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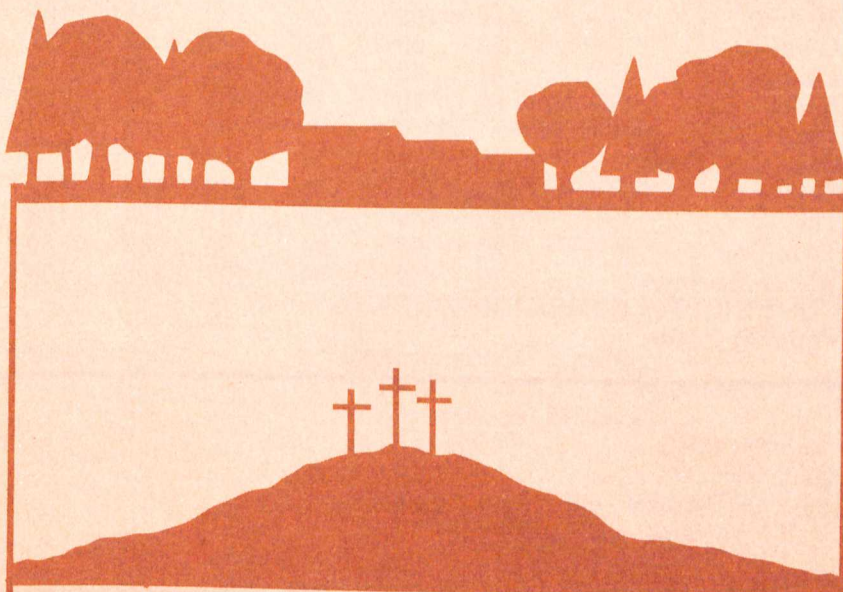
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"Voice Of Missouri Free Will Baptists"



YOUTH CAMP



Dates: Ages 7-11
Ages 12-17
Cost: Campers
Workers

June 14-19
June 21-26
\$22.00
\$2.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1980-81

CHURCH	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.
Aulsbury Chapel	114	104	115	101	106	98	105			115	111	123
Beacon	120	94	101		101	125	104	102				
Belton	50	49	45		38							
Buffalo			80	76	88	81						
Calvary, Conway	76	73	69	69	70	79	72	90	66	67	77	81
Central	100	78										
Copper Mines	82	83	77	71	81	78	79	81	81	75		
Cuba	82	62	62	54	42	46	55	50	41	43	40	44
DeSoto	198	160	167	170	177	176	175	180	187	178	184	183
Farmington	599	557	546	567	598	633	646	701	654	639	657	692
Flat River, First	210		186									
Fourth	147	148		111	127	163	171		141	153	162	
Fredericktown, First		156	112	108	114	120	120	121	114	109	108	151
Grant Avenue	120	125	129	132	125	141	139	135	141	137	141	
Gray Summit	20	20	30	29	30	28	30	31	31			
Hannon	83	70	73	79	78	80	85	84	82	82	76	84
Happy Home	68	62	64	60	74	75	77	85				
Harmony, K.C.					57	54	60	56	60	50	40	70
Hartville	96	90	92	96	91	89	81	98	90	88	87	
Houston			63	60	60				57	58	54	
Lebanon, First	113	111	116	105	100	111	125	125	117	113	117	147
Marshfield	60	48	47	43	43	47	47	44	44	43	44	45
Monett	132	129	144	139	138	157	196					
O'Fallon	93	99	97	77	82	111	95	91	81	92	92	100
Parkview	64	63	57	51	52	49	39	47	51	50	50	53
Richwoods	52	40	48	34	32	28	21	19	18	17	19	
Terrill Road				37	38				57			
Oak Hill, Union	62	59	58	56								
Thayer	137	148	153	149	167	179	167	167	172	155	162	
Trinity	157	144	132	128	127	128	120	124	121	120		
Twin Oak	81	84	90	89	82	80						
Willow Springs	110	103	106	107	108	106	115	120	116	119	114	118

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Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

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June 8-11, 1981
Nelson Community Center
West Bland
Lebanon, Missouri

General Board Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2:00 p.m.
First Free Will Baptist Church

Monday Evening Youth Service
7:30 Rev. Kent Tallent, presiding
Congregational Singing
Special Music .. Winners of State CTS Competition
Message Free Will Baptist Bible College
Evangel Players

Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention
Tuesday, June 9, 1981
Theme: "Handfulls of Purpose"
Scripture: Ruth 2:16
Theme Song: Scattering Precious Seed
9:00 a.m. Registration
9:30 a.m. Congregational Singing
Welcome
Response
Theme Song—"Scattering Precious Seed"
Devotion
Panel Discussion
"Handfulls of Purpose"—Children
"Handfulls of Purpose"—Housewife
"Handfulls of Purpose"—Churchwork
Seating of Delegates
Appointment of Committees
10:45 a.m. Recess
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Congregational Singing
Special Music
Message Missionary Steve Lytle
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:45 p.m. Congregational Singing
Devotional
Special Music
"Handfulls of Reflections"
Business Session
Installation of Officers
5:00 p.m. Banquet
Special Music
Banquet Speaker Missionary
Judy Lytle

Banquet Tickets:
The banquet will be held again this year at the Wyota Restaurant. It will be smorgasbord with the price of tickets \$6.00. The restaurant has requested that an approximate number be given to them in advance. Therefore, if you would like to attend, please let me know by June 1, 1981. Tickets may be purchased in advance or they may be purchased the day of the banquet. Please send the following form to Shirley

Bowden, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, Missouri 65536, if you plan to attend the banquet.

