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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1979-80

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CHURCH	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.
Beacon							90	94	97	123		
Belton					32	33	32	31	32	32	48	50
Buffalo	68	70	76	73	69	79	61	56	57	54	115	
Calvary, Conway									64	62	69	73
Calvary, Fenton	105	109	106	109	120	153	112	110	110	114	152	
Cape Girardeau	76	81	71	78	73	80	66	69				
Central	54	54	50	50	58	52	47	55	67	68		
Copper Mines	74	80	71	73	73	66	68	73				
Cuba									68	73	75	
DeSoto									156	151	200	
Farmington, First	444	446	454	455	514	670		529	526	564	600	
Flat River, First	209	188	192	196	202	224	199	195	192	168	198	210
Fourth	155	146	157	138	133	122	139	133	137	143	160	
Fredericktown, First	109	98	101	98	133	129	115	127	118	94	121	
Grant Avenue	104	128	120	119	126	133	134		128	123	131	120
Gray Summit						17	10	12	11			
Hartville	86	89	85	86	82	79	83	87	86	87	84	96
Hannon	61	74	76	77	70	68	74	77	67	69	81	83
Houston	68	65	76	85	77	75	70	81	85	76		
Kirksville, First	144	127	108	117	127	125	120	119	113			
Lebanon, First	120	128	101	111	116	119	104	104	101	90	105	
Marshfield	54	52	48	53	51	59	58	52	53			
Monett, First	120	126	117	130	134	156	159	136				
Mountain Grove, First												
Parkview, Desloge					52	45	45	50	48	41	51	64
Richwoods	35	36	27	35	42	44	48	41	44	29	38	
South Side	95	91	90	82	83		84	98	82			
Terrill Road, Moberly	15	16	17	18	20	21	30		31	29	58	
Oak Hill, St. Clair	45	52	49	38	55	74	64	66	64	55		
Thayer	150	140	137	137	127	136	134	139	144	143	147	137
Trinity	169	158	139	129	144	152	149	150	148	150		159
Twin Oak	83	82	78	68								
Victory, KC	68	75	62	67	60	64	62	72				
Willow Springs	100	100	100	98	100	98	103	112	105	88		

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Churches People And Events

Churches in Action

The Aulsbury Chapel Church

Peggy Perret, church reporter, writes, On Easter Sunday, April 6, 1980, we experienced a record attendance for Sunday school with 137 present. (The enrollment is 132; growing from 108 a year ago.) Several people rededicated their lives to the Lord during the invitation at the close of the service.

On Sunday night, April 13, a young lady, Barbara Hickman, made profession of faith at a Testimony Service. The church was in revival services May 19-24 with Brother Lawrence Thompson as the evangelist. The Lord is blessing the church, and we expect to see many souls saved as we serve the Lord.

The Trinity Church

The church reporter from the Trinity Church writes, On Sunday evening, March 30, 1980, the church presented a drama on the "Last Supper." The drama was directed by Mr. Albert Morlen. The presentation recreated the thoughts, words, and feelings of the disciples as they met with Jesus that night. They were close and yet so unaware of the nearness of His death. As a part of the drama, the congregation shared in the bread and cup of the Lord's Supper.



The "Last Supper" at Trinity Church

The Mt. Zion Church

Sharon Bowers, reporter of the Mt. Zion Church near Thayer, Missouri, writes, The church had good revival services with Brother Charles Hollis in May. Following the revival the church enjoyed a special day on May 17 with barbecue pig.

Children's Day is set for June 13, and Old-Timers Day will be held on June 29. On the first Saturday night in June, the church will begin holding a "Supper and Singing Service." Everyone is invited to attend these services.

The Mt. Zion Church recently ordained two deacons, Brother Bob Ross and Brother Fred Bowers.

The Lord is blessing and we are thankful. Rev. Johnny Holsapple is the pastor.

Flat River, First Church

Brenda Hoehn, church reporter, writes, A Mother-Daughter Banquet was held with an attendance of approximately 53. A short program was presented entitled, "Pattern for Living and Following in Mother's Footsteps."

