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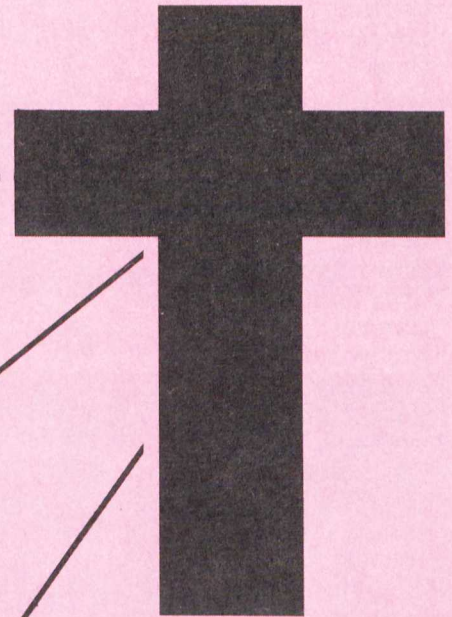
# GEM

**"Voice Of Missouri Free Will Baptists"**

Second Chronicle 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 sins, and will heal their land."

**October  
is  
REVIVAL  
TIME  
in  
Missouri**

**Special Day of Prayer  
Sunday, September 20**





# SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1980-81

CHURCH	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY
Aulsbury Chapel	106	98	105			115	111	123	133	136	125	130
Beacon	101	125	104		102							
Belton	38											
Buffalo	88	81										
Calvary, Conway	70	79	72	90	66	67	77	81	103	83	81	84
Central					67	73	65	78	91			
Copper Mines	81	78	79	81	81	75						
Cuba	42	46	55	50	41	43	40	44	47	49	61	
De Soto	177	176	175	180	187	178	184	183				
Farmington	598	633	646	701	654	639	657	692	669	617	601	601
Flat River, First	168	170	160	165	181	153	148	201	187			
Fourth	127	163	171		141	153	162	206	160	139	141	107
Fredericktown, First	114	120	121	114	109	108	151	156	145		133	143
Grace					178	172	186	239	183	158	150	150
Grant Avenue	125	141	130	135	141	137	141	150	141	137	129	132
Gray Summit	30	28	30	31	31							
Hannon	78	80	85	84	82	82	76	84	99	90	91	85
Happy Home	74	75	77	76	85	82	77	88	94	84		
Harmony, K.C.	57	54	60	56	60	50	40	70	63	50	57	40
Hartville	91	89	81	98	90	88	97					
Houston					57	58	54	56	65	57		
Lebanon, First	100	111	125	125	117	113	117	147	132			
Marshfield	43	47	47	44	44	43	44	45	45	50		
Monett	138	157	196									
Myrtle										58		
O'Fallon	82	111	95	91	81	92	92	100			87	
Parkview	52	49	39	47	51	50	50	53	60	55	62	64
Richwoods	32	28	21	19	18	17	19					
Terrill Road	38				57							
Oak Hill, Union												
Thayer	167	179	167	167	172	155	162					
Trinity	127	128	120		124	121	120					
Twin Oak	82	80	82	77	75	74	71	82	77	76		
Willow Springs	108	106	115	120	116	119	114	118	129	101	103	93
South Side	85	105	115	96	111	91	92	110	125	106		

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# Churches People And Events

## Lisa Thomas in Monett Times

The Monett Times carried a fine article concerning Lisa Thomas. Lisa received the highest rating in Oral Communication at the National Youth Conference in Louisville, KY. The article reads in part, "Miss Lisa Thomas of Monett took first place honors in the oral communication division at the National Free Will Baptist Church Training Service Competition held last week in Louisville, KY. Miss Thomas, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burl Thomas, Jr., qualified to compete on the national level by receiving top honors in the oratory division at the State CTS Competition held recently in Monett . . . . The title of her dramatic interpretation at the national meet was "Mary, the mother of Jesus."

## National Youth Conference Winners

More than eleven hundred young people registered for the National Youth Conference that was held recently in Louisville, Kentucky. Over three thousand attended the Sunday night keynote service in the Convention Center and heard special music by the Free Will Baptist Bible College Living Hope Quartet, and an eighty voice volunteer youth choir under the direction of Dr. Charles Hampton. The message was delivered by Reverend Jim Shepherd, pastor of the First Church in Joplin, Missouri.

