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# SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1979-80

CHURCH	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.
Aulsbury Chapel		101	88	101	114	104	115	101	106	98	105	
Beacon	94	97	123		120	94	101		101	125	104	102
Belton	31	32	32	48	50	49	45		38			
Buffalo	56	57	54	115			80	76	88	81		
Calvary, Conway		64	62	69	76	73	69	69		79	72	90
Calvary, Fellowship	110	110	114	152	142	128	117	120	150	160	194	
Cape Girardeau	69											
Central	55	68	62	87	100	78						
Copper Mines	73	86	77	76	82	83						
Cuba		68	73	75	82	62	62	54	42	46		
DeSoto		156	151	200								
Farmington		529	526	564	599	557	546	567	598	633	646	701
Flat River, First	195	192	168	198	210		186					
Fourth	133	137	143	160	147	148		111	127	163	171	
Fredericktown, First	127	118	94	121		156	112	108	114	120	120	121
Grant Avenue		128	123	131	120		129	132	125	141	139	
Gray Summit	12	11		15	20	20	30	29	30	28		
Hannon	77	67	69	81	83	70	73	79	78	80	85	
Harmony, K.C.									57	54	60	56
Hartville	87	86	87	84	96							
Houston	81	85	76				63	60	60			
Kirksville, First	119	113										
Lebanon, First	104	101	90	105	113	111	116	105	100	111	125	125
Marshfield	52	53	54	59	60	48	47	43	43	47	47	44
Monett, First	136	144	94	135	132	129	144	139	138	157	196	
Parkview, Desloge	50	48	41	51	64	63	57	51	52	49	39	47
Richwoods	41	44	29	38	52	40	48	34	32	28	21	
South Side	98	82										
Terrill Rd., Moberly		31	29	58				37	38			
St. Clair, Oak Hill		66	64	55	62	59	58	56				
Thayer	139	144	143	147	137	148	153	149	167	179	167	167
Trinity	150	148	150		159	135	132	124	126			
Twin Oak	82	87	78	79	81	84	90	89	82	80		
Willow Springs	112	105	88	101	110	103	106	107	108	106	115	120

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# Churches People And Events

## Ten States Represented at Church Evangelism Conference

Ministers and lay people from ten states gathered at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Farmington, Missouri, for a Church Evangelism Conference. The meeting was sponsored by the National Home Missions Department and the First Church. The theme was "Growth: God's Mandate For the Church."

The theme was well developed by the preachers: Claudie Hames, Paul Thompson, Don Pegram, Roy Thomas, Trymon Messer, Roger Hogan, Kenny Petty, and David Bates. The special music was provided by John Gibbs and the Farmington Church. The choir and congregational singing were under the direction of John Smith, music director of the church.

"The preaching was great; right where I needed it." "The singing was super; a spiritual uplift." "The fellowship was warm and strengthening." These were comments made by ministers and lay people. A preacher from Arkansas gave a very fine reflective view—"If I can't do a better job now than before I came, it's my fault."

Reverend James McAllister, pastor of the host church, stated at the closing session, "This conference is one of the highlights of the year at Farmington. We are thankful that you have come to be with us, and it is our desire that his conference has helped every pastor and lay person."

It did help. There is no doubt that the conference will produce some immediate results, and it will also result in some spiritual fruit in the future. When God's Word is preached and practical helps are presented, it will result in growth! We will see it in Missouri, and other states that were represented will benefit also.

Thanks to Reverend McAllister, the Farmington Church, Reverend Roy Thomas, the Home Missions Department, the preachers, and singers that God used to give a needed and wonderful conference.

## Youth for Christ Revival at Alton

The Youth for Christ at Alton, Missouri, sponsored a three-night revival meeting at the Victory Free Will Baptist Church in Alton. Reverend Darrell Strain, pastor of the church, and Reverend Greg McLaughling of West Plains were selected to do the preaching. The revival resulted in 50 decisions for salvation with 33 following the Lord in the ordinance of water baptism.

Every church in the community benefited from the revival. There were young men and young women from all area churches that were saved and many rededications. The revival was planned for three nights, but as the Lord blessed the services were extended.

## Church Growth at Monett

The First Free Will Baptist Church at Monett is growing, writes the church reporter. As of November 28, 1980, twenty-seven have united with the church since Reverend Robert Francis began his work as pastor of the church.

During the Fall Enlargement Campaign each of the five Sundays was promoted with special emphasis. There were Round-Up Sunday, Good Neighbor Sunday, Picture-Taking Sunday, Roll-Call Sunday, and Miracle Sunday. The main thrust was toward the ones on the membership roll who were slack in attendance.

The goals and results were as follows:

First Sunday—250 in Sunday School—228 present  
Second Sunday—300 in Morning Worship—260 present

Third Sunday—\$1,000 in tithes and offerings  
Over \$1,700.00

Fourth Sunday—\$450.00 special for missions

Over \$800.00 above tithes and offerings  
Fifth Sunday—6 people saved, baptized, and united with church

1 saved, 5 baptized, and 9 united with church

The attendance for the month was the highest since April, 1974, and it was not since October 28, 1973, that there were more present on a given Sunday. The offerings received on that Sunday were the highest on record. It was \$3,000.00 plus. That was the 5th Sunday, Miracle Sunday.

Richard Brown, minister of music and youth, writes, "What brought results was not promotion, campaigns, or trickery but rather revival, prayer, and work on the part of many people. We are now preparing to make a definite thrust into the community at large. We anticipate a steady, constant growth as we reach out to all sections of our town of about 6,000. We already have a goal for the next year of 400 in Sunday school which will mean that we will have to double our attendance. We have seen that it is possible, and by God's grace and with His strength, we will do it."

## Thanksgiving Dinner at Kingsway

The men of the Kingsway Free Will Baptist Church invited their wives to a Thanksgiving dinner at a local restaurant, in Springfield, Missouri. The special music was provided by David Lattimer and the Brawley Family. The pastor, Reverend Dan Talbot, gave the devotional thought.

The Kingsway Church has been experiencing growth the past few weeks. Three families have united with the church recently. The average attendance for Sunday school is 77.

Brother and Sister Mike Terry have been appointed as directors of the youth activities. The youth group has an average attendance of about 25.

Brother Oscar Leighty, an ordained deacon, was recently accepted to serve as a deacon in the church.

Some other activities during the Thanksgiving season included the Youth Group providing food-baskets for needy families.



## Report From the Neosho Church

Hattie McIlvanie, church reporter, writes, the evening of October 25 was shared by about 45 children and adults attending the Halloween Party. We bobbed for apples and roasted hot dogs and marshmallows over the fire. There was a contest for the first, second, and third place winners in the costume contest. Some of the teenagers provided a scary tour of the spook house with rattling chains and creatures reaching out to grab you. A good time was enjoyed by all.

The Sounds of Joy singers did a few songs at the Purdy Free Will Baptist Church the afternoon of November 7. Janet Mahaffey, one of the group, also sang a solo. The children presented a play at a local nursing home.

