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# SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1979-80

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CHURCH	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY
Beacon				90	94	97	123		120	94	101	
Belton		32	33	32	31	32	32	48	50	49	45	
Buffalo	73	69	79	61	56	57	54	115				
Calvary, Conway						64	62	69	76	73	80	69
Calvary, Fenton	109	120	153	112	110	110	114	152				
Cape Girardeau	78	73	80	66	69							
Central	50	58	52	47	55	68	62	87	100	78		
Copper Mines	73	73	66	68	73	86	77	76	82	83		
Cuba						68	73	75			61	
DeSoto						156	151	200				
Farmington, First	455	514	670			529	526	564	599	557	546	567
Flat River, First	196	202	224	199	195	192	168	198	210		186	
Fourth	138	133	122	139	133	137	143	160	147	148		
Fredericktown, First	98	133	129	115	127	118	94	121		156	112	108
Grant Avenue	119	126	133	134		128	123	131	120		129	132
Gray Summit			17	10	12	11		15	20	20	30	
Hartville	86	82	79	83	87	86	87	84	96			
Hannon	77	70	68	74	77	67	69	81	83		73	79
Houston	85	77	75	70	81	85	76					
Kirksville, First	117	127	125	120	119	113						
Lebanon, First	111	116	119	104	104	101	90	105	113	111	116	105
Marshfield	53	51	59	58	52	53	54	59	60			
Monett, First	130	134	156	159	136	144	94	135	132			
Parkview, Desloge		52	45	45	50	48	41	51	64	63	57	51
Richwoods	35	42	44	48	41	44	29	38	52	40		
South Side	82	83		84	98	82						
Terrill Road, Moberly	18	20	21	30		31	29	58				
Oak Hill, St. Clair	38	55	74	64	66	64	55	62	59	58	56	37
Thayer	137	127	136	134	139	144	143	147	137			
Trinity	129	144	152	149	150	148	150		159		132	
Twin Oak	68	77	74	82	82	87	78	79	81	84	90	
Victory, KC	67	60	64	62	72							
Willow Springs	98	100	98	103	112	105	88	101	110	103	106	107

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# Churches People And Events

## Report From The Buffalo Church

The Buffalo Free Will Baptist Church was founded in 1905 and from that time has made an active and sincere impact on the community of Buffalo. The present church building is located in one of the older sections of Buffalo on Main Street and has been in this general location from its beginning.

At the present time, an active youth group, led by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Maynard with approximately twenty to thirty young people, are actively participating in church functions. The bus ministry for which Steve is responsible has aided immensely in reaching children that otherwise would be left out of the opportunity of attending church and hearing God's Word through the Sunday school classes and the many people around them that genuinely care about their spiritual needs. The Children's Church ministry is another area of the church body. There have been several children saved in the Children's Church since its beginning in 1979, and the children enjoy a service geared for them with the puppet ministry being a tremendous blessing during the services.

The Buffalo Free Will Baptist Church also has a newly formed Ladies' Auxiliary as of 1979, with the sole purpose of aiding in any way possible in the mission field with service projects. Recently, the ladies compiled recipes and had a cookbook printed that was received very well. We are as a church thankful to God for any opportunity that we may have to reach out to those about us and, through our lives, show that love which God has for all of us. Our prayer for the future is that we may always do His will both as a church and as individuals.



*Pastor Ken Tallent and Sunday School  
and Church Officers*

## Rev. Daryl Ellis Receives Degree

On May 19 the Reverend Daryl Ellis, Minister of Education and Music at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, was awarded his Master of Divinity Degree from Covenant Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Ellis, native of Detroit, Michigan, graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, then moved to St. Louis for his seminary training. In 1974 he married the former Linda Williamson of North Carolina. They have one baby daughter, Melissa, and reside at 4116A Carrollton Ct. in Bridgeton.

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church honored his study and hard work by the presentation of a money tree to Daryl and Mrs. Ellis. Our Congratulations!



## Report From Fourth Church

The church reporter, Fern Goodwin from the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, writes, Reverend and Mrs. Steve Lytle and children, missionaries to Panama, are at home on furlough for a year. They plan to make their home with Judy's (Mrs. Lytle) parents in St. Louis during their time in the United States.

Brother Lytle will be holding services in several churches. His first sermon after arriving home was at the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis. (The Fourth Church is Judy's home church.) They will be spending some time with Brother Lytle's parents in North Carolina.

The folks from the Fourth Church welcome the Lytle Family back home and look forward to good times and fellowship.

Editor's note: Welcome home to the Lytle Family. May the Lord bless.



## Pastor Anniversary At Oak Hill

The Oak Hill Free Will Baptist Church at St. Clair, Missouri, held an Anniversary Day Service for the pastor and his wife, Reverend and Mrs. Lawrence Thompson. Sunday, August 17, marked one year for the pastor.

An attendance goal was set for "99 and me." The goal was exceeded with an attendance in Sunday school of 106. Consequently, the pastor and Sunday school superintendent, Hugh Stogsdill, were obligated to eat dinner on the church roof. In the accompanying photograph the folks of the Oak Hill Church are not looking at some UFO, but they are looking up to see the pastor and superintendent eating chicken on the roof.

