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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1980-81

CHURCH	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY
Aulsbury Chapel	115	101	106	98	105			115	111	123		
Beacon	101		101	125	104		102					
Belton	45		38									
Buffalo	80	76	88	81								
Calvary, Conway	69	69	70	79	72	90	66	67	77	81	103	83
Central							67	73	65	78	91	
Copper Mines	77	71	81	78	79	81	81	75				
Cuba	62	54	42	46	55	50	41	43	40	44		
De Soto	167	170	177	176	175	180	187	178	184	183		
Farmington	546	567	598	633	646	701	654	639	657	692	669	617
Flat River, First	186	177	168	170	160	165	181	153	148	201	187	
Fourth		111	127	163	171		141	153	162			
Fredericktown, First	112	108	114	120	121	114	109	108	151	156	145	
Grant Avenue	129	132	125	141	130	135	141	137	141	150	141	137
Gray Summit	30	29	30	28	30	31	31					
Hannon	73	79	78	80	85	84	82	82	76	84	99	90
Happy Home	64	60	74	75	77	85						
Harmony, K.C.			57	54	60	56	60	50	40	70	63	50
Hartville	92	96	91	89	81	98	90	88	97			
Houston							57	58	54	56	65	57
Lebanon, First	116	105	100	111	125	125	117	113	117	147	132	
Marshfield	47	43	43	47	47	44	44	43	44	45	45	50
Monett	144	139	138	157	196							
Myrtle												58
O'Fallon	97	77	82	111	95	91	81	92	92	100		
Parkview	57	51	52	49	39	47	51	50	50	53	60	55
Richwoods	48	34	32	28	21	19	18	17	19			
Terrill Road		37	38				57					
Oak Hill, Union	58	56										
Thayer	153	149	167	179	167	167	172	155	162			
Trinity	132	128	127	128	120		124	121	120			
Twin Oak	90	89	82	80	82	77	75	74	71	82	77	76
Willow Springs	106	107	108	106	115	120	116	119	114	118	129	101
South Side			85	105	115	96	111	91	92	110	125	106

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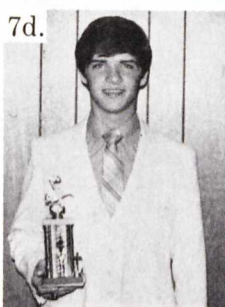
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WINNERS—MISSOURI STATE COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

1. Tic-Tac-Toe—Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove
2. Bible Bowl—Pleasant Grove, Anderson
3. Sword Drill—Judith Smith, Rock Chapel, Norwood
4. Bible Memorization
 - 4a. 1st Grade—Nikki Williams, Beacon, Raytown
 - 4b. 2nd Grade—Debbie Virtue, Rock Chapel, Norwood
 - 4c. 3rd Grade—Jon Ray Smith, Rock Chapel, Norwood
5. Oral Communication—Lisa Thomas, Crusader, First, Monett
6. Arts & Crafts—Calvin Virtue, Crusader, Rock Chapel, Norwood
7. Vocal Solo
 - 7a. Nikki Williams, Learner, Beacon, Raytown
 - 7b. _____
 - 7c. Michelle Brown, Herald, Grant Ave., Springfield
 - 7d. David Brawley, Crusader, First, Lebanon
 - 7e. Lisa B. Wallace, Ambassador, First, Berkeley
8. Vocal Ensemble
 - 8a. Duet—Martha & Gina Wilbanks, Grant Ave., Springfield
 - 8b. Trio—Grant Ave., Springfield
 - 8c. Sextet—First, Farmington
 - 8d. Girls' Ensemble—Grant Ave., Springfield
9. Chorale—Central, Grandview
10. Choir—First, Farmington
11. Instrumental Solo
 - 11a. Learner
 - 11b. Lori McQuarter, First, Lebanon
 - 11c. Michelle Brown, Grant Ave., Springfield
12. Instrumental Duet
 - 12a. David & Diane Walls, First, Berkeley
13. Sunday School & C.T.S. Board Members
14. First FWB. Church, Monett



8c.



8d.



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11a.



11b.



11c.



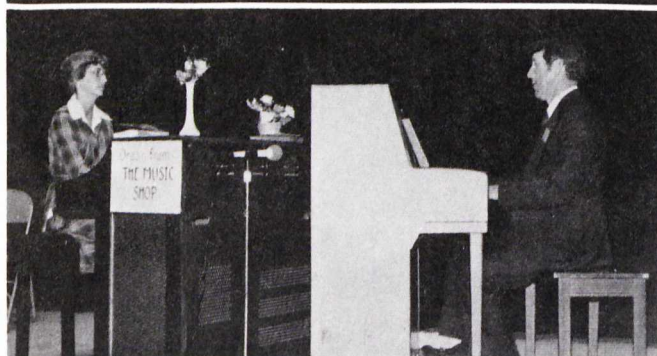
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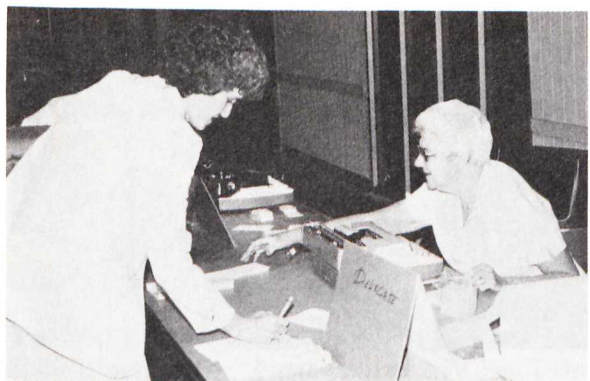
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Musicians at work