The entertainment committee made plans for the Thanksgiving Dinner. It was held on November 15th with everyone who attended bringing a covered dish.

Work on the addition to the building is going well; thanks to the many hours spent by several men in the church. A heating stove was donated by Mr. and Mrs. George Greenhaw for use in the new addition.

A contest was held during November to improve the church attendance. During November people under 40 years of age invited guests, and during December everyone over 40 years invited guests.

Two committees were selected to work on plans for Christmas. One committee worked on the Christmas Program, and the other worked on the Christmas float.

The average attendance for October was 50; the average attendance for November was 47. Reverend Rocky Williams is the pastor. His birthday was celebrated by presenting him a money tree and a "Turkey Cake."

## Homecoming at Belton

The Belton Free Will Baptist Church held a homecoming service, December 14, 1980. The Turkey and Ham Dinner was furnished by the Woman's Auxiliary and the Master's Men Groups. The special music was presented by the Parton Family Singing Group. Reverend Bill Eden is the pastor.

## Platform Bible School Great Success

Sharon Poole, from the South Side Free Will Baptist Church, writes, Platform Bible School was a great success at the church. The Bible School was held July 7-11 with Evangelist David M. Harrison from Tell-Children Crusade, Gary, Indiana.

Platform Bible School is a new concept of Vacation Bible School. This plan uses the master-teacher method. The entire program was conducted from the platform, eliminating pre-registration, workbooks and classroom time.

The program includes stories, magic, prizes, and singing, all of which keep the children attentive and is enjoyed by young and old.

The total registration was 267 with a high attendance of 191. The average attendance was 156. A total offering of \$100.00 was received. The Lord truly blessed with 100 children making a first time decision. Reverend Jim Mertz is the pastor.

## Calvary Chapel Holds First Service

On Sunday, November 2, 1980, the Calvary Chapel Church held its first service in Buffalo, Missouri. The photo shows the 58 in attendance for the Sunday morning worship service. The service was held at the Montgomery Funeral Chapel. Since that time the church has secured the use of the I.O.O.F. Lodge Hall. Bill Webb of Webb's Insurance is letting the new church use his office space for Sunday school classroom space.

On Sunday, November 9th, Calvary Chapel had an attendance of 61 in Sunday school and 60 in the morning worship. The church voted to adopt the Missouri State Cooperative Plan with the full 10%. Reverend Kent Tallent is the pastor of the new work.



(Calvary Chapel)

## Progress at Wayside

The building program is moving forward. Hopefully, by the first of the year we will be using the upper level for the Worship Services. The Lord has blessed from the beginning of this program. We are anxious to use the entire building for His glory.

The church has called Reverend and Mrs. Gene Crews to serve as pastor. Reverend Ralph Cook resigned some time ago. The church is looking forward to working with Brother and Sister Crews.

Sister Dottie Crews, the pastor's wife, was instrumental in organizing a Woman's Auxiliary. It was organized October 28 with nine charter members. Some members of the district auxiliary were at the meeting, Bonnie Maxwell, District President, Jo Ann Wood, Vice-president; and Polly Davis, Field worker.

The church reporter writes, "It is the desire of the church to grow in number and spiritually, that we may win souls to Jesus as we labor for Him."

(Rev. and Mrs. Gene Crews)





## Report From Aulsbury Chapel

Marilyn Pinkston, church reporter, writes, "The Aulsbury Chapel Church is happy to report that the first week in February will be our second year for our Children's Church. The work began with eleven ranging in ages from 4 to 11. On the second anniversary of the Children's Church, we are glad to announce that we now average 25 to 30 children.

"We are so grateful that many of these children have made profession of faith and have followed the Lord in water baptism. It is a great blessing to work in this department and help the children as they receive Christ as Savior and see them eagerly go to work for the Lord.

"We are presently planning to enlarge this work and looking forward to beginning a Teen Church. We encourage every church to consider a Children's Church. The Lord will bless you for your efforts."

## Calendar of Events 1981

Young Pastor/Preacher Seminar, March 16 & 17,  
Free Will Baptist Youth Camp

State Youth Competitive Activities, May 2, Monett,  
MO.

Missouri State Association Activities, Nelson Com-  
munity Center, Lebanon, MO

Youth Night, Monday, June 8

Woman's Auxiliary, Tuesday, June 9

State Association, Tuesday evening, June 9—Thurs-  
day, June 11

Youth Camp, Niangua, Missouri

June 14-19, ages 7-11

June 21-26, ages 12-17

National Association Activities, July 19-23, Louis-  
ville, KY

Youth Service and National Youth Conference

Woman's Auxiliary

National Association

### Missouri Has Three winners Named In Enlargement Campaign

Sunday Schools from Michigan to Florida and North Carolina to California participated in the Fall STUDENTS OF THE WORD enlargement campaign.

Altogether, churches in twenty different states entered the "back to basics" emphasis.

The Sunday School and Church Training Department promotes three such enlargement campaigns annually. The emphasis is designed to help churches evangelize by reaching out for new prospects and to round up infrequent attenders.

Those Sunday Schools reporting registered an average increase of 29.97% over their Spring attendance.

Awards for first and second place winners were made to Sunday Schools in the following divisions.

Materials for the Spring Campaign will be available for shipment in January. The dates for this enlargement campaign are March 1 through March 29, 1981.

Note: The First Free Will Baptist Church, Farmington, Missouri, was recently named as a member of the "600" Club by the Sunday School and Church Training Department.

			Spring Avg.	Camp. Avg.	Increase
A	1st	First-Farmington, MO	516	588	13.95%
	2nd	No Winner			
B		No Winners			
C	1st	East Side-Elizabethton, TN	327	406	24.16%
	2nd	No Winner			
D	1st	Northside-Tulsa, OK	267	349	30.71%
	2nd	Southside-Paintsville, KY	292	333	14.04%
E	1st	Shafter-Shafter, CA	168	214	27.38%
	2nd	Blue Point-Cisne, IL	154	180.4	17.14%
F	1st	First-Monett, MO	132.4	190.8	44.11%
	2nd	First-Fayette, AL	143	195	36.36%
G	1st	Riverview-Bettendorf, IA	53.66	105.2	96.05%
	2nd	First-Holdenville, OK	78	133.2	70.77%
H	1st	Friendship-Branson, MO	10	25	150.00%
	2nd	Concord-Concord, CA	31	56	80.65%



## MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION GIVING October 1980

Houston	\$22.30
Fellowship	16.00
Eastern Gate	36.00
Myrtle	75.50
Terrill Road	22.83
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Monett	15.00
Lebanon	2.00
Fredericktown	13.00
Columbia	5.00
Flat River, First	200.00
New Harmony	28.52
Leadington	10.00
Bud Jackson	10.00
Beacon	55.00
Aulsbury Chapel	10.00
Berkeley	60.00
Grant Ave.	34.16
South Fremont	236.00
Co-op Receipts	3,150.62
Grace	25.00
Oak Hill	39.10
Parkview	7.00
Union Light	24.00
Victory	22.00
Friendship	85.23
Donald Penrod	100.00
Parkview	47.55
Victory	141.00

