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"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is reproach to any people."

Proverbs 14:34

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1979-80

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CHURCH	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY
Beacon						90	94	97	123			
Belton				32	33	32	31	32	32	48	50	49
Buffalo	70	76	73	69	79	61	56	57	54	115		
Calvary, Conway								64	62	69	73	
Calvary, Fenton	109	106	109	120	153	112	110	110	114	152		
Cape Girardeau	81	71	78	73	80	66	69					
Central	54	50	50	58	52	47	55	68	62	87	100	78
Copper Mines	80	71	73	73	66	68	73	86	77	76	82	83
Cuba								68	73	75		
DeSoto								156	151	200		
Farmington, First	446	454	455	514	670			529	526	564	599	557
Flat River, First	188	192	196	202	224	199	195	192	168	198	210	
Fourth	146	157	138	133	122	139	133	137	143	160		
Fredericktown, First	98	101	98	133	129	115	127	118	94	121		156
Grant Avenue	128	120	119	126	133	134		128	123	131	120	
Gray Summit					17	10	12	11		15	20	25
Hartville	89	85	86	82	79	83	87	86	87	84	96	
Hannon	74	76	77	70	68	74	77	67	69	81	83	
Houston	65	76	85	77	75	70	81	85	76			
Kirkville, First	127	108	117	127	125	120	119	113				
Lebanon, First	128	101	111	116	119	104	104	101	90	105		
Marshfield	52	48	53	51	59	58	52	53	54	59	60	
Monett, First	126	117	130	134	156	159	136	144	94	135	132	
Mountain Grove, First												
Parkview, Desloge				52	45	45	50	48	41	51	64	63
Richwoods	36	27	35	42	44	48	41	44	29	38	52	40
South Side	91	90	82	83		84	98	82				
Terrill Road, Moberly	16	17	18	20	21	30		31	29	58		
Oak Hill, St. Clair	52	49	38	55	74	64	66	64	55			
Thayer	140	137	137	127	136	134	139	144	143	147	137	
Trinity	158	139	129	144	152	149	150	148	150		159	
Twin Oak	82	78	68									
Victory, KC	75	62	67	60	64	62	72					
Willow Springs	100	100	98	100	98	103	112	105	88			103

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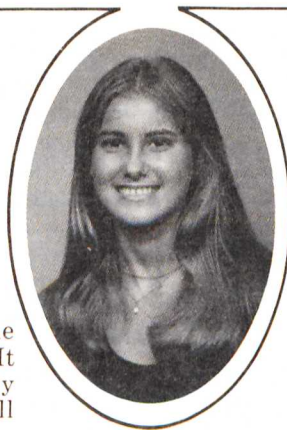
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A Chance



To Live

This article was written by Dale and Elaine Skiles. It is very touching and heartwarming. It reflects a strong faith in God, strong family relationship, and the power of God that can do all things.

Leviticus 17:11a, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood." How forcefully this statement came home to us when we learned from a blood specialist at St. John's Hospital that our 14 year old daughter Carla had a rare blood disease, Aplastic Anemia.

It was in December 1978 when Carla first became sick. She was a Freshman at West Plains Junior High School and Junior High cheerleader at the time. Looking back it is almost scary to remember how routinely everything was handled. We took her to a local doctor in West Plains, Dr. Kang, who recommended we take her to see a blood specialist in Springfield. We still were not alarmed thinking it to be something minor that could be corrected with medication.

After extensive blood tests the blood specialist, Dr. Leo Neu, recommended Carla to enter St. John's Hospital in Springfield for further tests. She entered the hospital in January of 1979. Although we didn't know it at the time, this would be the first of many hospital stays for her that year.

The first inkling that we had that Carla's sickness was of a serious nature was when Dr. Neu told us that he suspected she had Aplastic Anemia and recommended we see a bone marrow specialist in St. Louis. This we did in late January. We made an appointment with Dr. Geoffrey Herzig who had 10 years in bone marrow research and was an instructor on this subject at Washington University.

In our interview with Dr. Herzig we learned that a bone marrow transplant might be necessary sometime in the future. He explained the procedure, and took samples of blood from each member of our family to determine if there was a family member that would be compatible to give bone marrow for the transplant. It was determined at this time that Crystal our older daughter was compatible and would be the donor if a transplant became necessary.

Then began a year of blood transfusions, anxious waiting, moments of frustration and disappointment, and much praying to God. It was during this year I really noticed the great faith and courage of my family. My wife who had much greater calmness and courage and faith during this crisis than I did; and of course the faith and courage of Carla as she faced this ordeal was almost unbelievable.

In January, 1980, it was determined by both Dr. Neu and Dr. Herzig that a bone marrow transplant was indicated. We again visited at Barnes Hospital with Dr. Herzig who explained in great detail the transplant procedure. He then told us that Carla had

a 40-50% chance of surviving with the transplant and without the transplant maybe a 5% chance. We agreed, along with Carla, to go ahead with the transplant. I remember one thing in particular Dr. Herzig said to Carla. He said, "Carla, your attitude during your stay in the hospital will largely determine how well you get along." Carla always maintained a good, positive, attitude.