A Fashion Show and a delicious meal followed the program. It was enjoyed by everyone.



Mother-Daughter Banquet at Flat River

The Overland Church

The church reporter from the Overland Church writes, On March 30, 1980, following the morning service, the church celebrated the first anniversary of the Bus Ministry. This was a cake social in the Fellowship Hall. The Bus Ministry is led by Sister Jean Reed and Sister Dee Barnes. The work has grown from six to forty children in one year. We praise the Lord for the growth which is a result of the

hard work and dedication of the bus workers.

A choir of bus children presented special singing for the congregation, and they read the following poem which had been written by one of the bus workers.

We're the Sunday school bus route kids,
And we have something we'd like to say,
For riding a bus, isn't new to us,
For we ride one to school each day.

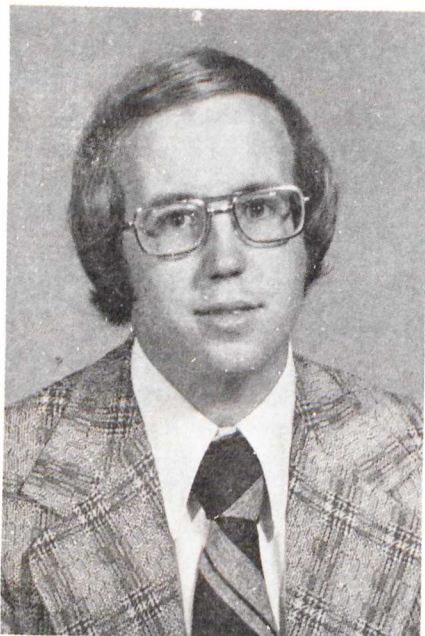
But on Sunday morning when we could sleep late,
For our Sunday school bus we anxiously wait,
'Cause we love to come to church and Sunday school
Where we learn about Jesus and the Golden Rule.

We are the Sunday school bus route kids,
And a few songs to you we'd like to sing,
About the Love of Jesus,
And the joy that He can bring.

People In Action

Reverend James Smith Receives Master of Divinity Degree

The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary announced that Reverend James Richard Smith, son of Dr. and Mrs. N. R. Smith, Joplin, Missouri, graduated with the largest group of graduates in Southwestern's 73-year history. Brother James Smith received the Master of Divinity degree. He was graduated on May 9, 1980.



Brother Smith is available for pastoral work. He is married with one child. He may be contacted at his parents' address: 2301 Connecticut Avenue, Joplin, Missouri 64801.

Reverend David Kirby Reports on Prophet's School

David writes, I wanted to send a report on my visit to the Prophet's School at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Farmington. I was at the church from a Sunday night service to the following Sunday morning service. I had the opportunity to observe firsthand the program of the church. I spent time with each of the staff members as well as the pastor and learned firsthand how they are accomplishing the results they have achieved. I believe that any pastor could profit from time spent in this program. It is one thing to read in a book or hear at a conference, but it is quite another thing to be able to view on a day-to-day basis how a successful church gets the job done.

I believe that my trip was a success. At this point in time, which is three weeks following my visit, we have set a new attendance record in Sunday school, (a high of 54 to 69). We have had 14 saved, 4 unite with the church, and we have added a new class to accommodate our growth. I highly recommend that every pastor attend the school. If you feel as I do and have a hunger for souls and want to be successful in God's eyes, then take advantage of this means of learning and growing in the Lord.

Reverend Ken Dodson Available for Evangelistic Work

A short time ago Brother Ken Dodson announced his call for full-time Evangelism. He stated that this call is from the Lord, and he wants to do all that he can to fulfill this calling. Since making this commitment to the Lord, Brother Dodson has had revival services with Brother Mike Rhoads in Emporia, Kansas. The Lord blessed with a wonderful revival.

A resume of his ministry states that he has attended the Free Will Baptist Bible College, taught in an ACE school program and pastored four years in Arkansas and Missouri. He has held several youth revivals and regular church revivals. Brother Dodson will also conduct seminars on Children's Church, Busing, Altar Workers, Christian Schools, and Soul Winning. He may be contacted at this address and telephone number. Farmington Free Will Baptist Church, 305 Columbia, Farmington, Mo. 63640; telephone 314-756-5426.