### In memory of Rev. Lawrence Thompson

Lebanon	15.00
Roger Harwell	100.00
Glenn Thurston	20.00
New Life	46.81
Grace	33.00
W. D. Christy	20.00
Ben Cotter	30.00

### In memory of Rev. Donald Lombard

Lebanon	15.00
Grace	33.00
Total	\$4,815.62

## MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION GIVING November 1980

Aulsbury Chapel	\$10.00
Beacon	75.00
Bethel (Festus)	100.00
Berkeley	60.00
Central	28.06
Columbia	5.00
DeSoto	100.00
Farmington	210.00
Fellowship	16.00
Fordland	5.00
Copper Mines	50.00
Mine LaMotte	50.00
Mt. Zion, Thayer	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	200.00
Overland	100.00
Gospel Light	20.00
Fourth	72.24
Fredericktown	24.50
Grace	125.00
Grant Ave.	34.16
Houston	38.30
Hurryville	13.25
Lebanon	170.71
Low Ground	10.00
Mill Creek	15.00
Monett	245.00
Myrtle	36.82

New Harmony	43.02
New Hope	15.00
Olivet	150.00
Rock Chapel	33.18
Sedalia	81.61
South Side	40.00
Terrill Road	20.74
Victory	50.00
Springfield, First	56.00
Stockton	20.00
Cooperative Receipts	2,918.18
O'Fallon Memorial for Rev. Lombard	\$451.21
Aulsbury Chapel Memorial for Rev. Thompson	\$25.00
Total	\$5,728.48

Secretary-Treasurer  
Rev. Roger Harwell

## COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS October 1980

18.50% MO State Home Missions	\$2,918.18
16.00% Promotional Dept	2,523.83
4.50% General Fund	709.83
5.50% Youth Camp	867.56
2.00% Christian Board of Education	315.48
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	315.48
5.00% Retirement Program	788.69
5.00% Retirement Center	788.69
2.00% Possible Purchase of Ret. Unit	315.48
60.50%	\$9,543.22
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	\$946.44
33.50% National Departments	\$5,284.26
21.50% Foreign Missions	\$1,136.12
21.50% FWB College	1,136.12
15.50% National Home Missions	819.06
30.00% Executive Dept.	1,585.27
8.00% Board of Ret. & Insurance	422.74
3.00% Layman's Board	158.53
.50% Theological Commission	26.42
Total Disbursements	\$15,773.92

October is thought of as Harvest-Time. It has been a good month for cooperative and designated giving. For this, we are so grateful to the Lord and to each pastor and church that has helped. Let us determine that we shall continue to make each month a good month. As the Lord gives to us let us be faithful in giving to spread the gospel throughout Missouri and the world.

## MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING October 1980

### MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Grant Avenue	\$34.16
Branson	\$34.16
Springfield, First	\$56.00
Branson	\$56.00
(In memory of Lombard & Thompson)	
Pleasant Ridge	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Lebanon, First	\$2.00
Branson	\$2.00
Hurryville	\$13.25
Branson	\$13.25
Mill Creek Young Adult SS Class	\$15.00
Branson	\$15.00
Low Ground	\$10.00
Branson	\$10.00
Fredericktown, First	\$24.50
Branson	\$24.50
Columbia	\$5.00
General Fund	\$5.00
Fourth	\$72.24
Branson	\$72.24
New Hope, Fredericktown	\$15.00
Branson	\$15.00
Terrill Road	\$25.74
Branson	\$5.00
General Fund	20.74



Fordland .....	\$5.00	
Branson .....	\$5.00	
Berkeley .....		\$60.00
Branson .....	\$10.00	
General Fund .....	50.00	
Central .....		\$28.06
Moberly .....	\$28.06	
New Harmony .....		\$21.52
Moberly .....	\$21.52	
Aulsbury Chapel .....		\$10.00
Branson .....	\$10.00	
South Side .....		\$40.00
Branson .....	\$40.00	
Monett .....		\$245.00
Branson (Folding Chairs) .....	\$245.00	
Sedalia .....		\$71.61
General Fund .....	\$71.61	
Myrtle .....		\$36.82
General Fund .....	\$26.82	
Branson .....	10.00	
Total .....		\$800.90

#### FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Grant Avenue .....	\$58.33	
Development Fund .....	\$25.00	
General Fund .....	33.33	
Columbia .....		\$10.00
Lebanon .....		\$75.00
Total .....		\$143.33

#### HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Grant Avenue .....	\$8.00	
Monett .....	30.55	
Mtn. Grove, First .....	12.00	
Lebanon, First .....	75.00	
Willow Springs .....	15.00	
Total .....		\$140.55

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Grant Avenue .....	\$179.33	
Pinkerton .....	\$35.00	
Hersey .....	90.00	
Lytle .....	33.33	
General Fund .....	21.00	
Hannon .....		\$93.50
Pinkerton .....	\$25.00	
Filkins .....	25.00	
McLain .....	15.00	
Lytle .....	15.00	
Hanna .....	13.50	
Pleasant Ridge .....		\$20.00
General Fund .....	\$10.00	
McLain .....	10.00	
Columbia .....		\$82.00
McLain .....	\$25.00	
McCullough .....	5.00	
Filkins .....	15.00	
Tallent .....	5.00	
Inscoe .....	30.00	
General Fund .....	2.00	
Lebanon, First .....		\$81.00
Miley .....	\$10.71	
Hanna .....	10.71	
Lytle .....	10.71	
Pinkerton .....	13.21	
McLain .....	10.71	
Tallent .....	11.71	
Filkins .....	10.74	
Morgan .....	2.50	
Monett .....		\$616.00
Payne .....	\$101.00	
Sparks .....	80.00	
General Fund .....	5.00	
Filkins .....	100.00	
Judy Smith .....	100.00	

Webb .....	210.00	
Combs .....	20.00	
Olivet .....		\$120.00
Van Hook .....	\$30.00	
Poole .....	30.00	
Inscoe .....	30.00	
Sparks .....	30.00	
Mtn. Grove, First .....		\$70.00
Cousineau .....	\$30.00	
General Fund .....	40.00	
Low Ground .....		\$10.00
McLain .....	\$10.00	
Kirksville, First .....		\$43.00
Pinkerton .....	\$43.00	
Columbia .....		\$5.00
Pinkerton .....	\$5.00	
Fourth .....		\$217.62
Lytle .....	\$192.00	
VanHook .....	25.62	
New Hope, Fredericktown .....		\$15.00
Filkins .....	\$15.00	
Rock Chapel .....		\$10.00
Caton .....	\$10.00	
Merl's Chapel .....		\$58.00
Caton .....	\$58.00	
Central .....		\$108.06
Miley .....	\$68.06	
Filkins .....	30.00	
Haas .....	10.00	
Beacon .....		\$64.13
Filkins .....	\$64.13	
Thayer .....		\$5.00
Pinkerton .....	\$5.00	
Hickory Grove .....		\$28.45
Lytle .....	\$28.45	
Dale Crossgrove .....		\$10.00
McLain .....	\$10.00	
New Harmony .....		\$43.02
McLain .....	\$21.51	
Miley .....	21.51	
Aulsbury Chapel .....		\$50.00
Pinkerton .....	\$25.00	
Filkins .....	25.00	
South Side .....		\$322.11
Tallent .....	\$190.00	
VanHook .....	92.11	
Filkins .....	40.00	
Myrtle .....		\$82.50
Miley .....	\$20.00	
McLain .....	62.50	
Total .....		\$2,333.72

#### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Grant Avenue .....	\$22.00	
Vandivort .....	\$10.00	
Bowers .....	10.00	
Cochrane .....	2.00	
Columbia .....		\$15.00
Vandivort .....	\$15.00	
Monett .....		\$233.00
Russell .....	\$20.00	
Bowers .....	55.00	
General Fund .....	5.00	
Shrewsbury .....	135.00	
Vandivort .....	13.00	
Thomas .....	5.00	
Olivet .....		\$15.00
Maness .....	\$15.00	
Mtn. Grove, First .....		\$56.00
Bowers .....	\$43.00	
Vandivort .....	13.00	
Low Ground .....		\$10.00
Vandivort .....	\$10.00	
Mt. Pisgah .....		\$50.00
Bowers .....	\$25.00	
Vandivort .....	25.00	
Rolla .....		\$116.23
Vandivort .....	\$114.23	
O'Dell .....	2.00	



Fredericktown, First .....	\$29.50	
Bowers .....	\$29.50	
Clark & Clobell Deeds .....	\$25.00	
Vandivort .....	\$25.00	
Fourth .....	\$14.00	
Maness .....	\$14.00	
Rock Chapel .....	\$20.00	
Bowers .....	\$10.00	
O'Dell .....	10.00	
Fordland .....	\$10.00	
Vandivort .....	\$10.00	
Berkeley .....	\$66.00	
Bowers .....	\$16.00	
General Fund .....	50.00	
Central .....	\$35.00	
O'Dell .....	\$10.00	
Maness .....	15.00	
Vandivort .....	10.00	
Wolf Creek .....	\$220.00	
Vandivort .....	\$220.00	
Thayer .....	\$62.00	
Bowers .....	\$42.00	
Messer .....	15.00	
Vandivort .....	5.00	
Robert & Glenda Keith—Wolf Creek .....	\$10.00	
Bowers .....	\$5.00	
Vandivort .....	5.00	
Lebanon, First .....	\$75.00	
Vandivort .....	\$18.75	
Maness .....	18.75	
Bowers .....	18.75	
O'Dell .....	18.75	
New Rock Springs .....	\$172.00	
Vandivort .....	\$170.00	
Bowers .....	2.00	
Myrtle .....	\$74.50	
Bowers .....	\$74.50	
Total .....	\$1,330.23	

#### MISSOURI YOUTH CAMP

New Rock Springs .....	\$20.00	
Lebanon, First .....	\$12.50	
Monett .....	\$30.00	
Olivet .....	\$10.00	
Hartville .....	\$10.00	
Faith, Lemay .....	\$10.00	
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$10.00	
Clark & Clobell Deeds .....	\$25.00	
Thayer .....	\$10.00	
Aulsbury Chapel .....	\$10.00	
Willow Springs .....	\$10.00	
Myrtle .....	\$26.82	
Total .....	\$184.32	

#### GREENEVILLE CHILDREN'S HOME

Myrtle .....	\$2.30	
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#### BOB CARR

Grant Avenue .....	\$10.00	
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#### RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

Grant Avenue .....	\$1.00	
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### COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS October 1980

Flat River, First .....	\$289.87
New Rock Springs .....	72.14
Pleasant Home .....	166.80
Gray Summit .....	49.70
Grant Avenue .....	593.62
Hannon .....	187.00
Kingsway .....	50.00
Pleasant Ridge .....	49.00
Faith, Fair Grove .....	117.69
Parkview .....	127.95
Gospel Light .....	44.00
Lebanon .....	335.92
Monett .....	410.77
Olivet .....	200.00
Mtn. Grove, First .....	578.04
Hartville .....	156.22
Purdy (Aug.) .....	166.75
Purdy (Sept.) .....	138.07
Neosho .....	10.00
Macedonia .....	14.00
Mill Creek .....	108.19
Freeman Chapel .....	73.56
Faith, Lemay .....	145.50
Number One .....	27.48
Hurryville .....	94.65
Belton .....	108.22
Marshfield .....	137.36
Mt. Zion, Gower .....	46.05
Union Grove .....	153.65
Oak Hill, Union .....	402.99
Happy Home .....	85.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	85.00
Rolla .....	160.83
Buffalo .....	187.69
Fredericktown, First .....	296.00
Columbia .....	50.00
Royal Oak .....	34.00
Victory, Alton .....	132.00
DeSoto .....	500.00
Fordland .....	181.47
Mine LaMotte .....	15.00
New Hope, Fredericktown .....	77.50
Bismark .....	25.00
Terrill Rd., Moberly .....	116.19
Cedar Ridge .....	75.00
Rock Chapel .....	190.56
Joplin .....	293.55
Mt. Vernon .....	52.71
Merl's Chapel .....	58.10
Jones Family .....	192.00
Sedalia .....	107.42
Byrd .....	14.12
Grace .....	552.00
Rolla .....	103.37
Beacon .....	394.00
Berkeley .....	469.65
Central .....	780.00
Wolf Creek .....	169.70
Viburnum .....	15.00
Thayer .....	214.51
Calvary, Conway .....	115.00
Hickory Grove .....	42.96
Verdella .....	113.35
Aulsbury Chapel .....	786.28
Pleasant Hill .....	43.63
Oskaloosa .....	15.84
Copper Mines .....	140.46
Cabool .....	136.45
New Harmony .....	6.76
Leadington .....	353.95
Richwoods .....	60.15
South Side .....	196.29
St. Francois Dist. Ass'n. ....	12.00
St. Francois Dist. Ass'n. ....	12.00
El Dorado, First .....	5.00
Gray Summit .....	78.77



New Rock Springs .....	110.54
Mill Creek .....	114.88
Mt. Zion, Thayer .....	38.27
Purdy .....	137.86
Salem .....	25.00
Waynesville .....	196.25
Eastern Gate .....	31.75
Farmington .....	950.00
South Side .....	196.00
Monett .....	517.59
Willow Springs .....	217.59
Myrtle .....	138.74
Fourth .....	298.00
Total .....	\$15,773.92

## COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS November 1980

18.50% MO State Home Missions .....	\$2,831.33
16.00% Promotional Department .....	2,448.71
4.50% General Fund .....	688.70
5.50% Youth Camp .....	841.75
2.00% Christian Board of Education .....	306.09
2.00% Sunday School & CTS .....	306.09
5.00% Retirement Program .....	765.22
5.00% Retirement Center .....	765.22
2.00% Possible Purchase of Ret. Unit .....	306.09
60.50% .....	\$9,259.20
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College .....	\$918.27
33.50% National Departments .....	\$5,126.99
21.50% Foreign Missions .....	\$1,102.30
21.50% Free Will Baptist Bible College .....	1,102.30
15.50% National Home Missions .....	794.68
30.00% Executive Department .....	1,538.10
8.00% Board of Ret. & Insurance .....	410.16
3.00% Layman's Board .....	153.82
.50% Theological Commission .....	25.63
Total Disbursements .....	\$15,304.46

November is the month that we give special thanks to the Lord for all His blessings. We surely thank Him for His faithfulness in supplying the needs through cooperative giving. As you will note in the other report, the Lord has also blessed with designated giving. Thanks to every church and pastor that is responding to this need. May the Lord bless your faithfulness.

## MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING November 1980

Olivet .....	\$15.00
Maness .....	\$15.00
Columbia .....	\$25.00
Vandivort .....	\$25.00
Mtn. Grove, First .....	\$124.00
Bowers .....	\$116.00
Vandivort .....	8.00
Joplin .....	\$155.00
Jim Smith-Weatherford Mission .....	\$155.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$22.00
Vandivort .....	\$10.00
Bowers .....	10.00
Cochrane .....	2.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$50.00
Bowers .....	\$25.00
Vandivort .....	25.00
First Mission Quarterly Ass'n. .....	\$250.00
Vandivort .....	\$250.00
Flat River, First .....	\$191.00
O'Dell .....	\$46.00
Vandivort .....	10.00
General Fund .....	135.00
Wolf Creek .....	\$20.00
Vandivort .....	\$15.00
Bowers .....	5.00
Rolla .....	\$52.00
Mark Vandivort .....	\$50.00
O'Dell .....	2.00
Black Oak .....	\$23.25
O'Dell .....	\$23.25

Thayer .....	\$92.60
Messer .....	\$15.00
Vandivort .....	5.00
Bowers .....	72.60
Leadington .....	\$10.00
Bowers .....	\$10.00
Fourth .....	\$10.00
Maness .....	\$10.00
Low Ground .....	\$20.00
Vandivort .....	\$20.00
Way Side, Willow Springs .....	\$32.90
Vandivort .....	\$32.90
Rock Chapel .....	\$30.00
Bowers .....	\$20.00
O'Dell .....	10.00
Total .....	\$1,122.75

## MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Terrill Road, Moberly .....	\$17.83
General Fund .....	\$17.83
Columbia .....	\$5.00
General Fund .....	\$5.00
Fredericktown .....	\$64.00
General Fund .....	\$64.00
Pleasant Ridge .....	\$10.00
General Fund .....	\$10.00
Joplin .....	\$10.00
General Fund .....	\$10.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$99.16
Branson .....	\$34.16
General Fund .....	65.00
Hurryville .....	\$43.05
Branson .....	\$11.28
General Fund .....	31.77
Lebanon, First .....	\$27.00
General Fund .....	\$25.00
Branson .....	2.00
Flat River, First .....	\$100.00
General Fund .....	\$100.00
Sedalia .....	\$78.03
General Fund .....	\$78.03
New Harmony .....	\$25.24
Moberly .....	\$25.24
Fordland .....	\$116.00
General Fund .....	\$111.00
Branson .....	5.00
Mill Creek Young Adult SS Class .....	\$15.00
Branson .....	\$15.00
Aulsbury Chapel .....	\$10.00
Branson .....	\$10.00
Leadington .....	\$10.00
Branson .....	\$10.00
Low Ground .....	\$20.00
Branson .....	\$20.00
Salem .....	\$30.00
General Fund .....	\$30.00
Don Harrison .....	\$10.00
General Fund .....	\$10.00
Fourth .....	\$23.12
Total .....	\$713.43

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

Olivet .....	\$85.00
Sparks .....	\$20.00
Poole .....	20.00
Inscoe .....	20.00
Van Hook .....	10.00
McLain .....	10.00
Pinkerton .....	5.00
Columbia .....	\$75.00
Pinkerton .....	\$5.00
Inscoe .....	30.00
Filkins .....	10.00
Moser .....	10.00
McLain .....	20.00
Springfield, First .....	\$1,000.00
Mayhew .....	\$1,000.00



Fredericktown, First	\$5.00
General Fund	\$5.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$20.00
General Fund	\$10.00
McLain	10.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$65.00
Cousineau	\$25.00
General Fund	40.00
Joplin	\$8.00
Spain Loan	\$5.00
Sparks	3.00
Grant Avenue	\$173.33
Pinkerton	\$45.00
Hersey	95.00
Lytle	33.33
Hannon	\$93.50
Pinkerton	\$25.00
Lytle	25.00
Filkins	25.00
McLain	18.50
Black Oak	\$18.00
Gibbs	\$18.00
Lebanon, First	\$36.00
Morgan	\$17.50
Pinkerton	17.50
Tallent	1.00
Flat River, First	\$100.00
General Fund	\$100.00
New Harmony	\$50.48
Miley	\$25.24
McLain	25.24
Merl's Chapel	\$55.00
Caton	\$55.00
Thayer	\$5.00
Pinkerton	\$5.00
Leadington	\$6.00
Filkins	\$6.00
Fourth	\$90.00
Lytle	\$80.00
Tallent	10.00
Low Ground	\$20.00
McLain	\$20.00
Beacon	\$62.62
Filkins	\$62.62
Total	\$1,967.93

#### MISSOURI YOUTH CAMP

Mtn. Grove	\$40.00
Olivet	\$10.00
Fellowship	\$48.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$10.00
Faith, Lemay	\$10.00
Hartville	\$10.00
Lebanon	\$12.50
Thayer	\$10.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$10.00
Willow Springs	\$10.00
Total	\$170.50

#### BOB CARR ACCOUNT

Merl's Chapel	\$100.00
Grant Avenue	\$10.00
Total	\$110.00

#### RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

Grant Avenue	\$1.00
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#### HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Willow Springs	\$15.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Total	\$23.00

#### FREE WILL BPATIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Columbia	\$5.00
Joplin	\$27.00
Library Wing	\$25.00
General Fund	\$2.00
Grant Avenue	\$58.33
General Fund	\$33.33
Development fund	\$25.00
Flat River, First	In Memory of J. Miller
Total	\$140.33

#### COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

November 1980

Houston	\$159.27
Terrill Rd., Moberly	133.27
Victory, Alton	107.00
Number One	33.40
Olivet	200.00
Gospel Light	36.50
Columbia	50.00
Black Oak	10.00
Parkview	136.42
Cope	21.15
Fredericktown, First	262.00
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	57.00
Mtn. Grove	528.43
Grant Avenue	531.11
Bailey Chapel, Tunas	32.00
Mtn. Valley	143.28
Mt. Pisgah	78.00
O'Fallon	362.00
Hurryville	109.23
Faith, Lemay	145.00
Hannon	187.00
Harmony, K.C.	190.00
Hartville	143.70
Kingsway	50.00
Royal Oak	22.00
Freeman Chapel	82.00
Belton	134.27
Community	26.93
Blue Springs	20.33
Bismark	35.00
DeSoto	600.00
Union Grove	91.17
Faith, Fair Grove	121.33
Mine La Motte	20.00
Rock Chapel	246.50
Waynesville	136.53
Calvary, Conway	110.00
Flat River, First	433.08
Macedonia, Liberty Ass'n.	10.00
Cape Girardeau	100.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	82.40
Jones Chapel	1,270.52
Byrd	13.27
Sedalia	117.05
Calvary Chapel, Buffalo	132.06
Lebanon, First	332.39
New Harmony	7.98
Fordland	201.37
Beacon	407.24
Happy Home	111.94
Hopewell	256.00
Oak Hill, St. Clair	355.20
Wolf Creek	163.36
Neosho	10.00
Rolla	109.77
Way Side	122.00
Grace	630.00
Joplin	274.55
Merl's Chapel	59.80
Arcadia Valley	1,389.40
Cedar Ridge	76.60
Cabool	126.51
Black Oak	10.00
Pleasant Hill	53.07



Oskaloosa .....	20.51
Liberty .....	115.00
Copper Mines .....	119.52
Thayer .....	169.64
Marshfield .....	127.82
Farmington .....	950.00
Willow Springs .....	235.74
Verdella .....	117.25
Leadington .....	389.25
Fourth .....	349.00
Des Moines, IA .....	58.00
Low Ground .....	83.24
Jones Family .....	357.20
El Dorado, Springs, First .....	5.00
Total .....	\$15,304.46

## Points for Pastors



by J. M. McAllister

What do you do if you have a layman who persists in getting in the way of God's program? That is a question most pastors face at one time or another. It might be interesting to us pastors if we knew how often laymen asked that same question. "How do you get around a pastor who is in the way of God's program?" Both happen. There has to be an answer.

Naturally, we will put prayer at the top of the list. It goes without saying that prayer by righteous people is the most effective yet untried tool available to the church today. Pray for yourself, and pray for the problem person, whether he is pastor, deacon, or layman. Pray that God will make you open and receptive to the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Pray that you will become conscious of the feelings and needs of others. Pray that you will be willing to do whatever needs to be done, whether you feel like it or not. Next, pray for the problem person. Pray that he will be able to see the problem he is causing, then pray for a reformation in his heart and life.

Next, after much prayer, go see this individual. Talk about the possibilities and the duties of the church in evangelizing the community. Talk about this individual's importance to the work of the Lord. Build up his value, then show him the consequences for not letting God use him.

If he refuses to be flexible and usable, then it might be necessary to go around him. No one person should be allowed to stop the work of God. If he is pastor, a change may be needed. If he is a deacon, a majority vote should suffice. If he is treasurer, he does not own the church money. The church should vote and stand behind its vote.

If you see that you cannot move the congregation around this person, and he or she will not cooperate, and after much prayer you find you are miserable and incapable of accepting the status quo (thank God you can't), you may have to find another place of service. God's work is too important to simply let yourself be put on the shelf and sit still. The fields are white now, and they are ready to be harvested now. Today!

## How To Maintain A Children's Church

by Greg McAllister

1. As I am writing this, I am suffering from a massive depression. Yesterday, we had one of the lowest attendances in Children's Church since I've been in my church. There is one reason: NO VISITATION. I was sick Saturday and didn't get my visitation done. *There is no substitute for Saturday visitation.* That's the first rule for maintaining a growing Children's Church. GUARD your Saturdays. Saturday morning gets more results than any other time you can visit during the week. Visit church kids AND bus kids.

2. *Have something for them when they come.* The same principles that work for ADULT attendance work for CHILDREN'S attendance. Be friendly to them when they come. Teach your regulars that being friendly to the visitors is what God has called THEM to do. Be prepared for them when they come. Have lots of stuff planned. If you run out of time, well, you've got something already prepared for next Sunday. The more you study, the simpler you will be able to make the gospel message. If the singing is exciting, they will like that. If the lessons are exciting, they will like that. The gospel IS the most exciting thing in the world, so act like it.

3. *Train them for adult church.* Teach them how to be ushers. Teach them that a joyous Christian sings and participates in worship. It's not too far-fetched to think that you can teach them how to direct congregational singing. If you start training them when they're about 10, they'll probably be prepared workers when they're about 40.

4. *Have special events planned for them.* Make sure there is an advantage to going to Children's Church. Picnics are pretty good. Prizes for coming a number of Sundays without missing are okay, too. Christmas parties and Easter egg hunts help morale.

5. *Be physically prepared for them.* Anyone who says working with kids is easy is fooling you. They are harder to teach or preach to than just about any adult. You have to be mentally alert. The best way to achieve this is: GO TO BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT AND EAT A GOOD BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY MORNING. It is surprising how many experienced preachers ignore this and step into their pulpit physically and mentally exhausted. Don't be guilty of this. There is no quicker way to empty a church.

6. *Learn how to discipline.* The best advice I can give you on this is to purchase "Children and Discipline in the Sunday School," by Wilma Goodman, published by Baker Book House. You can probably purchase this booklet through our Free Will Baptist Bookstore (75 cents). This lady is both a Sunday school teacher and a public school teacher.

7. *Be convinced that working in Children's Church is God's will for you.* This is not an APPRENTICESHIP: It's a MINISTRY.



# Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

We are looking at the possibility of Pentecostal evangelism in our day. It is my conviction we can expect the MIRACLE of Pentecost if we apply the METHOD and MESSAGE of Pentecost.

We considered the METHOD in the last issue. This involved the Pentecostal believers' unity in purpose, their dependency on the Spirit, and their willingness to invite all to salvation in Christ. Now, what about the MESSAGE?

Where did Peter get the sermon he preached on that eventful day? From the known Word of God! Notice that he quotes from the Old Testament Scriptures. "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel . . ." (Acts 2:16-21). "For David speaketh concerning him . . ." (Acts 2:25-28).

What was the focal point of the MESSAGE? The person of Jesus Christ! Peter preached Christ's life (verse 22) our example, Christ's death (verse 23) our salvation and Christ's resurrection (verse 24) our hope. That three-point sermon is always relevant.

What did this Pentecostal MESSAGE accomplish? The Word delivered by Peter brought conviction upon the listeners. Which is exactly what modern-day evangelism seeks for but is so often unable to produce with its impersonal and inappropriate speeches called "evangelistic sermons." You see, the power of an effective evangelistic message is not so much in its carrier as in its content.