Special music was presented at the morning service and in the afternoon by the Jones Family. Reverend Clarence Burton delivered the anniversary message.



## Pastoral Changes and Church Personnel

Rev. Joe Williams to Eastern Gate Church, Springfield, MO

Reverend Steve Burton to First Church, Springfield, MO

Reverend Bobby Sebastian, Youth Minister, Grant Avenue, Springfield, MO

Rev. Dan Talbot to Kingsway Church, Springfield, MO

Reverend Ken Goff to Bethel Church, Festus, MO

Reverend Gary Hutsell to Willow Springs Church, Mt. Grove, MO

## Calendar of Events

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

**November 17-19** Church Evangelism Conference, First Church, Farmington, MO Cooperation with National Home Missions

## National Youth Conference Winners From Missouri

### *Bible Bowl*

First Church, Berkeley, MO., Coach Gigi Barks, Lisa Wallace, Mark Scott, Melanie Forrester, Robby Crowe

### *Music and Arts Festival*

### *Adventurer*

Sean Hodge, First Church, Farmington, MO

### *Crusader*

Cindy Keesling, First Church, Mt. Grove, MO

### *Vocal Ensemble: Duet*

Sean Hodge & Rayan McBride, First Church, Farmington

### *Creative Art*

Calvin Virtue, Rock Chapel Church, Norwood, MO

### *Bible Sword Drill*

Missy Pamperien, Rock Chapel Church, Norwood, MO



Calvin Virtue



Missy Pamperien

## Please Note:

The Free Will Baptist churches in Springfield, Missouri, are endeavoring to plan a Student Center for Free Will Baptist students attending college in the Springfield area. Please send the name or names of students from your church to Rev. Millard Sasser, Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, 1060 South Grant Avenue, Springfield, MO 65807.

## Please Note:

Reverend Millard Sasser, pastor of the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, has announced that the Queen City Bible Institute will hold registration September 27 & 28. The first class session will be held October 28 at 7:00 p.m. Classes will be held at the Grant Avenue Church, 1060 South Grant Avenue, Springfield, MO 65807. Catalogs are available on request.



The South Central District Association had its first meeting on Friday evening August 15, 1980. The newly formed association met with the First Church in Rolla, Missouri. Reverend Dan Booth was the host pastor.



The five churches that formed the association were represented by delegates and the moderator, Reverend Lawrence Thompson, handled the business smoothly and effectively.

Church reporter, June West, writes, The Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in El Dorado Springs celebrated its homecoming on June 29, 1980, with a basket dinner and a day of fellowship. This marked fifteen years for the church and the pastor, Reverend Fidell Bridges.

The Dewey Pennell Family from Pittsburg, Kansas, presented the special music. They were instrumental in starting the church. Brother Winford Davis delivered a very fitting message on Sunday evening. Remember us in your prayers.



Bro. Fidell Bridges and Family

## Report From Aulsbury Chapel

Church reporter, Peggy Perret, writes, On Saturday evening, July 12, the CTS sponsored a Hayride and Wiener Roast. The First Church in DeSoto, Missouri, was invited and everyone had a delightful time of fun and fellowship.

On Friday evening, July 18, a surprise baby shower was given for Dave and Marilyn Pinkston.

Our Vacation Bible School was held July 28-August 1. The average attendance was 99 with the largest attendance for one night 103. The week was ended with a picnic and Commencement Program on Sunday evening.

A revival is planned for the second week of September with Evangelist Ken Dodson.

## Vacation Bible School Report From Eastern Gate

The Eastern Gate Free Will Baptist Church of Springfield has just concluded a very successful Vacation Bible School. The average attendance was fifty-two. It was held during the evening, with classes ranging from nursery to adult. The offering was designated to Home Missions.

The success was due to the members of Eastern Gate who gave their time and effort for this cause.

## I HAD A FRIEND

I had a friend,  
But now she is gone—  
She went on ahead  
To claim the crown she'd won.

Her hands were knarled  
And drawn with pain—  
She just worked a little harder  
There was no time to complain.

Her eyes were weak, so I was told,  
But with one hand her Bible she'd hold  
While the other a magnifying glass held steady  
And when the Scripture was announced  
She was always ready—  
For from God's Word she wanted to learn  
And she always did her very best  
To read when it was her turn.

Many other physical burdens  
This brave lady had to bear,  
But seeing after her sister was no burden  
She gave her such loving care.

If you would ask her "How are you?"  
She'd say "Oh, I'm all right"  
And with sparkling eyes inquire,  
"And how are *you* tonight?"

So I'll just look forward to that Great Day  
When I no longer remember how I missed her.  
Yes, I had a friend—  
And her name was Esther.

—Mable Riley

This poem was written in memory of Esther Foster a faithful member of the Sedalia Church.



## COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS July 1980

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions .....	\$3,064.93
16.00% Promotional Department .....	2,650.75
4.50% General Fund .....	745.52
5.50% Youth Camp .....	911.19
2.00% Christian Board of Education .....	331.34
2.00% Sunday School and CTS .....	331.34
5.00% Retirement Program .....	828.36
5.00% Retirement Center .....	828.36
2.00% Possible Purchase of Ret. Unit .....	331.34
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College ..	994.04
33.50% National Departments .....	5,550.00
21.50% Foreign Missions .....	\$1,193.25
21.50% Free Will Baptist Bible College .....	1,193.25
15.50% National Home Missions .....	860.25
30.00% Executive Office .....	1,665.00
8.00% Board of Retirement and Insurance ...	444.00
3.00% Layman's Board .....	166.50
.50% Theological Commission .....	27.75
Total Disbursements .....	\$16,567.17

The Lord is continuing to bless and we are so thankful! The cooperative plan of support reaches throughout the world in its support of the Lord's work and yet undergirds our State Ministries. May the Lord bless the faithfulness of every concerned pastor and church.

## MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING July 1980

### FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Columbia .....	\$96.28
Library .....	\$5.00
General Fund .....	91.28
Joplin .....	\$52.00
Library .....	\$50.00
General Fund .....	2.00
Fredericktown, First .....	\$79.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$205.56
General Fund .....	\$180.56
Library .....	\$25.00
Total .....	\$432.84

### HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Willow Springs .....	\$15.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$18.00
Monett .....	\$13.26
Fredericktown, First .....	\$79.00
Total .....	\$125.26

### BOB CARR ACCOUNT

Merls Chapel .....	\$39.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$20.00
Total .....	\$59.00

### GREENEVILLE CHILDREN'S HOME

Fredericktown, First .....	\$26.00
Myrtle .....	\$3.00
Total .....	\$29.00

### BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

Grant Avenue .....	\$2.00
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### MO. STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Bethel, Festus .....	Pre-Easter .....	\$84.06
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### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Columbia .....	\$10.00
Vandivort .....	\$10.00
Joplin .....	\$35.00
General Fund .....	\$35.00

Fredericktown, First .....	\$167.00
Bowers .....	\$62.00
General Fund .....	105.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$3.00
Vandivort .....	\$1.00
Cochrane .....	2.00
Bethel .....	\$20.00
Vernon Long .....	\$20.00
Olivet .....	\$15.00
Maness .....	\$15.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$80.00
Bowers .....	\$55.00
Vandivort .....	25.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$104.86
O'Dell .....	\$89.86
Bowers .....	15.00
Fordland .....	\$13.00
Bowers .....	\$5.00
Maness .....	8.00
Central .....	\$114.72
In memory of Martin King .....	\$20.00
Maness .....	30.00
Vandivort .....	15.00
Mexico .....	20.00
O'Dell .....	14.72
Bowers .....	15.00
Wolf Creek .....	\$20.00
Bowers .....	\$5.00
Vandivort .....	15.00
Flat River, First .....	\$21.00
Vandivort .....	\$10.00
O'Dell .....	11.00
Berkeley .....	\$62.00
General Fund .....	\$50.00
Bowers .....	12.00
Leadington .....	\$10.00
Bowers .....	\$10.00
Thayer .....	\$101.00
Bowers .....	\$78.00
Vandivort .....	5.00
Messer .....	18.00
Monett .....	\$30.00
Vandivort .....	\$30.00
Low Ground .....	\$5.00
Vandivort .....	\$5.00
Myrtle .....	\$81.50
Vandivort .....	\$30.00
Bowers .....	51.50
Grant Avenue .....	\$22.00
Vandivort .....	\$10.00
Bowers .....	10.00
Cochrane .....	2.00
New Rock Springs .....	\$117.00
Bowers .....	\$27.00
Vandivort .....	90.00
Total .....	\$1,032.08

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

New Harmony .....	\$57.60
McLain .....	\$28.80
Miley .....	28.80
Columbia .....	\$149.00
Miley .....	\$10.00
Inscoe .....	40.00
McLain .....	20.00
General Fund .....	4.00
Tallent .....	10.00
Gibbs .....	10.00
Haas .....	10.00
Filkins .....	30.00
McCoullough .....	10.00
Pinkerton .....	5.00
Joplin .....	\$32.00
Spain .....	\$10.00
Caton .....	7.00
Banks .....	8.00
Sparks .....	7.00
Fredericktown, First .....	\$105.00
General Fund .....	\$105.00



