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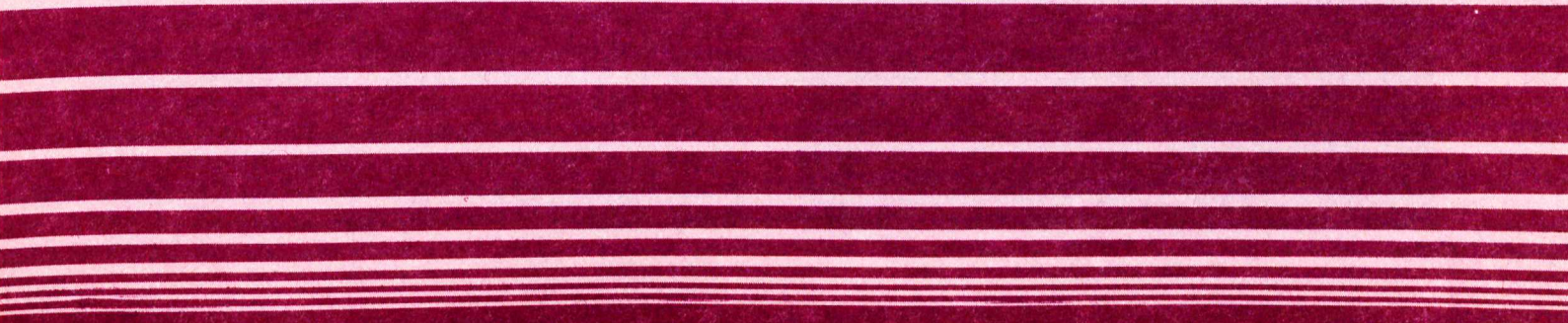
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# SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1979-80

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CHURCH	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE
Beacon					90	94	97	123		120	94	101
Belton			32	33	32	31	32	32	48	50	49	45
Buffalo	76	73	69	79	61	56	57	54	115			
Calvary, Conway							64	62	69	76	73	80
Calvary, Fenton	106	109	120	153	112	110	110	114	152			
Cape Girardeau	71	78	73	80	66	69						
Central	50	50	58	52	47	55	68	62	87	100	78	
Copper Mines	71	73	73	66	68	73	86	77	76	82	83	
Cuba							68	73	75			
DeSoto							156	151	200			
Farmington, First	454	455	514	670			529	526	564	599	557	546
Flat River, First	192	196	202	224	199	195	192	168	198	210		186
Fourth	157	138	133	122	139	133	137	143	160	147	148	
Fredericktown, First	101	98	133	129	115	127	118	94	121		156	112
Grant Avenue	120	119	126	133	134		128	123	131	120		129
Gray Summit				17	10	12	11		15	20	20	30
Hartville	85	86	82	79	83	87	86	87	84	96		
Hannon	76	77	70	68	74	77	67	69	81	83		
Houston	76	85	77	75	70	81	85	76				
Kirksville, First	108	117	127	125	120	119	113					
Lebanon, First	101	111	116	119	104	104	101	90	105			
Marshfield	48	53	51	59	58	52	53	54	59	60		
Monett, First	117	130	134	156	159	136	144	94	135	132		
Mountain Grove, First												
Parkview, Desloge			52	45	45	50	48	41	51	64	63	57
Richwoods	27	35	42	44	48	41	44	29	38	52	40	
South Side	90	82	83		84	98	82					
Terrill Road, Moberly	17	18	20	21	30		31	29	58			
Oak Hill, St. Clair	49	38	55	74	64	66	64	55				
Thayer	137	137	127	136	134	139	144	143	147	137		
Trinity	139	129	144	152	149	150	148	150		159		
Twin Oak	78	68	77	74	82	82	87	78	79	81	84	90
Victory, KC	62	67	60	64	62	72						
Willow Springs	100	98	100	98	103	112	105	88		110	103	106

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# Churches People And Events

## Report from Aulsbury Chapel

Peggy Perret, church reporter, writes: On June 1, a 13-week course for new converts was begun at the church. There are several in the newly-formed class.

There were five adults and two children baptized in Big River on June 1. There have been several saved as a result of the Children's Church. The church began this ministry in January 1979.

On Fathers' Day the oldest father, Roy Pinkston, and the youngest father, Donnie Johnson, were awarded gifts.

On June 29, the sixteen children that attended Youth Camp gave testimonies. It was a wonderful and beautiful service. The Lord is blessing the church. The average attendance for June was 109. The pastor is Reverend Earl Ames.

## Mt. Zion near Thayer Reports

Sharon Bowers, church reporter, writes: We would like to share with everyone some of the activities at the Mt. Zion Church.

Our Children's Day At Mammoth Spring Park was a great success with an attendance of 46. Perry Ford, eight years of age, made profession of faith in Christ. The following Wednesday evening Jack Huffmaster was converted.

Brother Robert Bowers gave a pig for the "Barbeque Party." It was well attended with a total of 52. Everyone enjoyed the fine preaching and singing.