Winners from Missouri in the category and rating are:

### Bible Sword Drill

Judith Smith, Rock Chapel,  
1st place



### Vocal Solo



*Herald*  
Michelle Brown  
Grant Avenue



*Crusader*  
David Brawley  
Lebanon, First



*Ambassador*  
\*Lisa Wallace  
Berkeley

## Vocal Ensemble



*Duet*  
Martha and Gina Wilbanks  
Grant Avenue



*Trio*  
Grant Avenue Girls



*Sextet*  
Farmington Teen Sextet



*Chorale*  
Grant Avenue Girls Chorale



*Choir*  
Heralds and Crusaders  
\*Farmington Teen Choir

## Instrumental Ensemble

*Duet, piano*  
\*David and Dianne Walls  
Berkeley Church





## Keyboard Solo



*Learner*  
Allison Wilfong  
Farmington



*Herald*  
Michelle Brown  
Grant Avenue

## Oral Communication

*Crusader*  
Lisa Thomas  
Monett, First Church



## Creative Art

*Crusader*  
\*Calvin Dale Virtue  
Rock Chapel



## Bible Tic Tac Toe

Willow Springs Team  
3rd place



All music, Oral Communication and Art received number one ratings. The ones with \* received highest number one ratings.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A great big congratulations to these winners and to the churches they represent. The competition is very keen at the NYC level. May the Lord bless every effort by every entry. Everyone wins that is involved in activities for the Lord.

## Lombard-Spurgeon-Thompson Hall Dedicated

Reverend Ken Goff, chairman of the Youth Camp Board, and the board held a very impressive

dedication service on Wednesday evening, June 24, 1981. This was the Teen-Week of the Youth Camp sessions.

The addition to the Dining Hall and the present Dining Hall-Kitchen Complex was renamed and dedicated in memory of Reverends Don Lombard, Russel Spurgeon, and Lawrence Thompson. Reverend Goff stated, "The Youth Camp Board feels that it is proper that this building be dedicated to the memory of these three preachers who were actively involved in the support and work of the camp. This building will not only be used for the Youth Camp Sessions but for seminars that will enhance the growth of the Christian and the proclamation of the gospel."

A large crowd was present for the dedication service along with Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Lombard, members of their families and church families. Mrs. Spurgeon was unable to be at the service because of previous commitments. However, members of the Spurgeon family were present for the service.

### 1. Part of the crowd at the Dedication Service.



### 2. Family members in front of the Hall.



### 3. Reverend Goff presiding at the service.





## Wonderful Youth Encampment

The Lord blessed again this year with two wonderful weeks of Youth Camp. The total enrollment was over 1,200 for the two sessions. There were over 100 decisions for Christ with approximately 250 rededications. There were also some commitments for "full-time" Christian service.

Reverend Ken Goff, chairman of the Youth Camp Board, and the board members, along with the camp superintendent and his wife, Reverend and Mrs. Bud Arnold, are doing an effective job in preparing for and handling the youth camp sessions. This is a wonderful ministry of the Missouri State Association. The photos will bring back some memories of the past two sessions.

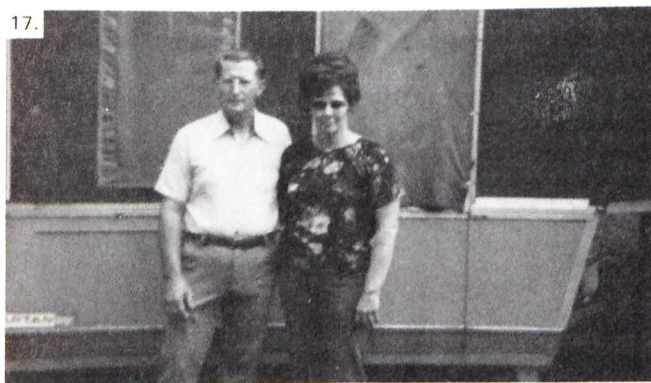
1. Making the daily announcements
2. The evangelist for pre-teens
3. The evangelist for teens
4. Flowers for the Arnolds
5. An overflow crowd every night
6. Morning devotion
7. Vee Ann's Class
8. May we serve you?
9. Refreshment Time!
10. Always enjoy camp
11. Three happy ladies
12. Brother Ruble and his boys
13. Next!
14. We're going home
15. It's hard work
16. Awards time
17. Cabin Sponsors
18. Trinity sponsors & campers
19. Isn't it cute!











## From the Missionaries:

### The Vergel Maness Family in Delaware:

We are thankful for the response the state of Missouri has given to our account. We just received word that the Woman's Auxiliary has adopted our project in Vineland, N. J., as one of their projects and we are grateful. We are a little short of the \$6,000 goal and need a little push for cash on hand, but we believe that this will come in as needed. *We do need help in placing some bonds. There are 18 bonds available paying 16.04% to 18.30% maturing from 7½ years to 10 years.* Please contact Brother Maness at 302-328-8430 or write at this address: 205 Brylgon Avenue, New Castle, Delaware 19720.