C. E. Board



Registration



A happy family



The service is over



Just visiting



We enjoyed the service



Youth Camp Board



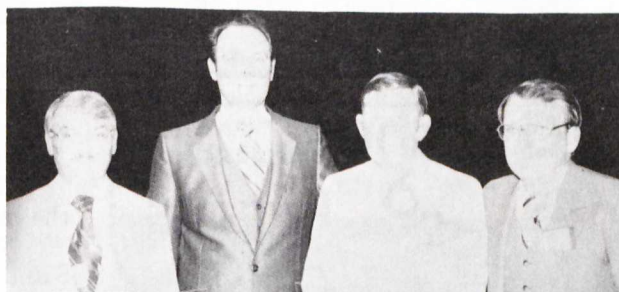
We're going home



We've been here before



Long-time no see



State Association Officers



We love to sing



We are working together



My sermon is over



The Ushers—Wednesday evening



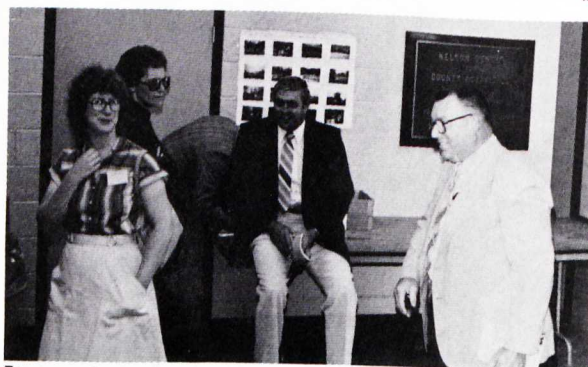
A little tired



I'm ready to go home



Some young preachers and families



It was funny



A sale has been made

Churches People And Events

Report From the Twin Oaks Church

The church reporter writes that they are having good attendance in all the services. A goal has been set for an average of one hundred in attendance. When this goal is reached, the deacons and their wives will sing a special song. The deacons and wives

are Brother and Sister Ken Alley, Brother and Sister Joe Pirtle, and Brother and Sister Bob Kemp.

Brian Lee was baptized on Sunday, May 31, by the pastor, Reverend Truman Huffman.

Vacation Bible School was held beginning June 8 and continued through that week.

The church observed two ordinances of the church recently, the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing. The age span reached from eight years old to eighty-three.

The church enjoyed a good revival with Brother Tom Owens as evangelist. Everyone enjoyed Homecoming Day on June 28.

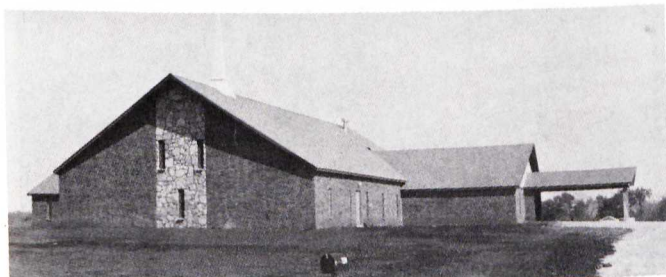
The thing that we are concerned with at Twin Oaks is winning the lost to Jesus. We have a desire to do that more than anything else. Some folks say that we are too old-fashioned; if the church would compromise that we would win more to Jesus. But we

must be like the Apostle Paul and continue to run the race and be strong for Christ. We must teach and preach the Word in all its power. We must never let down the standard that God has set in His Word. There are still many people that love the truth, so let us pray that we will work together and fill the churches for the Lord.

Grand Opening of the Central Church

The Central Free Will Baptist Church located at 3200 Blue Ridge Extension had its Grand Opening Sunday, April 11, 1981. The morning service began at 10:00 a.m. and the afternoon service began at 2:00. Dinner was served at the church for friends and visitors.

The new facilities accommodate an auditorium that will seat approximately 350. Inasmuch as the auditorium has movable seating, it can be used as a multi-purpose building. The building also has seventeen classroom areas and two offices. It is located on seventeen and one-half acres near Grandview and Blue Ridge Boulevard. The church was formerly located in Kansas City, Missouri. The pastor is Reverend Howard Gwartney.



Evangelism Conference at Cave Springs

Rev. Richard Robinson, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Thayer, Missouri, announced that the Cave Springs Quarterly Meeting will host an Evangelism Conference beginning Thursday evening July 30 and continuing through August 1. The National Home Missions Staff will be preaching at the services. The conference will be held at the First Church in Thayer, Missouri, 308 Oak Street. The telephone number is 417-264-7669. There are adequate motels and restaurants to accommodate visitors for the conference. The public is encouraged to attend.

Neosho Church Hosts CTS Rally

The Neosho Free Will Baptist Church was host to the Quarterly Meeting CTS Rally on March 14, 1981. Practice competition was held for Bible Sword Drill, Bible Tic Tac Toe, and other competitive activities. The business meeting was conducted by the CTS president, Bruce Embrey. Special music

was provided by the Sounds of Joy from the Neosho Church. Forty-three people attended and enjoyed refreshments following the service.

The Educational Unit is now complete with the new carpeting and the purchase of several tables.

The Sunday school average is steadily increasing with an average of 51 attending in February, 56 in March, and 61 in April.

Five girls from the Neosho Church took part in the State Competitive Activities held at Monett, Missouri, on May 2. Number II ratings were received for a piano solo, a vocal solo, a vocal trio, and a quartet. A Tic Tac Toe Team and two Sword Drill competitors represented Neosho also.

