blessings on Grace Church until the congregation became too large for the converted store building. A bond program provided \$35,000. Lots were purchased at the present site, and a building program was begun in the spring of 1962. The dedication service was held on October 21, 1962. Reverend Land resigned in the autumn of 1967, and Reverend Glen Rehkop accepted the pastorate of the church. Under the leadership of Brother Rehkop the church continued to grow, and in the spring of 1968 the sanctuary was expanded 60 feet with classrooms added to the west wing. The building program for the new east wing, with full basement, began in October 1977. The new addition enlarged the sanctuary, provided more classrooms, additional restroom facilities, a new office for the pastor, and a larger fellowship hall in the basement.

Now for some current events: On December 16, 1979, the Grace Church held its Christmas Program during the Evening Worship Service. The Nursery Department began the program with songs, followed by the Beginner Department. The importance of the star and the donkey was reflected in the presentation. The children of the Primary Department expressed what Jesus and Christmas meant to them. A play entitled "The Wise Men Came" was presented by the youth of the church. The Adult Choir participated in the presentation by singing several songs. The play and the choir were directed by Mr. Gene Miller. The congregation shared in the conclusion of the program by singing the beautiful song *Silent Night*.



Pastoral Changes

Bill Eden to Belton Free Will Baptist Church, Belton, MO

Wesley Rider to Copper Mines Church, Fredericktown, MO

Howard Ray Gwartney to Central Church, Kansas City, MO

Jim Mertz to South Side Church, St. Louis, MO

Dale Underwood to Jones Chapel

Stan Bunch to Verdella Church, Liberal, MO

Tom Drake to Hazel Creek, Kirksville, MO

Loveloaf At Trinity

A 26 pound loaf of bread, baked by Mrs. Evoleen Francis, symbolized the concern and involvement of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, of Bridgeton, Missouri, for the thousands of starving children in the Cambodian refugee camps.



In a recent Sunday service, the membership of Trinity Church brought approximately \$700 in love loaves in which they had been placing funds for five weeks. Children and adults alike were made aware of the words of Jesus, "I was hungry and you fed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink."

Reverend Russell Spurgeon is the pastor.

Dear Editor,

Each month we receive the *GEM*. I wanted you to know that we consider the *GEM* to be the best State Paper among FWB's! We appreciate hearing all the news from what is happening in Missouri and also the National Depts., etc., which you include.

We are missionaries here in the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas, working with Mexican-American people. Our Mission Church is located 10 miles north of the Mexican border. We have about 30 members, including 10 adults members. We began services on February 5, 1978, and from there have begun full-time services and youth/music programs. Each year we sponsor two retreats at a local Christian camp, which has especially proven itself a useful tool here. We report two converts in the last three months and several re-dedications to Christ.

Our sister church and only Free Will Baptist church near us is First Church of McAllen, TX, which is 15 miles away. But besides us, the nearest FWB church is in Monterrey, MX, about 150 miles south. So to hear news from up north is really welcome to us.

We want to ask you to please pass along to all your readers of the *GEM* that they help us pray for land.

SPECIAL WORKER'S CONFERENCE

Subjects: Church Growth
Evangelism
Visitation
Follow-Up
Bus Ministry
Christian Education
Child Evangelism
Children's Church
Church Finances
Ministry to Senior Adults

Programmed to meet the
needs of the local church.

When— May 16th & 17th.

Where— Fourth Free Will Baptist
2199 Forest Ave.
St. Louis, Mo. 63139

Speakers— Bro. Jim McAllister
Bro. Millard Sasser
Bro. Clarence Burton
Bro. Kenny Petty
Bro. Roger Hogen
Bro. David Bates

Make your plans now to attend this Special
Worker's Conference.

Currently we are raising money in a special fund for this purpose. We have raised and have given in total almost \$1,000! For this we praise the Lord! Our Land Committee is currently looking for the right place. This is a big decision for them and us. Our people are sincere and dedicated to Christ. All were of Catholic background before they were converted through the ministry of the Mission. Pray for them also that they may grow in the Word and in Christ.

Thanks to all in Missouri who have helped us in the past and for all who still pray for the San Juan Free Will Baptist Mission along the Mexico border.

We welcome you to come and visit us and get acquainted with this lovely Spanish-speaking people. They have won our hearts and I think they would yours too!