### The Vernon Long Family in Tennessee:

We appreciate your prayers and support for the work in West Tennessee. I know that God will bless everyone that gives and prays for the work. We are happy to report that the Dallas Henderson Family from our home church in Festus, Missouri, is moving to Jackson, Tennessee, to help us. They are moving from Nashville, Tennessee. I believe that God has great things in store for our church. Please continue to pray for us.

### The Mark Vandivort Family in Arizona:

Jani and Darla from our Sunset Youth Group graduated among Flagstaff's 500 seniors. Both girls have an effective testimony. Donnie and Ruth McDonald are spending the summer in Flagstaff ministering in our church. We are grateful for their help. We praise the Lord for the availability of financing for our 2½ acre (\$37,500) land purchase. We thank you for your prayers and support. We need your continued support and prayers.

### The Ernie Ross Family in Minnesota:

I am writing personally to thank you for your generous offering to my account. Please express our appreciation to the churches and individuals who shared in making the offering possible. Just two months ago we faced a serious deficit. Now our deficit is nearly gone. This is because of your prayers and support. God bless you.

### The Pinkerton Family in Ivory Coast:

In times past, God has always met and exceeded our expectations. We thank Him for everything. This certainly includes a big thanksgiving for all of you and what you have done for us because of Him. We are expecting to be grandparents around the 28th of December, thanks to Howard and Joanna.



## Report from Richwoods Church

We are in the process of building a new church building. It is rather difficult to raise the needed money. We are having a good attendance each Sunday and the Children's Church is growing. Remember us in your prayers.

## Report from the National Association, 1981

*by Clarence Burton*

The National Association this year was one of the better ones. I thoroughly enjoyed it. This was the feeling of others that I talked with concerning it. I appreciated and enjoyed the preaching of the Word, the singing, and the fellowship. It was good to be in fellowship with approximately 5,000 Free Will Baptists. I am thankful for our denomination and the labor we are endeavoring to do for the cause of Christ.

Some noteworthy things should be mentioned.

- 1.) A record offering was received on Wednesday evening with the emphasis on missions. The offering exceeded \$13,000. This was divided between the Foreign Missions and National Home Missions Departments. Also, and very important, there were many decisions for Christ at the close of the service.
- 2.) The Atlantic Canada Association, composed of 16 churches with 1,100 members, was received into the fellowship of the National Association. This followed a conference held by the executive secretary, Dr. Melvin Worthington, and the Atlantic Canada Association adopting the Free Will Baptist Treatise.

The pastors and State Associations will be passing this information to the local churches. It was called to the attention of the delegates that the National Association Convention is unable to support itself with the present representation fee. (This will apply to Missouri.) It was adopted that each affiliated State Association will be responsible to give ten dollars per church in order for the delegates from the State Association to be properly seated. The previous State Association share was thirty-five dollars for the State Association and fifteen dollars for each district. Also, it was adopted and of course this comes as a recommendation, that each church give one hundred dollars to the National Association, in order to help cover the costs for this year's convention. This money should be sent to The National Association of Free Will Baptists, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202. This should be earmarked for National Association Convention Expense, 1981.

## Personnel Changes

Rev. Dale Skiles to the South Fremont Church, Springfield, MO.  
Rev. Bill Knapp to the Buffalo Church, Buffalo, MO.  
Rev. Bill Swearingen to the Bethel Church, El Dorado, Springs, MO.  
Rev. Bob Francis to the Friendship Mission, Branson, MO.  
Rev. John Shebaum to the Waynesville Church, Waynesville, MO.  
Rev. J. W. O'Neal to the Cedar Ridge Church, Long Lane, MO.  
Rev. Bill Eden to the Salem Church, Salem, MO.  
Rev. Ralph Douglas to the New Rock Springs Church, Mt. Grove, MO.  
Rev. Ollie Wright to the Willow Springs Church, Mt. Grove, MO.

## News from Neosho Church

Church reporter, Hattie McIlvanie, writes that Reverend Steve Reeves is now serving as pastor of the Neosho Free Will Baptist Church. Steve graduated from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. His wife Linda earned an Associates Degree. Brother Reeves served as assistant pastor to the Garden Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Garden Grove, California, prior to coming to Neosho. The Reeves served as summer missionaries to Spain in 1980. "We are very fortunate to have this enthusiastic young couple serving at the Neosho Church."

The Vacation Bible School was held June 1 through June 5. The average attendance was 45. Mary Williams was the director.

The church had five in attendance at the annual State Youth Encampment, held at Niangua, Missouri.

Reverend Steve Burton was the evangelist for weekend revival services on August 8, 9. He is the pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri. Revival services will be held September 28 through October 4 with Rev. Clarence Burton, promotional secretary, Missouri State Association.