Dr. Herzig called us about 2 weeks later on Wednesday to inform us that a room was available at Barnes and that Carla would be admitted the following Monday. He then suggested that we contact the Social Worker at Barnes about the financial arrangements. While talking with the social worker, we learned we needed \$50,000 to admit Carla to the hospital. It was at this point that we began to see the miraculous hand of God. Of course the people of our church and the city of West Plains and pastors and people all over the state of Missouri on hearing of our predicament immediately began drives to raise the needed funds. But the fund raising had hardly begun until God worked it out. Dr. Herzig called and said the money was available and to bring Carla immediately to the hospital. I remember vividly the prayer I breathed as we drove out of our driveway to take Carla to the hospital, a prayer God answered. "Lord, bring us all back home in health and peace."

Carla was admitted to Barnes Hospital on January 14, 1980, and preparations for the bone marrow transplant were begun immediately. First there was the process of administering drugs into her bloodstream to kill out all of her old bone marrow. This lasted four days and then on the sixth day, Jan. 22, new bone marrow was transplanted.

The bone marrow transplant was really not as involved as most people think. Crystal who was the donor was taken to the operating room, put under anesthetic and then the doctor drilled 5 holes in her hip bones and drew out about 2 pints of bone marrow. The bone marrow was taken immediately to Carla's room and given to her intravenously. The whole process covered about an hour's time.

Then began the long wait to see if Carla's body would accept or reject the foreign bone marrow. After about 4 weeks it was determined by blood tests and bone marrow tests that the transplant was successful and that the bone marrow was indeed producing the necessary blood cells. Carla was released from the hospital on March 12, 1980, after a period of 58 days hospital confinement.

We are thankful for dedicated doctors like Dr.

Kang, Dr. Neu, Dr. Herzig, and others, and to the staff at Barnes Hospital, especially the Barnard Section. We're thankful for friends all over the country who prayed for us, encouraged us, visited with us, shared with us, and helped us financially. The burden was much easier to bear knowing there were those who shared it with us. We're thankful for Crystal's willingness to give of herself so her sister might live. We're thankful for Laura our youngest daughter who was separated from her family for weeks, yet conducted herself like a mature young lady. We're thankful for Carla who, without complaining, went through days and weeks of anxiety and fear with her faith firmly anchored in God. But, most of all, we are thankful to God that Carla is home with us, doing well, and all her blood counts are normal. It is truly marvelous and miraculous what God has done in her life. Unto His name be honor and glory and praise and thanksgiving both now and forever. Amen.

Churches People *And* Events

First Church in Fredericktown

The church reporter writes, The First Free Will Baptist Church in Fredericktown has been rejoicing in the Lord. Revival services in May were very productive with Evangelist Stanley Jones. There were three first time decisions and six rededications.

On Sunday, June 1, three young people accepted Christ as Savior and that evening at the Evening Worship, seven followed the Lord in water baptism. One of the great blessings for the pastor, Brother John Turner, was baptizing a Korean couple, Kwi Choe and I Kim. This couple does not understand English but were led to the Lord as their daughter Chi Myers interpreted the messages for them. Surely, the Holy Spirit knows no language or cultural barriers!

Please continue to remember the ministry of the church in your prayers. Several fathers have been under conviction for many days; your intercession will be beneficial.

Dear Missouri Friends:

We have been praying for your State Association, and we trust that you will have a wonderful meeting.

We continue to see souls saved and progress in our ministry in Flagstaff. Please remember us in your prayers in that our account is in the red.

Arizona's seven churches and missions praise God for the great strength and contribution of the Missouri State Association to Home Missions.

Mark and Louise Vandivort and Family

Fourth Church in St. Louis

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, presented Steve and Vicky Wilhite with a Money Tree on Friday evening May 30. A time of fellowship with refreshments was enjoyed by everyone.

Steve will begin his new employment June 2 in Nashville, Tennessee. He will be a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College this fall.

The Fourth Church will be praying for Steve, Vicky, and their two children Chris and Nathan as they begin their life in new surroundings. They will be greatly missed at the Fourth Church. We pray the Lord will bless them as they serve Him.

Pleasant Ridge Church near Alton

The Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist young people have been very busy gathering recipes for a cookbook. The cookbook will be published sometime in August. The cookbooks will be sold for \$3.00 a book with free books presented to the ones that contributed recipes. A special thanks is given to Roberta Barton for the hours she worked organizing and typing.



(Pleasant Ridge Youth Group)

On Friday evening before Easter Sunday the young people prepared and presented a Candlelight Service. The program was closed with Lori Williams singing, "You Took My Heart By Surprise." An Easter Supper was served following the program.