Grant Avenue .....	\$355.00	
Pinkerton .....	\$155.00	
Hersey .....	135.00	
General Fund .....	31.00	
Lytle .....	34.00	
Kirksville .....	\$43.00	
Pinkerton .....	\$38.00	
Filkins .....	5.00	
Pleasant Ridge .....	\$40.00	
General Fund .....	\$20.00	
McLain .....	20.00	
Lebanon, First .....	\$112.93	
Pinkerton .....	\$27.50	
Morgan .....	27.50	
Tallent .....	1.00	
Van Hook .....	56.93	
Merl's Chapel .....	\$39.25	
Caton .....	\$39.35	
New Hope, Fredericktown .....	\$42.50	
Filkins .....	\$42.50	
Myrtle .....	\$76.00	
Miley .....	\$30.00	
McLain .....	46.00	
Black Oak .....	\$21.60	
Franks .....	\$21.60	
Low Ground .....	\$5.00	
McLain .....	\$5.00	
Olivet .....	\$85.00	
McLain .....	\$10.00	
Poole .....	20.00	
Sparks .....	30.00	
Inscoc .....	25.00	
Beacon .....	\$40.00	
Filkins .....	\$40.00	
Walnut Grove .....	\$10.00	
Miley .....	\$10.00	
Sedalia .....	\$15.62	
Inscoc .....	\$15.62	
Springfield, First .....	\$500.00	
Mayhew .....	\$500.00	
Rock Chapel .....	\$10.00	
Caton .....	\$10.00	
Fordland .....	\$5.00	
General Fund .....	\$5.00	
West Plains, First .....	\$97.65	
General Fund .....	\$97.65	
Central .....	\$383.77	
Miley .....	\$148.77	
Filkins .....	\$190.00	
Haas .....	45.00	
Aulsbury Chapel .....	\$50.00	
Filkins .....	\$25.00	
Pinkerton .....	\$25.00	
Flat River, First .....	\$100.00	
General Fund .....	\$100.00	
Hannon .....	\$110.00	
Pinkerton .....	\$25.00	
Lytle .....	25.00	
Filkins .....	25.00	
Steve Reeves .....	15.00	
Tallent .....	10.00	
Miley .....	10.00	
South Side .....	\$105.00	
Tallent .....	\$85.00	
Filkins .....	20.00	
Leadington .....	\$6.00	
Filkins .....	\$6.00	
Thayer .....	\$5.00	
Pinkerton .....	\$5.00	
Fourth .....	\$75.00	
Lytle .....	\$75.00	
Total .....	\$2,676.92	

#### MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP

Fellowship .....	\$108.00	
General Fund .....	\$60.00	
Dining Hall .....	48.00	
Flat River, First .....	\$20.00	
Hartville .....	\$10.00	
Faith, Lemay .....	\$10.00	

Olivet .....	\$10.00	
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$5.00	
Leadington .....	\$220.00	
Dining Hall .....		
Pleasant Ridge .....	\$50.00	
Dining Hall .....		
Aulsbury Chapel .....	\$10.00	
Dining Hall .....		
Thayer .....	\$10.00	
Myrtle .....	\$22.10	
Dining Hall .....		
New Rock Springs .....	\$10.00	
Total .....	\$485.10	

#### MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Fredericktown, First .....	\$12.00	
Branson .....	\$12.00	
Grant Avenue .....	\$71.83	
Branson .....	\$71.83	
Pleasant Ridge .....	\$20.00	
General Fund .....	\$20.00	
Lebanon .....	\$2.00	
Branson .....	\$2.00	
New Hope, Fredericktown .....	\$30.00	
Branson .....	\$30.00	
Columbia .....	\$5.00	
General Fund .....	\$5.00	
Terrill Road .....	\$14.00	
General Fund .....	\$14.00	
Beacon .....	\$82.00	
Branson .....	\$82.00	
Central .....	\$33.33	
Moberly .....	\$33.33	
Aulsbury Chapel .....	\$10.00	
Branson .....	\$10.00	
Flat River, First .....	\$100.00	
General Fund .....	\$100.00	
Berkeley .....	\$60.00	
General Fund .....	\$50.00	
Branson .....	10.00	
South Side .....	\$10.00	
Branson .....	\$10.00	
Leadington .....	\$10.00	
Branson .....	\$10.00	
New Harmony .....	\$28.80	
Moberly .....	\$28.80	
Monett .....	\$5.00	
General Fund .....	\$5.00	
Low Ground .....	\$5.00	
Branson .....	\$5.00	
Myrtle .....	\$22.10	
General Fund .....	\$22.10	
William Tryan .....	\$200.00	
Branson Carpet Fund .....	\$200.00	
Joplin .....	\$10.00	
General Fund .....	\$10.00	
Total .....	\$731.50	

#### COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

##### July 1980

Cedar Ridge .....	\$95.00	
The Jones Family Evangelistic .....	29.18	
The Jones Family .....	17.73	
Old Bethel .....	20.00	
Bailey Chapel, Tunas .....	36.00	
Belton .....	153.51	
Evangel .....	85.00	
Houston .....	207.00	
Harmony, K.C. ....	200.00	
Fredericktown, First .....	224.00	
Grant Avenue .....	601.65	
Union Light .....	118.80	
Purdy .....	250.00	
Royal Oak .....	42.00	
Neosho .....	10.00	
Kirksville, First .....	207.68	
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana .....	36.00	