May God richly bless all the folks of Missouri!

Sincerely for the Harvest of Souls,
Bro. Mel

Come on down, anytime!

Bro. Melvin G. Clark, Missionary to Mexico Border
Area P.O. 595, San Juan, TX 78589

MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING

December 1979

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Monett		\$75.00
General Fund	\$45.00	
Bob Thomas	5.00	
Howard Bowers	25.00	
Mt. Pisgah		\$95.00
Howard Bowers	\$60.00	
Mark Vandivort	35.00	
Mtn. Grove		\$57.00
Howard Bowers	\$52.00	
Mark Vandivort	5.00	
Oak Hill, St. Clair		\$33.46
General Fund	\$33.46	
Kirkville		\$54.00
General Fund	\$54.00	
Flat River, First		\$194.00
General Fund	\$156.00	
Howard Bowers	28.00	
Mark Vandivort	10.00	
Olivet		\$15.00
Vergel Maness	\$15.00	
Fordland		\$10.00
Vergel Maness	\$5.00	
Howard Bowers	5.00	
Daniel Vandivort		\$100.00
Mark Vandivort	\$100.00	
Grant Avenue		\$63.00
Howard Bowers	\$55.00	
Mark Vandivort	6.00	
Cochrane	2.00	
Rock Chapel		\$10.00
Howard Bowers	\$10.00	
Lebanon, First		\$21.00
General Fund	\$21.00	
Bethel		\$29.00
Vernon Long	\$24.00	
Bill Adkisson	5.00	
Thayer		\$72.00
Howard Bowers	\$72.00	
Wolf Creek		\$20.00
Mark Vandivort	\$15.00	
Bowers	5.00	
Total		\$848.46

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Joplin		\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00	
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	
Beacon		\$50.00
Branson	\$50.00	
Fordland		\$27.50
Branson	\$27.50	
Grant Avenue		\$55.00
Branson	\$55.00	
Lebanon, First		\$51.00
General Fund	\$51.00	
Buffalo		\$25.00
Branson	\$25.00	
Thayer		\$9.00
General Fund	\$9.00	
Total		\$342.50

MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP

New Rock Springs	\$10.00
Mt. Pisgah	5.00
Olivet	10.00
Faith, Lemay	10.00
Flat River, First	20.00
Hartville	10.00
Thayer	10.00
Total	\$75.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Joplin		\$20.00
Jerry Banks	\$5.00	
Mike Cousineau	5.00	
Dock Caton	10.00	
Columbia		\$5.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$5.00	
Hannon		\$105.00
Howard Filkins	\$25.00	
Jerry Pinkerton	25.00	
Charolette Tallent	15.00	
Steve Lytle	25.00	
Bill Fulcher	15.00	
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana		\$20.00
Jim McLain	\$10.00	
General Fund	10.00	
Monett		\$60.00
Jerry Banks	\$45.00	
General Fund	5.00	
Dock Caton	10.00	
Mtn. Grove		\$222.00
Howard Filkins	\$127.00	
General Fund	70.00	
Mike Cousineau	25.00	
Aulsbury Chapel		\$50.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$25.00	
Howard Filkins	25.00	
Oak Hill, St. Clair		\$12.00
General Fund	\$12.00	
Kirkville		\$45.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$40.00	
Howard Filkins	5.00	
Walnut Grove		\$10.00
Lynn Miley	\$10.00	
Olivet		\$45.00
Bobby Poole	\$25.00	
Jim McLain	10.00	
Lonnie Sparks	10.00	
Beacon		\$245.54
Howard Filkins	\$245.54	
Fordland		\$12.50
Charolette Tallent	\$12.50	
Grant Avenue		\$231.00
Don Sexton	\$50.00	
Jerry Pinkerton	95.00	
Fred Hersey	85.00	
General Fund	1.00	
Lebanon, First		\$44.00
General Fund	\$22.00	
Jerry Pinkerton	10.00	
Clint Morgan	10.00	
Charolette Tallent	2.00	
Buffalo		\$10.00
Jerry Banks	\$10.00	
South Side		\$105.00
Charolette Tallent	\$90.00	
Howard Filkins	15.00	
Fordland Auxiliary		\$15.00
Charolette Tallent	\$15.00	
Merl's Chapel		\$30.50
Dale Bishop	\$30.50	
West Plains, First		\$50.00
General Fund	\$50.00	
Thayer		\$5.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$5.00	
Oak Hill, St. Clair		\$27.00
General Fund	\$27.00	
Total		\$1,369.54

NATIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM

Grant Avenue, Springfield	\$1.00
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BOB CARR ACCOUNT

Grant Avenue, Springfield	\$10.00
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GREENEVILLE FWB HOME FOR CHILDREN

Myrtle	\$2.61
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HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE	
Mtn. Grove	\$30.00
Monett	15.71
Grant Avenue	20.00
Total	\$65.71

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE	
Columbia	\$5.00
Grant Avenue, Springfield	95.00
Total	\$100.00

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS December 1979

Farmington	\$950.00
Fredericktown, First	231.13
Houston	121.71
Columbia	50.00
Hannon	210.00
Belton	117.89
Purdy	165.00
Myrtle	121.21
Kingsway	176.00
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	41.00
Calvary, Conway	108.00
New Rock Springs	48.50
Monett	314.06
Mt. Pisgah	66.00
Blue Springs	10.41
Sikeston	128.12
Cope	21.15
Evangel	95.00
Mtn. Grove	465.26
Mine La Motte	20.00
Number One	29.45
Victory, Alton	124.00
Kirkville, First	178.65
Flat River, First	392.47
Olivet	200.00
Beacon	362.73
Waynesville	135.95
Grace	600.00
Neosho	10.00
Bailey Chapel, Tunas	49.00
Faith, Lemay	134.20
Hurryville	114.00
DeSoto	475.00
Rolla	54.00
Grant Avenue	430.14
Royal Oak	32.00
Rock Chapel	253.87
Lebanon, First	420.00
Parkview	196.30
Liberty, Phillipsburg	200.00
Hopewell	73.45
Buffalo	146.37
Sedalia	109.40
Happy Home, Ava	68.60
Union Grove	85.00
Mtn. Zion, Gower	54.97
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	37.45
Faith, Fair Grove	112.30
South Side	166.30
Macedonia, Niangua	15.00
Hartville	150.58
O'Fallon	334.00
Freeman Chapel	267.85
Copper Mines	140.00
Mt. Vernon	83.20
Joplin	252.70
Merl's Chapel	74.18
Marshfield	138.14
Fourth	238.00
Farmington	950.00
Bethel	186.00
West Plains, First	180.00
Cabool	133.07

Mt. Zion, Thayer	26.07
Thayer	230.64
Pleasant Hill	41.80
Wolf Creek	160.33
Leadington	284.82
Cedar Ridge	58.00
Malden	195.58
El Dorado, First	5.00
Total	\$12,851.00

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS December 1979

18.50% MO State Home Missions	\$2,377.43
16.00% Promotional Department	2,056.16
4.50% General Fund	578.30
5.50% Youth Camp	706.81
2.00% Christian Board of Education	257.02
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	257.02
5.00% Retirement Program	642.55
5.00% Retirement Center	642.55
2.00% Possible Purchase of Ret. Unit	257.02
60.50%	
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	\$771.06
11.00% Foreign Missions	\$1,413.61
8.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	1,028.09
6.00% Executive Department	771.06
6.00% National Board of Home Missions	771.06
2.00% National Board of Ret. & Ins.	257.02
.25% Laymen's Board	32.12
.25% Theological Commission	32.12
33.50%	
Total Disbursements	\$12,851.00

Inasmuch as this month is closed out early, it is reflected in the cooperative receipts. The Lord is blessing this ministry, and we are a little ahead of the projected nine-month figure. We are so thankful for this. As the Lord blesses and we continue to give, hopefully we will exceed our annual budget. If so, we can praise Him together for that which He has done through the faithfulness of His people.