A Sunday School Enlargement Campaign will begin Sunday, October 4. The theme for the campaign will be "Count On Me, Lord." The last Sunday of the month will be Homecoming Sunday with morning and afternoon services. Dinner will be served at the church with singing in the afternoon.

The Sunday school average for June was 53 and 58 in July.



## Report from Aulsbury Chapel

The church reporter writes, "Aulsbury Chapel Church held its Vacation Bible School from May 25-29. We used a new concept this year. Instead of the usual study-time and crafts, we had an evangelistic message delivered by Reverend Ken Dodson. (This was enjoyed by children and adults alike.) The second part of the Vacation Bible School was filled with skits, object lessons, songs, and puppet shows. These were written and performed by the adults and children. Everyone enjoyed Bible School this year, especially the children. There were fourteen children that were saved."

Chuck Lotz, bus captain at Aulsbury Chapel, states that the church began its Bus Ministry on January 11, 1981. The first thoughts of beginning this were frightening. I was afraid that I could not handle the responsibility of the job. But the pastor, Reverend Earl Ames, felt differently. I love, trust, and respect this man and he evidently felt something that I was not sure of. He said, "Pray about it." I did and I trusted God to help me. I knew the Lord wanted me to do this work. I prayed and prayed and the Lord blessed and blessed. After a short period of time we were averaging 32 on the bus route. But after a short time the attendance began to drop off. I then began to realize that I had failed the Lord. To me, the bus ministry had become routine. We went out on regular visits but I was not praying as I had been. I read an article by Greg McAllister concerning depression regarding the Children's Church. I knew how he felt. I prayed more concerning my work for the Lord. In fact, I prayed every day. On Saturday we went out on visitation and on Sunday morning we had 40 people on the bus. I praise the Lord for power in prayer.

I learned that one can walk ten miles knocking on doors or use two tanks of gasoline, but if there is no prayer concerning the work, it will not do one ounce of good. I realize that the number in attendance is not the only thing but in order for people to hear we must contact them and try and get the message to them. The first priority in my ministry is for souls to be saved and to glorify the Lord.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This news from Aulsbury Chapel came in just before the Gem went to press.

Brother Chuck Lotz was examined to serve as a licensed minister on July 6, 1981. The examination was given by the Executive Committee of the St. Francois District Association.

The pastor, Reverend Earl Ames, presented Brother Lotz with his license on August 2, 1981 at the Sunday evening worship service.

Brother Lotz plans to attend the Free Will Baptist Bible College beginning this fall for the 1981-82 school year.

## Greetings from Grace

Wesley and Peggy Rider, youth directors at the Grace Free Will Baptist Church, write, "We want to share some of the activities at the church. Our teens, some of the best in Missouri, have recently held a Rock-A-Thon raising \$300.00 to help build a Boy's Cabin at Youth Camp. They have other fund-raising activities in the making to help with this project.

"We just completed one of the best Vacation Bible Schools held at Grace. There was a record high of 203 with the average attendance of 177. We are planning to win the Fall Enlargement Campaign this fall. The Sunday school and church has planned four big Sundays in October. Reverend Ken Dodson will be with us for revival services during this month.

"The church has a new choir director, Sister Bonnie Funston, who is doing a fantastic job. The church bus and van are bringing in record numbers. We are involved in teaching in Sunday school. Wes is teaching the Young Married and Peggy teaches the Teens.

"It is a joy working with the pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Rehkop, and all the fine folks at the Grace Church. We want to be used in whatever way the Lord desires."

## Report from the Bethel Church in El Dorado Springs

The Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in El Dorado Springs called Brother Bill Swearingen to serve as pastor. Reverend and Mrs. Swearingen and their son, Andy, moved from Springfield, Missouri. The church requests the prayers of Christian people that the Lord will bless the pastor and the church that they will move forward for the Lord and win souls to Him. The church reporter is June West.

## Missionary Conference at Fourth

On May 29-31, a Missionary Conference was held at the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis, with Steve and Judy Lytle. The Lytles are serving in Panama. They are members of the Fourth Church and have been faithfully supported by the church for several years. The expectation of the church was met with a wonderful service on Friday evening and throughout the conference. A slide presentation was given on Friday evening, detailing the work in Panama and the Lytles shared with the congregation the spirit of revival that was prevailing among the Christian people. On Saturday evening an



International Dinner was held with foods from Panama, India, Hawaii, Spain, China, and several other countries. The ladies of the church enjoyed preparing these unusual dishes and everyone showed their approval by eating with pleasure.

Steve and Judy shared some thoughts about missions during the Sunday school hour, and the morning message was delivered by Brother Lytle. The Fourth Church gave the morning offerings to the Lytle account and pledged over \$150.00 per month in faith promise commitments.