Special Offering for Board of Retirement and Insurance

Reverend Herman Hersey, director of the Board of Retirement and Insurance, is asking that every church receive a special offering on Father's Day for the department he serves. This is a needed ministry and deserves a special offering in order that it might expand and extend its ministries.

ANAHEIM MUSIC

Have you ordered your music for:

- Mass Choir
- Instrumental Ensemble
- Men's Chorale

If not, do so today. Our National Association meeting begins July 21, and you have an opportunity to be a part of the music ministry. Order your music from:

Free Will Baptist Executive Office
P.O. Box 1088
Nashville, Tenn. 37202

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Commencement Exercises for Hillsdale Free Will Baptist Bible College were held on May 9, 1980. Twenty-one seniors received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology, and thirty-one sophomores received an Associate of Arts degree.

National Home Missions Department

Reverend Roy Thomas, general director, states that VBS is a good opportunity to receive missionary offerings. We are trying to get missionary James O'Dell to his field of service: Great Falls, Montana. Due to recession and rising fuel costs, we have an urgent need for cash in his account. Will you challenge your VBS to give a good offering to his account? Suggestions: Set an offering goal; Use the Quarter Folders; Receive a special offering at the Commencement Exercise; Make a map of Montana and cover it with quarters; Have a Walk-A-Thon with the VBS students, "Marching for Montana."

Dear Friends in Missouri,

Greetings from Jackson, Tennessee. We appreciate so much the people of our home State of Missouri, who have been faithful in their prayer and financial support since we came to Jackson.

The Lord is continuing to bless our church, for which we are thankful. We are seeing lives changed by the power of God, and He continues to work in the hearts of many others who we believe will make decisions in the near future. The Lord has also blessed our church financially, as our tithes and offerings have increased sufficiently to start paying our obligations. We are praying the Lord will continue to bless and that we can start paying toward our support.

We will be losing one of our workers in July, as Sheila will be marrying another MK (missionary's kid), Melvin Haas, son of Joe Haas, serving in Rennes, France. Mel is a ministerial student at the Free Will Baptist Bible College and will be completing his schooling there. However, we still have Matthew, who is involved in our children's ministry and our ministry to the nursing homes with his puppets.

Continue to call our names in prayer, as we realize we cannot do anything without divine intervention. Our address is: 3007 Humboldt Highway, Jackson, Tennessee 38301. We would love to hear from you and want you to stop and visit us if you are ever through Jackson. God bless you.

Your missionaries to West Tennessee,
Vernon & Ada Long

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION GIVING April 1980

Fourth	\$18.70
Houston	63.35
Hurryville	14.44
Hannon	256.00
Sedalia	94.42
Marilyn Renfro	20.00
Terrill Road	15.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Beacon	30.00
Fredericktown, First	22.00
Lebanon	2.00
Flat River, First	100.00
Fordland	20.00
Grant Avenue	102.00
Low Ground	5.00
Joplin	2.00
Columbia	5.00
South Fremont	128.00
Thayer	1.00
New Hope	40.00
Myrtle	18.26
Leadington	5.00
Cooperative Receipts	2,606.29
Olivet	100.00
DeSoto	50.00
Fellowship	20.00
Cuba Woman's Auxiliary	22.70
Mill Creek Young Adult Class	10.00
Aulsbury Chapel	10.00

Neosho	5.00
Oak Hill-Union	53.50
Union Light	24.00
Sue Matthews	10.00
Kay Matthews	10.00
Grace	47.30
Total	\$3,940.96

