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CHURCH	FEB. 90	MAR. 105	APR. 113	MAY	JUNE	JULY 97	AUG. 89	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.
Beacon								32	33	32		
Belton												
Buffalo	56	76	76	72	68							
Calvary, Conway	67	104	106									64
Calvary, Fenton	110	150	117	105	109	106						110
Cape Girardeau	108	95		76	81	71	78	73	80	66	69	
Central	54	63	54	54	50	50	58	52	47	55	67	68
Copper Mines	86	82	85	74	80	71	73	73	66	68	73	
DeSoto	169											
Farmington	420	475	494	444	446	454	455	514	670			529
Flat River, First	210	214	228	209	188	192	196	202	224	199	195	192
Fourth, St. Louis	194	231	187	155	146	157	138	133	139	122	137	137
Fredericktown, First			104	109	98	101	98	133	129	115	127	118
Grant Avenue, Spg.	115	130	134	104	128	120	119	126	133	134		
Gray Summit									17	10	12	11
Happy Home												
Hannon												
Hartville												
Hazel Creek	43											
Houston		73	75	68	65	67	85	77	75	70		
Jones Chapel	101											
Joplin												
Kirksville	119	126	122	144		108	117	127	125	120	117	113
Marshfield		56	59	54	52	48	53	51	59	58	52	53
Monett, First	112	134	138	120	126	117	130	134	156	159	136	
Mtn. Grove, First	221	316	266									
Parkview, Desloge			58					52	45	45	50	48
Richwoods	23	30	23	35	36	27	35	42	44	48	41	44
South Side		131	107	95	91	90	82	83		84	98	82
Terrill Rd., Moberly	26	29	23	15	16	17	18	20	21	30		31
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Trinity, Bridgeton	136	151	170	169	158	139	129	144	152	149	150	148
Thayer												
Twin Oak	93	80	87	83	82	78	68					
Viburnum	38											
Victory, KC	70	94	70	68	75	62	67	60	64	62	72	
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The Biblical concept of the DEACON

by Deacon "Pudd" Ritter

By looking at the early church's first deacons, we can gain new insight into what a deacon is, why the church needs deacons, what kind of men should be chosen, and what a deacon should be expected to do.

When a preacher prepares to teach a lesson or preach a sermon, one frequent piece of research he finds himself doing is checking the meanings of words in their original language. The word *DEACON* comes from a Greek noun *DIAKONOS* that means servant, minister, or attendant. Since the early days of the church, the term "deacon" has been used to refer to a special order of Christian ministers—not preachers, but *ministers*: those who minister to or serve others.

It is said that "necessity is the mother of invention"—that when a great need occurs, someone will come up with an idea to take care of that need. That is just what happened when the apostles found themselves wearing so many hats they didn't have time to do the main job Jesus had given them: that of preaching the Word of God and evangelizing the world. But God came up with an idea that would ease the burden for the apostles for that day as well as the burden for preachers of the Word since that time: the deacon.

We're all familiar with chapter 6 of Acts where the Greek congregation felt they were being left out because the Hebrews were getting more attention than they. The apostles saw that they couldn't constantly be dealing with small disputes of this nature and preach God's Word, too; so they got together and chose seven honest, dependable, spirit-filled men to carry out these duties.

They had to be honest. After all, they were going to be supervising the financial matters of the church, and the congregation needed to have complete confidence in their integrity. Neither the deacon nor the congregation should ever feel insecure about the deacon counting church offerings.

They had to be full of the Holy Ghost. All church work is spiritual. To be full of the Holy Spirit means that a life is thoroughly permeated with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The deacon must be completely dedicated and wholeheartedly devoted to spiritual things.

They had to be full of wisdom. Their job required that they be competent in administration so they could deal wisely in situations where human feelings had to be considered. This wisdom didn't require a formal education, but it did require the kind of wisdom that comes from living close to the Lord. All believers who want this wisdom only have to ask for it, according to James 1:5.

They had to be full of faith. Stephen was the only deacon mentioned specifically as being "full of faith," but certainly a man with little faith cannot fill the position of deacon today.

Paul, in 1 Timothy 3, lists specific qualifications for a deacon.

He must be grave—dignified and serious-minded about God's work, but not sour. Deacons should have

soul winning on their minds. They should look nice and be well-groomed. They must not smoke. Deacons should be cheerful—after all, God has put them in a special position, and they should be happy about it.

He must not be doubletongued—saying one thing to one man and another thing to another person, sowing discord in the church.

He must have nothing to do with strong drink—neither drink it, sell it, nor serve it. He must refrain from belonging to clubs or organizations where alcohol is sold or served, such as V.F.W., Elks Lodge, or Country Clubs.

He must not be always seeking material things, particularly in a dishonorable way. A man who would charge high rent for some of the shacks our bus kids live in is certainly "greedy of filthy lucre."

He must have a strong spiritual life. A deacon should be able to set an example before the church and his family in Bible study and in his prayer life.

He must be proved before being ordained. Paul said in Galatians 6:4, "Let every man prove himself." New converts or new members the church hasn't had a chance to observe for some time wouldn't be considered proven.

He must be blameless—not perfect, of course, but he *could* stand up to a close examination of his personal life.