# Cooperative Giving

Lebanon, First .....	384.27
Hickory Grove .....	40.63
Joplin .....	353.40
Merl's Chapel .....	72.48
Oak Hill, St. Clair .....	11.20
Way Side, Willow Springs .....	150.00
Pleasant Home .....	166.30
Mill Creek .....	151.66
Number One .....	39.26
Hartville .....	195.33
Mine La Motte .....	17.65
New Hope, Fredericktown .....	78.45
Columbia .....	50.00
Faith, Lemay .....	132.00
Olivet .....	200.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	118.00
Victory, Alton .....	138.00
DeSoto .....	700.00
Beacon .....	493.31
Mt. Zion, Gower .....	48.35
Freeman Chapel .....	258.82
Walnut Grove .....	140.00
Oskaloosa .....	19.82
Aulsbury Chapel .....	795.90
Sedalia .....	117.45
Verdella .....	138.65
Viburnum .....	15.00
Gray Summit .....	58.27
Union Grove .....	84.00
Marshfield .....	170.44
Rock Chapel .....	301.55
Fordland .....	160.55
Hopewell .....	141.00
Grace .....	825.00
West Plains, First .....	500.00
Oak Hill, St. Clair .....	451.70
Central .....	780.00
Byrd .....	10.00
Farmington .....	950.00
Wolf Creek .....	184.61
Rolla .....	164.00
Copper Mines .....	156.53
Flat River, First .....	472.46
Berkeley .....	479.79
Hannon .....	220.00
South Side .....	271.00
Leadington .....	329.71
Thayer .....	187.41
Calvary, Conway .....	121.00
Pleasant Hill .....	23.65
El Dorado, First .....	5.00
New Harmony .....	8.88
Richwoods .....	130.63
Black Oak .....	10.00
Monett, First .....	346.37
Low Ground .....	69.73
Cope .....	19.40
Myrtle .....	120.95
Grant Avenue .....	539.12
Waynesville .....	175.40
Gray Summit .....	56.90
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana .....	50.00
Willow Springs .....	199.26
Fourth .....	327.00
New Rock Springs .....	78.38
Gospel Light .....	28.00
Total .....	\$16,567.17



*Farmington Church; Rev. and Mrs. McAllister and Stacy*



*Grace Church; Rev. and Mrs. Glen Rehkop*



*Grant Avenue Church; Rev. Millard Sasser*



*No. 1 Per Capita: Sedalia Church;  
Rev. and Mrs. Jim Stovall*



## MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS GIVING JULY 1980

Fellowship .....	\$20.00
Houston .....	30.80
Parkview .....	6.00
Hurryville .....	23.25
Fourth .....	33.27
Cooperative Receipts .....	2,473.78
State Association Offering .....	176.99
Neosho .....	5.00
Columbia .....	5.00
Pleasant Ridge .....	10.00
Flat River, First .....	100.00
Joplin .....	12.00
Fredericktown, First .....	25.50
Lebanon .....	2.00
Aulsbury Chapel .....	20.00
Berkeley .....	60.00
New Harmony Sunday School .....	22.68
Beacon .....	30.00
Monett .....	65.88
South Side .....	10.00
Low Ground .....	5.00
Mill Creek Young Adult Class .....	15.00
Fordland .....	10.00
Grace .....	25.00
Olivet .....	100.00
National Home Missions .....	310.80
Sedalia .....	78.30
Union Light .....	24.00
Total .....	\$3,700.25

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### Dear Friends of Missouri Missions,

We thank and praise God for the spirit-led support to the Perpetual Loan Fund that the Woman's Auxiliary is showing. That idea was truly from God.

The following is information on work and family.

Different areas have their own special trademarks that make them unique thus requiring a different plan of evangelization. The Lord showed us that the firstessential ingredient in the work here was getting a building up.

The Lord blessed us by allowing us to obtain a \$23,000 loan at 10% interest when the interest rate was at 16½%. We also borrowed \$2,000 from the Perpetual Loan Fund and \$2,000 from another individual.

The building statistics: 32 x 68 with full basement. The basement is finished except for the carpet. The outside is finished and the top floor is framed in. Presently, the worship service is being held in the basement which is 30 by 32', five large classrooms and two restrooms. All of the excavation and the parking lot is finished. The approximate cost is \$27,000.

The church statistics: The average attendance is 19, average offering is \$110.00 per week. Tom has been busy this spring with the building. We began an organized visitation program the second week in July and have had 4 saved and 1 rededication.

Another God-sent blessing was in the person of Gloria Matthews, who has moved to the Branson area to help us with the work. She is able to help in the capacities of SS teacher, piano player, and bookkeeper. Please pray for her as she labors with us.

We're starting a special project to put in our carpet. We would like for anyone who feels the promptings of the Holy Spirit to help us by purchasing at least 1 yard of carpet at \$5.00 per yard. We need 234 yards. All monies should be earmarked Branson Carpet Fund and sent to Rev. Tom Owens, Friendship FWB Ch., Branson, Mo. 65616. We are asking you as a church to please help us promote this idea by taking up a special offering for the carpet on August 17. The carpet is very much needed because of acoustics but more importantly to help insulate the floor in the winter. This is the only way we have to raise the money, but we believe it can be done so won't you please help?

In Christ,  
Bro. Tom Owens & Family

### FREE WILL BAPTIST GRADUATE SCHOOL TO OPEN 1982

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—After years of study and planning, Free Will Baptist Bible College has announced plans to open a graduate school in the fall of 1982. The action was authorized by the National Association of Free Will Baptists in session July 23 in Anaheim, California.