The Young People's Meeting was held on June 26 with 51 present. Brother Riley Holesapple did the cooking and Brother Charles Gower did the preaching.

At "Old-Timers Day" there was an attendance of 75. Everyone enjoyed dinner-on-the-ground and then singing in the afternoon. We would like for everyone to pray for us that our hearts will always be on fire for the Lord. Brother Johnny Holesapple is the pastor.

## CHURCH BONDS FOR SALE

The Calvary Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Fenton, Missouri, is attempting to sell a \$190,000.00 bond issue in order to construct a new building. Interest ranges from 9½ percent simple interest to 10½ percent compounded interest. If you are unable to pay cash, the church has arranged with the Board of Retirement & Insurance in Nashville, TN., to finance your bond at no money down.

For more information, a prospectus, and a representative, call 314-825-2208, 314-296-3008, or write the church at P.O. Box 1080, Fenton, Missouri 63026.

## Gray Summit Church Reports

The church reporter writes: The members of the Gray Summit Free Will Baptist Church would like to share our blessings with everyone. The Lord has blessed our church in such a wonderful way. We have so much love and joy in the church that we truly thank God. The Sunday school attendance has grown from eight to 30 to 34. The C.T.S. attendance has grown from five to 22. We have eight new members in the church. Four came by profession of faith and four by baptism following recommendation.

The church started a special fund for carpeting the church. This was begun in December. The money has been raised for the carpet. We thank the Lord for this.

The men of the church were recognized for all the work they have done on Fathers' Day. We enjoyed cake and fellowship. Also, the church had a surprise birthday cake for our pastor. We are thankful for our pastor and his wife, Reverend and Mrs. Johnny James.



## Down By The Creek Bank Presented At Beacon

The young people of the Beacon Free Will Baptist Church presented a musical entitled "Down By The Creek Bank." This was presented under the direction of Linda Setser and Bev Smith. Iris Ratterree was responsible for the scenery. The cast members were Bradi Beltz, Chad Beltz, Alicia Cline, Andria Cline, Craig Cook, Jamey Holland, Kari Ratterree, Sara Setser, Scott Setser, Marcy Smith, Rick Smith, Nikki Williams, Stephanie Williams, Elmer Yeager, and Steve Yeager. Approximately 150 attended the presentation on June 8, 1980. Everyone enjoyed the program.





## Report from the Twin Oaks Church

Mrs. Madeline McFarland, church reporter, writes: Greetings from the Twin Oaks Free Will Baptist Church. The Lord is blessing at our church with people being saved, baptized, and uniting with the church. We are happy to have these become part of the church family. A few have been saved in homes during our visitation. The Lord is blessing in our study classes on "How To Meet People and Win Them To The Lord In The Home."

The church services are very spiritual and inspiring. The attendance is also very fine. We are thankful for the leadership of our pastor, Brother Truman Huffman. He works with every age group in every way. With our faith in God, we believe that the Lord has great blessings in store for us.

On June 22, 1980, the church held Homecoming Day Services with an attendance of 94 in Sunday school. A bountiful dinner was served with friends coming from other churches for the meal and fellowship. The afternoon service was enjoyed with special singing by the Durbin Family. Everyone was blessed by this service. Our program is presented on KFTW each Sunday morning at 8:15. We pray that this ministry will be a blessing to the aged, sick, and the unsaved.

We are thankful for the young people at Twin Oaks. They are so good to work and serve where they are needed. Our Bible School had 25 teachers and workers with an average attendance of 44 children. The theme was Miracles of Jesus. A special program was presented by puppets and song. The program was a courtroom scene with five witnesses for the miracles of Jesus. The witnesses expressed what they believed about Jesus. The final verdict handed down by the court was Jesus is truly the Son of God.

## Report from Bethel

June West from the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in El Dorado Springs, Mo., writes: We have been experiencing many blessings the past months. In March our hearts were blessed when our church presented an Easter Pageant Play called "God Gave His Son." This was truly a blessing and showed us how much Jesus loved us when He gave His life for us. We felt we were really there as it took place those many years ago.

We had the greatest Bible school ever in June with the theme, "I Believe in Jesus." We had an average attendance of 95 each night. Each one was blessed as we worked with these children. Our offering was given to a new program that we are starting in our church for our youth. It is called Royal Rangers for the boys and Missionettes for the girls. We feel this will be an even greater way to reach boys and girls for Christ. Please pray for us in this new endeavor.

We would ask you to remember us in your prayers as we labor together here for the Lord. With the world situation as it is now, we all need to work harder and strive for a closer walk with the Lord, as Matthew 25:13 says, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." We believe it is soon. Our pastor is Brother Fidell Bridges.

## Report from Fourth Church

Brother Leamon Killian, reporter from the Fourth Church writes: Greetings Brother Burton and *Gem* readers. The Lord is blessing at Fourth Church. Even though our Christian Workers' Conference was not as well attended as we wanted, it was a real blessing to the ministry of the church. We are thankful to you and the others that were on the program. We plan to make this an annual conference. We believe that it will help our church.