On Mother's Day the church presented each mother with a carnation. Potted plants were given to the oldest and the youngest mothers and the mother with the most children present.

The pastor, Rev. Robert Williams, is retiring due to his health. He and his wife Mary have served the church well for the past six years. We regret that he will not be able to continue as pastor. Their plans are to remain in Neosho.

The church reporter is Hattie McIlvanie.

FCA Graduation

Fourth Christian Academy's Kindergarten Graduation and Honors Award Sunday evening, May 31, 1981, marked a milestone for the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church in Maplewood, Missouri. The Fourth Christian Academy, sponsored by the Fourth Church,



graduated its first Kindergarten Class. It also held its first Awards Service for the academy.

Those graduating were Misty Blankenship, Kyle Daulby, Clint Fulliam, Tonya Hodge, and Michael



Lyle. The outstanding girl student was Angela Blankenship, and the outstanding boy was Steven Winchester.

Reverend Clarence Burton, Missouri State Promotional Secretary, delivered a challenging and inspiring message.

The academy finished the year with an enrollment of thirty-one. Several inquiries have been made concerning the school year 1981-82.

The principal of the academy is Mr. Mike Wilhite, and the pastor is Reverend Leroy Blankenship.

Dr. N. R. Smith Accepts Public Relations Position

Dr. N. R. Smith has been named Director of Promotion and Public Relations of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, Oklahoma, according to president Don Elkins.

The Oklahoma native has pastored churches in Tennessee, Oklahoma, and Missouri. He was the Executive Secretary for Oklahoma Free Will Baptists and worked with the National Sunday School Department for six years in Randall Bookstore, Promotion and Business Manager.

The Smiths moved to Moore, Oklahoma, the first of June. His wife Cathern will also be working in Public Relations for the college.

Fulchers to Work With National Home Missions

Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fulcher and family have begun laboring with the National Home Missions Department. They will be working with Spanish-speaking people. This is a ministry the department has been concerned with for quite some time. Brother Fulcher states, "God has sent us a mission field in the United States." He requests that folks pray that this ministry will follow the direction of the Holy Spirit and accomplish that which will honor the Lord.

The Fulchers are well acquainted with missionary work inasmuch as they worked with the Foreign Missions Department in South America and Panama. They will be on itinerant work for the next several months.

Free Will Baptist Bible College Graduates 72 in Class of '81

On May 14, in Commencement Exercises held in the college Activities Building, Free Will Baptist Bible College graduated 72 members of the Class of '81. Thirty-one received Bachelor of Arts degrees; twenty-five the Bachelor of Science; eleven the Three-Year Christian Worker's Bible Diploma; and five the Two-Year Associate of Science in Business degree. The class consisted of 35 women and 37 men, whose average age is 23 years and seven months. They came from 21 states and two foreign countries.

These graduates are from Missouri: Janice Felts of Springfield, Mark Tallent of St. Louis, and Gary Underwood of Wappapello.

Welcome Home Charolette Tallent

The South Side Free Will Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri, had a Welcome Home Day for Charolette Tallent. She has been serving as a missionary to France.

The church prepared a special service for Charolette at the Morning Worship and also in the afternoon. Dinner was served in the Fellowship Hall for members and visitors.

A special offering was received for her account in the afternoon service. The pastor, Reverend Jim Mertz, read greetings from some who were unable to attend the service. He also mentioned special contributions that were sent by ones who were unable to attend. Reverend Clarence Burton, promotional secretary for the Missouri State Association, expressed a welcome and greetings on behalf of the folks of Missouri. Brother George Wood directed the congregational singing and was in charge of the special music.

Charolette will be doing itinerant work for the next several weeks.



Personnel Changes

Rev. Millard Sasser to the Trinity Church, Bridgeton, MO

Rev. Steve Reeves to the First Church, Neosho, MO

Rev. Gordon Butler to the First Church, Cuba, MO

Rev. John England to the First Church, West Plains, MO

Rev. Glen Murray to the United Church, West Plains, MO

Rev. Robert Sharpy to the First Church, O'Fallon, MO

Rev. J. L. Tilson to the Oak Hill Church, St. Clair, MO

Rev. Jim Shepherd to the First Church, Joplin, MO

Rev. Fidel Bridges to First Mission, Stockton, MO

Rev. Leland Horton to First Church, Kirksville, MO

Rev. Greg McAllister to First Church, Farmington, MO (Minister of Youth)

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS April, 1981

Purdy	\$ 180.46
Cabool	125.05
Monett	493.11
New Rock Springs	119.97
Richwoods	150.15
Twin Oak	500.00
Bailey Chapel	47.00
Eastern Gate	22.76
Gospel Light	65.00
Faith, Lemay	205.00
Faith, Fair Grove	144.28
Trinity	650.00
Pleasant Home	161.78
Mt. Zion, Gower	93.66
Beacon	545.59
Mill Creek	155.27
Mt. Zion, Thayer	39.87
Mine La Motte	15.50
Grace	823.00
Olivet	250.00
Hopewell	140.00
Gray Summit	79.51
Mt. Pisgah	81.00
Fredericktown, First	308.00
Royal Oak	44.00
Community	36.63
Columbia	50.00
Calvary, Conway	267.00
New Harmony	7.20
New Harmony	11.03
Macedonia	15.00
Viburnum	30.00
Viburnum	15.00
Parkview	157.12
Pleasant Ridge	49.00
Neosho	10.00
Victory, Alton	136.00
De Soto	750.00
Happy Home	94.55
Union Grove	96.00
Rock Chapel	287.99
O'Fallon	482.00
O'Fallon	384.00
Kansas City, First	56.00
Central	845.00
Walnut Grove	137.20
Kingsway	50.00
Fordland	277.61
Hartville	200.72
Friendship, Branson	71.75
Jones Family	533.28
Rolla	116.75
Victory, Kansas City	27.00
Victory, Kansas City	38.00
Waynesville	192.78
Oak Hill, Union	268.56
Hannon	239.00
Freeman Chapel	93.33
Hickory Grove	43.06
Evangel	186.00
Fredericktown, First	114.00
Wolf Creek	229.75
Mtn. Grove, First	575.37
Copper Mines	158.60
Aulsbury Chapel	733.94
Houston	165.18
Calvary, Conway	170.00
Jones Chapel	433.84
Cabool	195.08
Berkeley	436.37
Verdella	142.73