He must have a good homelife. He can't have been divorced, and he must be a faithful husband. His wife must be a faithful Christian whose life is a reflection of her husband's leadership. They must be a couple who are compatible with each other.

He must be the true head of his family and in control of his wife and children. A deacon is not in control of his family if he can't get his son out of bed on Sunday morning in time for Sunday school.

If deacons were necessary to the life of the early church, they are no less so in today's complex society where the pastor is expected to serve as an evangelist, counselor, soul winner, preacher, peacemaker, administrator, executive, teacher, church builder, husband, father, and son, to name a few.

God calls preachers, but the church calls deacons. This is not to say that God plays no part in the calling of deacons, however. In selecting deacons these three points should be kept in mind: The church should be engaged in earnest prayer that the right man will be chosen. The man should have the unquestioned support of the church, and he should understand the responsibilities which are being placed upon him. Jesus said, "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first and counteth the cost, whether he hath sufficient to finish it?" (Luke 14:28).

When a man is called by the church to be ordained as a deacon, he should determine whether God wants him to serve in this capacity. The call of the church is not enough to make a man a good deacon. He takes on a heavy responsibility of self-denial and sacrifice to see that the work of Christ is achieved through his church. So much more is expected of a deacon than of

the ordinary church member. He is watched by all. His attendance is noted; his stewardship of time, money, and talents is an example to every member. Even his attitude is weighed carefully in every situation. He must be willing to walk and talk an example to others.

The relationship of the deacon to the pastor is a close one. As the pastor confides in the deacons and relies upon them for service, they need to recognize his leadership, follow his advice, and respect the privacy of his conversations. When the pastor talks over a private matter with one of his deacons, he needs to feel certain that the deacon will not run home and tell his wife. And in a like manner, when a deacon learns something that may affect the church, he needs to feel confident that he can go to the pastor with the information without feeling he is "spying" on the congregation. The deacon is certainly not a gestapo agent of the pastor.

The deacon, like the pastor, should have a deep concern for all that is going on in the church. He should make it his business to know what is going on so that he can make wise decisions in planning the overall program of the church.

Making people feel welcome in the services is a responsibility of a deacon, too. He should circulate among the people and welcome members and visitors to the services instead of flopping down in his favorite seat quietly to visit with his cronies.

Deacons also assist the pastor in making the ordinances meaningful. They serve the Lord's Supper, preparing the elements and table before the service begins. They make ready for the feet washing service, too, and see that all works smoothly. They must be in attendance at every worship service, and they should work constantly to build attendance by bringing in people. Deacons should be looked upon by the community as counselors and spiritual guides. They should

call upon the sick with a cheerful spirit, a prayer, and leave a spirit of love and good will. They should take an active interest in helping backsliding members, the lost, and the neglected. This is probably a good place to put in a plug for the bus ministry, too.

A spirit of true evangelism among the deacons serves to inspire the rest of the church in soul winning. There is no better way to inspire the church than to take a leading role in the visitation program.

In short, deacons should be available for service when called upon, should see the needs of the church and community and fill them, and set an example for the rest of the church. We have no way of knowing why Jesus used James, John, and Peter as much as He did, but it was probably because He knew they could be depended upon and because they were available. We do know that Thomas wasn't available at all times—he wasn't at church one night and didn't get to see Jesus. That put him to doubting, according to John 20:19-25. Church members *do* watch deacons. They are often too eager to find a deacon who isn't very active to use as an excuse for their own inactivity. No one should ever be given the opportunity to say, "If Mr. so-and-so doesn't think it is necessary to go on Thursday night visitation, why should I knock myself out to go? *He's a deacon!*"

Deacons should be men of vision who can see the world as lost, who hate sin, and who can see Jesus as Savior for all—and act accordingly!

About the writer: Deacon "Pudd" Ritter is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Farmington, Missouri. He and his family are actively involved in the ministry of the church.

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CHURCHES PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Dr. Miley At Bethel

On January 26, 1980, Bethel was privileged to have as their guest Dr. LaVerne Miley, former missionary to the Ivory Coast, South Africa. Dr. Miley is now professor at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville Tennessee.

This was sponsored by the Bethel Woman's Auxiliary. Dr. Miley spoke to the congregation on Saturday night on the history and purpose of Woman's Auxiliary and how the Woman's Auxiliary had helped him and his family when they were ministering in the Ivory Coast. He told of some of his experiences and how the Woman's Auxiliary had helped in times when they were in need. On Sunday morning, Dr. Miley spoke to the congregation and made the people realize their responsibility to the great commission.

After service, Dr. Miley was presented a check in the amount of \$502.41 by the Woman's Auxiliary. This check is to be used to buy items needed for the Missionary Provision Closet which the missionaries need that are not usually stocked. Bethel Woman's Auxiliary is growing and is looking forward to helping our missionaries more in the future with provisions which they need.

Layman Honored At Trinity

The importance of lay involvement was recently emphasized at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Bridgeton, Mo.