Secretary-Treasurer
Rev. Lawrence Thompson
555 Columbia
St. Clair, Mo. 63077

MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING April 1980

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Walnut Grove	\$10.00
Lynn Miley	\$10.00
Olivet	\$45.00
Bobby Poole	\$25.00
Lonnie Sparks	10.00
Jim McLain	10.00
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	\$20.00
Jim McLain	\$10.00
General Fund	10.00
Flat River, First	\$100.00
General Fund	\$100.00
Hannon	\$128.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$25.00
Howard Filkins	25.00
Steve Lytle	25.00
Jim McLain	25.00
C. Hanna	15.00
C. Tallent	13.00
Central	\$277.21
Lynn Miley	\$142.21
Joe Haas	35.00
H. Filkins	100.00
Eastern Gate	\$50.00
Archie Mayhew	\$50.00
Joplin	\$22.00
M. Cousineau	\$5.00
Dock Caton	7.00
Jerry Banks	8.00
L. Sparks	2.00
Monett	\$5.00
General Fund	\$5.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$75.00
M. Cousineau	\$25.00
General Fund	50.00
Rock Chapel	\$30.00
Dock Caton	\$30.00
Columbia	\$5.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$5.00
Low Ground	\$10.00
Kirkville	\$202.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$102.66
Howard Filkins	54.67
Jim McLain	44.67
Lebanon, First	\$81.09
Jim McLain	\$10.71
Jerry Pinkerton	13.21
C. Tallent	11.71
Lynn Miley	10.71
Howard Filkins	10.74
C. Hanna	10.71
C. Morgan	2.50
Fredericktown, First	\$125.00
General Fund	\$125.00
New Harmony	\$51.64
Lynn Miley	\$25.82
Jim McLain	25.82
Merl's Chapel	\$34.00
N. Richards	\$34.00
Hickory Grove	\$31.05
Steve Lytle	\$31.05

Thayer	\$5.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$5.00
Overland	\$364.00
Call-A-Thon	\$364.00
Fourth	\$89.00
Steve Lytle	\$89.00
Myrtle	\$100.00
Jim McLain	\$80.00
Lynn Miley	20.00
Black Oak	\$34.25
Molly Barker	\$34.25
Fordland	\$15.00
Joe Haas	\$15.00
Beacon	\$168.00
Call-A-Thon	\$168.00
Total	\$2,077.15

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Olivet	\$15.00
Vergel Maness	\$15.00
Flat River, First	\$328.00
General Fund	\$328.00
Central	\$168.00
Mexico	\$10.00
Vergel Maness	25.00
Howard Bowers	20.00
Harris	5.00
M. Vandivort	15.00
James O'Dell	93.00
Joplin	\$2.00
General Fund	\$2.00
Monett	\$55.00
Howard Bowers	\$20.00
General Fund	35.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$69.00
M. Vandivort	\$5.00
Howard Bowers	64.00
Rock Chapel	\$25.00
Howard Bowers	\$25.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$105.00
Howard Bowers	\$70.00
M. Vandivort	35.00
Lebanon, First	\$75.00
Vergel Maness	\$25.00
Howard Bowers	25.00
M. Vandivort	25.00
Daniel Vandivort	\$50.00
M. Vandivort	\$50.00
Fredericktown, First	\$178.50
Howard Bowers	\$53.50
General Fund	125.00
Berkeley	\$65.00
General Fund	\$50.00
Howard Bowers	15.00
Wolf Creek	\$20.00
M. Vandivort	\$15.00
Howard Bowers	\$5.00
Thayer	\$51.50
Howard Bowers	\$51.50
Fourth	\$12.00
Vergel Maness	\$12.00
Myrtle	\$40.00
Howard Bowers	\$40.00
Low Ground	\$5.00
Total	\$1,264.00

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Beacon	\$25.00
Branson	\$25.00
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Terrill Road, Moberly	\$15.00
Branson	\$5.00
General Fund	10.00
Flat River, First	\$100.00
General Fund	\$100.00
Central	\$37.21