I regret that my wife and I were not able to attend the State Association this year but my physical condition had me confined to St. Louis for about 10 days. We heard some very good reports. However, we were disappointed to hear that the *Gem* would go to a bi-monthly publication. This will require some adjustment after so many years. But I'm sure that it will work out all right. Perhaps you could run the names of the churches on the Family Plan.

In August the Fourth Church Academy will begin. We have had much prayer concerning this. We are looking forward to the school. We thank God that we can become involved in this endeavor, and we feel that it is in response to prayer.

Our pastor, Brother Blankenship, said that over 700 attended the first week of Youth Camp. That is great. We believe in our young people and thank God for each one that He has given to us. May the Lord bless you, Brother Burton, and your wife as you work for Him.

## Catching Up With South Side

*February 16*, Wayne Simpson and Robin Clayton crowned King and Queen at annual Youth Banquet. The theme was "Rainbows of Life."

*March 27-April 27* "Gold Rush 1980" Sunday school campaign. Our monthly average was 117. Brothers Fred Hargraves and Loy Smith's Sunday school classes were the winners of the campaign.

*April 6* Easter Sunday we had the privilege of having a member of the group, "Jews for Jesus," with us for a special service during the Sunday school hour. Avi Snyder gave a dramatic presentation of the original Passover Feast and told all it symbolized.

*April 20-25* were the dates of our Spring Revival with Rev. Kent Tallent from the Buffalo Church as our evangelist. We praise God for many first time decisions for Christ and several rededications.

Brother Kevin Cagle from Detroit, Michigan, spent ten weeks with our church this summer working with our church and pastor as part of his ministerial training. He is a senior at FWBBC in Nashville, Tennessee.

*July 7-11* was an exciting week for the children of our church and community. Reverend David Harrison and family from Gary, Indiana, spent that week with us for a thrilling VBS.

Continue to pray for South Side that we'll continue to grow for Christ and the salvation of souls. Reverend James Mertz is the pastor. Sue Winchester is the church reporter.



## Report From Youth Camp Board Chairman

It only seems but yesterday the Youth Camp Board met and started making plans for the 1980 Youth Camp Session. We prayed and trusted God to supply us with an adequate number of people and the type of people that would really have the "Young People" at heart.

Now we're looking back on camp 1980 and can really see how God answered our prayers. A very fine group of dedicated workers responded and came to camp ready to do a work for God, and the young people responded well too. The first week, June 15 through June 20, they came from everywhere and ended with a total enrollment of 721. Yet God blessed, and a youth camp that was to utter capacity ran very smoothly. Bro. Don Lombard was the Camp Director and with a lot of very dedicated workers watched God bless with approximately 150 decisions for Jesus.

The second week, June 22 through June 27, saw a total of 465 enrolled. Brother Jim McAllister was the Camp Director and again with a great staff of camp workers watched approximately 125 teens make decisions for Jesus.

Probably few people realize the benefit the youth camp is to the local church. Some way, somehow, God is able to work in the hearts and lives of young people at youth camp like no other place.

As I think back over the camp sessions, I can't help but be thankful for the 1,186 people who attended; for the young people who could have gone some place else those weeks but went to camp; for the adults in the above number, many of which took vacation time so they could attend; for the staff of workers who worked without material pay; for Rev. Bud Arnold who served as camp superintendent, along with the faithful assistance of his wife Doris. Then for Jesus who made it all possible. Yes, joy was among the angels of Heaven those two weeks of camp (St. Luke 15:10) and some day souls will be in Heaven because of their commitment to Christ at Niangua Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, 1980. We can all sing with the writer who wrote, "To God be the Glory, Great Things He Has Done!"

Ken Goff

## Sister Johnson Passes

On May 3, 1980, Sister Tula Johnson passed away at her home in West Plains. She was the widow of Rev. Finis D. Johnson who died August 4, 1979.

The Johnsons began their ministry in Oregon County where Brother Finis served as deacon in the Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church for eleven years. In 1936 Brother Finis accepted the call to preach God's Word. During the next 34 years they pastored 18 churches in Missouri and Oklahoma.

At the time of his death, Brother Finis was serving as pastoral assistant of the United Free Will Baptist Church in West Plains and preached his last sermon July 29, 1979, only a few days before he went to be with the Lord.

Sister Johnson remained active in the local church until her death and was planning to speak at a woman's meeting on May 10.

This fine couple gave themselves to their Lord and left behind many friends and neighbors who mourn their passing but rejoice that Brother Finis and Sister Tula have accomplished their goal.

## Hazel Creek Has New Pastor

The church reporter writes: The Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Kirksville, Missouri, has called Reverend Tom Drake to serve as pastor. Brother Drake and his family are from Choctaw, Oklahoma. He is a graduate of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. He moved to Hazel Creek in January with his wife, Jo Ellen, and three sons, David age 7, Joseph age 5, and Andrew age 3.

The Lord has blessed the church since Brother Drake has begun his ministry with the church. We have seen many miracles happen. We are thankful for our pastor and his family.