Name _____

Address _____

Number _____

Mail Tickets (money enclosed) _____

Program

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists
Theme: "Mandate For The 80s"

Tuesday evening, June 9, 1981

7:30 p.m. Worship in Song Rev. Howard Gwartney

Convening of Session Rev. Nathan Ruble, clerk

Welcome Rev. Joe Braddy

Response Rev. Glen Rehkop

Moderator's Message Rev. Dale Skiles

Special Music ... Bob and Glenda Keith

Offering

Special Music .. Rev. Howard Gwartney

Keynote Message Dr. N. R. Smith
"Accepting The Challenge"

Dismissal

Wednesday Morning, June 10, 1981

9:00 a.m. Congregational Singing

Devotional Rev. Guy Leonard

Credential Committee Report

Seating of Delegates

General Board Report

10:45 a.m. Recess

11:00 a.m. Worship Hour ... Rev. Glynn Campbell,
presiding

Congregational Singing

Special Music Rev. David Bates

Congregational Singing

Special Music Rev. Howard Gwartney

Message Rev. Richard Robinson

"Building The Church"

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Congregational Singing

Devotional Rev. Gary Mitchner

1:45 p.m. General Board Report cont'd

Report of Promotional Secretary

Report of Christian Board of Education

Report of Home Missions Board

Report of Sunday School and CTS Board

Report of Youth Camp Board

Report of Stewardship Committee

Report of Historical Committee

Report from National Office Representatives will be given as directed by the moderator

4:00 p.m. Adjournment

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

Wednesday Evening, June 10, 1981

7:30 p.m. Worship Service Rev. Jim
 McAllister, presiding
 Worship in Song Rev. Howard
 Gwartney
 Special Music Farmington Teen
 Sextet
 Offering
 Special Music Rev. Howard
 Gwartney
 Message Rev. Fred Warner
 "Choosing The Concepts"
 Dismissal

*Wyota Motel
 City Rt. 66 at I-44
 Phone #: 1-417-532-6167
 1 Dbl Bed
 1 Dbl Bed
 2 Dbl Beds
 2 Dbl Beds

1 person \$20.00
 2 persons 25.00
 2 persons 31.00
 4 persons 37.00
 Does not include tax

Holiday Inn
 City Rt. 66 at I-44
 Phone #: 1-417-532-7111
 1 Dbl Bed
 1 Dbl Bed
 2 Dbl Beds

1 person 28.11
 2 persons 35.40
 4 persons 43.73
 Includes tax

Children under 19 free
 with parents

Thursday Morning, June 11, 1981

9:00 a.m. Congregational Singing
 Devotional Rev. Cody Freeman
 9:15 a.m. Report of Resolution Committee
 Report of Obituary Committee
 Report of Placement Committee
 Report of Nominating Committee
 10:45 a.m. Recess
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Rev. Clarence
 Burton, presiding
 Worship in Song Rev. Howard
 Gwartney
 Special Music The Brawley Family
 Congregational Singing
 Special Music Rev. Howard
 Gwartney
 Message Dr. Melvin Worthington
 "Developing The Clergy"
 12:00 p.m. Lunch
 1:30 p.m. Remaining Business and final adjourn-
 ment

Munger Moss Motel
 City Rt. 66 at I-44
 Phone: 1-417-532-3111

1 Dbl Bed
 1 Dbl Bed
 2 Dbl Beds
 2 Dbl Beds

1 person 15.00
 2 persons 18.00
 2 persons 20.00
 4 persons 26.00
 Does not include tax

Bell Motel
 City Rt. 66
 Phone #: 1-417-532-6111

1 Dbl Bed
 1 Dbl Bed
 2 Dbl Beds
 2 Dbl Beds

1 person 15.00
 2 persons 17.00
 2 persons 21.00
 4 persons 25.00
 Does not include tax

*Shepherd of the Hills Motel
 City Rt. 66
 Phone: 1-417-532-3133

1 Dbl Bed
 1 Dbl Bed
 2 Dbl Beds

1 person 20.00
 2 persons 23.00
 4 persons 34.00
 Does not include tax

*Best Western

Musicians for the Missouri State Association are
 Jean Bowman, organist, and Rev. Ted Wilbanks,
 pianist.
 For Map of Lebanon See Back Cover
 Everyone is encouraged to attend every service. Let's
 make this a complete program by attending, by
 praying, and by participating.

Motels in Lebanon, MO

White Sands Motel
 City Rt. 66
 Phone #: 1-417-532-3128
 1 Dbl Bed
 1 Dbl Bed
 2 Dbl Beds
 2 Dbl Beds

1 person \$14.00
 2 persons 18.00
 2 persons 22.00
 4 persons 26.00
 Does not include tax

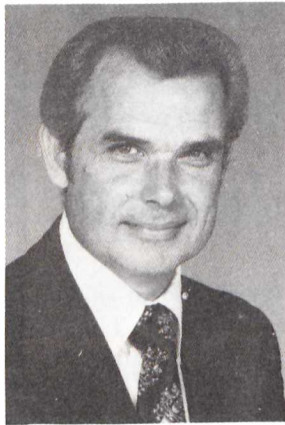
Dates for the Missouri State Association are June
 8-11. This includes the Youth Service on Monday
 evening and the Woman's Auxiliary on Tuesday.

There are other motels in Lebanon. This is only a
 suggested list. These rates are for June 1981. It may
 be well to mention, when making reservations, that
 you are with the Missouri State Association of Free
 Will Baptists.



PROGRAM PERSONALITIES

The Evangel Players
Dr. N.R. Smith
Rev. Richard Robinson
Dr. Melvin Worthington



Churches People And Events

The Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church Reports

Reverend Glynn Campbell, pastor of the Myrtle Church, writes that many wonderful things have happened at the church. The photograph shows ten people who recently followed the Lord in water baptism. There were eleven people that united with the church on one Sunday. One family was saved and baptized at the same service—a grandfather, grandmother, father, and four children. We also had six people that joined the church in January and one in February. Two people were baptized at a service at the Thayer Church.

The church is involved in adding more classrooms. One new class has been started and the Sunday school attendance has risen from the forties to the sixties. A new CTS was organized recently. The services were held on Wednesday evening. The

attendance reached a high of 43 with anticipation that it will go considerably higher. The average for CTS is 37.

The Woman's Auxiliary and the Master's Men are growing. The March meeting had 13 in attendance at the Woman's Auxiliary and 12 at the Master's Men. The Master's Men have supported the entertainment for the youth each month and the Woman's Auxiliary is continually helping out with missionary projects at home, nationally, and internationally.

Recently the church purchased cushions for the pews. One family paid for the complete cost. The family was commended by the pastor with the response, "Just give God the glory."

The church has begun a Children's Church. It has been very successful with an average of twelve each Sunday. Sister Joan Bull has begun a Junior Choir. They sing each Sunday at the assembly.