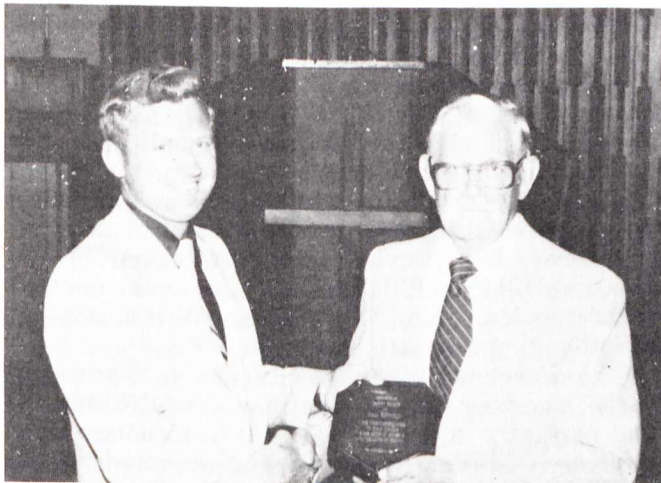
The entire Sunday morning and evening worship hours were planned, directed, and carried out by the laity of the church.

One of the highlights of the day was the presentation of a plaque to honor "An Outstanding Layman." Mr. Paul Hatfield of 11722 Old St. Charles Rd. had been chosen to receive the award. Mr. Hatfield has served as a building committee member, Sunday school teacher, choir director, and serving for 7 years as an Elder in the church.

The lay committee responsible for the planning of

the entire program and choosing of the Layman Award candidate were Darrel Hicks, Mike Matthews, Jim Moody, and Elvis Smothers.

Pastor Spurgeon reports that it was a great blessing to see the church functioning smoothly and effectively as the body of Christ through the guidance and effort of an involved laity.



Mr. Paul Hatfield receives Layman Award

Attention: Church Treasurers and Pastors

March 31, 1980, marks the end of the Missouri State Association year. In order for your cooperative and designated giving to be included in this year's total receipts, your checks should be sent to the state office by March 31. Inasmuch as that date is on Monday, the books will be closed on Tuesday, April 1. Please make note of this in order that your giving will be reflected in the state treasurer's report for the year 1979-80.

MISSOURI TEEN RETREAT

Who: For All Teens

Where: Missouri State Camp, Niangua, Missouri

When: April 18 and 19

Arrival Time

And Registration: 4:00 p.m.

Evening Meal: 6:30 to 7:30

Drama Presentation: Hillsdale Drama Department will present "You are a good man, Charlie Brown" 8:00 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP UNTIL 11 following the play.

Dorm Devotions: 11:15 p.m.

Wake Up Time: 7:00 a.m.

Singing and Devotions: 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.

Brunch: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Musical Presentation: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

(New Life Singers and Harvesters)

Departure Time: 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$3.00

COME JOIN THE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

Winter Activities at South Side

Sue Winchester, church reporter, writes, On December 2, 1979, we began a "Love Loaf" program to do our part to help feed the hungry of the world.

We had our annual Christmas Program on December 16, 1979, based on a program written by one of the members of the church, Sister Lea Clayton. The program titled, "O Holy Night," was directed by Sister Clayton and Sister Shirley Simpson.

We had a Watch Service on December 24, 1979. The program included preaching, singing, refreshments, and the viewing of an excellent film titled "Turbulence." The service was closed with prayer at the altar.

The pastor, Reverend Jim Mertz, has taught some fine lessons on the subject of Prayer and How To Lead An Unsaved Person To Christ at the Mid-Week Services. The church held a service at the Maryville Gardens senior citizen complex on January 11, 1980.

On January 20, 1980, while many people were occupied with football, we enjoyed a special service designated as "I Love America Sunday." This was a tribute of praise to America and prayer to God that He would lead and bless our nation. The U.S. Coast Guard provided a uniformed color guard for the special service. Letters written to American hostages in Iran were collected and sent to the proper destination. Also, a letter was sent to President Carter expressing the concern and encouragement of the church.

We had our "Love Loaf Sunday" on January 27, 1980, with a total of \$300.00 given. The church felt that this was a tremendous success. The money was divided between World Vision and the Woman's Auxiliary. This will help in feeding the hungry and helping with the denomination's missionary program.

Plans are underway for an April Sunday school campaign. The theme will be "Gold Rush—1980." We ask others to pray for our church as we work to see unsaved saved and to see our church grow.



Love Loaf Dedication

Letters to hostages



Activity Building Dedicated at Farmington

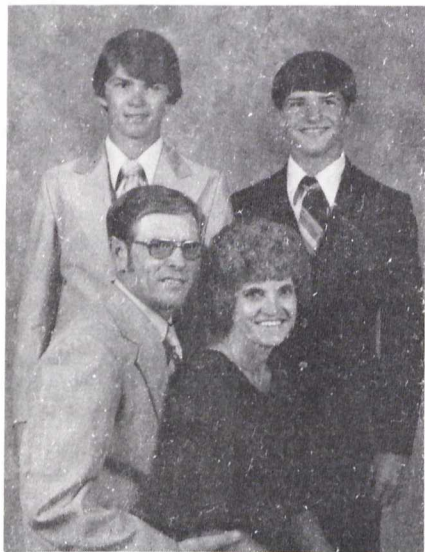
On Sunday Evening, January 27, 1980, with a filled auditorium, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Farmington, Missouri, dedicated its new Activity Building to the Lord. The beautiful new building accommodates a full-size Gymnasium, a Learning Center for the Christian Academy, Classrooms, and a "Prophet's Room."