Elaine Rackley, the only senior, was given special honor by having a skating party and a visit to the Jolly Rogers. A total of sixty attended. Elaine was presented with a Bible. A Bible was also presented to a Foreign Exchange Student, Fani Karava. Fani showed slides of her home in Greece at a Sunday night service. While in the United States she visited in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Glen Booker and daughters, Glenette and Tina, and also attended church services with them. A Wiener Roast and Ice Cream Party was held for Fani before she returned to Greece.

The following young people attended the retreat at Youth Camp: Lori Williams, Melinda and Irma Rackley, Glennette and Tina Booker, Patrica and Vonda Cockman, and Mary Williams. Ruth Booker and Shirley Cockman were the adult sponsors. Everyone enjoyed the retreat and look forward to Youth Encampment.

Record Set At Free Will Baptist Bible College

The largest graduating class in Free Will Baptist Bible College's history—98—was honored at commencement exercise held at the college May 15, 1980. Reverend Leroy Forlines, chairman of the Bible/Theology Department, challenged the graduates to take Jesus' life as their pattern as he addressed them and a host of families and friends.

Four members of the faculty were honored by the college for 25 years of distinguished service to FWBBC. They were Reverend Forlines, Dr. Robert Picirilli, Dr. Mary Ruth Wisheart, and Mrs. Laura Thigpen.

Among the graduates from the state of Missouri were David McGowan, Bachelor of Arts, and Don Moss, Jr., Christian's Worker's Bible Diploma. David gives his hometown as Mtn. Grove, and Don gives his hometown as DeSoto.

First Church in Columbia

The young people of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Columbia, Missouri, recently sponsored a Bible Read-A-Thon. The main goal was to raise money for missionaries in France.

The group took pledges for so much per chapter read, then met at the church Friday evening, May 2, and read until 2:00 a.m. Saturday morning. They were divided into groups of 3 or 4, and each group took turns of twenty minutes each reading the Bible. While a group was reading in the church sanctuary, others were in the church basement having a time of refreshments and fellowship. A Foreign Missions film was shown also. Interest in the project was greater than anticipated. Approximately twenty young people participated in the reading, and some adults came to listen to the reading and to sponsor the group. A total of 220 chapters was read from the books of Matthew, Mark, Psalms, and Proverbs, bringing in a total of over \$600.00. The missions work in France received 75% of the amount, and 25% was used for projects at home. Pastor Johnny Postlewaite states that he thinks that this may be a first among Free Will Baptists, "A Bible Read-A-Thon." He recommends it as a worthwhile project.

First Church in Monett

Richard Brown, Music and Youth Director, writes, We are pleased to announce that Reverend Robert Francis has begun his work as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church. Brother Francis has twenty years of pastoral experience, five of which were in Home Missions work. Jean, his wife, and two children Becky, (a student at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College) and Bobby (a senior at Monett High School) come to us with experience in music, Christian Education, and Children's Church.

Since Brother Francis has begun his work as pastor, eleven people have united with the church. The Sunday school averages for the past four months are January, 144; February 94; March 135; April 132.

The church recently completed the Love Loaf Program sponsored by World Vision and received a total of \$370.00

Aulsbury Chapel near Bonne Terre

Church reporter, Peggy Parret, writes, The Lord has blessed with several people being saved during April and two baptized in Big River.

On April 28, a Baby Shower was held for Mary Ellen Peterson. She received a large variety of gifts and everyone had an enjoyable time. On May 26, she gave birth to an eight pound girl.

The Children's Church sang for Mother's Day and the youngest mother, Terri Carrow, and the oldest mother, Myrtle Pinkston, were presented with potted plants. Every mother received a corsage.

The average Sunday school attendance for May was 104, and we are growing. Vacation Bible School is planned for July 28-August 1. "I am looking forward to this inasmuch as I am a new teacher, and this will be a challenge. The more that we give to the Lord's work the more that we receive."

Lots Now Available At Retirement Village

The Retirement Village Board has expanded the project to provide more options to Free Will Baptists.

Now a person can have a choice of a beautiful home in a Quad-Plex or purchase a beautiful wooded building site in the Retirement Village. This way one can get a start on the future. Invest in your site today and build at a later date.

The first phase is developed into 19 sites 90' x 140' (12,000 sq. ft.). This development will have future concrete curbs, hard surface streets and city water. These sites are offered for a modest cost of \$3,300. Larger lots are slightly higher.

Purchase of these sites can be made at 10% down and 60 monthly payments of about \$64.00, A.P.R. 11.7% Prices and interest rates subject to change after 60 days (August 1, 1980) The subdivision development is subject to the Free Will Baptist Retirement Village by-laws and indentures.

For additional information please contact the Retirement Village Office at P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO. 65536 or call 4-7-532-6537.

First Couple to Purchase Lot At Retirement Village

Reverend and Mrs. Roger Harwell are the first couple to purchase a lot on the recently developed 19 lot site area. They have purchased lot number 11. Their plans are to build at a later date.



MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING May 1980

FOREIGN MISSIONS

South Side	\$218.00
Charolette Tallent	\$178.00
Howard Filkins	40.00
South Side Youth—Sunday School Class	\$20.00
Charolette Tallent	\$20.00
Olivet	\$45.00
Bobby Poole	\$25.00
Jim McLain	10.00
Lonnie Sparks	10.00
Grant Avenue	\$324.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$190.00
Fred Hersey	133.00
General Fund	1.00
Columbia	\$110.00
Joe Haas	\$75.00
Jim McLain	15.00
Lynn Miley	15.00
Jerry Pinkerton	5.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$100.00
Howard Filkins	\$50.00
Jerry Pinkerton	50.00
Hannon	\$176.00
Howard Filkins	\$50.00
Jerry Pinkerton	50.00
Steve Lytle	50.00
Jim McLain	26.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$20.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Jim McLain	10.00
Monett	\$10.00
General Fund	10.00
Terrill Road	\$24.02
Call-A-Thon	\$24.02
Mtn. Grove, First	\$1,926.14
Call-A-Thon	\$1,906.14
Mike Cousineau	20.00
Flat River, First	\$100.00
General Fund	\$100.00
Fordland	\$10.00
Joe Haas	\$10.00
Joplin	\$22.00
Dock Caton	\$12.00
Jerry Banks	3.00
Lonnie Sparks	2.00
Mike Cousineau	5.00
Thayer	\$5.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$5.00
Beacon	\$82.23
Dr. Miley	\$10.00
Larry Inscoc	72.23
Walnut Grove	\$10.00
Lynn Miley	\$10.00
Rock Chapel	\$10.00
Dock Caton	\$10.00
Merl's Chapel (Indian Creek Ass'n)	\$46.00
Dock Caton	\$46.00
Indian Creek Association	\$1,528.28
Fred Hersey	\$520.15
Lonnie Sparks	520.15
Rays	487.98
Lebanon, First	\$6.00
Charolette Tallent	\$1.00
Jerry Pinkerton	2.50
Clint Morgan	2.50
Black Oak	\$25.50
Joe Haas	\$25.50
Low Ground	\$10.00
Jim McLain	\$10.00
New Harmony	\$109.03
Call-A-Thon	\$61.33
Lynn Miley	23.85
Jim McLain	23.85
Fourth	\$101.00
Steve Lytle	\$101.00
Myrtle	\$38.05
Jim McLain	\$38.05

Leadington	\$3.00
Howard Filkins	\$3.00
Eastern Gate	\$50.00
Archie Mayhew	\$50.00
Oak Hill	\$28.52
General Fund	\$28.52
Total	\$5,157.77

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Olivet	\$15.00
Vergel Maness	\$15.00
Grant Avenue	\$7.00
Cochrane	\$4.00
General Fund	1.00
Mark Vandivort	2.00
New Rock Springs	\$183.00
Mark Vandivort	\$156.00
Howard Bowers	27.00
Columbia	\$20.00
Mark Vandivort	\$20.00
Monett	\$50.00
General Fund	\$30.00
Howard Bowers	20.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$80.00
Mark Vandivort	\$25.00
Howard Bowers	55.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$57.00
Howard Bowers	\$57.00
Flat River, First	\$146.00
General Fund	\$120.00
Mark Vandivort	10.00
Howard Bowers	16.00
Fredericktown, First	\$27.00
Howard Bowers	\$27.00
Thayer	\$69.00
Howard Bowers	\$69.00
Rolla	\$54.00
Mark Vandivort	\$50.00
James O'Dell	4.00
Rock Chapel	\$25.00
James O'Dell	\$10.00
Howard Bowers	15.00
Oak Hill	\$25.85
General Fund	\$25.85
Low Ground	\$5.00
Mark Vandivort	\$5.00
Wolf Creek	\$20.00
Mark Vandivort	\$15.00
Howard Bowers	5.00
Fourth	\$12.00
Vergel Maness	\$12.00
Myrtle	\$71.04
Berkeley	\$67.00
Howard Bowers	\$17.00
General Fund	50.00
Total	\$933.89

MO. STATE YOUTH CAMP

Olivet	\$10.00
New Rock Springs	\$20.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$120.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Dining Hall	\$110.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$5.00
Faith, Lemay	\$10.00
Thayer	\$110.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Dining Hall	100.00
Hartville	\$10.00
Merl's Chapel (Indian Creek Association)	\$50.00
Dining Hall	\$50.00
South Side	\$25.00
Dining Hall	\$25.00
Harmony, K.C.	\$50.00
Dining Hall	\$50.00
Grant Avenue	\$17.00
Dining Hall	\$17.00
Myrtle	\$15.83
Dining Hall	\$15.83

Berkeley	\$5.00
Dining Hall	\$5.00
Willow Springs	\$10.00
Total	\$457.83

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Grant Avenue	\$250.20
General Fund	\$240.20
Development Program	10.00
Columbia (MO Project)	\$5.00
Joplin	\$27.00
Library	\$25.00
General Fund	2.00
Total	\$282.20