Mrs. Geneva Sorrell was presented a beautiful plaque for her twenty-nine years of faithful and wonderful work in the Woman's Auxiliary. The presentation was made by Mrs. Edna Hall and Mrs. Blanche Wisehart who serve as Mission Study Chairman and President, respectively. This was presented in behalf of the Woman's Auxiliary at one of the regular Sunday services.

The pastor continues to write that the Myrtle

Church is an example of a growing church in a rural and small town area. The Lord works in churches regardless of the size.



Homecoming At Happy Home

It was Homecoming Day at Happy Home Free Will Baptist Church and the pastor, Reverend Raymond Haden, ate chicken on the roof. That was the agreement—if the attendance reached 100 the pastor would eat dinner on the roof of the church. The attendance was exactly 100 and the pastor climbed the ladder and stood before his congregation and fulfilled his agreement.

In the afternoon service the church observed two ordinances of the church, The Lord's Supper and Washing the Saints' Feet. Reverend Clarence Burton delivered the message. An unusual age range was observed at the men's group while "Washing Feet." The age spectrum went from age 7 to 90.

The church enlarged the auditorium and added several classrooms a short time ago. The pastor states, "The Lord is blessing and we are thankful."



Aulsbury Chapel Starts Teen Church

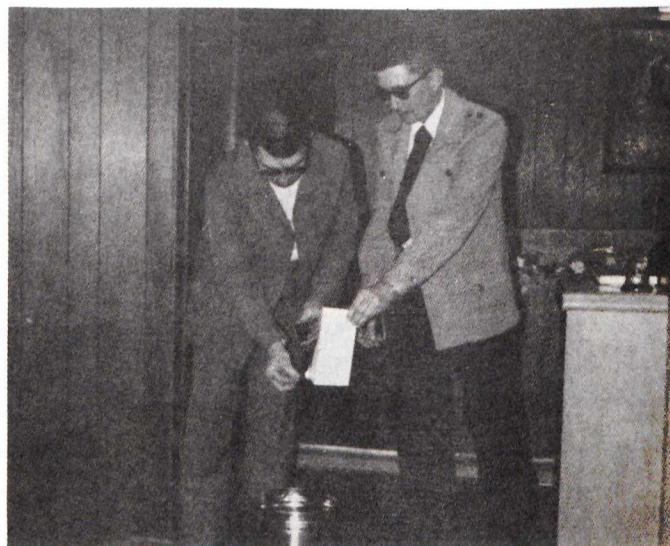
The church reporter from the Aulsbury Chapel Free Will Baptist Church writes, "A Teen Church

was begun on January 4, 1981. The average attendance is sixteen. Since this new work has begun, four precious souls have been born into the family of God and two have made rededications.

"The Teens made cookies January 9 and delivered them on January 11 to the Flerw De Lis Nursing Home as one of the CTS projects. The group sang some songs and enjoyed fellowship with the patients. The desire of the ones involved with this new work is to see it grow and grow for the Lord."

Mortgage Burning at Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church

Church reporter, Lita Munn, writes that it was Victory Sunday at the Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist



Church, April 5, 1981. The church had made the last payment on the note and the mortgage was burned.

The pastor, Reverend Cecil Campbell, expressed thanks and appreciation to the church for giving of itself in order that this occasion could be observed. He recognized that it took sacrifice and labor on the part of many.

Reverend Clarence Burton delivered the message. He used as his subject, "Wise Men Build On A Solid Foundation." Following the message, former pastors were invited to give personal testimonies. They were Reverend Ronald Clifford, Reverend Carl Eden, and Reverend Bob Dickey. Also charter members were recognized and invited to give testimony.

The Note Burning Ceremony was held by Brother Philip Munn and Brother Reed Smith, deacons of the church.

The church history is as follows: On October 13, 1957, the Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church was organized. This was a result of Sunday school services being held on Sunday afternoon by Reverend Virgil Greenway. A Vacation Bible School was held in the Spring of 1953 by Sister Lorene Bowman Williford. She was assisted by Reverend Greenway, pastor of

the Hannon Church, and Reverend Billy Buster who was serving as evangelist for revival services at the Hannon Church. As we continued to grow, we were led by Sister Roena Thomas until she was called home to be with the Lord in 1959.

In 1962 the Oskaloosa Church purchased the property of the Methodist Church. In 1964 the church began planning toward the building of a new and larger building. The church was incorporated in 1965. In December 1965, work began on the new church building. Bonds were sold in 1966.

Following is a list of former pastors: Sister Roena Thomas, Reverends Cecil Blythe, Tommy Carlson, Otto Mackey, Harry Sterling, Ronald Clifford, Frank Johnson, Bob Dickey, Carl Eden, J.C. Haven, and the present pastor, Reverend Cecil Campbell. Charter members are: Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Vance, Mr. & Mrs. Reed Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Peterson, and Mrs. Thelma Dickey.



Report from the New Life Church

Reverend Max Courtney, pastor of the New Life Free Will Baptist Church, reports that the Lord is blessing the work of the church. The morning services are averaging over one hundred in attendance and the church is blessed with a spirit of unity.

The Lord is blessing prayers in "sending forth laborers into His harvest." Recently, Brother Rick Dablemont announced his call to preach the gospel. This was a special blessing to the church since over four years ago he was an atheist. About two years ago Rick was saved. Brother Rick has a background in psychology and language and is presently attending the University of Missouri in Rolla, Missouri. He is the Juvenile Probation Officer for the 25th Circuit, coordinator for the Volunteer Juvenile Probation Program, and Juvenile Detention Facility Supervisor for the 25th Circuit.

Reverend Courtney states, "I would highly recommend Brother Dablemont to all church and pastors as an evangelist for youth and adults. He may be reached by calling 314-674-3902 or addressing correspondence to Licking, Missouri 65542."

Sweetheart Supper at Faith Church

On February 14, 1981, the Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Fair Grove, Missouri, had a Sweetheart Supper at the church. Last year the men hosted the event but this year the women hosted the event. The meal consisted of foreign dishes, (mostly Mexican food). Some poems were shared concerning different valentines. A wonderful time of fellowship was enjoyed by everyone. Reverend and Mrs. Jim Crawford serve as pastor and wife of the church.