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION GIVING DECEMBER 1979

Hannon	\$210.00
Fourth	18.70
Kay Matthews	10.00
Sue Matthews	10.00
Farmington	20.00
Columbia	5.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Monett	36.25
Leadington	60.00
Merl's Chapel	100.00
Terrill Chapel	14.89
Flat River, First	100.00
New Harmony	40.61
Thayer	79.00
Cooperative Receipts	2,931.22
Mill Creek Young Adult Class	10.00
Neosho	5.00
Parkview	135.93
Olivet	100.00
Fellowship	16.00
Grace	25.00
Oak Hill—Union	33.95
National Home Missions	220.00
Houston	46.20
Sedalia	72.94
B. H. Filkins	25.00
Total	\$4,335.69

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On The National Front

CHURCH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS MEET AT BIBLE COLLEGE

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—"We, as a college, are solidly behind the Christian day school movement," states Free Will Baptist Bible College President Charles Thigpen, following a recent conference of day school principals which was held on the campus. The conference, sponsored by the Fellowship of Free Will Baptist Christian Day Schools, drew administrators from 21 schools, representing 4,300 students, for the three-day meeting, December 3-5.

Attorney David Gibbs, who is with the Christian Law Association, Cleveland, Ohio, was the featured speaker. The Rev. Bob Kelley, pastor of Franklin Road Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, also spoke. Seminars addressing the problems of church schools were sprinkled through the meeting.

Lorenza Stox, president of the Fellowship, observed that the administrative staffs of all 21 schools attending the conference were, in whole or in part, alumni of Free Will Baptist Bible College. While describing the meeting as the greatest to date that his group has held, Stox also noted that at least 14 more schools in Free Will Baptist churches were not represented.

Concerning the principals and pastors who attended the conference, President Thigpen said, "I have seldom seen a more excited group on this campus. We are thrilled that they met here."

Officers elected for 1980 are Lorenza Stox, president; Gene Parisher, vice president; Mike Spikes, secretary-treasurer.

The 1980 Principals Conference is planned for December 8-10 at the Bible College.

122 ON BIBLE COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—With the completion of the fall semester examinations at Free Will Baptist Bible College in mid-December, 122 students emerged with grade averages of "B" or higher, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, Registrar. Of these Dean's List students, 12 completed the semester with a straight "A" average.

The following Missouri students are on the Dean's List:

"B" DEAN'S LIST

McGowan, David Senior, Mountain Grove, MO
Postlewaite, Ruth Junior, Columbia, MO
Underwood, Gary Junior, Williamsville, MO
Reeves, Virginia Freshman, Flat River, MO

TO ALL INTERESTED IN CTS COMPETITION

Mark your calendar now! The State CTS competition will be held May 3, 1980, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, 303 W. Columbia, Farmington, Missouri. The competition will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. All contestants must be preregistered by April 15, 1980, to be eligible to compete.

As you begin preparing for the state competitive activities, keep in mind that the Dress Code for the national CTS competition is still in effect. The Missouri State Association at the June 1978 meeting directed the State Sunday School and CTS Board to enforce the guidelines used at the national competition in the state level competition. On October 9, 1978, the General Board of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists defined the term "PARTICIPANT" as anyone involved in any manner in the competition, including judges, coaches, accompanists, and entrants. **ANY AND ALL "PARTICIPANTS" MUST COMPLY WITH THE DRESS CODE. ANY "PARTICIPANT" NOT COMPLYING WITH THE DRESS CODE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

- I. All clothing should meet Biblical standards of modesty (1 Timothy 2:8-10).
 - A. All male participants in the NYC competitive activities should dress in a manner that complements, protects, and enhances their masculinity; and all female participants should dress in a manner that complements, protects, and enhances their femininity.
 - B. Dress should always be in good taste and should reflect high concern and appreciation for modesty. All clothing should be loose fitting: no tight pants on men or boys; no tight dresses, skirts, blouses, or sweaters on ladies or girls.
 - *1. Boys or men are to wear coats and slacks. Tank tops and T-shirts are unacceptable.
 - *2. Girls or ladies are to wear dresses which shall extend to the knee or longer. Dresses must not be low cut or revealing in style or material. Slacks or pantsuits are unacceptable.
- II. All participants should groom and attire themselves in such a fashion that would not be offensive or show tendencies of conforming with the unholy fashions and patterns of the world (1 Corinthians 11:14, 15).
 - *A. The boys shall groom their hair so as to follow natural hairlines without covering the ears or extending to the eyes or collar. Sideburns shall not extend below the ears.
 - *B. Hair styles for girls should not be in accord with male fashions.

*Adopted by the National Association of Free Will Baptists during the forty-first annual session, July 17-21, 1977, in Detroit, Michigan.