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Grant Avenue	\$16.00
Monett	\$9.87
Willow Springs	\$10.00
Total	\$35.87

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Grant Avenue	\$40.00
Branson	\$40.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$10.00
Branson	\$10.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Terrill Road	\$24.26
General Fund	\$19.26
Branson	5.00
Flat River, First	\$100.00
General Fund	\$100.00
Lebanon, First	\$2.00
General Fund	\$2.00
Fordland	\$15.00
Branson	\$15.00
Columbia	\$5.00
General Fund	\$5.00
Oak Hill	\$23.50
General Fund	\$23.50
Fredericktown, First	\$16.00
Branson	\$16.00
Joplin	\$7.00
General Fund	\$7.00
Fordland	\$5.00
Branson	\$5.00
South Fremont	\$128.00
General Fund	\$111.00
Branson	17.00
Low Ground	\$5.00
Branson	\$5.00
Eva Brown	\$10.00
Branson	\$10.00
South Side	\$10.00
Branson	\$10.00
New Harmony	\$23.85
Moberly	\$23.85
Myrtle	\$15.82
Branson	\$15.82
Leadington	\$5.00
Branson	\$5.00
Berkeley	\$60.00
General Fund	\$50.00
Branson	10.00
Total	\$515.43

NATIONAL BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

Grant Avenue	\$2.00
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FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME FOR CHILDREN

Myrtle	\$1.75
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BOB CARR ACCOUNT

Grant Avenue	\$20.00
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COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

May 1980

Community	\$36.92
Farmington	950.00
Olivet	200.00
Fellowship	48.00
Bailey Chapel, Tunas	36.00
Trinity	455.00
Grant Avenue	509.52
Calvary Conway	107.00
Hurryville	146.77
Houston	148.28
New Rock Springs	72.70
Gray Summit	42.03
Mill Creek	95.54
Sedalia	95.54
Pleasant Ridge	58.00
Monett	317.42
Mt. Pisgah	84.00
DeSoto	690.00
Royal Oak	34.00
Union Grove	102.00
Purdy	102.00
Faith, Fair Grove	116.38
Faith, Lemay	178.00
Oskaloosa	16.50
Mine La Motte	22.81
Terrill Road	95.05
Mtn. Grove, First	455.72
Verdella	107.89
Flat River, First	445.98
Victory, Alton	109.99
Waynesville	207.00
Way Side	70.00
Buffalo	158.32
Lebanon, First	315.40
Bismark	27.00
Byrd	18.80
Columbia	50.00
Mt. Zion, Thayer	30.04
Neosho	10.00
South Side	410.54
Fredericktown	261.00
Number One	28.20
Parkview	169.47
Hannon	181.00
O'Fallon	427.00
Copper Mines	90.00
Pleasant Hill	23.54
Hartville	186.61
Rolla	110.00
Granby	158.37
Indian Creek Association	55.00
Beacon	316.95
Happy Home	86.62
Macedonia SS	11.00
Hopewell	110.00
Grace	693.00
Rock Chapel	247.61
Merl's Chapel	53.30
Joplin	288.88
Black Oak	10.00
Thayer	189.62
South Fremont	22.00
Viburnum	30.00
Wolf Creek	199.39
New Harmony	7.30
Evangel	67.00
Fourth	254.00
Gospel Light	24.53
Grant Avenue	515.05
Myrtle	111.25
Liberty	225.00
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Cabool	132.41
Leadington	296.67
Berkeley	371.96
Cedar Ridge	95.57
Mt. Zion, Thayer	23.03

Cope	22.35
Community	44.75
Farmington	950.00
Parkview	181.54
Hannon	171.00
New Rock Springs.....	86.44
Willow Springs.....	182.62
Eastern Gate	48.53
Total	\$15,327.26

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS May 1980

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions	\$2,835.54
16.00% Promotional Department	2,452.36
4.50% General Fund.....	689.72
5.50% Youth Camp	843.00
2.00% Christian Board of Education.....	306.55
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	306.55
5.00% Retirement Program	766.36
5.00% Retirement Center	766.36
2.00% Possible purchase of Ret. Unit	306.55
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	919.64
33.50% National Association of Free Will Baptists	5,134.63
21.50% Foreign Missions	1,103.95
21.50% Free Will Baptist Bible College	1,103.95
15.50% National Home Missions.....	795.87
30.00% Executive Department	1,540.39
8.00% Board of Ret. & Ins.....	410.77
3.00% Layman's Board	154.03
.50% Theological Commission	25.67
Total Disbursements.....	\$15,327.26