Annual Sweetheart Banquet at Kirksville

Mrs. Belle Vande, coordinator of the First Annual Sweetheart Banquet, writes that Miss Cindy Filbert, daughter of Mrs. Janice Filbert, was crowned as winner of the Sweetheart Competition that was held by the Youth Group of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kirksville, Missouri. Miss Sharon Combs was the first runner-up with Miss Sammie Charles winning the second runner-up position. Miss Laurie Tharp, Miss Elaine Bragg, Miss Pam Filbert, and Miss Marcia Potter participated in the competition.

The festivities were held in the Educational Building. The contestants along with their escorts gathered around the tables which had been decorated with white tablecloths, red and white tapered candles, red valentine hearts and cupids, miniature white lace net valentine trees, and flowered nut cups that were filled with candy and peanuts. The banquet dinner was served by the ladies of the church.

The program was opened with the song, "Love Lifted Me." The opening prayer was given by Elmer Bragg, youth sponsor. Reverend David Kirby, pastor of the Terrill Road Free Will Baptist Church, delivered the message. The introduction of the contestants along with their escorts was made by Reverend Gil Mertz, pastor of the church.

Mrs. Belle Vande placed the tiara on the head of Miss Filbert. Then she presented each runner-up with gifts and congratulated each one for the work that had been done. Mr. Emanuel Bragg, president of the youth group, presented a memento to Mrs.

Vande for dedication toward the work involved in coordinating the competition, banquet, and coronation. Mr. Bragg then presented a card of thanks to the volunteer ladies for their active support in the preparation and serving of the dinner.

The youth of the church raised nearly \$300.00 which will be used for youth projects in the church.

A special note of thanks should be made to these for their help: Mrs. Don Green, Mrs. Alton Hammons, Mrs. Ester Hediger, Mrs. Eunice Howe, Mrs. Violet Lay, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Tharp, and Mrs. Harold Vande.



Richwoods Church in Building Program

Reverend John Shebaum, pastor of the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church, writes that the church had revival services beginning April 13 with Reverend Charles Miller serving as the evangelist. The church is in a building program with the basement poured. Anyone contributing at least \$500 to the building program will have his or her name put on a plaque that will be placed in the church.

Blessings at Fourth

Leamon Killian from the Fourth Church writes, "The Lord is blessing the work of the church. We have so many nice folks and everyone seems concerned about working for the Lord. Fourth Church amazes me! It seemed that for a while we were not making very much progress; we were weak and shakey. But now we are on the solid rock, and we are growing. We had 310 in Sunday school on March 8, and it looks as if we will continue to have a fine attendance in Sunday school and the worship services. Our church bond program is about paid out and we are making plans for an expansion program. The Christian Day School will need more room next semester. Therefore, we want to plan for this need and additional space for our Sunday school classes.

"We thank God for our pastor, Brother Leroy Blankenship, and his fine wife, Brenda, and their children. They are doing a wonderful work at the Fourth Church. So continue to pray for us at the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church that we will be faithful in serving the Lord."

Sweetheart Banquet at Fourth Church

A Sweetheart Banquet was recently held at the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Alan Walker and Dana Gill were crowned king and queen. The winners were chosen on their



ability to collect the most canned goods and non-perishable items for students at the Free Will Baptist Bible College. The runners-up were Darrell and Linda Renfro.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Brother Rick Dement, a young teenage preacher, from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Farmington, Missouri.

The banquet was a wonderful time of Christian fellowship and was enjoyed by everyone. The teens at Fourth Church are doing a fine work for the Lord. The Youth Leaders are Gary and Brenda Lane. The pastor is Reverend Leroy Blankenship.



Bootheel District Association Meets

The Bootheel District Association convened with the Anniston Free Will Baptist Church on March 6, 7. Five churches were represented at the meeting.

The Lord blessed the Quarterly Meeting with fine services on Friday evening and Saturday. Reverend Kenny Petty from the Farmington Church preached on Friday evening and Reverend Charles Moyers, pastor of the First Church in Sikeston, delivered the message on Saturday morning. The Lord blessed with souls being saved at these services. The total attendance for the two days was 255.

One of the business items that was adopted at the Quarterly Meeting was that the association would tithe on the offerings received at the meetings.

Reverend Denzil Durbin, clerk of the association, continues to write, "The Lord is blessing our association with good fellowship and unity. We ask other associations to remember us in prayer."

Don Lombard Student Loan Fund

In January of this year, a member (who wishes to remain anonymous) of First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, Missouri, established the Don Lombard Student Loan Fund at Free Will Baptist

Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, with an initial gift of \$1,000.00.

This loan fund is available to any worthy student of Free Will Baptist Bible College from the state of Missouri who shows a definite financial need. Mr. Tom Sass, Financial Aid Director at the Bible College, said in a letter, "Your timing could not be better, as our loan funds have been drained due to heavy usage." He also pointed out that this loan fund is "the first loan fund to be established for specific use by Missouri students."

In their last Quarterly Meeting, the Indian Creek District Association voted that each church in the Association should send \$1.00 per member to this fund. The TEENS for JESUS Youth Group of First F.W.B. Church in Monett immediately responded by voting to have a Rock-A-Thon at their church to raise money for this fund.

It is hoped that each youth group, each church, each District Association, and the State Association will respond in a similar manner so this fund might be available to help Missouri students receive training at the Bible College that they otherwise might not be able to afford.

In the words of Mr. Sass of the Bible College, "... this money will be ... an ongoing memorial to Brother Lombard. We know the Lord will get the glory from this ... as Missouri students who use this fund begin entering their fields of Christian work."