The graduate school will initially offer one year of graduate study for ministers and will lead to a master's degree. The possibility of later expanding the program is being left open, according to Dr. Robert Picirilli, Dean of the college.

College President Charles A. Thigpen estimates that \$250,000 will be needed before the school opens and has launched the Founders Club. Members of the club will be asked to give \$1,000 by the time the school opens in 1982. The President appealed for support from the delegates and visitors at Anaheim and was rewarded with pledges for more than \$40,000. The funds are needed to provide a special building for the graduate school and to underwrite other expenses, since the initial enrollment probably will not be sufficient to cover expenses.

All enrollees in the graduate program will be required to have completed a college major in Bible. (All FWBBC students are Bible majors, so ministerial students will be immediately qualified to enter the graduate school.) Should a student who has attended another college and graduated with some other major wish to enter the graduate school, he will be required first to do a year's undergraduate work at FWBBC.

Concerning the new school, President Thigpen said, "I think this will truly be a giant step forward for the college and for the denomination. We have a firm educational foundation at the college on which to build a fine graduate school. The result will be a better trained Free Will Baptist ministry."



## Dear Sunday School Supporters:

As your Missouri Free Will Baptist Sunday School and CTS Board, we are proud to be able to participate in the 200th anniversary of the Sunday school during October, 1980. Special celebrations will be taking place around the world in its honor. We want to encourage you to plan a SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY for your Sunday school during October, 1980.

October 5, 1980, will be celebrated nationally as "Birthday Sunday." You may still feel free to participate on the Sunday in October that would be best for your church's observance of this special event. You may want to have a month-long time of promotion of the Sunday school. Consider recognizing those attending the longest, honoring those teaching the longest, and asking for testimonies about Sunday school. There are many possible ways to get a large number of your Sunday school pupils involved.

Materials to promote the Year of the Sunday School are available from the Lebanon Bible and Book Store, Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536 [(417) 532-9516]. There are How to Celebrate manuals, Year of the Sunday School posters and bulletins, I Believe in Sunday School buttons, and *The Bicentennial of the Sunday school* (by Dr. Roger C. Reeds) available for use in your promotion.

It is estimated that there are approximately 16,000 Missouri Free Will Baptists attending Sunday school on a given Sunday. We would like to see 20,000 in Missouri Free Will Baptist Sunday schools in observance of this bicentennial Sunday School Sunday. This would require an average increase of 25%.

Each participating church will receive a certificate of participation for its part in the campaign for 20,000 Missouri Free Will Baptists in Sunday school for its 200th Anniversary during October. All churches achieving the 25% growth in attendance above their Spring (March, April, May) 1980 average during one Sunday in October will receive special recognition in the GEM.

Start making your plans to be a part of 20,000 for 200!!

Your Missouri State Free Will Baptist Sunday School and CTS Board,

Rev. R. Kent Tallent, Chairman  
Rev. Earl Ames  
Rev. Leroy Blakenship  
Rev. Edwin Bowden  
Mr. Richard Pointer

## Points for Pastors

by Jim McAllister



In order for a pastor to see his church grow and reach the heights God has for it, he must have the right philosophy and set the right priorities.

Philosophy is extremely important. There is within our ranks a philosophy of survival. "If I can get by another year without having trouble," "If we just

don't have a split," "If we can just stay respectable."

The Bible commands us to tear down and root out the strong holds of Satan. We are not to be defensive in our attack; we are to be offensive. Attack Satan, and expect to win.

The aggressive church will have a philosophy of Evangelism and Edification. If you are not evangelistic you are not edifying. If you are not edifying you won't be evangelizing long. One man said his church wasn't interested in numbers; they were interested in quality. If you have quality, you'll reach and retain numbers; if you aren't reaching quantity, you won't have quality. They are inseparable.

The proper philosophy will maintain that—it is God's will to grow; and if it is God's will to grow, non growth is a sin. If it is God's will that we grow, then we should be praying for growth; and if we are going to pray for growth, we must know what produces growth and then get busy doing those things that produce growth.

The church member should pray that God will shake his pastor out of his state of contentment and open his eyes to the vision of doing great things for God. Things that require faith and lots of work. Pastor, be conscious of God's plan and will for the church. Don't be content with mediocrity.

## Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

Is pentecostal evangelism possible in our day? I believe it is. If we can apply the METHOD and MESSAGE of pentecost, then we can expect the MIRACLE of pentecost.

Please notice three things about the METHOD of evangelism on the day of Pentecost.

The people involved were united. "... They were all with one accord in one place" (Acts 2:1b). I am confident they were in union with God. Their harmony with one another is also evident. They were also united in a common cause and purpose. Disunity among God's people will always hamper souls being saved. Unity is an atmosphere God can work in.

These pentecostal evangelists were dependent upon the Spirit's directing. Acts 2:4 says, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." This verse implies a sensitivity to the Spirit's working. Those who would minister in evangelism today need to be Spirit-filled, controlled, and led.