El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Cedar Ridge	76.00
Leadington	391.00
Black Oak	10.00
South Side	297.40
Joplin	380.00
Merl's Chapel	89.30
Hurryville	169.67
Myrtle	162.44
Calvary, Conway	152.00
Cope	24.39
Fordland	252.44
Pleasant Hill	57.45
Byrd	19.70
Mt. Zion, Gower	67.26
Thayer	254.00
New Rock Springs	110.06
Faith, Fair Grove	115.73
Fourth	373.00
Willow Springs	241.50
Belton	172.19
Buffalo	141.00
Total	\$18,610.91

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS April 1981

18.50% MO State Home Missions	\$3,443.02
16.00% Promotional Department	2,977.74
4.50% General Fund	837.49
5.50% Youth Camp	1,023.60
2.00% Christian Board of Education	372.22
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	372.22
5.00% Missouri State Retirement Program ..	930.55
5.00% Missouri State Retirement Village	930.55
2.00% Possible Purchase of Retirement Unit	372.22
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College ..	1,116.65
11.00% Foreign Missions	2,047.20
8.00% FWBBC	1,488.87
6.00% Executive Department	1,116.65
6.00% National Home Missions	1,116.65
2.00% Board of Retirement & Insurance	372.22
.25% Layman's Board	46.53
.25% Theological Commission	46.53
Total Disbursements	\$18,610.91

This is the first month of the 1981-82 associational year. The Lord has given us a fine start through the pastors and churches that have a world-wide vision for Christ. We trust His continued blessings on our labor for Him.

MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING April 1981

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Monett	\$118.80
General Fund	\$118.80
Columbia	\$85.00
Pinkerton	\$5.00
Filkins	10.00
Inscoe	30.00
McLain	40.00
Olivet	\$85.00
Sparks	\$20.00
Pooles	20.00
Inscoe	20.00

Pinkerton	10.00	
McLain	10.00	
Van Hook	5.00	
New Harmony		\$111.78
Miley	\$55.89	
McLain	55.89	
Pleasant Ridge		\$20.00
McLain	\$10.00	
General Fund	10.00	
Central		\$175.59
Filkins	\$100.00	
Haas	20.00	
Miley	55.59	
Fordland		\$6.73
Miley Children	\$6.73	
Hannon		\$120.00
McLain	\$20.00	
Pinkerton	25.00	
Filkins	25.00	
Lytle	25.00	
Miley	25.00	
Hickory Grove		\$60.03
Mtn. Grove		\$235.00
General Fund	\$210.00	
Cousineau	25.00	
Dale & Evelyn Crossgrove		\$15.00
McLain	\$15.00	
Low Ground		\$20.00
McLain	\$20.00	
Black Oak		\$18.50
Hughes	\$18.50	
South Side		\$105.00
Tallent	\$95.00	
Filkins	10.00	
Merl's Chapel		\$86.50
Caton	\$86.50	
Myrtle		\$100.00
Miley	\$100.00	
Beacon	Call-a-thon	\$522.60
Coscia	\$323.00	
Filkins	199.60	
Thayer		\$5.00
Pinkerton	\$5.00	
Fourth		\$137.00
Lytle	\$127.00	
Tallent	10.00	
Aulsbury Chapel		\$60.00
Filkins	\$30.00	
Pinkerton	30.00	
Total		\$2,087.53

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Monett		\$37.25
B. Thomas	\$ 5.00	
J. Smith	27.25	
Bowers	5.00	
New Rock Springs		\$109.00
Vandivort	\$100.00	
Bowers	9.00	
Olivet		\$25.00
Maness	\$25.00	
Mt. Pisgah		\$50.00
Bowers	\$25.00	
Vandivort	25.00	
Rock Chapel		\$62.00
Maness	\$22.00	
O'Dell	10.00	
Bowers	30.00	
Central		\$262.56
Maness	\$167.56	
General Fund	40.00	
Bowers	20.00	
Vandivort	15.00	

Kennedy	10.00	
O'Dell	10.00	
Grant Avenue		\$91.00
Maness	\$91.00	
Rolla		\$28.00
Vandivort	\$25.00	
Maness	3.00	
Wolf Creek		\$10.00
Vandivort	\$10.00	
Bob & Glenda Keith		\$10.00
Bowers	\$5.00	
Vandivort	5.00	
Mtn. Grove		\$82.00
Maness	\$43.00	
Vandivort	10.00	
Bowers	24.00	
General Fund	5.00	
Low Ground		\$20.00
Vandivort	\$20.00	
Berkeley		\$79.00
General Fund	\$62.00	
Bowers	10.00	
Maness	7.00	
Leadington		\$1,067.75
Maness	\$1,067.75	
South Side		\$11.00
Maness	\$11.00	
Myrtle		\$105.23
Bowers	\$66.23	
Maness	39.00	
Fordland		\$147.36
Vandivort	\$ 4.00	
Maness	143.36	
Warren Livingston, Lebanon		\$30.00
Maness	\$15.00	
Long	15.00	
Thayer		\$65.00
Bowers	\$38.00	
Messer	15.00	
Maness	7.00	
Vandivort	5.00	
Total		\$2,292.15