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS February 1981

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions	\$2,634.16
16.00% Promotional Department	2,278.18
4.50% General Fund	640.74
5.50% Youth Camp	783.13
2.00% Christian Education Board	284.77
2.00% Sunday School and CTS	284.77
5.00% Missouri State Retirement Program	711.93
5.00% Missouri State Retirement Center	711.93
2.00% Possible Purchase of Retirement Unit	284.77
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	854.32
11.00% Foreign Missions	1,566.25
8.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	1,139.09
6.00% Executive Department	854.32
6.00% National Home Missions	854.32
2.00% Board of Retirement and Insurance	284.77
.25% Layman's Board	35.60
.25% Theological Commission	35.60
Total	\$14,238.65

February is a short month and the cooperative receipts are a little below the projected monthly quota. But it has been a good year thus far, and if March receipts are as they have been in the past, we will reach our goal of \$187,000. It all depends on the faithfulness of pastors and churches. We are trusting God for this. Let's make another victorious year by meeting our goal. Our giving is a reflection of our love for the Lord.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Olivet	\$85.00
Sparks	\$20.00
Poole	20.00
Inscoe	20.00

McLain	10.00
Pinkerton	10.00
Van Hook	5.00
Columbia	\$112.00
General Fund	\$ 5.00
Filkins	10.00
Pinkerton	5.00
McLain	52.00
Inscoe	30.00
Dickens	10.00
Monett	\$56.00
General Fund	\$46.00
J. Webb	10.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$40.00
McLain	\$20.00
General Fund	20.00
Grant Avenue	\$208.33
Pinkerton	\$ 45.00
Hersey	130.00
Lytle	33.33
Hannon	\$250.50
Lytle	\$50.00
Pinkerton	50.00
Filkins	50.00
Tallent	25.00
McLain	25.00
Hanna	25.00
Miley	25.50
Low Ground	\$40.00
McLain	\$40.00
Dale & Evelyn Crossgrove	\$5.00
McLain	\$5.00
Farris Garret Memorial Fund	\$100.00
Lebanon, MO	
Steve Lytle	\$100.00
Flat River, First	\$100.00
General Fund	\$100.00
South Side	\$105.00
Tallent	\$95.00
Filkins	10.00

New Harmony	\$53.90
Miley	\$26.95
McLain	26.95
Rock Chapel	\$10.00
Caton	\$10.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$499.20
General Fund	\$439.20
Cousineau	60.00
Beacon	\$698.86
Filkins	\$583.86
Coscia	115.00
Thayer	\$5.00
Pinkerton	\$5.00
Merl's Chapel	\$55.00
Filkins	\$55.00
Monett	\$447.27
Alan Stringer	\$342.27
General Fund	5.00
Sparks	100.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$50.00
Filkins	\$25.00
Pinkerton	25.00
Fourth	\$107.00
Lytle	\$97.00
Tallent	10.00
Lebanon, First	\$6.00
Pinkerton	\$2.50
Morgan	2.50
Tallent	1.00
Leadington	\$419.26
Miley	\$419.26
Joplin	\$23.00
Banks	\$20.00
Sparks	3.00
Myrtle	\$95.05
Miley	\$95.05
Total	\$3,571.37

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Monett	\$33.00
Weatherford	\$ 3.00
General Fund	10.00
Bowers	10.00
B. Thomas	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$100.00
Bowers	\$50.00
Vandivort	50.00
Grant Avenue	\$22.00
Vandivort	\$10.00
Bowers	10.00
Cochrane	2.00
Low Ground	\$40.00
Vandivort	\$40.00
Flat River, First	\$142.00
General Fund	\$100.00
J. O'Dell	32.00
Vandivort	10.00
Fordland	\$10.00
Vandivort	\$10.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$52.00
Maness	\$52.00
Neva Turnbough, Rolla	\$25.00
Vandivort	\$25.00
Rock Chapel	\$15.00
J. O'Dell	\$10.00
Bowers	5.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$507.29
Vandivort	\$137.00
Maness	321.19
Bowers	42.00
General Fund	7.10
Fredericktown, First	\$27.00
Bowers	\$ 2.00
General Fund	25.00
Rolla	\$50.00
Vandivort	\$50.00
Berkeley	\$67.00
General Fund	\$57.00
Bowers	10.00
Wolf Creek	\$210.00
Maness	\$200.00
Vandivort	10.00

Thayer	\$58.00
Bowers	\$38.00
Messer	15.00
Vandivort	5.00
Bob & Glenda Keith, Wolf Creek	\$10.00
Vandivort	\$5.00
Bowers	5.00
Myrtle	\$44.40
Bowers	\$44.40
Lebanon, First	\$1.00
J. O'Dell	\$1.00
Joplin	\$175.00
Weatherford Mission	\$175.00
New Rock Springs	\$67.00
Vandivort	\$50.00
Maness	5.00
Bowers	2.00
General Fund	10.00
Total	\$1,655.69

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Columbia	\$5.00
General Fund	\$5.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Grant Avenue	\$34.16
Branson	\$34.16
Low Ground	\$20.00
Branson	\$20.00
Flat River, First	\$110.00
General Fund	\$110.00
Terrill Road	\$10.08
General Fund	\$10.08
New Harmony	\$26.97
Moberly	\$26.97
Berkeley	\$65.00
General Fund	\$55.00
Branson	10.00
Indian Creek Ass'n.	\$186.82
Carthage Mission	\$186.82
Jones Chapel	\$65.00
Branson (Chairs)	\$65.00
Hazel Creek	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$10.00
Branson	\$10.00
Home Missions Dept.	\$5.00
Branson	\$5.00
Myrtle	\$25.12
General Fund	\$15.12
Branson	10.00
Lebanon, First	\$2.00
General Fund	\$2.00
Low Ground	\$20.00
Branson	\$20.00
Joplin	\$50.00
Branson (Chairs)	\$50.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$7.10
General Fund	\$7.10
Total	\$672.25

YOUTH CAMP

Olivet	\$10.00
Faith, Lemay	\$10.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$20.00
Hartville	\$10.00
Thayer	\$10.00
Willow Springs	\$10.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$10.00
Myrtle	\$25.13
Lebanon, First	\$16.66
Fellowship	\$48.00
New Rock Springs	\$10.00
Total	\$179.79

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Monett	\$17.98
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Grant Avenue	\$8.00
Mtn. Grove	\$110.00
Willow Springs	\$15.00
Total	\$150.98

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Monett	Don Lombard Student Loan Fund	\$106.00
Columbia		\$5.00
Grant Avenue		\$58.33
General Fund		\$33.33
Development Fund		25.00
Flat River	In Memory of James Miller	\$50.00
Joplin		\$27.00
General Fund		\$ 2.00
Library		25.00
Total		\$246.33