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS April 1980

Moberly.....	\$37.21	
Columbia.....		\$5.00
General Fund.....	\$5.00	
Lebanon, First.....		\$2.00
Branson.....	\$2.00	
Fredericktown, First.....		\$29.50
Branson.....	\$29.50	
New Harmony.....		\$25.82
Moberly.....	\$25.82	
Berkeley.....		\$60.00
General Fund.....	\$50.00	
Branson.....	10.00	
South Fremont.....		\$151.00
Branson.....	\$29.00	
General Fund.....	122.00	
Thayer.....		\$1.00
General Fund.....	\$1.00	
Myrtle.....		\$15.80
General Fund.....	\$15.80	
Fordland.....		\$5.00
Branson.....	\$5.00	
Low Ground.....		\$5.00
Branson.....	\$5.00	
Total.....		\$487.33

STATE YOUTH CAMP

Olivet.....	\$10.00	
Faith, Lemay.....	\$10.00	
Mt. Zion, Gower.....	Dining Hall	\$61.00
Monett.....	Dining Hall	\$30.00
Salem.....	Dining Hall	\$45.00
Cuba-Mt. Zion.....	Dining Hall	\$52.00
New Harmony.....	Dining Hall	\$50.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	Dining Hall	\$185.00
Mt. Pisgah.....		\$5.00
Hartville.....		\$10.00
Sunnyview.....	Dining Hall	\$100.00
Berkeley.....	Dining Hall	\$110.00
Greater Spfg. Dist. Assn.....	Dining Hall	\$49.07
Rock Chapel.....	Dining Hall	\$100.00
Thayer.....		\$10.00
Willow Springs.....		\$10.00
Flat River, First.....		\$10.00
Myrtle.....	Dining Hall	\$15.80
Total.....		\$862.87

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Fredericktown, First.....	\$31.00	
Myrtle.....	\$1.00	
Total.....		\$32.00

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Fredericktown, First.....	\$94.00	
Lebanon, First.....	\$75.00	
Columbia.....	MO Project	\$5.00
Central.....	Library Wing	\$50.00
Joplin.....		\$27.00
General Fund.....	\$2.00	
Library Wing.....	\$25.00	
Total.....		\$251.00

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Willow Springs.....	\$10.00	
Fredericktown, First.....	\$94.00	
Lebanon, First.....	\$75.00	
Mtn. Grove.....	Michael Walker Acct.	\$32.00
Monett.....		\$12.23
Total.....		\$223.23

BOB CARR ACCOUNT

Merl's Chapel.....	\$70.00	
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Jones Chapel.....	\$680.19	
Pleasant Home.....	126.48	
Neosho.....	10.00	
Walnut Grove.....	102.26	
Beacon.....	548.00	
Olivet.....	200.00	
Pleasant Ridge.....	60.00	
Faith, Fair Grove.....	164.90	
Old Bethel.....	20.00	
Terrill Road.....	100.87	
Flat River, First.....	664.56	
Faith, Lemay.....	146.61	
Bismark.....	40.00	
Harmony, K.C.....	264.00	
Belton.....	163.24	
Mt. Zion, Gower.....	67.70	
Fellowship.....	60.00	
Royal Oak.....	35.00	
Hannon.....	256.00	
Houston.....	190.26	
Central.....	780.00	
Eastern Gate.....	43.06	
Way Side.....	147.00	
Monett.....	367.44	
Mtn. Grove, First.....	565.02	
Rock Chapel.....	303.40	
Macedonia SS.....	15.00	
Gray Smmit.....	50.89	
Hopewell.....	122.00	
Mt. Pisgah.....	91.00	
Calvary, Conway.....	113.00	
Bailey Chapel, Niangua Association.....	43.00	
Number One.....	35.60	
Hartville.....	190.57	
Mill Creek.....	130.02	
Columbia.....	50.00	
DeSoto.....	690.00	
Lebanon, First.....	372.32	
Fredericktown, First.....	262.00	
Richwoods.....	158.38	
Oskaloosa.....	20.59	
Rolla.....	120.00	
Marshfield.....	166.23	
Mine La Motte.....	18.32	
Purdy.....	151.00	
Hurryville.....	118.59	
Evangel.....	87.00	
Byrd.....	10.00	
Leadington.....	315.34	
New Harmony.....	7.83	
Berkeley.....	512.28	
South Fremont.....	25.00	
Verdella.....	151.46	
Grace.....	809.00	
Mt. Zion, Thayer.....	34.28	
Merl's Chapel.....	62.35	
Joplin.....	323.00	
Union Grove.....	110.00	
Twin Oak.....	400.00	
Copper Mines.....	90.00	
Cabool.....	147.93	
Waynesville.....	374.15	
Victory, Alton.....	120.00	
Hickory Grove.....	50.10	
Aulsbury Chapel.....	716.12	
Wolf Creek.....	198.14	
Thayer.....	140.84	
Kirksville.....	223.34	
Belton.....	137.93	
Harmony, K. C.....	200.00	
Eastern Gate.....	29.44	
Gospel Light.....	60.55	
Fourth.....	352.00	
Willow Springs.....	231.12	
Cope.....	21.64	
Myrtle.....	131.64	
Mt. Zion, Gower.....	59.68	