(Rev. and Mrs. Tom Drake and Children,  
L—R, Joseph, David and Andrew.)

*Challenge!*, a totally new Sunday school quarterly designed for today's young adults, will be available from the Sunday School and Church Training Department for fall quarter 1980. Like all of the other quarterlies in the "Bible Based Series," *Challenge!* is based on the King James Version of the Bible. In an age of unbelief, the Sunday School and Church Training Department is firmly committed to the trustworthiness of God's inspired Word.

*Challenge!*, which follows the Free Will Baptist Adult Curriculum Cycle, joins a question and answer format with clear, easy-to-understand Bible exposition. The fall lessons are based on the Pastoral Epistles.

Rev. J. Reford Wilson, pastor of the Butterfield Free Will Baptist Church of Aurora, Illinois, is the writer for *Challenge!* Wilson is no stranger to Free Will Baptists, having served for 13½ years as General Director of the Department of Foreign Missions. The Oklahoma native has also pastored several churches and taught missions at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College.

While *Challenge!* is especially targeted for young adults, any adult group might profitably use this attractive 8½ x 11, 40 page publication. *Challenge!* will sell for \$1.00 per copy.



## OCA Awards Banquet

On May 23, 1980, the Olivet Christian Academy in Marshall, Missouri, concluded its first year of school with an awards banquet. A delicious meal was enjoyed by the students, faculty, parents, and friends. Following the meal, the Awards Service was held in the auditorium.

The student body numbering 34, along with the faculty and audience, said the pledges to the American Flag, the Christian Flag, and the Bible. Reverend Tallent led the congregation in several selected songs. This was followed by some special music and Scripture and recitation by members of the student body. During the events Reverend Steve Hale, school superintendent, presented several awards to individual students for special achievements that were accomplished during the school year.

The highlight of the Awards Banquet was the message delivered by Reverend Clarence Burton to an attentive audience of approximately 300. The spiritual atmosphere of the entire service was great.

The staff of the Olivet Christian Academy and the Olivet Free Will Baptist Church are looking forward to 1980-81 for greater experiences and a wonderful year. This will be the third year for pre-school classes, the second year for kindergarten through the 12th grades. The school year 1979-80 began with 16 in pre-school and 28 in kindergarten through grade 12. The year ended with 36 pre-school and 34 kindergarten through grade 12, with a 91.5 percent grade average. At present there are more enrolled for the 1980-81 school year than were enrolled when the 1979-80 year ended. The pastor, Reverend Cliff Bowman, requests the prayers of Christian people that the Lord will continue to bless this ministry for His glory.



*Olivet Christian Academy  
Awards Banquet*

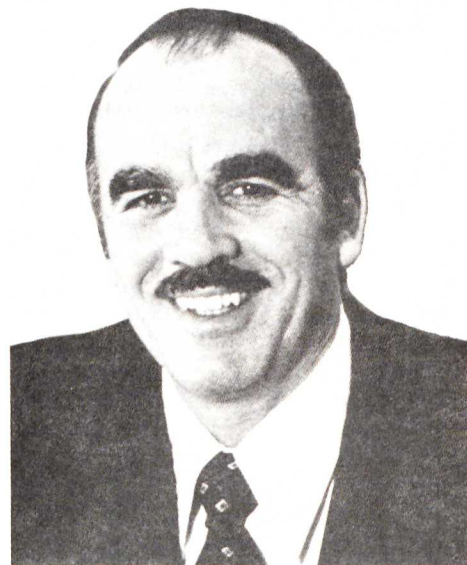
## REVIVAL FOR OUR TIME

**Dr. Stephen Olford**

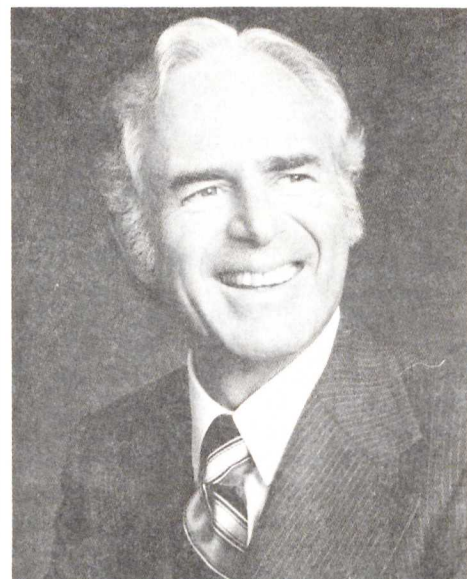
**PASTOR - LAYMAN  
RETREAT**

**Sept. 22-24, 1980**

**Free Will Baptist  
Youth Camp  
Niangua, Missouri  
Sponsored by the  
Board of  
Christian Education  
of  
Missouri  
Free Will Baptists**