CHILDREN'S HOME, GREENEVILLE, TN

Flat River, First	\$84.48
Myrtle	\$2.60
Total	\$87.08

BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

Grant Avenue	\$1.00
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BOB CARR ACCOUNT

Grant Avenue	\$15.00
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MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION GIVING February 1981

Mt. Zion, Thayer	\$ 10.00
Fellowship	16.00
Jones Creek Rd.	44.08
Oak Hill	39.99
South Fremont	35.00
Farmington	25.00
Houston	38.00
Hurryville	30.60
Olivet	150.00
Cooperative Receipts	3,524.52
New Rock Springs	25.00
Aulsbury Chapel	10.00
Myrtle	16.90
Fredericktown	33.00
New Harmony	27.00
Joplin	100.00
Columbia	5.00
South Side	20.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Terrill Road	11.95
New Hope, Fredericktown	15.00
Grant Ave.	34.16
Flat River, First	100.00
Berkeley	60.00
National Home Missions	120.00
Calvary Fellowship	40.00
Central	24.69
Leadington	10.00
Cape Girardeau	50.00
Lebanon, First	2.00
DeSoto	100.00
Mill Creek	15.00
Fordland	15.00
Parkview	4.00
Grace	25.00
Sedalia	56.25
Joe Braddy	2.00
Anne Wilson	10.00
Clarence Burton	10.00
TOTAL	\$4,865.14

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COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS March 1981

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions	\$4,156.74
16.00% Promotional Dept.	3,595.02
4.50% General Fund	1,011.10
5.50% Youth Camp	1,235.79
2.00% Christian Education Board	449.37
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	449.37
5.00% Missouri State Retirement Program	1,123.45
5.00% Missouri State Retirement Center	1,123.45
2.00% Possible Purchase of Retirement Unit	449.37
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	1,348.14
11.00% Foreign Missions	2,471.57
8.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	1,797.51
6.00% Executive Dept.	1,348.14
6.00% National Home Missions	1,348.14
2.00% Board of Retirement & Insurance	449.37
.25% Layman's Board	56.17
.25% Theological Commission	56.17
Total	\$22,468.87

This month ends our State Association year. It has been a very fine year. The Lord has blessed through His people and the churches have responded in a wonderful way. We are so very grateful! We have met and exceeded the proposed goal. May the Lord continue to bless the faithfulness of every church as they continue to share in this ministry of working and doing together that which we could not do separately.

MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING March 1981

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Peggy Starnes	\$2.00
Maness	\$2.00
Olivett	\$15.00
Maness	\$15.00
Flat River, First	\$259.00
General Fund	\$200.00
Vandivort	20.00
O'Dell	39.00
Grant Avenue	\$44.00
Vandivort	\$20.00
Bowers	20.00
Cochrane	4.00
Fordland	\$28.00
Maness	\$ 9.00
Vandivort	19.00
Columbia	\$10.00
Vandivort	\$10.00
South Side	\$20.00
Maness	\$20.00
Wolf Creek	\$10.00
Vandivort	\$10.00
Bob & Glenda Keith, Wolf Creek	\$10.00
Bowers	\$5.00
Vandivort	5.00
Berkeley	\$62.00
General Fund	\$50.00
Bowers	12.00
Rolla	\$50.00
Vandivort	\$50.00
Rock Chapel	\$72.00
General Fund	\$30.00
Maness	12.00
Bowers	20.00
O'Dell	10.00
Low Ground	\$20.00
Vandivort	\$20.00

Leadington	\$10.00	
Bowers	\$10.00	
Thayer	\$124.10	
Bowers	\$52.00	
Messer	20.00	
Vandivort	5.00	
Maness	47.10	
Myrtle	\$181.50	
Maness	\$121.10	
Bowers	60.40	
Joplin	\$130.00	
J. Smith—Weatherford Mission		
Lebanon	\$7.00	
J. O'Dell	\$7.00	
Total	\$1,054.60	

BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

Grant Avenue	\$1.00
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YOUTH CAMP

Olivet	\$10.00
Faith, Lemay	\$10.00
Hartville	\$10.00
Thayer	\$10.00
Lebanon, First	\$16.66
Fellowship	\$60.00
Myrtle	\$25.50
Willow Springs	\$10.00
Total	\$152.16

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Grant Avenue	\$18.00
Willow Springs	\$15.00
Total	\$33.00

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Flat River, First	In Memory of James Miller	\$100.00
Grant Avenue		\$116.66
Development Fund	\$ 50.00	
General Fund	66.66	
(General Fund	413.40) mailed direct	
Columbia		\$5.00
Joplin		\$27.00
General Fund	\$ 2.00	
Library Wing	25.00	
Calvary Chapel		\$18.00
Total		\$266.66

BOB CARR ACCOUNT

Grant Avenue	\$75.00
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CHILDREN'S HOME, GREENEVILLE TN

Sedalia	\$42.40
Myrtle	\$2.92
Total	\$45.32

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Fredericktown, First	\$50.00
Filkins	\$25.00
McLain	25.00
Olivet	\$85.00
Poole	\$20.00
Sparks	20.00
Inscoc	20.00
McLain	10.00
Pinkerton	10.00
Van Hook	5.00
Sedalia	\$17.68
Inscoc	\$17.68
Flat River, First	\$200.00
General Fund	\$200.00

Grant Avenue	\$313.66
Pinkerton	\$ 65.00
Hersey	180.00
Lytle	66.66
General Fund	2.00
Fordland	\$10.00
Hughes	\$10.00
Kirksville	\$61.00
Pinkerton	\$61.00
Columbia	\$25.00
Pinkerton	\$ 5.00
Inscoc	10.00
Filkins	10.00
South Side	\$136.00
Tallent	\$121.00
Filkins	15.00
Hannon	\$500.00
Filkins	\$250.00
Miley	250.00
Beacon	\$106.53
Filkins	\$106.53
Rock Chapel	\$10.00
Caton	\$10.00
Joplin	\$3.00
Sparks	\$3.00
Lebanon, First	\$36.00
Tallent	\$ 1.00
Morgan	17.50
Pinkerton	17.50
New Hope, Fredericktown	\$10.00
Filkins	\$10.00
Jones Chapel	\$52.50
Alan Stringer	\$52.50
Black Oak	\$12.00
Miley	\$12.00
Myrtle	\$83.66
Miley	\$83.66
Merl's Chapel	\$61.25
Miley	\$61.25
Fourth	\$121.00
Lytle	\$111.00
Tallent	10.00
Thayer	\$5.00
Pinkerton	\$5.00
Leadington	\$6.00
Filkins	\$6.00
Low Ground	\$20.00
McLain	\$20.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$50.00
Filkins	\$25.00
Pinkerton	25.00
Total	\$1,975.28