Cedar Ridge	64.60
Black Oak	10.00
Fordland	231.79
St. Francois Dist. Association	14.00
Mtn. Valley	168.39
El Dorado Springs	5.00
Pleasant Hill	21.66
Total	\$15,672.10

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS April 1980

18.50% MO State Home Missions	\$2,899.34
16.00% Promotional Department	\$2,507.53
4.50% General Fund	\$705.24
5.50% Youth Camp	\$861.97
2.00% Christian Board of Education	\$313.44
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	\$313.44
5.00% Retirement Program	\$783.61
5.00% Retirement Center	\$783.61
2.00% Possible Purchase of Ret. Unit	\$313.44
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	\$940.33
33.50% National Association of Free Will Baptists	\$5,250.15
Foreign Missions	\$1,128.79
Free Will Baptist Bible College	\$1,128.79
National Home Missions	\$813.77
Executive Office	\$1,575.04
Board of Retirement & Insurance	\$420.01
Master's Men Board	\$157.50
Theological Commission	\$26.25
Total Disbursements	\$15,672.10

This month is the first month of the New Missouri State Association Year—1980-81. We are very grateful for the fine response to cooperative giving. We trust that this wonderful response will continue month by month. The Lord is blessing through faithful pastors and churches. Let us continue to be faithful in our support as each ministry benefits from it.

CTS COMPETITION WINNERS OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

Vocal Solo

Adventurer, Sean Hodge, Farmington
Herald, Stacia McAllister, Farmington
Crusader, Cindy Keesling, Mountain Grove

Vocal Duet

Sean Hodge and Rayanne McBride, Farmington

Vocal Ensemble

Teen Sextet, Farmington

Choir or Chorale

Herald, Grant Avenue Girls' Chorale, Grant Avenue
Crusader, Teen Choir, Farmington