The METHOD of evangelism at Pentecost also included an invitation to "whosoever" to "be saved" (Acts 2:21). Perhaps greater results could be realized through our modern evangelistic efforts if we would be careful not to exclude any group or person from the invitation to be saved. We may be giving the impression we expect people to prove their "worthiness" of the gospel before we invite them to Christ.

In forthcoming issues we will consider the MESSAGE and MIRACLE of pentecostal evangelism.





Unborn child 18 weeks after conception, "Life Before Birth," Life Magazine, 1965.

If he is not alive,  
why is he growing?

If he is not a human being,  
what kind of being is he?

If he is not a child  
why is he sucking his thumb?

If he is a living, human child,  
why is it legal to kill him?

One of the most controversial issues to challenge the New Testament Church in its entire existence is the endorsement of "Gay Liberation," Abortion on Demand, and the Equal Rights Amendment. The question we face as fundamental Christians is, "Can we endorse these issues as Christians and have the approval of Jesus, the Head of the Church?" There is no middle ground of compromise on any of these issues. The proponents have refused a compromise, and we cannot afford to compromise.

E.R.A. proponents have refused a compromise inasmuch as they have rejected ANY amendments to their proposal. Should they have permitted qualifications of their proposal to specify that women would have equal pay for equal labor, that women would share equally in joint estates, that women would have equal borrowing power, and that women would not be discriminated against in job applications, the amendment would long since have been ratified! The very fact that such proposals have been refused is indication that underlying the entire proposal is an ulterior motive that they do not wish to make known. Also the fact that the Equal Rights Amendment is linked closely with Abortion on Demand and "Gay Liberation" is indicative of other underlying motives that proponents do not wish to fully divulge.

What is the responsibility of the fundamental Christian at this point? To obtain an answer, we must study the actions proponents of E.R.A., Gay Liberation, and Abortion on Demand advocate.

One of the arguments of pro-E.R.A., Gay Liberation, and Abortion on Demand advocate to the reli-

# A Biblical Approach To E.R.A., Abortion On Demand, And Gay Liberation Movements

*by Rev. Max Courtney*

gious community has been, "The Church should not attempt to legislate morals to the community." But these same advocates refuse to take their own advice. They openly attempt to elect candidates for public office that share their views. It is the Biblical duty of all Christians to support and elect people to public office who stand for Biblical principles. It is a poor excuse for a Christian to plead ignorance on this matter. We must, as children of God, seek every possible means to elect public officials who stand for Biblical principles! Write to your candidates and ask them where they stand on these issues. There are four possible ways they may respond; and by these responses, we can determine how to cast our vote.

(1 & 2) The candidate may respond with a definite Yes or No on the issue that can be understood readily by the grass-root layman. This response leaves little doubt as to where the candidate stands and as to how the Christian should vote.

(3) The candidate may respond with an altered response. This is when a candidate alters his response making classification impossible. A response such as this should be reason enough to vote against him in the election. It means he is pushing the ISSUE aside and reaching out for the VOTE of both opponents and proponents. He is "Straddling the Fence" on the issue and may not be depended upon to vote a true conviction when he casts his vote.

(4) The candidate may fail to respond altogether. When a candidate refuses to respond to a letter of question on an issue, it almost always indicates he is not in favor of your proposal. You should consider a "No Response" as a negative response and cast your vote against a candidate who refuses to take a stand.

Did you know that on January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States legalized abortion for the entire NINE MONTHS of pregnancy, not just the first three months as is often reported? Since that time, 9,000,000 abortions have been performed. THAT IS ONE EVERY 28 SECONDS! Parents have been stripped of their rights to be consulted or even notified before their minor daughters undergo abortion. But, if medical procedures are necessary



resulting from that abortion, their consent IS required by law! Over 150 million of your tax dollars has already helped to destroy more than one million babies per year since the abortion law was passed in 1973!

Did you know that "Gay Liberation People" elected the Mayor of Los Angeles, California, to office? She ran on the platform of "Pro-Gay Liberation" and was elected on that platform. She openly boasted of this while being interviewed on the TODAY MORNING NEWS BROADCAST on August 14, 1980. If the Christians of Los Angeles had banded together as they should have, she would have been defeated in the election!

Did you know that, had the Equal Rights Amendment been ratified as Pro-E.R.A. advocates insisted, that your daughters would, even now, be registering for the impending draft? They not only would be subject to registration and eventually drafted but would, without exception, be placed in combat under the same conditions as are the men!

If the 250,000 Free Will Baptist people and the 300,000 Conservative Baptist people would band together as a unit, their voice would be heard all the way to the White House! And furthermore, adequate pressure could be brought to bear to change the tide of these ungodly proposals!

What, then, is my individual responsibility as a Christian? If I do nothing, and these proposals are passed, and are brought to bear in my society, where does this leave me as a Christian?

(1) If I fail to take my stand and my daughter IS drafted, is God obligated to answer my prayer for her protection and safety if she is placed in combat, or something worse? The Biblical principle is that we exhaust all our resources available, and then God will do His part. David learned this lesson as did Solomon and Lot.