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Fredericktown	\$85.00
Moberly	\$25.00
Branson	25.00
General Fund	35.00
Flat River, First	\$215.00
General Fund	\$215.00
Grant Avenue	\$68.32
Branson	\$68.32
Columbia	\$5.00
General Fund	\$5.00
Berkeley	\$60.00
Branson	\$10.00
General Fund	50.00
Beacon	\$70.00
Branson	\$70.00
National Home Mission Board	\$5.00
Branson	\$5.00
Low Ground	\$20.00
Branson	\$20.00
Leadington	\$10.00
Branson	\$10.00
Lebanon	\$2.00
Branson	\$2.00
Myrtle	\$25.50
General Fund	\$15.50
Branson	10.00
Joplin	\$50.00
Branson (Chairs)	\$50.00

New Hope, Fredericktown	\$10.00
Branson	\$10.00
Total	\$625.82

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS March 1981

Fredericktown, First	\$ 286.00
O'Fallon	385.00
Olivet	200.00
Flat River, First	438.78
Number One	28.11
Grant Avenue	577.25
Union Grove	92.00
Cope	25.65
Fordland	210.88
Sedalia	91.32
Mine La Motte	20.00
Hurryville	116.09
Liberty	150.00
Bailey Chapel	39.00
Purdy	155.90
Macedonia	13.00
Houston	140.90
Royal Oak	24.00
Parkview	130.00
Victory	92.00
Faith, Lemay	124.00
Cedar Ridge	136.00
Cedar Ridge	64.86
Gospel Light	38.62
Grace	630.00
Hopewell	90.00
Oskaloosa	16.69
Columbia	50.00
Hartville	160.18
South Side	214.47
Mill Creek	118.60
Beacon	434.56
Belton	124.16
Neosho	10.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	114.39
Wolf Creek	182.41

Salem	125.00
Happy Home	96.92
Berkeley	322.83
Freeman Chapel	134.00
Kingsway	50.00
De Soto	550.00
Way Side	180.00
Marshfield	129.24
Union Light	119.80
Pleasant Hill	37.67
Copper Mines	154.47
Rolla	98.23
Byrd	14.78
Rock Chapel	231.13
Leadington	420.00
Waynesville	107.05
Hurryville	104.28
Farmington	1,110.00
Joplin	297.30
Merl's Chapel	59.10
Fourth	317.00
Thayer	303.91
Verdella	102.18
El Dorado, First	5.00
Calvary Chapel	216.67
Sikeston	42.00
Lebanon	300.38
Calvary Chapel	157.10
New Home, Falcon	45.30
Black Oak	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	7,987.81
Number One	36.50
Union	60.00
Myrtle	188.41
Sedalia	127.50
Flat River, First	439.97
Grant Avenue	659.54
Sikeston	53.24
Willow Springs	308.03
New Hope, Fredericktown	75.50
Bismark	78.00
Bethel, Festus	530.00
Old Bethel	48.88
Harmony, K.C.	286.00
Cope	41.33
Total	\$22,468.87

Greetings From Our Missionaries

The Pinkertons in Africa:

It is with many thanks to the people of Missouri that our account has been turned back into the black. We are so grateful to everyone for helping. Praise Him and thanks for letting Him work through dedicated Christians that through your giving we can serve Him where He has led. We've had several long rains and the grass is a beautiful green again. The trees and bushes have been washed of dust and dirt; it is good to breathe again. It is always good to hear from folks in Missouri. Remember us in your prayers.

The Maness Family in New Jersey:

Thank you for the support for the past six years and for those who have recently begun to support us financially as we began to work toward starting a work in New Jersey. We have completed four months of intinerate and we are about half way toward

reaching our goal. Churches and individuals have been very generous to our account. At this time we are not certain when we will begin the work in New Jersey. It is in the hands of God. Please pray for the sale of our house in Delaware. Continue to pray for my wife and me as we are separated for four to five weeks at a time during intinerate.

The Morgans in Africa:

In the past four months your faithful support and extra efforts have pulled our account from over \$2000 in the red to just a little over \$200 in the red. This has been very encouraging. Clint was burned with second degree burns on his right hand and arm while trying to repair some wiring at the mission house in Abdijan. My hand and arm are healing well and the last report on Patrick Dickens (who was burned also) is that he is doing well. We are busy making preparations to leave Abdijan May 22 and arrive in the States May 23. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

The Vandivorts in Arizona:

God showered His blessings on a recent Sunday evening service. Bob, a second year university student, announced his call to preach the gospel. Our church has paid a down payment on two used portable classroom buildings. We plan to build an addition to the buildings, giving us growth space for 150 people. We are encouraged with increased attendance and commitment in the church. Our attendance high this year has been 38. Keep praying for us to reach our goal of 120 in attendance. We sincerely thank each of you who prays for us and supports our ministry in Flagstaff.

NOTE: The Mayhews, former missionaries to Africa, write: We want to thank you for the love and concern for us during the years we have spent in the Ivory Coast. We have completed our work there and the

Lord has called us to pastor the First Free Will Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. There are several missionary accounts that are in the red and need help. We would appreciate it if you would transfer your giving to these. May we suggest to you the Filkins and the Pinkertons.

Waddell Joins Foreign Missions Staff

Reverend Eugene Waddell, long time pastor and former member of the Board of Foreign Missions, has joined the missions staff as associate director. In his new role he will assume much of the responsibility of the deputational ministries in addition to assisting the general director, Reverend Rolla Smith. Churches or individuals interested in scheduling missionaries for services or special events should contact Brother Waddell at the Foreign Missions Office, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee.

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley E. Jones

In our world today, we are accustomed to accepting specialists. The field of medicine is a good example. We not only have doctors, but we have specialists who deal with some specific area of medicine or treatment. While a specialist deals with one area of physical need, he does not reject treatment of needs by other doctors in other areas. In fact, doctors often work together to aid the health of one patient.