Keyboard Solo

Learner, Lori McQuarter, Lebanon
Herald, Jamie Hodge, Farmington

Oral Communication

Adventurer, Terri Fox, Grant Avenue
Herald, Sherry Renfrow, Rock Chapel

Bible Bowl

Berkeley

Bible Tic Tac Toe
Willow Springs

Sword Drill

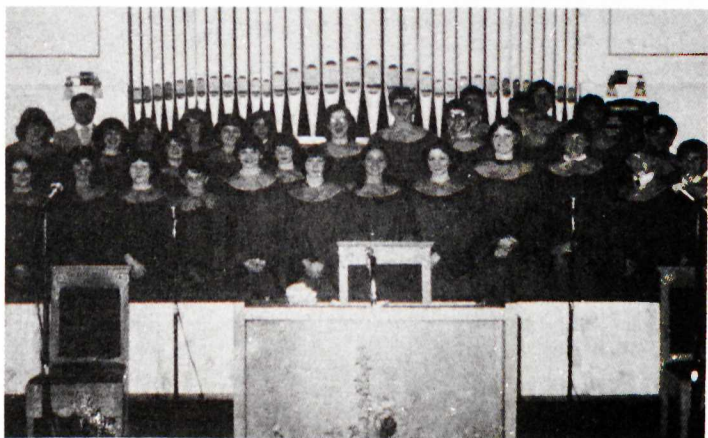
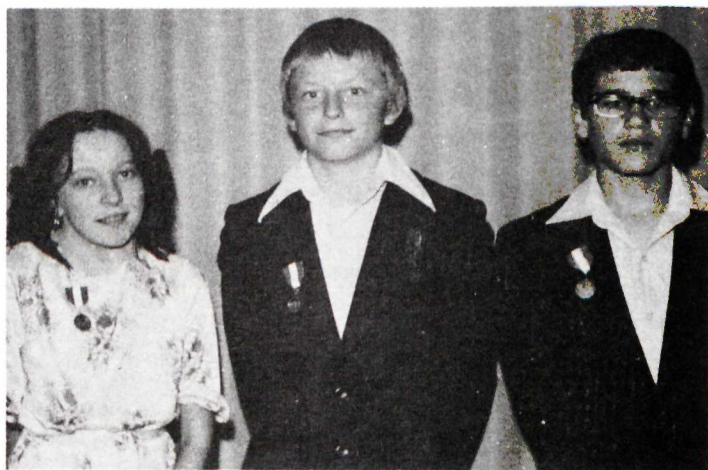
Bible Memorization

1st Grade

2nd Grade

3rd Grade, David Keesling

Note: All the names of the winners were not available at the time of publication. The remaining names will be given in the next issue of the *Gem*.





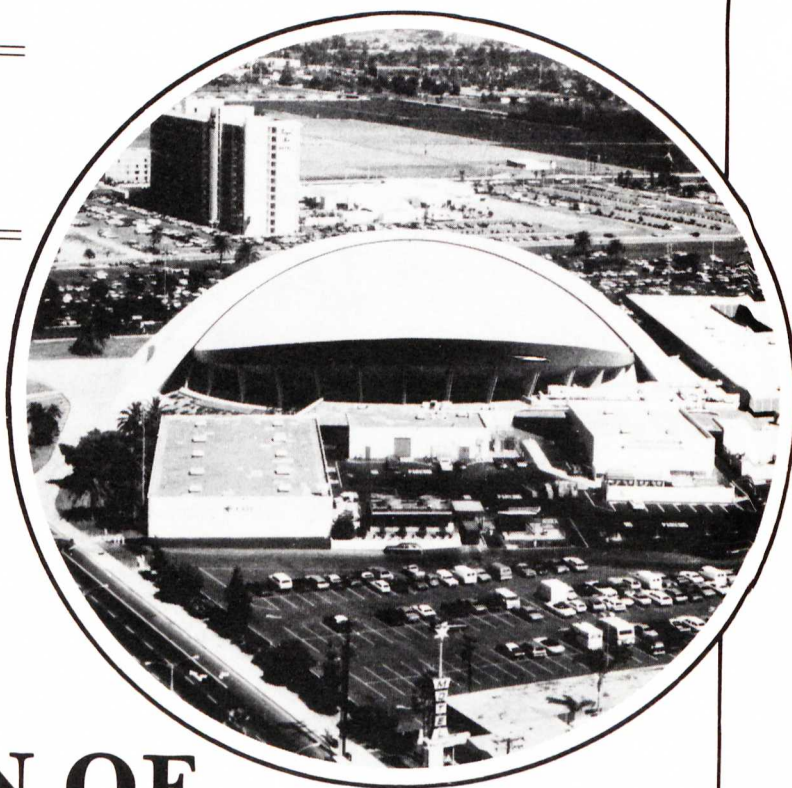
STATE CTS WINNERS



CONVENTION CENTER

ANAHEIM

July 20-24, 1980



44th Annual Session

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Theme:

“Year of the Sunday School”



JACK RICHEY
Pastor
First Free Will Baptist Church
Purcell, Oklahoma



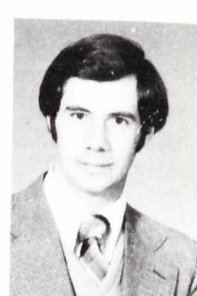
ROGER REEDS
Director
Sunday School and
Church Training Department
Nashville, Tennessee



ROBERT ASHBY
Pastor
First Free Will Baptist Church
Dayton, Ohio



WILLIE JUSTICE
Pastor
First Free Will Baptist Church
Florence, South Carolina



ROBERT MORGAN
Pastor
Donelson Free Will Baptist Church
Nashville, Tennessee

SUNDAY SCHOOLS STILL SURGE

Near blizzard conditions prevailed in some areas during the March Sunday School Enlargement Campaign. In spite of the elements many Sunday schools experienced a good increase in average attendance. Sunday schools from 27 different states competed.