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS GIVING MAY, 1980

Olivet.....	\$100.00
Hannon	181.00
Parkview	2.00
Houston	32.20
Fellowship	16.00
Sedalia	63.49
Farmington	20.00
Beacon	25.00
Pleasant Ridge—Urbana.....	10.00
Terrill Road.....	15.00
Flat River, First	100.00
Central	37.21
Columbia	5.00
Lebanon, First	2.00
Fredericktown, First	29.50
New Harmony	25.82
Berkeley	60.00
South Fremont	151.00
Thayer	1.00
Myrtle	15.80
Fordland	5.00
Low Ground.....	5.00
Cooperative Receipts	2,899.34
Hurryville	20.41
Fourth	32.63
Grace	40.00
O'Fallon	5.00
Neosho.....	5.00
Sue Matthews	20.00
Kay Matthews.....	20.00
Mill Creek Young Adult Class.....	15.00
National Home Missions	12.00
Oak Hill—Union	42.94
Mo. State Woman's Aux.....	560.37
Rock Chapel	42.45
Total	\$4,617.16

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Report On The Missouri State Association—1980

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"Free Will Baptists Gather Here" was the heading used by the Lebanon Daily Record. That stated it very well. Free Will Baptists all across Missouri, and visitors from Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Illinois came to Lebanon for the Sixty-Seventh Session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

The Youth Service on Monday evening was probably one of the best attended in several years. The program was well planned and enjoyed by everyone. It was highlighted by the testimony of Art Still, defensive end for the Kansas City Chiefs, Gary Beets, director of FCA, and special music and song by winners of the State Competitive Activities. Reverend Kent Tallent, who presided at the service, stated that he thought that it was one of the better Youth Services.

The Woman's Auxiliary had a very fine State Convention. The reporter of the Woman's Page, Shirley Bowden, will give a report on this.

Many complimentary remarks were made concerning the State Association which began on Tuesday evening. "The preaching was tremendous," "The singing was heavenly," "The accommodations were great," and "Let's come back again next year" were typical remarks that reflected the feeling of the ones attending.

The foundation was laid by the moderator, Reverend Dale Skiles, with the Moderator's Message. His smooth and effective leadership was noticeable throughout the meeting. The clerk Reverend Frank Giunta contributed much to the efficiency and function of the sessions. Of course the moderator and clerk were ably assisted by their assistants Reverend Millard Sasser and Reverend Joe Braddy.

It was a blessing to our State Association to meet the recently elected Executive Secretary of the National Association, Dr. Melvin Worthington. His messages were challenging and stirring. Reverend John Gibbs came back home to Missouri and blessed the hearts of everyone with his special music and the message he preached on Wednesday evening. I enjoyed preaching on Thursday morning. It is always a joy to preach at the State Association.

The special singing provided by Missouri Free Will Baptists blessed each service. Each group or person did a great job. As they appeared on the program; the Farmington Sextette, Sue Cook, the Brawley Family and the Jones Evangelistic Team. Reverend Howard Gwartney directed the congregational singing. His wife Patsy and Jean Bowman served as musicians. They also did a great job and they were so faithful that it enabled the services to function very smoothly.

The ministers that gave the devotionals, Reverend John Turner, Reverend R. E. Helsley, and Reverend Nick Hollis, challenged the hearts of everyone and prepared the minds for effective sessions.

A great big thanks must be given to the ones that worked in the Nursery, Registration, Ushers and to the Jones Evangelistic Team for the use of the P.A. equipment and to John Jones for working at the controls.

The business sessions went smoothly. The Association adopted a budget of \$187,000 for cooperative giving for the 1980-81 year. This is a slight increase over last year. We trust that we can reach it. By the help and grace of God, with each church doing its part I believe that we will! It is an endeavor that we must do together.

The Youth Camp Board gave a fine report and requested that special offerings continue for the Expansion Program, especially churches that have not made contributions for this project.

The Sunday School and CTS Board requested, and it was adopted, that the State Association match gifts given to the winners of the State Competitive Activities. This was requested inasmuch as the NYC will be held in California this year and will be quite expensive to travel. This will be a one-time request.

The Christian Board of Education gave a special emphasis to the Pastor-Layman's Seminar, which will be held at Youth Camp, September 22-24. Dr. Stephen Olford will be the guest preacher using as his subject: Revival.

The Retirement Village Board stated that a 20 acre plot, of the 60 acres, has been developed for individual lot purchase and building individual homes. Nineteen lots have been platted and are available for purchase. The lots are 90 feet by 140 feet. (See article in this issue regarding this.)

Every report given was a fine report and was well received. It was also interesting and helpful to hear from representatives from the National Offices.

A note of interest to all *Gem* subscribers: The association voted to publish the *Gem* bi-monthly. This was done in order that the subscription cost would remain the same. To help overcome the monthly publication the bi-monthly will include 4 additional pages. The cost for publishing and printing has almost doubled from the previous years.

The Lord gave us another wonderful Missouri State Association. There was a sweet spirit of unity as each board gave special emphasis to its ministry, while recognizing that each board, each church, and each pastor is involved in a total State and National Work.