Yes, the MIRACLE of Pentecostal evangelism—which we will examine in the next issue—is possible if we apply the proper METHOD and MESSAGE.

## Essentials of Evangelism

(Omitted in previous issue)

In past articles, we have considered revival preparation mainly in regard to the church. In this article, we will look at some requirements for the evangelist.

*He should be called by God.* While every Christian should be involved in winning the lost (2 Timothy 4:5), there is a calling of God to the office of evangelist (Ephesians 4:11). In a very real sense, every Christian is a minister. Still, God has called selected men into the ministry to give leadership and example. If the evangelist takes his calling seriously, his labor will be acknowledged by others (Acts 21:8).

*He should be of unquestionable character.* Questionable character will hinder the effectiveness of an evangelist's ministry (1 Timothy 3:7). A church cannot work comfortably with such an evangelist.

*He must be willing to work with the pastor.* He is not to be used as a puppet by the pastor and church, but neither should he be cold toward the needs of the church who has called him for the meeting. He should complement the ministry of the pastor rather than belittle the pastor's work in the eyes of the church. When a meeting has concluded, there should

not be a dreamy glow around the ministry of the evangelist, but a greater respect on the part of the people for the ministry of their pastor and their local church.

*He must preach the Word.* Some evangelists have given the impression that the power of a message is in their voice or pulpit manners. But, the truth is, the authority and power of an evangelistic message is in the Word of God (Romans 1:16; Hebrews 4:12).

*He must be a man of prayer.* Any evangelist who does not believe in and exercise prayer should not be in your pulpit. Contact with God through prayer is essential for any worthwhile evangelistic endeavor. The old saying is still true, "Revivals are not worked up; they are prayed down."

Admittedly, this is only a partial list of requirements for the evangelist. But it is hoped that this list will serve to challenge every church to be selective when considering an evangelist for a revival meeting.

## With Our Missionaries

Carlisle and Maria Hanna, West Bengal, India

"We send our thanks to you for your prayers and financial support. Your faithfulness enables us to continue to serve the Lord in India. Over and over in the past few months, we have realized God's protection from a wide range of dangers: poisonous snakes, electric shock, near traffic accidents, ant and bee stings, and a near airplane crash. May our Lord bless each of you in your place of service as you stand with us."

Howard and Joan Filkins, Doropo, Ivory Coast Africa

"Thank you so much for sharing with us in your prayers and financial support. We praise the Lord for the many faithful at home who care for the souls here in Ivory Coast. We'd love to have letters and bulletins from your local church. Receiving mail is one of the brightest spots in our week."

Mark and Louise Vandivort, Flagstaff, Arizona

"Some of you have prayed for us for twenty years. Thank you for your prayer and financial support over the years. Now, pray that we will have a fresh anointing of God's Spirit for the sowing, watering, and harvesting, and that we can teach our people to do the same. Pray that we can get through the legal work and obtain the proper loan to build a first unit building next summer. We have planned an all-night prayer meeting this month to launch a dedicated effort to win the lost to salvation through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ."

Vernon and Ada Long, Jackson, Tennessee

"We want to express our thanks for all of your prayers since we came to Jackson, Tennessee. We want you to know that your prayers are being answered as we see the Lord working in the hearts of people we visit. I know there will be people in Heaven from Jackson, Tennessee, because you cared enough to pray and give."



# Stewardship for the New Year



*Daryl Ellis*

Here it comes again! Another one of Senator Proxmire's Golden Fleece of the Month awards. Americans expectantly look for the monthly loser—the dubious winner of waste in our government. Would it be another costly fruit fly study or another investigation of why people fall in love costing thousands of dollars?

What a waste! Our money being spent for that? More than ever before we are sensitive to excess in government. The cry of our age is, "Cut costs, wipe out the red ink, balance the budget."

We label waste as something going down the drain—left-overs being thrown away. However, the other side of the waste coin is that which is ignored or abandoned. It's like our labeling of sin. There are sins of commission and omission. By its very nature the abused is more obvious than the neglected. However, God calls us, as His Children, to be sensitive to both.

God began with Adam when He said, "Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth" (Genesis 1:28). To the very first man on earth, God charged that man take responsibility for all of His creation.

The prophet Haggai seemingly speaking to some economic issues as well as spiritual problems declares, "Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Consider your ways." This was a call to corrective action. Haggai analyzed the problem of the people neglecting the building of the temple. They lived in fine houses but the house of God was being ignored. "Ye have sown much and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes" (Haggai 1:6). The wages disappearing out of purses was a problem then, too!

Whereas Haggai spoke to a material abuse, Jesus Christ alerted us to the possibility of neglect. In the Gospel of Luke He makes specific application about a believer's responsibility—he is accountable for what he has been given. Jesus uses money (talents) for the parable but it can be applied to your spiritual gift, finances, time, spiritual opportunities, etc. The bottom line is this: Every believer is a steward.

Jesus said, "Unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him" (Luke 19:26). There will be a time of accounting to God for how well we used what we have been given. Wise stewardship should be a way of life.

Dollar signs flash in our minds when stewardship is mentioned. That is certainly a part of stewardship but hardly the overwhelming emphasis it usually receives. Stewardship can and should be applied to all areas of life. The word, stewardship, means a manager—one placed in charge. So the concerned Christian realizes that God has placed him in charge of many things such as his body, time, talents, spiritual gifts and money.

Isn't that exciting? God has given each one of us so many things in all areas of life. In essence, we are watching over it for Him. We've been placed in charge by our Heavenly Father—we are His earthly supervisors.

Let us begin the new year with a fresh outlook. Each one of us is called by our Master to take care of everything that passes our way. He has entrusted us with His earth and His resources within that earth. Do we waste them needlessly? Our money is actually His money—the full 100%. Do we spend it with wisdom? The church buildings in which we worship and study—do we calculate the way we take care of them?

What about your life? You have been given at least one spiritual gift. Are you developing God's gift to you? Are you using it to build up the church? Your life consists of time units. Is your time used with a consciousness that it is God's time, 168 hours a week?

Stewardship, it's a bigger word than we ever imagined, isn't it? Our outrage at government waste is proper. In fact, it's a sign that we are concerned about stewardship. May God give us the knowledge and wisdom to set the example for the rest of the world. "Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

About the Writer: Reverend Daryl Ellis is the interim pastor of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church. He is a member of the Stewardship Committee and the General Board Member representing the St. Louis District Association.



## A MEMORIAL

I'd like to write in just a line or two,  
A few words in memory of three men who were  
among the chosen few.  
Russell, and Donald, and Lawrence too,  
Have all gone on to be with Jesus, don't you wish it  
were me and you?

Each one was a preacher of the precious gospel of  
peace,  
Until they were called to meet their Maker and life  
for them was ceased.  
It sometimes is hard for us to understand,  
Why God would take them so quickly to be at His  
right hand.

But you know, we can go to the place where they're at  
now,  
And by the grace of God, I know we'll make it  
somehow.  
I don't think they knew that their life's race was run,  
But we just never know when our last day has begun.