At the Dedication Service, Mr. Morris Greenhaw, chairman of the General Board, recognized the men that led and labored in building the Activity Building. He stated, "Because so many gave so much of themselves, the building was completed in a relatively short time and at a low cost."

The pastor, Reverend Jim McAllister, expressed his deep appreciation to the people of the church for their visions, their dedication, and their faithfulness.

The singing was under the direction of John Smith, music director, with special singing by the choir, the quartet, and David Bates.

The mayor of Farmington, Mr. Wit Ledbetter, represented the city and recognized the pastor and the church for the accomplishments and achievements that had been made. Reverend Clarence Burton, promotional secretary, Missouri State Association, preached the dedicatory message. In his remarks he complimented the pastor, the church staff, and the church family for their labor of love and work of faith. He also gave special attention to the evangelistic thrust and soul-winning ministry of the church.



*The Singing Brawley Family
Clifford, Dorothy, David, and Mark*

This family has been singing gospel music for approximately eleven years. They have sung in churches, civic auditoriums, and small group gatherings. The family is very versatile in their singing; duets, solos, and, of course, the four voices. David does most of the piano playing, but his mom, Dorothy, can play when the arrangement requires it. Mark recently announced his call to the ministry of preaching the gospel. They can be contacted at this number 1-417-532-4447 or write Phillipsburg, Mo. They are available for gospel concerts or special music services.

Church Dedication Service at Alton

It was a time of special blessings and outpouring of the Holy Spirit on December 23, 1979, as a combination dedication and ordination service was held at Victory Free Will Baptist Church of Alton, Missouri.

Bro. Keith Combs was ordained to preach the gospel by the laying on of hands. The Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptists ordaining committee examined Bro. Combs and reported finding him qualified to preach the gospel. Thereupon Bro. Darrell Strain brought the charge, and Bro. Combs was brought to the altar for the prayer of dedication and the laying on of hands.

Victory Free Will Baptist Church was officially dedicated to the Lord on this special Sunday in December. Bro. David Honeycutt, pastor of the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, was moderator of the service, and Bro. Clarence Burton brought a challenging dedication message.

The church was completed during November and early December. The new facility has a full basement and baptistry in the 34 ft. by 70 ft. structure. The interior is finished with paneling accented by full carpet and beautiful padded pews. The building sets on 2 acres of land with ample parking facilities.

Pastor Darrell Strain said that as the church began to look for land to purchase that none was available in the area where the church is now located. The man who owned the land said it was not for sale at any price. Feeling led of God that this was the property for the church, the pastor and a group of men walked over the property and claimed the land for the Lord's work. Not many months thereafter the land became available to the church.



Victory FWB Church, Alton, MO

March is Designated as the Month to Receive a Special Offering for Youth Camp.

The Goal is \$5,000.

Youth Sponsors, Youth Groups, organize Car Wash, Bake Sale, Walk-A-Thon, etc.

100 Youth Groups X \$50 equals \$5,000

50 Youth Groups X \$100 equals \$5,000

200 Youth Groups X \$25 equals \$5,000

Everyone will benefit from the Remodeling Program at Youth Camp. Pastors, Youth Leaders, let's raise the money. With the Lord's help we can!

Please mail checks to Rev. Charley Miller, Box 207, DeSoto, MO 63020 or Missouri State Association, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536. Earmark offerings—Special Project.

Preachers' and Pastors' Seminar

(Primarily for the "Relatively Young" but everyone is invited!)

Place: Youth Camp, Niangua, Missouri

Date: Monday evening, March 24—Wednesday noon, March 26.

Subjects: Evangelistic Outreach of the Church
Stewardship
Preparing and Preaching the Message
The Pastor and Church Libraries
Current Books for Evangelical Preachers
Preparing for DVBS 1980
Essentials of Evangelism
And Several Other Subjects

Note: A package of 7 books (helpful to every preacher) may be purchased for \$23.95 at the time of registration. These same books retail for \$44.20. Registration is 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 24.

This seminar is sponsored by the Promotional Department.

From The Desk Of The Promotional Secretary

by Clarence Burton

January, the beginning of a New Year! As I think of the new year I am reminded of the song, "Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand. But I know who holds tomorrow and I know He holds my hand." What a comfort and consolation to have that sweet assurance.

Because of the need for space I will list the places I visited without comment.

Saturday, January 5—Cave Springs Quarterly Meeting, Lingo Free Will Baptist Church, Moderator—Rev. James Reed, Host pastor—Rev. Bill McClintoch

Sunday, January 6—Cedar Ridge Free Will Baptist Church, Pastor—Rev. Bill Knapp

Monday, January 7—Executive Committee Meeting, State Office

Friday, January 11—Greater Springfield Quarterly Meeting—Buffalo Free Will Baptist Church, Moderator—Rev. Millard Sassar, Host pastor—Rev. Kent Tallent

Sunday, January 13—First Free Will Baptist Church—Monett (Without pastor at present)

Tuesday, January 15—Youth Camp Board, State Office

Sunday, January 20—First Free Will Baptist Church, West Plains, Pastor—Rev. Dale Skiles

Monday, January 21—Christian Board of Education, Board of Directors—Retirement Village, State Office

Friday, January 25—St. Francois Quarterly Meeting, Aulsbury Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Moderator—Rev. Guy Leonard, Host pastor—Rev. Earl Ames