Thank God for Missouri Free Will Baptists and for our involvement in a strong state and total worldwide ministry for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Points for Pastors

by Jim McAllister



It is a fact that many times a church could really do something great for God, if it were not for just one person or sometimes a small group of people.

I heard a young man say once that before a particular church could do anything lasting for God there would have to be some funerals. I don't know whether that would help or not, but it is certainly true that sometimes God has to move some people out of the way in order to accomplish much in His church.

It is a terrible thing for a man or woman to get in God's way. Sometimes people are like Ananias and

Sapphira. They were a sinful mark against the church. They were thieves and God couldn't bless the church because there was sin in it. Sometimes the problem is a Judas who betrays God's leaders, maybe with a kiss. Sometimes the problem is a Mark who quits when the going gets rough.

The problem holding the church back could be a lazy pastor, or a gossiping pastor's wife. It could be a layman who wants to be king. He would like to be pastor without paying the price of separation. A layman told me recently he had done everything a pastor does except be elected pastor. In reality he was saying, "I can do everything the pastor can do."

Can he? Of course not. He has missed the first essentials. He isn't called, isn't separated, and isn't sacrificing. Those are the requirements.

Pastor, before you look around at others, take a long hard look at yourself and your family. Could it be that you are to be blamed for the lack of growth in your congregation?

We'll continue next month.

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

In the last issue we began an examination of the role of the Holy Spirit in the ministry of evangelism. In that first article of this series, we discussed the Spirit's function as He empowers men to speak for Christ. Now we need to consider the effectiveness of evangelism as it is assured by the Spirit's work.

It is evident that the first century church enjoyed the fruit of successful evangelism. Many were saved. At one time three thousand were added to the church (Acts 2:41). Another occasion witnessed five thousand believing (Acts 4:4). In Acts 6:7 the Scriptures record a great company of priests were also obedient. The city of Samaria gave heed to the preaching of Philip (Acts 8:5, 6). And many other incidents could be cited where men were brought to Christ.

This successful evangelism was assured by the power of the Spirit (Acts 1:8). By Paul's own testimony his effective ministry was the result of the Spirit's power: "My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power" (1 Cor. 2:4). It is the Spirit of God who strengthens the witness of the evangelist (Acts 5:30-32).

There can be effective evangelism in our day if we allow the Spirit His rightful place in this important ministry.

your pastor and his \$alary

by Mack Williams



Pastors' Salaries

Does your pastor's salary adequately express what you want to say is your view of the importance of a spiritual leader in the community? General Baptist churches are rapidly changing attitudes toward pastors' salaries. Many are attempting to match their pastor's income with professional men in the community who watch the pastor in experience, age, ability, training, and whose position is near equal in responsibility.

A \$22,000 to \$26,000 total yearly package is the expression of a number of General Baptist churches today with over 250 in attendance. This is counting housing and utilities as worth \$300 to \$400 per month. Insurance, pension, car allowance, etc., are counted as income. Some churches 200 to 250 among us express their view of spiritual leader's importance with total package of \$18,000 to \$21,000. A large number averaging between 125 and 200 in attendance express themselves at \$15,000 to \$16,000 per year. Fewer and fewer General Baptist churches are asking pastors to serve full time for less than \$15,000 per year total package.

What is a fair salary? How does a church know what to pay? What are other churches doing? What would God have us to do? Certainly God would want churches to take good care of His anointed servants. Those He has called and set aside should be cared for and loved. Churches testify to the world what they think of God and His message by the way they treat His messengers. Men who permit a church to show disrespect for God's message by failing to adequately pay His messenger surely do God's cause harm.

A fair salary must take into consideration a number of things: The size of the church, its ability, its needs, and the membership's average income are a few. The minister's needs, ability, training, experience, and what is expected of him are others. The area in which the church is located, the travel expected of pastor, his dress and how they want him to live, must also be considered. A parsonage or housing allowance, insur-

ance, social security, and retirement are benefits included in some salary schedules. The housing allowance should be adequate to buy the average member's house. In most areas this would be \$300 to \$400 per month.

Most companies that require travel will supply a vehicle and expenses, or pay mileage. The article below is taken from the *U.S. News and World Report*, December 3, 1979 issue, page 94.

DRIVING COSTS: "The average cost of owning and operating a new car is now 38 cents per mile, a record high, according to an annual survey by the Hertz Corporation which specializes in auto rental and leasing. It now costs more than 30 cents per mile to operate a subcompact car. The 38 cent figure was based upon the cost of owning and operating an average equipped, intermediate-sized two-door sedan driven 10,000 miles a year and owned three years, which is the usual case, says Hertz." It is most doubtful we will be able to operate a car for less than 25 cents per mile in 1980. When you count the price of a car, its depreciation, insurance, upkeep, etc., a large salary becomes small.

The kind of car a church wishes the pastor to drive, the kind of clothes they expect the minister and his family to wear, the recreation and social life expected are all considerations.