*Dr. Billy Melvin*



*Dr. Stephen Olford*



## Monday, Sept. 22

12:00 Noon Lunch  
1:30 "Revival For Our Time" (Dr. Olford)  
2:30 Break  
3:00 "Studies In Ephesians" (Dr. B. Melvin)  
3:45 Break  
4:00 Ladies Swim  
5:00 Men Swim  
6:00 Supper  
7:30 "Revival For Our Time" (Dr. Olford)  
9:00 Fellowship and Refreshments  
11:00 Lights Out

## Tuesday morning Sept. 23

8:00 Breakfast  
9:30 "Studies In Ephesians" (Dr. B. Melvin)  
10:35 Break  
10:45 "Revival For Our Time" (Dr. Olford)  
12:00 Noon Lunch

## Tuesday afternoon and evening, Sept. 23

1:30 Golf, Softball, Volleyball, Ping Pong, Horse-shoes, or Lazy Time  
4:00 Ladies Swim  
5:00 Men Swim  
6:00 Supper  
7:30 Revival Time (Dr. Olford)  
9:00 Fellowship & Refreshments  
11:00 Lights Out

## Wednesday, Sept. 24

8:00 Breakfast  
9:30 "Studies In Ephesians" (Dr. B. Melvin)  
10:35 Break  
10:45 "Revival Or Perish" (Dr. Olford)  
12:00 Lunch  
12:40 On Our Way Home

Every pastor that brings four lay people from his congregation will be given free registration.

Every pastor that brings eight lay people from his congregation will be given free registration for both he and his wife.

## Points for Pastors

*by Jim McAllister*



Last month we raised the question about the possibility that the lack of growth in the local church could possibly be laid at the pastor's door.

Perhaps he has become content. He's satisfied to have his 100 or 200 or even 300 in attendance. After all, the average Free Will Baptist Church has less than 80 in attendance. In fact, the average church in America has less than 250, so if he has 300, he is three times better off than the average Free Will Baptist church and 50 people better than the average church

in any town. Better watch it preacher, pride comes before a fall.

Perhaps he has become lazy. Think of all the work involved in having another 100 people. A new building, additional staff, lots more visiting, more problems such as counseling and administration. It's easy to become lazy. After all, a big church cuts down on the fishing and golf. Sometimes you won't even get to take a vacation. And, after all, Free Will Baptists don't reward their pastors for building big churches, we reward them for knowing the right people. Right?

Perhaps he has not kept pace with the time. By that, I mean his methods are outdated and behind the times. He may need to attend an occasional pastor's school, church growth conference, or evangelism clinic. Maybe he needs to spend more time reading books on growth and methods. It may be that he needs to spend time thinking and planning. Any pastor could learn from other preachers either by positive or negative approach.

Perhaps his family is a hindrance. He may be more concerned about their feelings than the work of God. I am convinced that if God's man will love his family and treat them fairly, but at the same time love and honor God with his time, talent, and commitment, God will bless his efforts and his family.

## Essentials of Evangelism

*by Stanley Jones*

This is third in a series of articles dealing with the work of the Holy Spirit in evangelism. First, we discussed the Spirit's function as He empowers men to speak for Christ. Second, we considered the effectiveness of evangelism as it is assured by the Spirit's work. Now, in this third article, we shall consider the role of the Holy Spirit in conviction and assurance of salvation.

The Spirit of God gave conviction. Men who heard Peter preach under the anointing of the Spirit were brought under conviction of sin (Acts 2:37). John 16:8 makes it clear that conviction of sin is the work of the Holy Spirit. The messenger does not do this. It is the Spirit.

The Spirit of God gave assurance of salvation. On the day of Pentecost, Peter told those who would believe that God's gift to them was the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:38, 39). The Spirit dwells within those who keep God's commandments (1 John 3:24). The indwelling Spirit gives assurance of our relationship as Children of God (Romans 8:16; Galatians 4:6).