YOUTH CAMP

Monett	\$30.00
Faith, Lemay	10.00
Olivet	10.00
Hartville	10.00
Thayer	10.00
New Rock Springs	20.00
Aulsbury Chapel	114.03
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Myrtle	20.64
Willow Springs	10.00
Total	\$244.67

BOB CARR ACCOUNT

Merl's Chapel	\$96.50
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FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Monett	Don Lombard Student Loan	\$13.00
Columbia		5.00
Mtn. Grove	Graduate School	1,713.71
Total		\$1,731.71

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Monett	\$20.14
Willow Springs	15.00
Total	\$35.14

CHILDREN'S HOME, GREENEVILLE, TN.

Myrtle	\$6.25
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MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Aulsbury Chapel	\$20.00
Branson	\$20.00
Fredericktown, First	\$15.00
General Fund	\$15.00
Columbia	\$5.00
General Fund	\$5.00
New Harmony	\$55.91
Moberly	\$55.91
Pleasant Ridge	\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00
Central	\$25.60
Moberly	\$25.60
Terrill Road, Moberly	\$7.27
General Fund	\$7.27
Fourth	\$42.55
General Fund	\$42.55
Mtn. Grove	\$5.00
General Fund	\$5.00
Low Ground	\$20.00
Branson	\$20.00
Berkeley	\$60.00
General Fund	\$50.00
Branson	10.00
Indian Creek Ass'n	to Carthage Mission \$103.45
Jones Chapel	\$36.23
Merl's Chapel	4.46
Monett	62.76
Myrtle	\$20.64
General Fund	\$20.64
Fourth	\$20.28
General Fund	\$20.28
Total	\$410.70

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS May, 1981

Victory, Alton	\$ 101.00
De Soto	630.00
Happy Home	144.62
Columbia	50.00
Faith Lemay	164.00
Mt. Pisgah	81.00
Neosho	10.00
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	48.00
Purdy	125.52
Bailey Chapel	39.00
Mt. Zion, Thayer	31.94
Sedalia	167.67
Parkview	157.72
Harmony, K.C.	245.00
Eastern Gate	21.36
Number One	31.56
Grant Avenue	549.83
Oak Hill, Union	386.45
Farmington	1,110.00
Lebanon, First	538.25
Royal Oak	36.00

O'Fallon	402.56
Mine La Motte	17.00
Macedonia	15.00
Bethel, Festus	340.00
Friendship, Branson	71.31
Olivet	250.00
St. Francois Dist. Ass'n.	13.00
Fredericktown, First	282.00
Hannon	185.00
Belton	115.43
Community	30.20
Byrd	17.00
Rock Chapel	228.82
Mill Creek	118.33
South Side	254.00
Rolla	104.84
New Harmony	7.73
Beacon	383.84
Grace	560.00
Salem	125.00
Marshfield	160.25
Marshfield	123.98
Hartville	98.34
Berkeley	466.11
Monett	378.61
Union Grove	91.45
Cabool	172.19
Merl's Chapel	57.85
Joplin	307.80
Copper Mines	130.32
Wolf Creek	197.18
Gospel Light	37.00
Waynesville	152.96
Thayer	207.90
Kingsway	50.00
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Kansas City, First	65.00
Leadington	398.00
Mtn. Grove, First	516.33
Cedar Ridge	79.64
Sikeston	39.18
Oskaloosa	44.52
Black Oak	10.00
Pleasant Hill	36.99
Viburnum	15.00
Farmington	1,110.00
Viburnum	15.00
Fourth	299.00
Willow Springs	210.24
Houston	148.87
Total	\$13,814.68
Interest on Com-bo account added to co-op Rect's	590.98
Total amount disbursed	\$14,405.66

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS May 1981

18.50% Missouri State Missions	\$2,665.05
16.00% Promotional Department	2,304.91
4.50% General Fund	648.26
5.50% Youth Camp	792.32
2.00% Christian Board of Education	288.11
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	288.11
5.00% Retirement Program	720.28
5.00% Retirement Village	720.28
2.00% Possible Purchase of Retirement Unit	288.11
6.00%	864.34
11.00% Foreign Missions	1,584.63

8.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	1,152.45
6.00% Executive Department	864.34
6.00% National Home Missions & Church Ex.	864.34
2.00% Board of Retirement & Insurance	288.11
.25% Layman's Board	36.01
.25% Theological Commission	36.01
Total Disbursements	\$14,405.66

This month ended on Sunday, consequently some checks will not be at the State Office before the books are closed for May. This is reflected in the receipts. Last month was a very good month so it compensated for this one. The Lord is continuing to bless through His people and we are so grateful. Let us continue to be faithful as we give and the gospel is preached.

MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING May 1981

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Columbia	\$52.80
Inscoc	\$30.00
Pinkerton	5.00
Filkins	10.00
General Fund	7.80
Beacon	\$145.00
Coscia	\$145.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$20.00
McLain	\$10.00
General Fund	10.00
Joplin	\$3.00
Sparks	\$3.00
Grant Avenue	\$159.33
General Fund	\$ 1.00
Pinkerton	55.00
Hersey	70.00
Lytle	33.33
Lebanon, First	\$6.00
Tallent	\$1.00
Morgan	2.50
Pinkerton	2.50
Olivet	\$85.00
Sparks	\$20.00
Poole	20.00
Inscoc	20.00
McLain	10.00
Pinkerton	10.00
Van Hook	5.00
Hannon	\$92.50
Miley	\$17.50
Pinkerton	25.00
Lytle	25.00
Filkins	25.00
Rock Chapel	\$10.00
Caton	\$10.00
South Side	\$146.64
Tallent	\$95.00
Filkins	5.00
Lytle	46.64
New Harmony	\$108.82
Call-A-Thon	\$62.00
McLain	23.41
Miley	23.41
Monett	\$244.00
General Fund	\$ 64.00
Sparks	80.00
Filkins	100.00
Merl's Chapel	\$52.50
Haas	\$52.50
Thayer	\$5.00
Pinkerton	\$5.00

Beacon	\$84.56
Coscia	\$84.56
Mtn. Grove, First	\$3,411.00
Call-A-Thon	\$3,201.00
Cousineau	30.00
General Fund	180.00
N.E. Association	\$911.25
Eagleton	\$290.28
Lytle	290.28
Aycock	290.29
Dennis Owen	40.40
Black Oak	\$26.00
Webb	\$26.00
Low Ground	\$20.00
McLain	\$20.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$60.00
Filkins	\$30.00
Pinkerton	30.00
Fourth	\$90.00
Lytle	\$80.00
Tallent	10.00
Total	\$5,733.40

YOUTH CAMP

Faith, Lemay	\$10.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Fellowship	48.00
Lebanon	16.66
Olivet	10.00
Hartville	10.00
Thayer	10.00
Aulsbury Chapel	10.00
Melvin Leverick	60.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Total	\$194.66

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Columbia	\$ 5.00
Joplin	77.00
Library	\$25.00
General Fund	2.00
Don Lombard Student Loan Fund	50.00
Grant Avenue	\$58.33
Development Fund	\$25.00
General Fund	33.33
Monett	\$35.00
Don Lombard Student Loan Fund	\$35.00
Total	\$175.33

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Grant Avenue	\$ 8.00
Monett	199.74
Mtn. Grove, First	70.00
Willow Springs	15.00
Total	\$292.74

BOB CARR ACCOUNT

Grant Avenue	\$30.00
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BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

Grant Avenue	\$1.00
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MO STATE HOME MISSIONS

Columbia	\$5.00
General Fund.....	\$5.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$10.00
General Fund.....	\$10.00
Joplin.....	\$50.00
Branson-Chairs	\$50.00
Grant Avenue	\$34.16
Branson	\$34.16
Lebanon	\$2.00
Branson	\$2.00
Nat'l Home Missions.....	\$25.00
Branson	\$15.00
McClure.....	10.00
Fredericktown, First	\$30.00
General Fund.....	\$30.00
New Harmony	\$23.43
Moberly	\$23.43
Berkeley	\$67.00
General Fund.....	\$57.00
Branson	10.00
Mt. Vernon	\$45.00
Carthage	\$45.00
N.E. Association	\$126.40
Moberly Building Fund	\$126.40
West Plains, First (Jr. Church)	\$12.00
General Fund—In memory of Thompson, Spurgeon, & Lombard.....	
Aulsbury Chapel	\$10.00
Branson	\$10.00
Low Ground	\$20.00
Branson	\$20.00
Hazel Creek	\$10.00
General Fund.....	\$10.00
Total	\$469.99

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Rev. Roger Ross	\$5.00
Maness	\$5.00
Lloyd Walls	\$5.00
Maness	\$5.00

Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Maness	\$25.00
Vandivort	25.00
Bowers	25.00
Joplin.....	\$185.00
J. Smith-Weatherford	\$185.00
Grant Avenue	\$213.00
Vandivort	\$201.00
Bowers	10.00
Cochrane	2.00
Lebanon	\$10.00
Maness	\$5.00
O'Dell	5.00
Olivet.....	\$25.00
Maness	\$25.00
Rock Chapel	\$17.00
Bowers	5.00
O'Dell	10.00
Maness	2.00
Rolla	\$75.00
Vandivort	\$75.00
Berkeley	\$69.00
General Fund.....	\$50.00
Maness	7.00
Bowers	12.00
Monett.....	\$10.00
B. Thomas	\$5.00
Bowers	5.00
Wolf Creek	\$10.00
Vandivort	\$10.00
Thayer.....	\$76.00
Bowers	\$39.00
Maness	12.00
Vandivort	10.00
Messer	15.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$75.00
Vandivort	\$45.00
Bowers	20.00
Maness	10.00
Glenda & Bob Keith	\$10.00
Vandivort	\$5.00
Bowers	5.00
Low Ground.....	\$20.00
Vandivort	\$20.00
Total	\$880.00

Points for Pastors



by Jim McAllister

"Does Jesus care?" The song writer asked that question. Then He answered it, "Yes, Jesus cares." As a pastor, I have often cried, "Lord, do you even care?" The disciples asked the Lord, "Carest thou not that we perish?" He proved He cared for them, and He will prove He cares for you—if you allow Him the opportunity.

I can depend on God to help me solve my problems. I am writing this while in the afterglow of victory. God has just proven He cares and that He will answer prayer.

How can one have God's help in solving his problems?