Saturday, January 26—St. Louis Quarterly Meeting, Calvary Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Moderator—Rev. Jerry Norris, Host pastor—Rev. Jerry Norris

Sunday, January 27—Fourth Free Will Baptist Church, Pastor—Rev. Leroy Blankenship

Sunday evening, January 27—First Free Will Baptist Church, Farmington, Pastor—Rev. Jim McAllister

The Lord has blessed us. We have so much for which to be grateful. We are so thankful for the faithfulness of our churches in supporting cooperative and designated giving. May the Lord bless every pastor and lay person that is helping in this labor of love; this ministry of giving. It looks as if we will meet our goal for this year, which ends March 31. Remember this—so many are helped through the unified plan of giving. I trust that we shall continue to give for His work and labor for the gospel until He calls us home to be with Him. Please make all checks payable to Missouri State Association and mail to P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536.

Thanks to everyone for every act of kindness and consideration!



On The National Front

Dear Brother Burton:

I send you greetings today from the National Home Missions Department, and pray that God is continuing to bless your work with the Missouri churches.

I am writing this letter to congratulate the state of Missouri of giving \$53,588.98 to National Home Missions in 1979! I think this is tremendous, and I commend the Free Will Baptists of Missouri for your burden and concern for Home Missions. Missouri has certainly been a good friend to Home Missions. Not only are you burdened for starting new churches in your own state, but you are also burdened for National Home Missionaries working in isolated areas. Your concern for starting new churches has gone beyond the borders of your own state, and you are extending your influence and support into Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Mexico, the Virgin Islands, and many other states and areas.

God did give us a record breaking year in 1979! A record number of missionaries were sent out, a record number of churches became self-supporting, a record number of souls were saved in our mission churches (over 1,300), and our income set a new record—the highest in our history—\$987,528.22.

However, there is so much that remains to be done! Satan is out to destroy our nation, for he knows that

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MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING

January 1980

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Grant Avenue	\$398.42
Jerry Pinkerton	\$190.00
Fred Hersey	115.00
Don Sexton	70.00
Howard Filkins	2.42
General Fund	21.00
Eastern Gate	\$175.00
Archie Mayhew	\$75.00
Fred Hersey	25.00
General Fund	75.00
Columbia	\$167.00
General Fund	\$22.00
Lynn Miley	50.00
Jim McLain	50.00
Charolette Tallent	15.00
Howard Filkins	15.00
Joe Haas	10.00
Jerry Pinkerton	5.00
Sedalia	\$180.25
General Fund	\$180.25
Aulsbury Chapel	\$50.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$25.00
Howard Filkins	25.00
Kirksville	\$185.40
Jerry Pinkerton	\$96.13
Howard Filkins	47.13
Jim McLain	42.14
Mtn. Grove, First	\$100.00
General Fund	\$55.00
Mike Cousineau	45.00
Hickory Grove	\$67.66
Steve Lytle	\$67.66
Pleasant Ridge	\$20.00
Jim McLain	\$10.00
General Fund	10.00
Black Oak	\$55.75
Tom Hughes	\$25.75
Dock Caton	30.00
Monett	\$40.00
Jerry Banks	\$30.00
General Fund	10.00
Joplin	\$54.00
Dock Caton	\$19.00
Jerry Banks	16.00
Mike Cousineau	15.00
Lonnie Sparks	4.00
Leadington	\$3.00
Howard Filkins	\$3.00
Walnut Grove	\$10.00
Lynn Miley	\$10.00
Olivet	\$45.00
Bobby Poole	\$25.00
Jim McLain	10.00
Lonnie Sparks	10.00
Fordland	\$15.00
Howard Filkins	\$5.00
Charolette Tallent	10.00
Fourth	\$265.00
Steve Lytle	\$245.00
Charolette Tallent	20.00
Fredericktown, First	\$115.56
General Fund	\$115.56
Central	\$355.53
Lynn Miley	\$205.53
Joe Haas	30.00
Howard Filkins	120.00
Rock Chapel	\$10.00
Dock Caton	\$10.00
New Hope, Fredericktown	\$30.00
Howard Filkins	\$30.00
Merl's Chapel	\$44.26
Dale Bishop	\$44.26
Buffalo	\$5.00
Jerry Banks	5.00
New Harmony	\$45.16
Jim McLain	\$22.58
Lynn Miley	22.58

Lebanon, First	\$158.00
Lynn Miley	\$18.76
Carlisle Hanna	9.38
Bill Fulcher	9.38
Jerry Pinkerton	31.87
Jim McLain	9.37
Steve Lytle	9.88
Charolette Tallent	10.36
Morgan	22.50
General Fund	36.50
Thayer	\$5.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$5.00
Hannon	\$110.50
Jerry Pinkerton	\$25.00
Howard Filkins	25.00
Steve Lytle	15.00
Charolette Tallent	15.00
Bill Fulcher	15.00
Carlisle Hanna	15.50
Beacon	\$31.00
Howard Filkins	\$26.00
Ken Eagleton	5.00
Rolla	\$129.00
Equal Amount to any Missouri Accounts in Red	
Oak Hill	\$8.00
General Fund	\$8.00
Myrtle	\$64.15
Lynn Miley	\$20.00
Jim McLain	44.15
Total	\$2,942.64