The new 1980 Sword Drill Bible which will be used in this year's competition, Guidelines for Competitive Activities and Music and Arts, and all other competitive materials are available from the Lebanon Bible and Book Store.

Your Missouri State Sunday School and CTS Board trusts that this information will be helpful in preparing your young people for State CTS competition. If you have any further questions, please direct them to the chairman of the board: Rev. Kent Tallent, Box 189, Buffalo, MO 65622 [Phone (417) 345-2713].

Dear Brother Pastor:

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of the Sunday school. It is an appropriate time to reflect on its beginning and a time to plan for its continued progress.

With this in mind a brand new campaign has been prepared by Jonathan Thigpen entitled, BRINGING FORTH FRUIT.

The campaign, on a national level, will be held during the month of March. Sunday schools will be grouped for competitive purposes as follows:

Division A over 500 average
Division B 400-500 average
Division C 300-399 average
Division D 200-299 average
Division E 150-199 average
Division F 100-149 average
Division G 50-99 average
Division H under 49 average

The Spring Enlargement Campaign will begin on Sunday, March 2, and continue through Sunday, March 30, 1980. Sunday schools in each division who experience the greatest percentage of gain over the thirteen weeks average attendance for September, October, November, 1979, will be declared winners and awarded appropriate plaques denoting first or second place.

THE PRESENT SIZE OF YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL DOES NOT HINDER YOU FROM BEING ELIGIBLE TO WIN IN YOUR DIVISION. Campaign materials are available from the Sunday School and Church Training Department.

A listing of the materials available and an entry and report blank are enclosed. Your entry blank should be in our hands by February 29, 1980.

Sincerely in Christ,
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND
CHURCH TRAINING DEPARTMENT

H. D. Harrison
Director of Sales and Promotion

Calendar Of Events For 1980

February 22-March 4 Older Adult Ministries to be emphasized in various locations in Missouri. Reverend Herman Hersey will be the speaker. Sponsored by Christian Board of Education.

February 25-27 Bible Conference, Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

March 9-13 Bible Conference, Free Will Baptist Bible College

March 24-26 Preacher's and Pastor's Seminar, Youth Camp, Niangua

March 31-April 2 Evangelism Conference, West Tulsa Church, Tulsa, OK

April 11 Fellowship Time, evening, Youth Camp

April 12 Work Day, Youth Camp

April 15 Deadline for entries, State Competitive Activities

April 18, 19 Hillsdale Drama Presentation, Youth Camp, Niangua

April 20 Foreign Missions Call-A-Thon

April 25-26 National Master's Men Conference

May 3 State Competitive Activities, Farmington Church

May 30-June 1 Marriage Enrichment Seminar, Harold & June Critcher, Youth Camp

June 2-5 Missouri State Association, Lebanon, Nelson Community 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, Anaheim, 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 Center, Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

October Fall Sunday School Enlargement Campaign

October 20, 21 All Boards Meeting, Youth Camp, Niangua

October 27-29 Missionary Conference Free Will Baptist Bible College

November National Home Missions and Church Extension Emphasis

November 17-19 Church Evangelism Conference, Farmington Church

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

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

"Give me Scotland, or I die!" John Knox voiced his heart-felt cry as he labored for the souls of the people of Scotland. This passion directed his ministry until, in the year 1559, he became one of the leading figures in the Protestant reformation. The strength behind his effective ministry was his passion for souls.

The Apostle Paul exemplified a like emotion for the souls of men when he said, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved" (Romans 10:1). The thing that overpowered Paul in his evangelistic labor was his desire for the salvation of lost men and women.

This intense ambition to see men find life and forgiveness in Christ brought forth wonderful results. God was able to use the passion of John Knox to bring a nation steeped in Roman paganism to the feet of Jesus. God used the overpowering desire of Paul to evangelize most of the known world for Christ.

With this kind of passion, we, too, could begin to cry out with the pangs of child birth as God uses us to bring forth spiritual children. "... For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children" (Isaiah 66:8). But, let us remember that without passionate laboring, there can be no successful child bearing in evangelism.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

Several Christmas Greetings were sent to the *General* readers. The list reads as follows: (These were received following or after the material for the January edition had been sent to the publisher; therefore, they are being listed in this issue.)