Cost of living increases should be reviewed. The church that pays the same in 80, that it did in 79, will cut the pastor's salary at least 10%. To increase the salary the same as the cost of living increases each year is not a raise. To give the pastor a raise would be to go beyond or above the cost of living increase.

How long has it been since you reviewed your pastor's salary? Is it fair and comparable to what others with his responsibility, experience, training, ability, age, and needs are receiving in other occupations? *Does his salary adequately express what you want to say is your view of the importance of a spiritual leader in your community?*

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What the world needs is a good SHAKING

by Dan Talbot

One day while traveling down the main street in town I saw a sign in a window which stated, "What This World Needs Is A Good 5¢ Shake." Of course this was an ice cream establishment and the sign gave real encouragement to buy a shake. I thought about the slogan, "What The World Needs Is A Good 5¢ Shake" and the thought came to me how Jeremiah would have shaken Israel if he could. He cried to a backslidden and hardhearted nation trying to shake them from their sins. Let us notice their sins.

Idolatry: Idolatry is an act of worship, using an earthly item as a point of worship. For example: the golden calf, birds, altars with grooves, burning of children, etc. Today we have idolatry in our churches and we need to be shaken from them. The Children of Israel's idols were seen by the eye but ours are both seen and unseen. What are some of the things which we are guilty of? Worshiping the building rather than God, playing church, following man rather than God. God wants to be first. He is not satisfied if we give Him second, third, or last place.

Adultery: This destroys the home. The Children of Israel did not listen to God concerning this commandment, and it was not long until there was whoredom in the land causing the morals to decay and resulting in an outpouring of God's wrath. We have two kinds of adultery today—spiritual and physical adultery. Physical adultery results in marriages being broken and the home being destroyed. When a person is saved, that person is married to Christ. (Christ is the groom and the church is the bride.) If we quit serving Jesus, we are guilty of committing spiritual adultery because we have broken our vows. Oh, how the devil loves to break up the church and the home. May God help us that we will have a shaking in our homes and the church. Can we pray that God will deliver us from our own selfish ways and teach us His way in morals and in desires?

Swearing: Some say that this only means in a court of law, but my Bible says let your yea be yea and your nay, nay for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. We wouldn't lie about seeing someone do something wrong, but we sometimes forget to judge



(Rev. and Mrs. Dan Talbot and family)

ourselves in order that we will not be judged. We have so much swearing in our society. Television has done a lot for this. Some folks think that they can use profane language as long as they don't use God's name in vain. But in Colossians 3, the Word states that we are to put all filthy communication out of our mouth. Jesus said that what is in a man's heart will be reflected by what he says. Let us pray that God will shake us to see the harm in this kind of talk. Sinners look at Christians in three ways—the way the Christian talks, the way he lives, and the places he goes.

Robbery and Stealing: When the moral standard drops it opens the door for crime to begin. There are some people who think it is easier to steal than to work. My Bible says that if a man doesn't work, he should not eat. Also, let him that stole steal no more. When we steal or cheat we hurt ourselves worse than we hurt others. Let's let God shake our society to do things honest in the sight of all men.

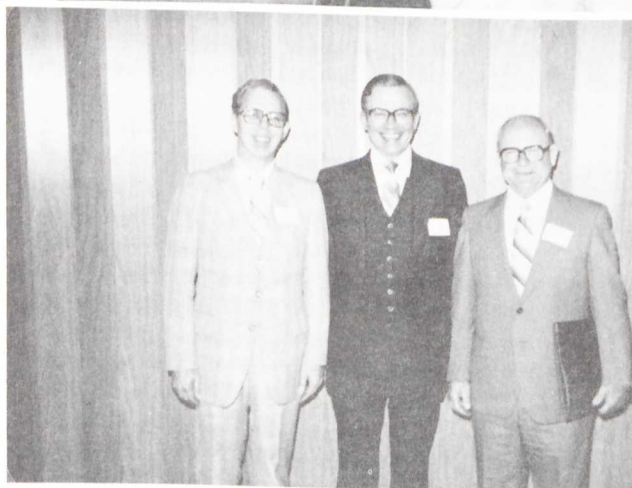
Lying: The Bible states that we are not to bear false witness against our neighbor. The Children of Israel sold their friends and neighbors by lying against them. Today, when one does not like someone, it seems that lies follow. We only know what we see and hear and sometimes we change what we see to fit our own selfishness. May God help us and shake us to do things honest and love as He loved in order that we may not hurt others.

God shook Israel by sending them into bondage into a foreign country. They became slaves of their enemies. Then when they listened to God He helped them. I trust that we will allow God to shake us to repentance in order that we will not be slaves to the devil. If God does not rule over us, then we will allow Satan to control us.

Let us pray for a good shaking from God—let us pray for others but also pray for ourselves—Lord, give me a good shaking.

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The Missouri State Association Youth Service and Woman's Auxiliary in Photos . . .



More photos will be in the August issue.

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