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Howard Bowers	\$50.00
Mark Vandivort	25.00
Grant Avenue	\$11.00
Cochrane	\$4.00
Mark Vandivort	7.00
Columbia	\$5.00
Mark Vandivort	\$5.00
Fourth	\$16.00
Vergel Maness	\$16.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$90.50
Howard Bowers	\$83.00
Mark Vandivort	5.00
General Fund	2.50
Monett, First	\$50.00
General Fund	\$30.00
Howard Bowers	15.00
Bob Thomas	5.00
Leadington	\$9.00
Howard Bowers	\$9.00
Olivet	\$15.00
Vergel Maness	\$15.00
Fordland	\$8.00
Howard Bowers	\$5.00
Vergel Maness	3.00
Flat River, First	\$100.00
General Fund	\$100.00
Fredericktown, First	\$89.80
Howard Bowers	\$44.90
E. Ross	44.90
Central	\$108.25
General Fund	\$28.25
Vergel Maness	20.00
Mexico	20.00
Harris	5.00
Howard Bowers	25.00
Mark Vandivort	10.00
Rock Chapel	\$1,020.10
General Fund	\$1,000.10
Howard Bowers	20.00
New Hope, Fredericktown	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Daniel Vandivort	\$50.00
Mark Vandivort	\$50.00
Wolf Creek	\$20.00
Mark Vandivort	\$15.00
Howard Bowers	5.00
Lebanon, First	\$111.00
Howard Bowers	\$25.00

Mark Vandivort	25.00	
Vergel Maness	25.00	
General Fund	36.00	
Thayer		\$77.00
Howard Bowers	\$77.00	
Oak Hill		\$16.23
General Fund	\$16.23	
Myrtle		\$61.85
Howard Bowers	\$61.85	
Total		\$1,943.73

STATE YOUTH CAMP

Willow Springs	\$20.00	
Mt. Pisgah	\$5.00	
Faith, Lemay	\$10.00	
Hartville	\$10.00	
New Rock Springs	\$20.00	
Monett	\$30.00	
Friendship, Branson	\$10.00	
Olivet	\$10.00	
Thayer	\$10.00	
Myrtle	\$25.47	
Flat River, First	\$10.00	
Total		\$160.47

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Grant Avenue	\$141.00	
Branson	\$141.00	
Eastern Gate		\$31.00
Branson	\$31.00	
South Fremont		\$239.00
Branson	\$32.00	
General Fund	207.00	
Mtn. Grove, First		\$2.50
General Fund	\$2.50	
Pleasant Ridge		\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00	
Friendship, Branson		\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00	
Joplin		\$14.00
General Fund	\$14.00	
Leadington		\$650.00
Branson	\$650.00	
Terrill Road, Moberly		\$9.00
General Fund	\$4.00	
Branson	\$5.00	
Fordland		\$8.00
Branson	\$8.00	
Flat River, First		\$100.00
General Fund	\$100.00	
Columbia		\$5.00
General Fund	\$5.00	
Fredericktown, First		\$44.91
Branson	\$44.91	
Central		\$24.53
Moberly	\$24.53	
New Hope, Fredericktown		\$20.00
Branson	\$20.00	
Buffalo		\$25.00
Branson	\$25.00	
New Harmony		\$22.58
Moberly	\$22.58	
Thayer		\$3.00
General Fund	\$3.00	
Beacon		\$42.00
Branson	\$42.00	
Myrtle		\$25.46
General Fund	\$10.46	
Branson	\$15.00	
Total		\$1,426.98

*Rock Chapel sent \$100.00 direct to Moberly Mission.

BOB CARR ACCOUNT

Grant Avenue	\$20.00
Merl's Chapel	\$47.00
Total	\$67.00

NATIONAL BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

Grant Avenue	\$2.00
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GREENEVILLE HOME FOR CHILDREN

Fredericktown, First	\$19.25
Sedalia	\$33.25
Myrtle	\$5.62
Mtn. Valley	\$32.00
Total	\$90.12

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Willow Springs	\$20.00
Grant Avenue	\$18.00
Monett	\$17.95
Fredericktown, First	\$57.74
Lebanon, First	\$75.00
Total	\$188.69

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Grant Avenue	\$20.00
Joplin	\$54.00
General Fund	\$4.00
Library Wing	\$50.00
Columbia	\$10.20
General Fund	\$5.00
MO Project	\$5.20
Fredericktown, First	\$57.74
Lebanon, First	\$75.00
Eastern Gate	\$75.00
Library Wing	\$75.00
Total	\$291.94

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION GIVING JANUARY 1980

Cuba	\$159.03
Farmington	30.00
Kansas City District Assoc.	100.00
Oak Hill—Union	53.85
Hurryville	30.99
Myrtle	30.02
Joplin	10.00
Columbia	5.00
Pleasant Ridge—Urbana	10.00
Flat River, First	100.00
Beacon	50.00
Fordland	27.50
Grant Avenue	55.00
Lebanon	51.00
Cooperative Receipts	2,377.43
Buffalo	25.00
Thayer	9.00
Parkview	34.94
Hazel Creek	50.00
Kirksville	50.08
Mill Creek Young Adult Class ..	10.00
West Plains	70.00
Neosho	5.00
Grace	25.00
Fourth	67.20
Fellowship	20.00
Olivet	100.00
DeSoto	200.00
Union Light	24.00
Sedalia	82.78
Hannon	221.00
National Home Missions	107.32
Total	\$4,191.14