God is very patient, merciful, and loving too,  
But He is also very just to me and to you.  
He gives us plenty of time to prepare for our meeting  
with Him,  
So don't keep putting Him off or you'll be sorry then.

One by one He's calling each and every name,  
If you were called next, would you be able to explain?  
These preachers left a testimony of love for their  
wonderful Lord,  
But, friend, what about you, are you true to God's  
Holy Word?

I want to be able to walk on those streets of gold,  
and live in that land where we'll never grow old.  
Most of all, I want to see my Jesus who bled and died  
for me,  
And walk and talk with Him throughout eternity.

Russell, Donald, and Lawrence have gone to Heaven  
beyond the blue,  
So make your preparations now and we'll all be  
together again when the rest of us make it through.

*by Rev. Roger D. Ross*

*Reverend Ross is a member of the Faith Free Will  
Baptist Church, Lemay, MO.*

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—The Free Will Baptist College Concert Choir from Nashville, Tennessee, will have a special concert at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Mountain Grove, Missouri, on Friday evening, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. The service is open to all the churches in the area.

The 39-voice choir will present their program of sacred music and hymn arrangements. Members of

the College Choir will testify about their relationship with Jesus Christ and why they have chosen Free Will Baptist Bible College for their education. The choir is under the direction of Dr. Vernon Whaley.

Plan now to attend this special service with the College Choir. Rev. Lynn Wood, pastor, invites everyone to be present.





September, 1980

Dear Friend:

We are really excited about opening the Graduate School in August of 1982! This announcement was made at the National Association of Free Will Baptists, at the July meeting in Anaheim, California. Those of us who attended were thrilled at the prospect of having our own graduate program.

This has actually been a dream that many have had for years. More and more of our young men are interested in pursuing graduate degrees. Almost every year several of them enter schools of other denominations to further their training. The fall of 1982 seems to be the time the Lord has chosen for us to open the Graduate School. It will truly be a "giant step" for us to provide a Free Will Baptist graduate school for young men to attend.

The one-year program of study will lead to a master's degree. This program will be primarily for the pastor or Bible teacher and will include Biblical and ministerial courses. It is planned for the student who has a Bible major in his undergraduate program.

We believe that such a program can do much for a ministerial student. In addition to broadening his knowledge, we propose to "sharpen" his skills in Biblical exegesis, sermon building, and pastoral administration. This can really be the "icing on the cake" for the serious student.

This is a very costly step we are taking. It will take no less than \$250,000 to provide a building and help to fund the first year's operation. This amount would have to be in addition to regular giving to the school. Therefore, we have established a "Founders' Club" as a means of honoring the 250 individuals or churches who will invest \$1,000 in this very worthy cause. We are preparing a lovely certificate, suitable for framing, which will be sent to each of the "Founders." In addition to this, the names of these will be inscribed on a plaque to be placed in the entrance to the

graduate building. We would like for you to seriously consider becoming a member of this "Founders' Club."

You may want to be a "Founder" but feel that you will need some time to make your gift. You may commit now and take one or two years, if necessary, to give the entire amount. As the school will open in August of 1982, we need all the money in hand by then.

If you cannot give \$1,000, please give whatever you can. Perhaps you could give \$750 or \$500 or \$300. In fact, everybody who receives this letter could give \$50 or \$100. Please let the Lord impress on your heart what you should do. Send in what you can today and let us know the total amount you plan to send.

Please let the gift to the Graduate School be in addition to your regular gift to the college. We must meet the college budget in addition to underwriting the Graduate School. Send me word today as to what you can do.

May God bless you.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Thigpen  
President

P.S. You may have a loved one, either living or departed, whom you would like to honor by giving \$1,000 in his name. We will record his name on the plaque and also state that you are the one who is honoring this friend or loved one. This surely will be one of the finest possible ways to honor one of God's saints by helping found a school for the training of pastors.

### Personnel Changes:

Dale Blackwell to First Church, Houston, MO  
Charles Moyers to First Church, Sikeston, MO  
John Shebaum to Richwoods Church, Richwoods, MO  
Jimmie Tolbert to First Church, Flat River, MO  
Cody Freeman to Harmony Church, Kansas City, MO  
William Austin to Liberty Church, Phillipsburg, MO  
Gene Crews to Wayside Church, Willow Springs, MO  
Ralph Douglas to New Rock Springs Church, Cabool, MO  
Ken Humphries to Faith Church, Lemay, MO

### 114 On Bible College's Mid-Semester Dean's List

When mid-semester examinations were concluded at Free Will Baptist Bible College in October, the administration announced that 114 students had completed the first nine weeks with an average of "B" or higher.

Following are the ones from Missouri: Senior, Gary Underwood; Juniors, Joanna Sasser and Daniel Felts.





# WOMAN'S PAGE

## HAVE A HEART MONTH

The month of February has been set aside as Have A Heart Month. This month will be dedicated to the Missouri State Home Missionaries. A program packet has been given to each of the Auxiliaries which gives not only a suggested program, but also suggestions on the making of prayer reminders, a profile of the state missionaries, and a suggestion on how to promote the special program.

It is also suggested that a special offering be taken up during one of the services.

Please pray for this special month and for the missionaries and their families as they serve our state.

## LYTTLES SPEAK AT DISTRICT MEETING

The Greater Ozark District Woman's Auxiliary Meeting met November 17, 1980, at the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri. Guest speakers were Steve and Judy Lytle, missionaries home on furlough from Panama. Mr. Lytle shared with the women Scripture from Acts on the return of Paul to the churches after his missionary journeys. Mrs. Lytle shared slides of their work in Panama and of the people that they have worked with.

As a district project, money was given to the Lyttles in the amount of \$245.00

## NEW AUXILIARY FORMED

The women of the United Free Will Baptist Church, West Plains, Missouri, met in a special meeting to organize a Woman's Auxiliary, September 26, 1980, with 24 ladies present.

The service included an all-night retreat, prayer service, which included a continual prayer chain throughout the night, and a prayer breakfast. We enjoyed a wonderful, spirit-filled time of sharing and praise.

At 6:30 a.m. breakfast was served to 17 women who had spent the entire night at the church. Follow-

ing breakfast, the meeting was called to order for the election of officers. They are: President, Lucille Beatty; Vice-President, Vera Sanders; Secretary, Brenda Chronister; Treasurer, Grace Stephens; Program Chairman, Cathy Judd; Mission Prayer Chairman, Lillian Brooks; Mission Study Chairman, Eudene Adkisson; and Mission Action Chairman, Wanda Littlejohn.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR SENIOR SAINTS

The First Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary of Lebanon, Missouri, gave a Christmas lunch for the Senior Saints of the church, December 11, 1980. There were 26 in attendance. The church basement was decorated with the Christmas theme. For the Senior Saints in the nursing homes, lap robes were made and given to those who were unable to attend the luncheon.



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