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



# MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING

## June 1980

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Black Oak .....	\$17.25	
Allan Crowson .....	\$17.25	
Grant Avenue .....	\$65.86	
David Filkins .....	\$65.86	
Columbia (Teen Action) .....	\$30.75	
Charolette Tallent .....	\$15.38	
David Filkins .....	15.37	
Eastern Gate .....	\$25.00	
Archie Mayhew .....	\$25.00	
Myrtle .....	\$123.76	
Jim McLain .....	\$43.76	
Lynn Miley .....	80.00	
Monett .....	\$96.29	
General Fund .....	\$10.00	
Eddie Payne .....	86.29	
Fourth .....	\$99.00	
Steve Lytle .....	\$99.00	
South Side .....	\$105.00	
Howard Filkins .....	\$20.00	
Charolette Tallent .....	85.00	
Low Ground .....	\$5.00	
Jim McLain .....	\$5.00	
Beacon .....	\$145.86	
Howard Filkins .....	\$145.86	
Aulsbury Chapel .....	\$50.00	
Howard Filkins .....	\$25.00	
Jerry Pinkerton .....	25.00	
Thayer .....	\$5.00	
Jerry Pinkerton .....	\$5.00	
Walnut Grove .....	\$10.00	
Lynn Miley .....	\$10.00	
New Harmony SS .....	\$45.32	
Lynn Miley .....	\$22.66	
Jim McLain .....	22.66	
Rock Chapel .....	\$10.00	
Dock Caton .....	\$10.00	
Olivet .....	\$140.00	
Bobby Poole .....	\$20.00	
Jim McLain .....	10.00	
Sparks Land Fd .....	60.00	
Larry Inscoc .....	50.00	
Kirkville .....	\$34.00	
Jerry Pinkerton .....	\$29.00	
Howard Filkins .....	5.00	
Lebanon, First .....	\$6.00	
Charolette Tallent .....	\$1.00	
Clint Morgan .....	2.50	
Jerry Pinkerton .....	2.50	
Springfield, First .....	\$500.00	
Archie Mayhew .....	\$500.00	
Monett .....	\$35.00	
Fred Hersey .....	\$25.00	
General Fund .....	10.00	
Joplin .....	\$27.00	
Dock Caton .....	\$7.00	
Lonnie Sparks .....	7.00	
Fred Hersey .....	5.00	
Jerry Banks .....	3.00	
Spain .....	5.00	
Mtn. Grove .....	\$197.00	
General Fund .....	\$110.00	
Mike Cousineau .....	87.00	
Pleasant Ridge .....	\$20.00	
General Fund .....	\$10.00	
Jim McLain .....	10.00	
Columbia .....	\$461.55	
Lynn Miley .....	\$15.00	
Joe Haas .....	10.00	
Charolette Tallent .....	215.78	
David Filkins .....	215.77	
Jerry Pinkerton .....	5.00	
Total .....	\$2,254.64	

### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Mt. Pisgah .....	\$80.00	
Howard Bowers .....	\$55.00	
Mark Vandivort .....	25.00	
Mtn. Grove .....	\$56.00	
Howard Bowers .....	\$46.00	
Mark Vandivort .....	10.00	
Low Ground .....	\$5.00	
Mark Vandivort .....	\$5.00	
Flat River, First .....	\$105.00	
General Fund .....	\$101.00	
Howard Bowers .....	2.00	
Vergel Maness .....	2.00	
Monett .....	\$20.00	
Howard Bowers .....	\$15.00	
General Fund .....	5.00	
Fredericktown, First .....	\$86.50	
Howard Bowers .....	\$86.50	
Olivet .....	\$15.00	
Vergel Maness .....	\$15.00	
Berkeley .....	\$62.00	
General Fund .....	\$50.00	
Howard Bowers .....	12.00	
Rock Chapel .....	\$35.00	
Howard Bowers .....	\$25.00	
James O'Dell .....	10.00	
Myrtle .....	\$69.30	
Mark Vandivort .....	\$14.04	
Howard Bowers .....	55.26	
Wolf Creek .....	\$20.00	
Mark Vandivort .....	\$15.00	
Howard Bowers .....	5.00	
Fourth .....	\$12.00	
Vergel Maness .....	\$12.00	
Rolla .....	\$52.00	
Mark Vandivort .....	\$50.00	
James O'Dell .....	2.00	
Thayer .....	\$69.50	
Howard Bowers .....	\$69.50	
New Rock Springs .....	\$122.00	
Mark Vandivort .....	\$120.00	
Howard Bowers .....	2.00	
Monett .....	\$429.73	
Larry Russell .....	\$414.73	
Howard Bowers .....	15.00	
Total .....	\$1,239.03	

### MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Columbia .....	\$5.00	
General Fund .....	\$5.00	
Pleasant Ridge .....	\$10.00	
General Fund .....	\$10.00	
Flat River, First .....	\$100.00	
General Fund .....	\$100.00	
Joplin .....	\$12.00	
General Fund .....	\$12.00	
Fredericktown, First .....	\$25.50	
Branson .....	\$25.50	
Lebanon, First .....	\$2.00	
Branson .....	\$2.00	
Aulsbury Chapel .....	\$20.00	
Branson .....	\$20.00	
Berkeley .....	\$60.00	
General Fund .....	\$50.00	
Branson .....	10.00	
New Harmony SS .....	\$22.68	
Moberly .....	\$22.68	
Beacon .....	\$30.00	
Branson .....	\$30.00	
Monett .....	\$65.88	
General Fund .....	\$25.88	
Branson .....	40.00	
South Side .....	\$10.00	
Branson .....	\$10.00	
Low Ground .....	\$5.00	
Branson .....	\$5.00	
Total .....	\$368.06	



HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE	
Mtn. Grove .....	\$60.00
Monett .....	\$20.08
Willow Springs .....	\$15.00
Total .....	\$95.08

FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME FOR CHILDREN	
Myrtle .....	\$2.08

MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP	
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$5.00
Mtn. Grove, First .....	\$50.00
Faith, Lemay .....	\$10.00
Olivet .....	\$10.00
Hartville .....	\$10.00
St. Louis District .....	\$25.88
(Dining Hall)	
Thayer .....	\$10.00
Aulsbury Chapel .....	\$10.00
New Rock Springs .....	\$10.00
Willow Springs .....	\$10.00
Myrtle .....	\$25.87
(Dining Hall)	
Monett .....	\$30.00
(Dining Hall)	
Total .....	\$206.75