(2) If I take my stand, do all I can to exercise my rights granted to me to propagate Biblical principles in my society, and the Biblical principle IS defeated by the un-Christian majority, God will still stand by me since I stood with Him. He gave victory to Israel's Armies ONLY when they stood for His principles, and He gave this victory even against overwhelming odds. On the other hand, when Israel failed to stand for Him, they were utterly defeated, even when the odds were in their favor.

Elijah found that even though he was sadly outnumbered by the gods of Baal, the victory was his when he stood for God's principles.

(3) If I take my stand, exercise my rights granted to me, and help to defeat these enemies of Christianity, I not only help myself but help others who are unable to help themselves. To defeat abortion on demand would be to save over one million innocent lives of helpless unborn beings each year, and that, Christian friend, is worth the effort!

If the E.R.A., Gay Liberation, and Abortion on Demand remain part of our society, God will protect His children as He always has, but ONLY if they are willing to stand for Him. How could we bring ourselves to actually call on God to help us in a time of despair that we, ourselves, have helped to create?

As a fundamental Christian, you owe it to God to enlighten yourself on the issues. As an American, you owe it to your fellow man to exercise your God-given, constitutional rights to vote wisely in November, and in all elections, however insignificant they may seem.

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Chorale From Grant Avenue,  
Springfield, MO

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# WOMAN'S PAGE

editor, Shirley Bowden

## PROJECTS FOR THE 1980-1981 YEAR

The foreign mission project is for Patsy Vanhook. The title for the project is "VEHICLE FOR VANHOOK" and is in the amount of \$2,000. Patsy had an accident and totaled her car. To purchase the same kind of car she had before the accident was \$2,000.

The National Home Missions project is also \$2,000 and will be for Jim O'Dell. The title for the project is "HELP JIM BUS'EM IN." The money used for this project will go toward purchasing a bus for the work in Montana.

The third project for the year is for the Youth Camp, and is also for the amount of \$2,000. This money will go toward the new dining addition. This project will be known as "BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE."

## HAVE A HEART MONTH

February is "Have A Heart Month" for the auxiliaries in Missouri. The entire month is to be devoted to the state home missionaries. Programs are being printed for a special service to be held sometime in the month. A profile of the state home missionaries is being made up for the auxiliaries to better acquaint themselves with the ones serving in the state of Missouri. Packets giving ideas on posters and other ways of presenting the program will also be available. These will be given out at the state retreat. If your auxiliary or some one from your church does not get to attend the retreat, the packet will be mailed to you.

During the entire month of February, spend time in prayer for the missionaries in our state. It is recommended that an offering be taken at the special service. The money received should be sent to the state Woman's Auxiliary Treasurer, Blanche Wisheart, Myrtle, Missouri 65778.

## REPORT FROM THE NEW HOPE AUXILIARY

On May 10, 1980, the New Hope Free Will Baptist Auxiliary had our Second Annual Mother and Daughter Banquet. We had Kentucky Fried Chicken and the fixin's plus some scrumptious homemade desserts. The theme for this year's banquet was "Fanfare to Mothers and Daughters." Each person was given a small fan to wear as a corsage for the evening. The table was decorated with fans, ribbons, and fresh flowers. Each person also received a beautiful felt rose place card.

For our program, we had a Spring fashion show; and for a more serious note, we had a devotion on the Importance of Motherhood. The evening was enjoyed by all who attended.

May 21-25 our church had a revival with Joseph Ange. We rejoice over the decisions that were made. We were also revived in our need of starting a building program. As we undertake this project, we desire the prayers of our sister churches in Missouri. (Submitted by church reporter, Barbara Thomasson)



"Fanfare To Mothers And Daughters"





# MEMORIES OF

# YOUTH CAMP...



Chuck and The Concession Stand



Doris Arnold and the cooks

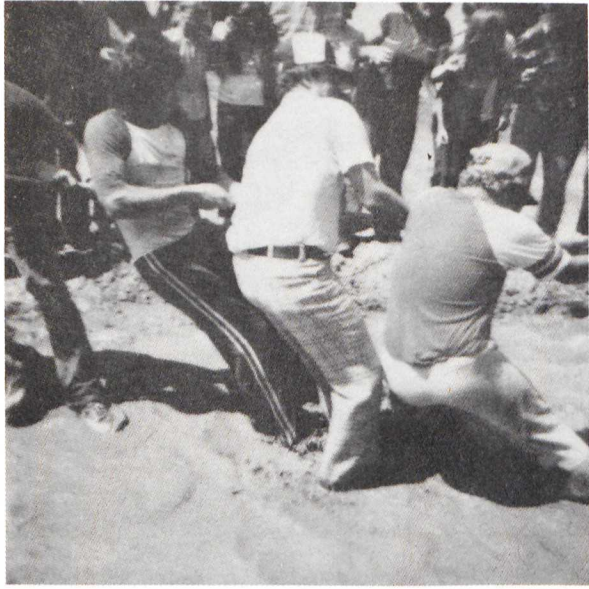


Cletus and Hilda—Sponsors



The Russels—Evangelist





Tug of War



A Happy Couple



Cave Springs group