In evaluating the conference, Brother Lytle said, "We truly thank the Lord for the good people of the Fourth Church and for their response during the conference. Not only did the total cash offering total almost \$900.00 and the faith promises \$150.00 but just prior to the conference the church had raised approximately \$450.00 for our personal use to purchase clothing and other things we will need as we return to Panama. We thank the Lord from the depth of our hearts."

## Report from Missouri State Association, 1981

by Clarence Burton

"The Lord blessed from the beginning to the end," someone said regarding the Missouri State Association, 1981. I am of the same opinion.

The Youth Service on Monday evening with the Free Will Baptist Bible College Evangel Players was superb. The Sunday School and CTS Board went all out to give an interesting and challenging program for the youth and the adults.

The ladies were very complimentary of the Woman's Auxiliary program on Tuesday and the Banquet Service that evening. Steve and Judy Lytle, missionaries to Panama, were a special blessing to everyone.

The preachers that delivered mess'ages at the State Association—Dr. N. R. Smith, Reverend Richard Robinson, Reverend Fred Warner, and Dr. Melvin Worthington—developed the theme "Mandate For The 80's" with conviction and completeness. The preachers that gave the devotional messages pre-

pared the hearts of the people with warmness and understanding. The preachers that presided handled each service with spiritual insight and aptness. The ones that presented special music blessed the hearts of everyone. Howard Gwartney, music director, and the musicians, Jean Bowman and Ted Wilbanks, made singing a joyful experience. One of the great blessings of being a Christian is the sweet, warm fellowship that is enjoyed at the State Association. We surely enjoyed it this year.

The business sessions went very smoothly under the skillful direction of the moderator, Brother Dale Skiles, and those working with him, the assistant moderator, Brother Millard Sasser, and the clerk, Brother Nathan Ruble, and the assistant clerk, Brother Richard Robinson.

The reports from the state boards were well received and a spirit of unity was reflected by the body in its desire to help the State Association accomplish the projected goals.

There were two significant recommendations that were adopted by the Missouri State Association. 1.) That each church receive a special offering for the Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. This is for the purpose of offsetting an anticipated deficit in the budget for the 1981-82 school year. The goal for Missouri is \$10,000. Hopefully this will be met. The offerings may be sent directly to Hillsdale College or to the State Promotional Office, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536. This money should be earmarked "Special Project for \$10,000." 2.) That each church receive a special offering to help liquidate the amount owed on the Retirement Village Property. This will stop the interest payments. The goal is \$5,000.

It would be well for the offering to be sent to the Retirement Village, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536 by January 1. The earlier the better. Two Quarterly Meetings, the Southeast Missouri and the St. Louis, have already adopted a plan to raise this money. They are asking each church to give 50¢ per member. This will do it. Perhaps other Quarterly Meetings may follow this plan.

The state budget for cooperative giving is \$195,000. It will be necessary for every church to accept its share and give an equitable amount in order to reach this goal for this association year, 1981-82. As we trust God, pray, and work together, I believe we can do it. Let's trust God for it!

## MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS: June & July 1981

Fordland .....	\$ 24.00
Farmington .....	630.00
Harry Asher .....	40.00
Wayne Wagner .....	20.00
Hurryville .....	52.69
Sedalia .....	150.02
Union Light .....	24.00
Parkview .....	8.00
Mable Riley .....	30.00
MO State Ass'n Wed. night offering .....	148.00
Cooperative Receipts .....	6,142.64

Myrtle .....	51.26
Terrill Road .....	19.56
Olivet .....	300.00
Columbia .....	10.00
Nat'l Home Missions .....	30.00
Pleasant Ridge .....	20.00
Joplin .....	160.92
Grant Avenue .....	68.32
Flat River, First .....	100.00
Rock Chapel .....	141.42
Lebanon, First .....	18.66
New Harmony .....	54.53
Bootheel Ass'n .....	41.45
Leadington .....	10.00
Berkeley .....	216.00



Houston	84.20
Mill Creek Young Adult SS Class	30.00
Bacon	155.00
Grace	50.00
Oak Hill	18.00
South Fremont	16.00
DeSoto	50.00
Clarence Burton	20.00
Fourth	28.14
Victory, K.C.	24.00
Fellowship	20.00
Fredericktown, First	30.00
Mt. Zion, Thayer	10.00
Mt. Vernon	45.00
N. E., Association	126.40
West Plains, First Jr. Church for Lombard,	
Spurgeon & Thompson Memorial Fund	12.00
Aulsbury Chapel	10.00
Low Ground	20.00
Hazel Creek	10.00
Bethel Auxiliary	20.00
Myrtle Auxiliary	7.50
Macedonia Auxiliary	50.00
Hartville Auxiliary	87.15
Fourth Auxiliary	50.00
New Hope Auxiliary	20.00
Total	\$9,605.20