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE	
Columbia .....	\$5.00
Joplin .....	\$27.00
General Fund .....	\$2.00
Library Wing .....	25.00
Total .....	\$32.00

## COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS June 1980

Mt. Pisgah .....	\$77.00
Columbia .....	50.00
Pleasant Ridge .....	47.00
Bailey Chapel .....	46.00
Victory, Alton .....	104.00
Gray Summit .....	57.30
Royal Oak .....	26.00
DeSoto .....	500.00
Oskaloosa .....	16.02
Houston .....	115.78
Macedonia SS .....	13.00
Mtn. Grove, First .....	441.45
Faith, Lemay .....	107.25
First, Flat River .....	441.40
Hurryville .....	126.35
Sedalia .....	127.26
Fellowship .....	48.00
Mine La Motte .....	15.00
Monett, First .....	287.30
Springfield, First .....	515.00
Fredericktown, First .....	266.00
Lebanon, First .....	288.84
Friendship, Branson .....	96.51
Number One .....	32.41
Beacon .....	401.24
Union Grove .....	96.83
Neosho .....	10.00
Bismark .....	28.00
Buffalo .....	168.97
Mill Creek .....	107.52
Waynesville .....	164.90
Olivet .....	200.00
Grace .....	620.00
Berkeley .....	325.46
Byrd .....	12.39
Fordland .....	256.17
Oak Hill, Fredericktown .....	126.37
Rock Chapel .....	329.17
Hopewell .....	122.50
Faith, Fair Grove .....	143.71
West Plains, First .....	500.00

Verdella .....	124.70
New Harmony .....	6.89
Union .....	60.00
Hartville .....	150.65
Merl's Chapel .....	47.50
Joplin .....	250.88
Wolf Creek .....	163.61
Rolla .....	120.00
El Dorado, First .....	5.00
Cuba .....	141.51
Fourth .....	259.00
Calvary, Conway .....	106.69
Marshfield .....	145.00
Happy Home .....	84.78
Copper Mines .....	115.00
Pleasant Hill .....	25.09
Leadington .....	306.41
Black Oak .....	10.00
Farmington .....	950.00
New Rock Springs .....	97.34
Willow Springs .....	224.35
Cope .....	25.56
Eastern Gate .....	49.12
Faith, Fair Grove .....	181.80
Gospel Light .....	36.00
Hurryville .....	179.76
Parkview .....	198.48
Myrtle .....	140.97
Monett .....	423.50
Mt. Zion, Thayer .....	38.29
Community .....	45.46
O'Fallon .....	309.00
South Side .....	177.00
Twin Oak .....	400.00
Cabool .....	130.93
Jones Family .....	183.48
Total .....	\$13,371.77

## MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS GIVING JUNE, 1980

Grace .....	25.00
Neosho .....	5.00
Mill Creek Young Adult Class .....	15.00
National Home Missions .....	35.00
Hannon .....	171.00
Parkview .....	2.00
Farmington .....	20.00
Fourth .....	23.25
Houston .....	48.45
Fordland .....	45.00
DeSoto .....	50.00
Hurryville .....	45.60
Sedalia .....	84.84
Fellowship .....	16.00
Terrill Road .....	31.36
Cooperative Receipts .....	2,835.54
Grant Avenue .....	40.00
Aulsbury Chapel .....	10.00
Pleasant Ridge .....	10.00
Flat River, First .....	100.00
Lebanon .....	2.00
Columbia .....	5.00
Oak Hill—Fredericktown .....	23.50
Fredericktown, First .....	16.00
Joplin .....	7.00
South Fremont .....	128.00
Low Ground .....	5.00
Eva Brown .....	10.00
South Side .....	10.00
New Harmony .....	23.85
Myrtle .....	15.82
Leadington .....	5.00
Berkeley .....	60.00
O'Fallon .....	40.00
Olivet .....	100.00
Oak Hill—Union .....	92.05
Rock Chapel .....	31.24
Total .....	4,187.50



## COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS June 1980

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions .....	\$2,473.78
16.00% Promotional Department .....	2,139.48
4.50% General Fund .....	601.73
5.50% Youth Camp .....	735.45
2.00% Christian Board of Education .....	267.44
2.00% Sunday School & CTS .....	267.44
5.00% Retirement Program .....	668.58
5.00% Retirement Village .....	668.58
2.00% Possible Purchase of Ret. Unit .....	267.44
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College .....	802.31
33.50% National Departments .....	4,479.54
21.50% Foreign Missions .....	963.11
21.50% Free Will Baptist Bible College .....	963.11
15.50% National Home Missions .....	694.33
30.00% Executive Office .....	1,343.86
8.00% Board of Retirement and Ins. ....	358.36
3.00% Layman's Board .....	134.38
.50% Theological Commission .....	22.39
Total Disbursements .....	\$13,371.77

We are grateful to the Lord for His blessings. This month ended on Monday which resulted in some churches not getting their cooperative giving in for the month of June. Next month should reflect this in an increase. May the Lord bless every church and pastor for sharing in this unified plan of support.