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COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS January 1980

Willow Springs	\$241.71
Mt. Pisgah	88.00
Cuba	165.13
Myrtle	137.71
Houston	172.00
Grant Avenue	740.12
Hurryville	151.00
Oak Hill, Union	200.00
Berkeley	372.80
Evangel	90.00
Number One	40.55
Eastern Gate	50.10
Union Light	104.00
Sikeston	124.00
Fellowship	60.00
Grace	791.00
Bailey Chapel	46.00
South Fremont	52.00
Harmony, K.C.	270.00
Sedalia	124.18
Gray Summit	56.88
Neosho	10.00
Belton	144.16
Faith, Lemay	130.87
Faith, Lemay	179.68
Kirksville	210.66
St. Francois Dist. Assn.	13.00
New Rock Springs	73.24
Mtn. Grove, First	539.53
Hartville	206.33
Royal Oak	35.00
Oskaloosa	35.40
Hickory Grove	81.14
Pleasant Ridge	57.00
Calvary, Conway	120.00
Black Oak	10.00
Macedonia	18.00
Monett, First	432.15
Faith, Fair Grove	174.59
Friendship, Branson	37.11
Cope	23.37
Mt. Zion, Thayer	32.60
Mill Creek	133.98
Walnut Grove	100.00
Way Side	160.00
Twin Oak	450.00
Purdy	147.35
Olivet	200.00
Flat River, First	611.37
Columbia	50.00
Community	27.70
Community	21.58
Mt. Zion, Gower	64.30
Fredericktown, First	281.72
Central	780.00
Rock Chapel	206.59
Marshfield	177.24
DeSoto	600.00
Viburnum	60.00
Cuba	120.55
Verdella	111.24
Verdella	118.20
O'Fallon	425.50
New Hope, Fredericktown	69.12
Bismark	32.00
Joplin	285.95
Merl's Chapel	57.94
Union Grove	120.00
Beacon	423.21
Waynesville	190.25
Pleasant Home	126.38
Mtn. Valley	199.10
Mine La Motte	33.87
Cabool	134.50
Copper Mines	135.00
Buffalo	\$160.62
Hopewell	103.96

Rolla	87.00
Mt. Zion, Thayer	20.00
New Harmony	7.10
Aulsbury Chapel	832.18
Lebanon, First	335.70
Thayer	174.78
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	41.54
Hannon	221.00
Richwoods	164.30
Malden	115.33
Fourth	287.00
Leadington	275.64
Wolf Creek	213.72
Black Oak	10.00
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Grant Avenue	448.75
Willow Springs	216.20
New Home, Falcon	85.63
Gospel Light	30.31
St. Francois Dist. Assn.	14.00
New Rock Springs	59.15
Freeman Chapel	117.60
Harmony, K.C.	170.00
United-Independent Free Will Baptist	159.00
Pleasant Hill	40.25
Gray Summit	33.73
Way Side	82.00
Bismark	29.00
Myrtle	123.46
Cope	20.91
Evangel	92.00
Total	\$18,072.60

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS January 1980

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions	\$3,343.43
16.00% Promotional Department	2,891.61
4.50% General Fund	813.27
5.50% Missouri State Youth Camp	994.00
2.00% Christian Board of Education	361.45
2.00% Sunday School and CTS	361.45
5.00% Retirement Program	903.63
5.00% Retirement Center	903.63
2.00% Possible Purchase of Ret. Unit	361.45
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	1,084.36
*33.50% National Association of Free Will Baptists	6,054.32
Foreign Missions	
Free Will Baptist Bible College	
Executive Department	
National Home Missions	
Board of Retirement and Insurance	
Laymen's Board	
Theological Commission	

*To be disbursed according to the allocation adopted by the National Association. (This is on a trial basis for 1 year as adopted by the Missouri State Association in June 1979.)

The Lord has given another fine month. December was closed out a little early; consequently, this is reflected in this month's receipts. We shall ever be thankful for the blessings of the Lord on the state and national ministries. May we continue to be faithful in our stewardship as we serve Him.

BIBLE COLLEGE ENROLLMENT REACHES 613

A total of 613 students enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College during the 1979-80 school year, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, Registrar. The total is an increase over the 1978-79 enrollment.

The 419 returnees were joined by 64 new students for a spring semester total of 483. Fourteen of these came from Missouri.

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only America has the men, means, and the message to save the world. If we lose America, we have lost it all. In our Department we feel that we must start new Bible Believing churches across our land, see revival started in all our churches, and we desperately need to do it now. Please stand with us in 1980 to help get "A Missionary in Every State for a Church in Every City."

Please express my appreciation to the Free Will Baptists of Missouri in the FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM, and may God bless you as you continue to serve in your great state.

In His Service,
Roy Thomas
General Director

JANUARY GIFTS BREAK BIBLE COLLEGE RECORD

The January, 1980, gift total for Free Will Baptist Bible College's General Fund holds special significance for Public Relations Director Paul J. Kettelman. The *month's* income (\$65,277.66) exceeds the 1962-63 *annual* income (\$64,755.42) for the first year he worked for the college. January gifts set a new record for monthly income to the college.

Much of the credit must go to those who made the 1979-80 Christmas Project a success.