Rev. Roger Harwell,  
Secretary—Treasurer  
7920 Harris  
Raytown, Missouri 64138

## COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS June 1981

Gray Summit	\$ 180.00
Kingsway	50.00
Neosho	10.00
Number One	35.05
Cope	39.17
New Rock Springs	158.27
Mt. Zion, Thayer	39.50
Eastern Gate	41.32
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	169.65
Happy Home	82.40
Freeman Chapel	152.08
Myrtle	226.76
Macedonia	17.00
Oak Hill, Union	328.00
Victory, Alton	114.00
Fredericktown	252.00
Liberty	190.00
Bailey Chapel, Tunas	43.00
Cape Girardeau	125.00
Hurryville	183.90
Grace	750.00
Mill Creek	150.70
DeSoto	750.00
Harmony, KC	260.00
Calvary, Conway	150.00
Fordland	261.35
Bethel, Festus	528.00
Faith, Lemay	185.85
Way Side, Willow Springs	250.00
Verdella	271.02
Belton	151.29
Olivet	250.00
Purdy	162.30
Hartville	225.29
Mt. Zion, Gower	69.65
Cedar Ridge	69.00
Mine La Motte	42.00

Royal Oak	35.00
Buffalo	75.91
Columbia	50.00
Hannon	264.00
Union Grove	55.70
Pleasant Ridge	39.00
Merl's Chapel	74.24
Joplin	365.75
Grant Avenue	680.59
Flat River, First	428.06
O'Fallon	441.87
Victory, K.C.	38.00
Mt. Pisgah	95.00
Community	35.50
Rock Chapel	369.87
Parkview	163.00
Sedalia	120.00
Hopewell	270.00
Lebanon, First	393.61
Pleasant Hill	42.65
Rolla	87.65
Cabool	173.74
Fourth	314.00
Thayer	227.00
New Harmony	9.43
El Dorado, First	5.00
Beacon	549.89
Waynesville	186.55
South Side	269.40
Wolf Creek	256.53
Evangel	165.00
Copper Mines	130.71
Viburnum	15.00
Leadington	405.68
Marshfield	168.40
Monett	413.10
The Jones Family Evangelistic Team	377.43
Harmony, K.C.	247.00
Willow Springs	226.26
Fellowship	80.00
Union Light	112.00
Farmington	1,110.00
Twin Oak	400.00
Berkeley	319.75
Berkeley	384.50
Martinstown	54.00
Gospel Light	63.00
Mtn. Grove, First	639.49
Cope	30.49
Myrtle	177.18
Interest from com-bo account	198.28
Total	\$18,797.76

## COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS July 1981

Parkview	\$ 144.46
Bethel, Festus	323.00
Royal Oak	41.00
Faith, Fair Grove	148.46
DeSoto	600.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	53.38
Number One	33.00
Hannon	204.00
Freeman Chapel	64.21
Beacon	648.00
Old Bethel	67.14
Belton	126.20
O'Fallon	407.21
Sedalia	115.03
Eastern Gate	60.64
Faith, Lemay	136.00
New Rock Springs	100.50



Hickory Grove .....	54.42
Richwoods .....	111.05
Happy Home .....	105.00
Mtn. Grove, First .....	492.00
Victory, Alton .....	148.00
Calvary, Conway .....	130.40
Grant Avenue .....	532.10
Union .....	60.00
Hurryville .....	121.78
Flat River, First .....	512.33
Fredericktown, First .....	286.00
Community .....	61.00
Mine La Motte .....	25.00
Houston .....	170.43
Houston .....	151.24
Olivet .....	250.00
Rock Chapel .....	182.24
Aulsbury Chapel .....	805.76
Copper Mines .....	197.23
Wolf Creek .....	184.50
Marshfield .....	151.68
Gospel Light .....	54.00
Leadington .....	386.80
Joplin .....	286.90
Merl's Chapel .....	55.32
Berkeley .....	588.31
Oak Hill .....	348.63
Byrd .....	29.48
Byrd .....	19.34
Bismark .....	58.60
Cabool .....	128.87
Monett .....	325.11
Grace .....	527.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	80.00
Calvary Chapel .....	177.10
Walnut Grove .....	113.43
Black Oak .....	10.00
Hopewell .....	114.00
Union Grove .....	85.50
Hartville .....	137.92
Pleasant Home .....	463.10
Neosho .....	10.00
Gray Summit .....	93.25
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana .....	34.00
Macedonia .....	10.00
South Side .....	185.20
Columbia .....	50.00
Kingsway .....	50.00
Purdy .....	165.95
New Hope .....	85.00
Mill Creek .....	125.94
Mtn. Valley .....	178.46
El Dorado, First .....	5.00
Rolla .....	79.30
South Fremont .....	216.00
Viburnum .....	15.00
Pleasant Hill .....	20.44
Black Oak .....	10.00
Purdy .....	121.42
Fourth .....	283.00
Thayer .....	227.90
Farmington .....	1,110.00
Community .....	21.19
New Harmony .....	7.05
Low Ground .....	77.52
Harmony, K.C. ....	203.00
Number One .....	34.35
Bailey Chapel .....	30.00
Grant Avenue .....	567.54
Buffalo .....	163.79
Cope .....	22.40
Willow Springs .....	306.97
Bethel .....	252.00
Interest on Com-bo Account .....	167.62
Total .....	\$16,954.98

## COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS July 1981

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions .....	\$ 3,136.67
16.00% Promotional Department .....	2,712.80
4.50% General Fund .....	762.97
5.50% Youth Camp .....	932.53
2.00% Christian Board of Education .....	339.10
2.00% Sunday School & C.T.S. ....	339.10
7.00% Missouri State Retirement Village ..	1,186.85
5.00% Missouri State Retirement Program ..	847.74
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College ..	1,017.30
11.00% Foreign Missions .....	1,865.04
8.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College .....	1,356.40
6.00% Executive Department .....	1,017.30
6.00% National Home Missions .....	1,017.30
2.00% National Board of Ret. & Ins. ....	339.10
.25% Layman's Board .....	42.39
.25% Theological Commission .....	42.39
Total .....	\$16,954.98

"Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing." "For the LORD is good, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations" (Psalm 100: 2 and 5). We shall never cease to praise the Lord for His goodness and His mercy. He continues to bless through concerned pastors and churches; as the cooperative receipts come in and as they go out making possible the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. May the Lord bless the faithfulness of everyone that shares in this ministry.

## COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS June 1981

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions .....	\$ 3,477.59
16.00% Promotional Department .....	3,007.64
4.50% General Fund .....	845.90
5.50% Youth Camp .....	1,033.88
2.00% Christian Board of Education .....	375.95
2.00% Sunday School & CTS .....	375.95
5.00% Missouri State Retirement Program ..	939.89
7.00% Retirement Village .....	1,315.84
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College ..	1,127.87
11.00% Foreign Missions .....	2,067.76
8.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College .....	1,503.82
6.00% Executive Department .....	1,127.87
6.00% National Home Missions .....	1,127.87
2.00% National Board of Ret. & Ins. ....	375.95
.25% Layman's Board .....	46.99
.25% Theological Commission .....	46.99
Total .....	\$18,797.76

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end." The Lord has given another wonderful month. We continue to thank Him for what He is doing through concerned pastors and churches. Let us continue to pray and pray for His blessings and help for without Him our labor would be in vain.

## MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING June & July 1981

### Foreign Missions

Hannon .....	\$233.00
McLain .....	\$25.00
Pinkerton .....	50.00
Lytle .....	50.00
Filkins .....	50.00



Tallent	18.00	
Miley	40.00	
Beacon		\$828.95
Lytle	\$284.00	
Coscia	345.40	
Filkins	199.55	
O'Fallon		\$26.60
General Fund	\$26.60	
Joplin		\$33.00
Sparks	\$ 3.00	
Banks	30.00	
Mtn. Grove, First		\$404.62
General Fund	\$310.00	
Cousineau	94.62	
Grant Avenue		\$568.78
Haas	\$ 83.25	
Pinkerton	125.00	
Hersey	280.00	
Lytle	66.03	
General Fund	14.50	
Flat River, First		\$100.00
General Fund	\$100.00	
Olivet		\$160.00
Poole	\$40.00	
Sparks	30.00	
Inscoe	40.00	
Pinkerton	20.00	
McLain	20.00	
Van Hook	10.00	
Rock Chapel		\$10.00
Caton	\$10.00	
Leadington		\$153.33
Eagleton	\$153.33	
Merl's Chapel		\$101.00
Filkins	\$101.00	
Berkeley		\$382.00
Filkins	\$180.00	
Tallent	15.00	
Lytle	63.00	
Deficit Accounts	124.00	
Monett		\$329.72
Tallent	\$114.72	
Sparks	195.00	
General Fund	5.00	
Japan	15.00	
Black Oak		\$45.12
Lytle	\$24.75	
Aycock	20.37	
Fordland		\$69.75
Haas	\$69.75	
Pleasant Ridge		\$40.00
General Fund	\$20.00	
McLain	20.00	
South Side		\$753.80
Charolette Tallent Day	(648.80)	
Tallent	\$95.00	
Filkins	10.00	
Faith, Fair Grove—DVBS Offering		\$60.00
Hanna	\$60.00	
Aulsbury Chapel		\$60.00
Pinkerton	\$30.00	
Filkins	30.00	
Fourth		\$405.00
Tallent	\$ 15.00	
Lytle	390.00	
Thayer		\$10.00
Pinkerton	\$10.00	
New Harmony		\$108.54
McLain	\$54.27	
Miley	54.27	
Low Ground		\$20.00
McLain	\$20.00	
Columbia		\$219.27
McLain	\$45.00	
Aycock	69.27	