Charolette Tallent—France
 The Joe Haas Family—France
 The Howard Filkins Family—Ivory Coast
 The Lonnie Sparks Family—Spain
 The Bobby Aycock Family—Brazil
 The Jim Cowart Family—Brazil
 The Larry Inscow Family—Panama
 The Dave Franks Family—Brazil
 The Carlisle Hanna Family—India
 The Larry Russell Family—Baton Rouge
 The O. T. Dixon Family—Joseph Harp Correctional Center—Lexington, OK
 (Reverend and Mrs. Dixon hold administrative positions with the institution)
 The James Earl Raper Family—Free Will Baptist Home For Children
 The Bailey Thompson Family—Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

ORDER FORM FOR CTS COMPETITIVE MATERIALS

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	Sword Drill Study Booklet
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	Bible Bowl Booklet
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Points for Pastors

by Jim McAllister



It is a joy to come to you each month through this article in the Gem. Points for Pastors begins its fourth year this month. I had intended to bring the series to an end but have been requested to continue.

Revival time is an integral part of the life and thrust of the local church. Why have revival meetings? Should a church invite an outside speaker to come at a specified time and preach for several nights? Should the local church have one, two, or more revivals per year, and what should be their duration? How do you finance a revival? How do you organize, promote, and develop a revival, and how do you preserve the results?

It is the honest opinion of many successful pastors that the local church should not have revival meetings as such. They sincerely think revival meetings are a detriment. I heartily disagree. If the meeting is organized, promoted, prayed over, and the congregation gets involved, the results should be such that anyone could plainly see it pays to have revival.

Why? Because in revival we have a concentrated effort to revive the church and reach the lost. For several nights under white-hot preaching, the whole church is directed toward the Lord and reaching the unsaved. The people get involved, they are encouraged to be faithful, to invite their friends and loved ones, and to pray for the lost and the church.

Victories are won, unsaved are reached, souls are prayed over, cried over, and witnesses are given. The crowds, music, prayers, and the preaching are usually good, exciting, and enthusiastic. People who have been unfaithful attend; people who could have cared less are reinstated. Revival pays if the church, pastor, and evangelist pay the price.

Would You Like To Retire In A Free Will Baptist Village?

If you are a Free Will Baptist, would you like to own a new two bedroom apartment where you can spend your retirement years in a Christian environment among Free Will Baptists for less than \$26,000?

Would you also like to be free of the responsibility of exterior painting, grass mowing, snow removal, and general outside upkeep for a nominal maintenance fee?

For more information please fill out the form and mail to either of these addresses: Chesley Hill, 9917 Lark Avenue, Lemay, Missouri 63125, or Free Will Baptist Retirement Village, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, Missouri 65536.

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Telephone _____

A Letter From The Vandivorts

Dear Prayer Helper,

As the new year was ushered in at Flagstaff, Arizona, Louise and I were in prayer kneeling together holding hands. As we prayed thinking of the decade of the 80's, I also thought about New Year's Eve, 1970. At that time we were working with a tiny mission church of dedicated people, meeting in a converted garage, paying for land, and praying for a building loan. We had expectant faith and vision for a self-supporting Free Will Baptist Church! Praise God from that point in 1970 we saw a congregation develop in Columbia, Missouri, and a nice building built. While we were there, the financial records revealed that the church had contributed back to the Free Will Baptist denominational ministries more than the amount expended from home mission funds for the establishment of the church.

Ten years later we are in very similar circumstances with "faith," "vision," and "goals." Our December high attendance in Flagstaff was 31. We ask you to pray with us for greater participation in the Sunday evening service. However, we were thankful that five homes were represented at our special candlelight service during the last Sunday evening of 1979. A university student expressed her thanks for our church making a home for her with people who loved and understood... a man retired from the navy who is now a university student expressed thankfulness for God leading him to our church... another man who is now active in visitation, jail, and rescue mission services said that before coming to Flagstaff, he had been out of church and was thankful for us ministering to his spiritual needs... a mother was grateful for the church supporting her during very trying experiences. There were other spirit-filled testimonies and prayer requests.