This spirit of cooperation also exists in the church. Those who work in Sunday school do not reject the worth of the worship service. The reverse is also true. And one who specializes in teaching does not deny the importance of music in meeting the over-all spiritual needs of people who attend the church services.

This unity of effort is also true in evangelism. Those who are involved in personal evangelism do not reject the worth of mass evangelism. Neither do those working in mass evangelism belittle the efforts of personal soul winners. In fact, the mass evangelist should be a personal evangelist, as well. Personal soul winners in the church should pray for and encourage their pastor and other ministers who preach to the crowds as mass evangelists. While each church tries to involve their people in personal soul winning, it should utilize the revival and other mass evangelism efforts as well. It is not a question of mass evangelism OR personal evangelism. It is to be mass AND personal evangelism simultaneously, as we reach every man possible with salvation.

Points for Pastors



by Jim McAllister

I learned something recently. The Lord chose a very difficult situation to teach me a vital lesson concerning prayer, faith, and dependence on the Lord.

I faced a problem in the church. The officers of our deacon board and the general board were called in, and we looked at the problem together. We then decided to pray and not to act on it until God acted. We went to face the issue knowing we had to make a decision, but we realized the answer was in the hands of the Lord. My, how we rejoiced to discover that God's Word is true, "Before you call I will answer."

"If you can't take the fire, get out of the kitchen." That old saying applies to the person contemplating the labor of a deacon. Everyone likes the applause and everyone would like the spotlight and the attention. But few want to endure the cross even though they know there is a crown waiting. (Surprise, there isn't much applause for the pastor.)

I learned again (it's surprising how often I forget) that as God's man I can depend on the Lord. First, because I am His man. Second, because this is His church. Third, because He is more concerned about this being solved for His glory than I am.

Preacher, take your burdens to the Lord. Oh, I know that sounds trite. But it is true. He can solve every problem. It's much easier and safer to take these burdens to the Lord in prayer rather than to attempt to solve them on your own. Successful churches are built by pastors who take their cares to God. Problem churches and weak churches are built by those pastors who try to do it themselves.

National Youth Conference At Louisville

Dr. Malcom C. Fry, NYC director, has announced that the National Youth Conference is anticipating more than 2,000 young people and their sponsors from more than 28 states to converge at the Commonwealth Convention Center in Louisville, Kentucky, July 19-23. Four action packed days of exciting Bible competition, stirring Music and Arts presentations, and the best in fellowship and friendship experiences await the young people.

The theme for the conference is "Conformed to His Image." The keynote speaker is Reverend Jim Shepherd from McAlester, Oklahoma.

All interested young people are invited to share in the Volunteer Mass Youth Choir. Music is available upon request for practice in the local church.

The banquet for Junior Adventurers is scheduled for Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. The price of the ticket is \$5.00. The banquet for the Youth-Music & Drama is Tuesday, 9:30 p.m. The price of the ticket is \$8.50. The Belle of Louisville boat cruise is set for Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$4.00. The NYC has scheduled exclusively a chartered trip for the triple-decked, whistle-blowing steamboat for Wednesday from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. Further details can be obtained from the NYC office, P. O. Box 17306, Nashville, Tennessee 37217.

Think About This: The American family has always been considered the basic unit of our society. Yet the family as an institution is under severe attack today. Can the family withstand the current fast-growing rate of divorce, illegitimate births, abortions, incurable and curable venereal diseases, couples living in sin, and the asserted dignity being demanded for homosexual couples? What is in store for a nation which has allowed its capital to have a higher rate of abortions than live births and a higher rate of illegitimate births than legitimate?

The solution is found in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

We need revival in our nation, our state, our cities, and in our local communities.

PLAN FOR REVIVAL; PRAY FOR REVIVAL; ANTICIPATE REVIVAL IN OCTOBER 1981.

Free Will Baptists all across Missouri are planning and praying for revival. Revival Services are being scheduled in Free Will Baptist Churches for October 1981. Only God knows the result of a concerted effort among Free Will Baptists as Free Will Baptists seek His face and pray. Let this be our prayer, "Lord, Revive Us Again!"

GOD SPEAKS TO US

by Rev. Ken Turner

We find a number of places in the Bible in which it appears that God speaks in an audible tone. No doubt God did this and the Trinity heard Him when He said, "And God said, Let there be light . . ." (Genesis 1:3). Again the Bible states, "And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters . . ." (Genesis 1:6). And so on goes the Scriptures that uses the words, "And God said."

Now we want to look at some ways in which God expresses Himself. There are many, so I will only mention a few. In Genesis 6 we read of the sinfulness of man and how God in His judgment sent a flood. Everything perished except that which was inside the Ark. God is expressing that He punishes sin. After the water remained on the earth for one hundred and fifty days, God put a rainbow in the sky. God was saying by the rainbow that He would never send another flood like that again. The rainbow is God's token covenant.

In the Book of Exodus we find God speaking or expressing Himself through miracles. Examples of this are the parting of the waters of the Red Sea that allowed the Children of Israel to pass through on dry land and the drowning of Pharaoh's army in its attempt to follow; the providing of quails and manna for God's people in the wilderness. These miracles

show that God will provide and care for His people.

Then there were other miracles. God expressed Himself that He was greater than Baal on Mt. Carmel. When God closed the mouths of the lions that the prophet Daniel faced, it is evident that God is saying, "I will protect my children."

Then God showed His love when Christ was born and when He died for our sins on Calvary's Cross. When Jesus ascended back into Heaven, God was telling us that He has prepared an eternal abiding place; a house not made by the hands of man but a mansion that has been prepared by the Lord Himself. This will be the home of the Christian for all eternity, a time that shall never end.

God allows us to see expressions of beauty in the sunrise and the sunset. He also has ways of speaking to us through storms and droughts and pestilences. Yes, God does speak to us in many ways. It is important that we listen.

About the writer: Reverend Ken Turner is retired from pastoral work but is actively involved in the work of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Monett, Missouri. He has served in various functions and held several offices in the state and national work of Free Will Baptists. He continues to thrill with his presentation of the Great Keneto, the gospel magician. He is available for special services.