First, we must be saved. That's right—only Christians can expect to have their prayers answered (except prayer of repentance). If that is true then we can only expect to pray for help and receive help if we are born-again believers in Jesus Christ.

Second, we must want to solve our problems for God's glory, not just so we will feel better. First John 5:14, 15, tells us how to pray in faith. It is very important that we desire His will and glory to be accomplished and received.

Third, we must commit ourselves to do whatever God says whether we feel like it or not.

If these conditions are met we can expect God to act. In actuality we, His children, are coming to our Father and asking Him to do what will bring glory to His name and is in accord with His will.

As a pastor we can be sure that God, who loves us and loves His church, wants to help us solve our problems in the church.



Shirley Bowden, editor

State Meeting News

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary met at the Nelson Community Center June 9, 1981, in Lebanon, Missouri. This year's theme was "Handfuls of Purpose," with the Scripture taken from Ruth 2:16. The meeting was well attended with 181 registering. Rev. and Mrs. Steve Lytle, missionaries to Panama, were the special speakers for the noon session and for the banquet. This year's banquet had a record number attending of 199. The theme was developed as Tommie Sharry and Mary Bullard gave devotions. In the morning session, Joyce Couch spoke on Handfuls of Purpose in teaching children; Kay Tallent spoke on Handfuls of Purpose in being a housewife; and Sandy Thompson spoke on Handfuls of Purpose in working in the church. The morning offering was \$285.76 which was given to the Steve Lytles.

State Auxiliary Recommendations for 1981-1982

The following recommendations were adopted at the Auxiliary convention this year:

- 1.) We recommend that as a Foreign Mission's Project that we give \$2,000.00 to the Steve Lytles and that this project be known as "Lighten The Load For the Lytles." (This money will be used to purchase needed equipment for the church in Panama, evangelistic Spanish films, and a washer for their own personal use.)
- 2.) We further recommend that the National Home Mission Project be in the amount of \$2,000.00 and that this money go to the Vergel Maness's. This project will be known as "Send Vergel to Vineland." (He is starting a new work in Vineland, New Jersey).
- 3.) We recommend that the State Home Mission Project be sent to the Alvin Hooks. This amount would also be \$2,000.00. The project would be known as "Help Hook'em In Blue Springs."

1980 Projects Amounts

Foreign Missions Project "Vehicle For Van-Hook"—\$1,354.17.

National Home Mission Project "Help Jim Bus'em In"—\$1,270.93

Youth Camp Project "Building For The Future"—\$1,570.40

Perpetual Loan Fund "Have A Heart Month-February"—\$2,050.30

If your Auxiliary has not given to any of the projects and would like to do so, you may still send your money to your district treasurer, or if your Auxiliary is not in a district, send your money to Blanche Wisehart, Myrtle, Missouri 65778.

Membership In Auxiliary

The 1980 year ended with 606 members. This year the year end membership was 746, an increase of 140! If your church does not have an auxiliary and you would like to start one, please contact Vivian Burton, State Field Worker at P.O. Box 991 Lebanon, MO 65536. She will be glad to help you start one.

Retreat Planned

September 11, 12, 1981, will be the dates of retreat this year. It will again be held at the Youth Camp. The cost of retreat is \$10.00 which includes meals, overnight, and insurance. The theme for retreat is "TIME OUT FOR RETREAT." The session begins Friday, September 11, at 9:30 a.m. with registration. One of the speakers for retreat will be Charolette Tallent, missionary to France. Miss Tallent is on furlough from France for a year. If you have never heard her speak, come expecting a blessing. Why not invite a friend to attend retreat with you????

State Officers

The following women were elected at the Auxiliary Convention this year:

PRESIDENT, Jo Ann Wood, PO Box 464, Mountain Grove, MO 65711

VICE-PRESIDENT, Kay Tallent, PO Box 189, Buffalo, MO 65722

SECRETARY, Shirley Bowden, PO Box 1141 Lebanon, MO 65536

TREASURER, Blanche Wisehart, Myrtle, MO 65778

FIELD WORKER, Vivian Burton, PO Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536

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Rose Mertz, 4744 Minnesota, St. Louis, MO 63111

Hilda Nichols, PO Box 272, Viburnum, MO 65566

Betty Robinson, 308 Oak Street, Thayer, MO 65791

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley E. Jones

Occasionally I hear the question, "When have we done enough?" This question may come to our minds relative to evangelism. The Bible gives us our answer in the Great Commission text of Matthew 28:19, 20. According to the passage, our charge to evangelize is completed in three stages. First . . .

When Pupils are Personally Gained

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations."

The word "teach" can be translated "disciple" or "pupil." Our responsibility is not to save anyone. Our responsibility is to ensure that the way of salvation is understood. But, our task is not completed until every individual has understood and accepted the gospel invitation. Not just every nation but every citizen of every nation must be made pupils of Christ. The gospel call is, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." When every person has been made a pupil of Christ, then our commission is nearing completion.

The second phase of the commission is completed . . .

When Pupils are Publicly Named.

"Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Our completed task includes pupils gained for Christ, but in addition, these pupils must be identified with Christ. The initial act of identification is by following the Lord in Christian baptism. This is the shout to the world that one has died to self, and sin and is alive in Christ. By baptism we take Christ's name before men.

I say this public confession through baptism is only initiation. It is to continue throughout the pupil's life. Owning Christ and confessing Him as Lord is a daily expression of the name one carries as a Christian.

The third part of the completed commission is . . .

When Pupils are Properly Trained.