Louise and I spent part of our 20th wedding anniversary (December 26) praying and counseling with a lovely Christian wife and mother of four. Her husband (a Flagstaff professional man) had told her on their wedding anniversary (Christmas Day) that he wanted a divorce. Some former neighbors of ours with whom we have been witnessing and praying for have about the same story. Pray for repentance of sin (Psalm 51) and reconciliation. Pray for our spiritual strength and faithfulness that we might help people in such desperate spiritual need.

Pray for salvation, baptism, and Christian maturity of families in Salvation-to-Discipleship Home Bible Studies.

Pray for Louise's health as she has had some recurrence of problems with her heart condition recently.

Our account will soon be in the red if the receipts continue to decrease. Please pray regarding your personal support of the "Vandivort" account, c/o Free Will Baptist Home Missions, Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202. We thank each one who remembers us in prayer.

Your Home Missionaries in Flagstaff, Arizona
Mark and Louise Vandivort
Andy, Phil, Stephen, Bethany, and Deborah Joy

Woman's Page



Shirley Bowden, editor

REPORT OF THE STATE PROJECTS

THE LYNN MILEY FAMILY FOREIGN MISSION PROJECT

First FWB West Plains Auxiliary	\$25.00
Eastern Gate FWB Auxiliary	73.50
Farmington FWB Auxiliary	35.71
Fourth FWB Auxiliary	5.00
Fourth Junior S.S. Dept.	4.00
Fredericktown FWB Auxiliary	34.00
Grace FWB Auxiliary	4.53
Hannon FWB Auxiliary	100.00
Hazel Creek FWB Auxiliary	128.50
Jones Chapel FWB Auxiliary	7.20
First FWB Joplin Auxiliary	7.20
Macedonia FWB Auxiliary	7.20
Martinstown FWB Auxiliary	25.00
Merl's Chapel FWB Auxiliary	7.20
Monett FWB Auxiliary	7.20
First FWB Mountain Grove Auxiliary	8.13
New Harmony FWB Auxiliary	17.50
First FWB O'Fallon Auxiliary	25.00
Verdella FWB Auxiliary	10.00
Viburnum FWB Auxiliary	5.00
Balance as of January 1, 1980	\$536.87

THE JIM MCLAIN

FOREIGN MISSION PROJECT

First FWB West Plains Auxiliary	\$25.00
Farmington FWB Auxiliary	20.98
Fredericktown FWB Auxiliary	34.00
Grace FWB Auxiliary	4.53
Grant Ave. FWB Auxiliary	25.00
First FWB Mountain Grove Auxiliary	8.13
First FWB O'Fallon Auxiliary	40.40
Balance as of January 1, 1980	\$208.04

THE HOWARD BOWERS

HOME MISSION PROJECT

First FWB West Plains Auxiliary	\$25.00
Cabool FWB Auxiliary	20.00
Farmington FWB Auxiliary	35.73
Fredericktown FWB Auxiliary	34.00
Grace FWB Auxiliary	4.52
Grant Ave. FWB Auxiliary	28.75

Houston FWB Auxiliary	10.00
Monett FWB Auxiliary	50.00
First FWB Mountain Grove Auxiliary	33.13
Myrtle FWB Auxiliary	60.50
First FWB O'Fallon Auxiliary	84.41
Thayer FWB Auxiliary	60.00
Verdella FWB Auxiliary	10.00
Willow Springs FWB Auxiliary	55.70
Balance as of January 1, 1980	\$511.74

THE TOM OWENS PROJECT

STATE HOME MISSION

First FWB West Plains Auxiliary	\$25.00
Buffalo FWB Auxiliary	50.00
Cuba FWB Auxiliary	35.00
Farmington FWB Auxiliary	35.73
Fredericktown FWB Auxiliary	34.00
Grace FWB Auxiliary	4.52
Hannon FWB Auxiliary	75.00
Jones Chapel FWB Auxiliary	7.00
First FWB Joplin Auxiliary	7.00
Macedonia FWB Auxiliary	90.18
Merl's Chapel FWB Auxiliary	15.19
First FWB Monett Auxiliary	15.18
First FWB Mountain Grove Auxiliary	8.13
New Hope FWB Fredericktown Auxiliary	15.00
First FWB O'Fallon Auxiliary	40.40
Thayer FWB Auxiliary	19.73
Viburnum FWB Auxiliary	5.00
Balance as of January 1, 1980	\$482.06