The Spring Campaign, *Bringing Forth Fruit*, netted an average increase of 33.93% over the fall quarter's average for those churches reporting.

Appropriate awards are being prepared for those first and second place winners listed below.

Division		Church	Fall Avg.	Camp. Avg.	Increase
A	1st Place	West Tulsa — Tulsa, OK	513	746.2	45.46%
	2nd Place	First — Bakersfield, CA	545	679	24.59%
B		No winner			
C		No winner			
D	1st Place	Northside — Tulsa, OK	224	298	33.04%
	2nd Place	Kirby — Taylor, MI	206	250	21.36%
E	1st Place	First — Jasper, AL	158.6	204	28.63%
	2nd Place	First — Poteau, OK	117	209	18.08%
F	1st Place	Trinity — Ypsilanti, MI	130	206	58.46%
	2nd Place	Emmanuel — Wabash, IN	144	221	53.47%
G	1st Place	Capitol City — Little Rock, AR	54	85	57.41%
	2nd Place	Friendship — Ft. Worth, TX	72	112	55.56%
	2nd Place	First — So. Haven, MI	72	112	55.56%
H	1st Place	First — Bartlesville, OK	13	39	200.00%
	2nd Place	Terrill Road — Moberly, MO	24	58	141.67%

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

Much is being said today about the work of the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit. Men continue to draw conclusions concerning the Spirit's ministry based on their own personal experiences. Personal experiences are good only as they agree with Scripture. Therefore, let us look at the role of the Holy Spirit in evangelism as we find it revealed in the Word of God.

The New Testament Church enjoyed the blessings of revival and evangelism because they depended on the Spirit of God.

The Spirit of God gave power to speak. The servants of God who were involved in first century evangelism sought power to speak through prayer. They were not content to speak empty dry sermons. They prayed for boldness to speak the Word (Acts 4:29). And their prayer was answered. They were filled with the Holy Ghost and "spoke the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:31). The Spirit not only empowered them as they spoke but taught them what to speak (John 16:13; John 14:26). Speaking under the unction of the Spirit silenced the arguments and excuses of the opposition (Acts 4:8, 13, 14). These early evangelists relied on the Spirit to direct their evangelistic endeavors as to where they should preach (Acts 8:29-40; Acts 10:19, 20).

Next month we shall continue our examination of the role of the Spirit in the ministry of evangelism.

Points for Pastors

by Jim McAllister



Revival praying is almost a lost ministry of the local church. You cannot, and will not, have revival without revival praying.

Please allow me the privilege of reviewing with you the revival praying leading up to our very successful revival in October of 1979.

Archie Parrish was appointed Prayer Director of our church. He established a continual prayer list for unsaved, backslidden, and various departments of the church. Each Wednesday night he was in charge of a part of the mid-week service. During this time he took prayer requests and then had an altar of prayer. This continued each week and continues even to this day.

The next thing he did was to set up cottage prayer meetings prior to the revival date. There were

several of them in different homes. He also set days of fasting and prayer (one day each week). These became very important days.

We have an "Early Bird" prayer meeting each Sunday at 8:45 a.m. Brother Parrish speaks on prayer in each of them. Our prayer list in this prayer meeting now numbers over 700. Over 200 of them have been saved since they were added to the list.

The deacons meet with the pastor between Sunday school and church each Sunday and pray for revival, the sick, the lost, as well as the day's service.

We also had prayer meeting prior to each night's service during the revival, and the first day of revival is always a day of fasting and prayer.

What were the results? 110 decisions, attendance averaged over 350 per night, and God brought real revival to the church.