Kettelman also points out that alumni drives and the development campaign were not drawing support in 1962-63, as they are today.

We congratulate Mr. Kettelman and the faithful FWBBC supporters who made January a record-breaking month.

Dear Brother Burton,

Just a short note to let you know how we are doing. God has been blessing in a marvelous way. We have to date as of last Sunday had fifty souls to unite with us. The work will be two years old in August of this year. We are in the process of remodeling at present. The center posts are already removed. Our attendance is wonderful, praise the Lord. We have been having 100 or more for Sunday school and 125 to 135 for morning worship. Souls are being saved and rededicated, some brought closer to the Lord, and some growing in leaps and bounds. We give God all the praise and glory for all that's happening. We could not send our monthly offering due to so much help given to needy families, so we have begun again in sending to the co-op plan. The needs of this community are great; please continue to remember us in prayer as we endeavor to reach all we can. Hope to see you at the association meeting in April. May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely Yours In Christ,
Bro. Duaine Hanson

Calendar Of Events

- March 24-26** Preachers' and Pastors' Seminar, Youth Camp, Niangua
- March 31-April 2** Evangelism Conference, West Tulsa Church, Tulsa, OK
- April 11, 12** Work Day at Youth Camp-Friday Evening Fellowship, Saturday Work Day (This is for work that needs to be done for the camp rather than church or district cabins)
- April 15** Deadline for Entries, State Competitive Activities
- April 18, 19** Hillsdale College—Missouri Teen Retreat, Youth Camp, Niangua
- April 20** Foreign Missions Call-A-Thon
- April 25, 26** National Master's Men Conference, Hillmont Camp, TN Contact Gary Sutton for additional information (1-314-272-4759)
- May 3** State Competitive Activities, Farmington Church, Farmington
- May 30-June 1** Marriage Enrichment Seminar, Youth Camp, Niangua Harold and June Critcher
- June 2-5** Missouri State Association, Nelson Community Center, Lebanon, MO
- Monday Evening Youth Service
Tuesday Woman's Auxiliary
- June 15-20** Youth Camp (ages 7-12)
- June 22-27** Youth Camp (ages 13-18)
- July 20-24** National Association, Anaheim, California Youth Conference WNAC
- September 12, 13** Woman's Auxiliary Retreat, Youth Camp, Niangua
- 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, TN
- October** Fall Enlargement Campaign
- October 20, 21** All Boards Meeting, Youth Camp, Niangua
- October 27-29** Missionary Conference, Free Will Baptist Bible College
- November 17-19** Church Evangelism Conference, Farmington Church, Farmington, MO National Home Missions and Church Extension Emphasis

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley E. Jones

One of the greatest tools we have at our disposal as we labor in the field of evangelism is the message we carry. This message is that Jesus came to save the sinner from the penalty of sin. It is a message of life to the spiritually deceased. It is the truth that will set men free from the practice of sin.

This message is easily found in written form—the Bible. We should be careful to know it and proclaim it, if we seek to win souls. Proclaiming the message is the work of the evangelist. Explaining the Word is the work of the pastor. When we reverse this order, we turn evangelistic meetings into teaching seminars that leave the lost “high and dry.”

The message is what God has blessed to produce saving faith. (“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message and the message is heard through the word of Christ.” Romans 10:17 NIV) He has promised it will not return void of fruit (Isaiah 55:11). The message is still capable of touching the heart and revealing the need of mankind (Hebrews 4:12).

It is a positive message. The need of every man *can* be met through Christ. The message does not just point out a man’s sinful nature and leave him in a pool of despair. The message points out a man’s dilemma and in the same breath says, “Jesus is the answer.”

Those who desire to be used of God in the wonderful work of evangelism must learn, grasp, and deliver this message of life, hope, and freedom in Jesus Christ.

Points for Pastors

by Jim McAllister



How do you finance a revival? It is extremely important that the church take care of the financial needs of the evangelist. What are the best methods?

One, put the revival and evangelist in the budget. A specified amount should come out of the weekly budget for the spring and fall revivals.

Two, the pastor and deacon board decide on the proper amount the evangelist will be paid and then two months before revival time start announcing appeals for the congregation to give their revival offerings to a specified individual, usually a deacon, so that the bulk of the revival expense will be met when the evangelist comes.

Three, receive offerings nightly. Don’t make a big issue of the offerings; just receive the offering by saying, “I know you will want to share in the expenses of this revival, so as our ushers pass among you, please give as God directs.”

Fourth, if, after these methods are used there is still insufficient funds, the board should meet and approve funds to be taken from the treasury and put with the offerings already received.

Fifth, determining the amount to be paid an evangelist is important also. Is he a full-time evangelist? How far did he travel? By air, car? Did he really get involved in the revival, or act like a guest? All these are important matters to consider. “The Laborer is worthy his hire.”

Sixth, the entertaining of the evangelist can help or discourage revival efforts. Be sure the evangelist has a nice clean room, a place to study and time for study, bathroom facilities easily accessible, and eating arrangements that assist his preaching. It isn’t wise to expect the preacher to eat a big meal at 6:00 p.m., then rush to the church to preach when stuffed. Take him on visitation with you, but only to shut-ins and unsaved or unchurched people. Don’t wait for revival to do your church member visitation.