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First Free Will Baptist Church of Farmington will begin the Christian Workers' Bible Institute on September 1, 1980. The purpose of CWBI is to provide either a college level or high school level program of study for laymen and ministers that can be obtained by either correspondence or in the classroom setting in Farmington.

It has been evident that there is an increasing need for a quality program that will assist the pastor, evangelist, preacher, Sunday school teacher, and layman in increasing his Bible knowledge and sharpening his skills in Christian service.

CWBI will feature a college level and a college equivalent curriculum as well as a high school curriculum for those who do not feel ready for the more difficult college material. The student will register with CWBI and receive material for each subject he chooses to take. The semester will begin at any time he chooses to enroll, and will end when he completes the semester's work. All work may be done by correspondence.

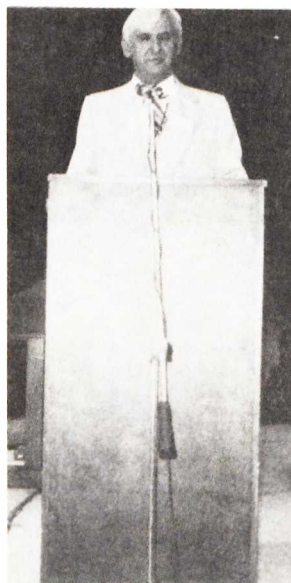
Costs will be low (on a par with local community Junior college costs) and help on curriculum work will be available. One exciting part of CWBI will be its help for preachers on a practical level. The preacher will attend a one week "Prophet's School Program" at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Farmington where he will engage in a very intense pastoral training program, after which he will receive practical pastoral college level curriculum for his study and work at home.

This is an opportunity for Christian workers and pastors to become better and more effective servants of God.

CWBI is not a fly-by-night program. The same international organization of Christian education that provides quality and accredited Christian school curriculum for both our elementary and high school here in Farmington is providing this Bible Institute curriculum. It is college level, it is difficult, and it is quality. Your knowledge of the Bible, methods, and general education as well as your practical skills will be greatly increased. At present more than 60 hours of college subjects are available.

For information write CWBI, 305 West Columbia, Farmington, Mo. 63640, or call 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 314-756-5426.

## MORE PHOTOS FROM THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION







## Why are you starting a Children's Church?

by Greg McAllister

I've been involved in Children's Church now for about 7 years, and I've often wondered why I even bother. Many times, it seems fruitless, and you are disappointed most often by kids who have been in church all their lives. Then there are the bus kids, who have no training at all, and can demolish any object lesson, song, or flannelgraph talk you could come up with.

Very often, a pastor begins a Children's Church as a result of prayer. This is the prayer: "Dear God, I have GOT to get those kids out of the auditorium!"

That's one reason. It's not necessarily the best reason, but it's a reason. When my father was pastoring a church in southwest Missouri, we had the singing Ledbetters in one day, and we allowed the Children's Church upstairs. There was a steady parade to the restrooms. Finally, he jumped up and said, "I want you kids to get the bathroom going over with right now!" Thirty kids got up and left. One of them explained, "I thought it was intermission."

It's not a daycare, so keep games (except Sword Drill) out of it. Dr. James Dobson says that most five year olds have absolutely no interest in preaching, so something *must* be planned for *them*. Psychologists say that kids attention span is only 6 minutes until the age of ten, so you have to be constantly changing, or they lose interest. There is a big difference between the intellect of a six year old and a ten year old, so if you have a large age difference in your church, you need to study hard, so you can teach and preach as simply and illustrative as possible.

As for staff, use both men and women, preferably a husband-wife team. Teenagers have a tendency to act worse than the kids if they are allowed to stay out of the big church. It is important to have a man in there that the boys will respect, or else they will grow up thinking preachers and Christianity is for sissies and women, like their fathers probably do, secretly.

Really preach. Really teach. Teach them congregational songs once in a while. Sing fast songs. A valuable worship habit you can teach is responsive reading. This helps them get used to Bible language, and teaches them to participate. Surprise them once in a while with a special guest. Use flannelgraph, chalk talks, missionary stories, object lessons, and real sermons. But don't get in a rut. My big problem is doing the same thing every Sunday. Put as much effort into the program as you possibly can.

The reason you need a Children's Church is that kids need to be saved and taught about the Bible. When you have a Children's Church, those are real souls you are ministering to.

Editor's note: As I travel over the state I have had several inquiries concerning the Children's Church. In order that we might meet this need I have asked Greg McAllister, who has worked with this ministry for seven years, to give some helpful information. This will be a mini series of three articles. Reverend McAllister is presently serving as Minister of Youth at the Mtn. Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Mtn. Grove, Missouri.