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Too often we act as if our responsibility to the new pupil in Christ consummates as we dry him off after baptism. Nothing could be further from Biblical truth. These new pupils are to be trained to be obedient to all the teachings of Christ. After exposing them to Christ's teachings then we must see that they appropriate this Bible knowledge. And through practice and experience we must encourage them to full Christian development.

So we see the commission to evangelize is completed only when every man is made a pupil of Christ and developed into a spiritual scholar.

Homecoming At Fellowship

On March 15, 1981, Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church celebrated its 35th Anniversary. The Church was filled as friends and well-wishers joined to celebrate this event. The following is a Tribute to Fellowship Church given in the morning service.

"BRIDAL BOUQUET FOR JESUS"

Scripture Reference:

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is coming, and his wife hath made herself ready."

Revelation 19:7

"And as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee."

Isaiah 62:5b

"For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."

2 Corinthians 11:2

These verses refer to the Church as the bride of Christ. They speak of the joy and the anticipation of the Bridegroom as He comes for His Bride. They also refer to the preparations that the Bride has made to get ready for the glorious event. If you have ever been involved in a wedding, you know that there are lots of details to do when preparing for a wedding. The bridal gown, the veil, and the rings must be chosen. One of the more important decisions to make is that of the Bridal Bouquet. What flowers are to be in it, what colors are the flowers to be, and how they are to be arranged. Watch now as Mrs. Janet Bailey arranges a Bridal Bouquet and as I relate how it refers to the beginning and to the growth of Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church.

On March 16, 1946, the Bridal Bouquet was begun, as some 50 or so people gathered in the old Buckley Store Building to begin a new place of worship for the Lord Jesus Christ. In our Bouquet, the Yellow Rosebuds have been placed to represent our Charter members. The rosebud when it is just

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ready to open is at its most fragile stage. A lot of factors can harm it. Too much heat, too little heat, too much light, too little light, too much water, too little water, all can affect the bud and keep it from becoming a beautiful rose. Sad to say, some of our first buds did not blossom into full beauty because of the problems and temptations placed in their path by Satan. However, most of them became beautiful roses. Each Homecoming Day, the number of our Charter members lessen, but these founders, who worked so hard to begin our beloved church, have laid a strong base for our church with their lives. (Charter Members present were recognized. They were Norma Williams, Leona Presnell, Juanita Monie, Ida Wilfong, Knot Rogsdale, Clell Pruett, Retta Ragsdale, Berniece Dodd, Flora Burcham, Marion Sherrills, Gene Brooks, Edith Brooks, and Della Getz.)

As the years have passed, many of our people have received the Royal Command to Heaven. Though we were saddened by their departure, our hearts rejoiced to know that they had seen with their eyes what we have seen only through "eyes of faith." Though they had left us physically, their presence was still felt among those whom their lives had touched. Their presence seems to hover over us as it says in Hebrews 12:1, "Wherefore, seeing we also are encompassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses." Their spirit and influence encircle us, and they are still an important part of our congregation. These precious folks are represented in our Bouquet by the delicate sprigs of Baby's Breath.

Our Bouquet is nearly complete. We have one more elect group that we would like to pay special tribute today. In the past year, since our last Homecoming Day, 3 of our beloved members have heard and obeyed the trumpet call of God. Into our Bouquet, we are going to place 3 pure white roses. They are no longer buds, but full bloomed roses. Our first rose is in honor of Mr. Earl (Doc) Souden, who left us on June 26, 1980. Doc, the man with a beautiful voice and also a man with a beautiful spirit. He was a friendly and a gentle man. A man who cared about his fellowman and a man who loved his Lord.

The second white rose is in honor of Mr. Roy Wilfong, who departed this life on September 9, 1980. Roy was one of our cherished Charter members. Roy, a small man with a BIG heart. A man who loved and a man who was not afraid to show that love. A man of honor and a man of love. He enjoyed life and when you were with him, you enjoyed it, too.

Our third white rose is in honor of Mrs. Ola Bess, who stepped onto Heaven's Shores on February 11, 1981. Ola Bess was surely one of those to whom King Lemuel referred in Proverbs 31, "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her . . . strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. Her children arise up, and call her blessed." She is now rejoicing. She was a gentle and lovely lady. She loved her family, her friends, and her church, but most of all she loved her Savior.

Our Bouquet is complete—for now! Each flower must be just the right size and color. Every part must fit in its proper place for the Bouquet to be worthy. Each of us must also fit into our proper place for our church to be what would honor Christ.

But unless we hear the Bridegroom's call in the next year, our Bouquet will change, as new buds are brought in and as some join that "great cloud of witnesses."

Join with us in silent meditation as we listen to the words of this song as Marty McWilliams sings, "Here They Come."

Close to 300 people joined in for a fellowship dinner and an afternoon of singing was held with a good crowd present. The singing was by "home folks," both present and past. It was a good day in the Lord.

Special Offering for Hillsdale, Sunday, August 30

At a recent meeting, just prior to the Missouri State Association, the General Board recommended that the churches of Missouri designate Sunday, August 30, as a day to receive a special offering for Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. The goal for the churches of Missouri is \$10,000. This amount is needed to offset an anticipated deficit in the Hillsdale College 1981-82 budget.

Reverend Lynn Wood, trustee board member representing Missouri, stated that he thought the churches of Missouri would respond to this need. He is asking every pastor to lead the church he serves in receiving a special offering on Sunday, August 30, to meet this need. Some churches may be able to give their entire Fifth Sunday Offering for this. If every church will respond, the needed amount will be raised. Let's do it together!