Inscoe	50.00	
Tallent	10.00	
McCough	5.00	
Pinkerton	5.00	
General Fund	5.00	
Filkins	30.00	
Kirksville		\$108.00
Pinkerton	\$108.00	
Myrtle		\$152.61
Miley	\$152.61	
Sedalia		\$14.65
Inscoe	\$14.65	
Total		\$5,397.74

#### YOUTH CAMP June and July 1981

Grace	\$120.00	
Hannon	15.00	
Aulsbury Chapel	20.00	
Faith, Lemay	20.00	
New Rock Springs	20.00	
Mtn. Grove	60.00	
Olivet	40.00	
Mt. Pisgah	20.00	
Hartville	20.00	
Mtn. Valley	25.00	
Clark & Clobell Deeds	16.98	
Thayer	20.00	
Willow Springs	20.00	
Fellowship	60.00	
Myrtle	61.30	
Bethel Auxiliary, Festus	100.00	
Leadington	148.32	
Total		\$786.60

#### HOME MISSIONS

Joplin		\$445.00
Weatherford	\$445.00	
New Rock Springs		\$104.00
Vandivort	\$100.00	
Bowers	4.00	
Myrtle		\$253.27
Maness	\$ 65.00	
Bowers	118.05	
Coon Rapids MN	70.22	
Fredericktown, First		\$140.00
General Fund	\$10.00	
Bowers	90.00	
Ross	40.00	
Overland		\$60.00
Maness	\$50.00	
Pegram	10.00	
Columbia		\$23.00
General Fund	\$13.00	
Vandivort	10.00	
Fordland		\$45.00
Maness	\$35.00	
Vandivort	5.00	
Bowers	5.00	
Bethel, Festus		\$290.00
Woman's Auxiliary gave Long	\$75.00	
Maness	\$75.00	
Church gave Maness	\$130.00	
Long	\$10.00	
Olivet		\$40.00
Maness	\$40.00	
Flat River, First		\$397.00
General Fund	\$347.00	
O'Dell	30.00	
Vandivort	20.00	



Mt. Pisgah .....	\$208.00
Maness .....	\$98.00
Vandivort .....	55.00
Bowers .....	55.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$62.00
Vandivort .....	\$21.00
Bowers .....	20.00
Maness .....	15.00
Cochrane .....	6.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$210.94
B. Thomas .....	\$116.94
Maness .....	34.00
Bowers .....	40.00
O'Dell .....	20.00
Lebanon, First .....	\$3.00
Maness .....	\$3.00
Rolla .....	\$150.00
Vandivort .....	\$150.00
Thayer .....	\$363.05
Bowers .....	\$315.05
Vandivort .....	15.00
Maness .....	18.00
H'Way Helpers .....	15.00
George & Mary Wood .....	\$10.00
H'Way Help .....	\$10.00
South Side .....	\$5.00
Maness .....	\$5.00
Wolf Creek—Bob & Glenda Keith .....	\$40.00
Bowers .....	\$10.00
Vandivort .....	30.00
Eunice Land .....	\$50.00
Vandivort .....	\$25.00
Maness .....	25.00
Leadington .....	\$335.65
Bowers .....	\$306.65
Vandivort .....	15.00
Maness .....	14.00
Monett .....	\$179.10
Ross .....	\$164.10
B. Thomas .....	5.00
Bowers .....	10.00
Berkeley .....	\$236.00
General Fund .....	\$110.00
Bowers .....	36.00
Maness .....	30.00
H'Way Help .....	10.00
Deficit Accts .....	50.00
Mtn. Grove, First .....	\$209.00
Vandivort .....	\$40.00
Maness .....	80.00
Bowers .....	89.00
O'Fallon .....	\$60.00
Ross .....	\$60.00
Roger Ross, Lemay .....	\$10.00
Maness .....	\$10.00

Houston .....	\$3.00
Maness .....	\$3.00
Carl Layman, Black Oak .....	\$20.00
Maness .....	\$20.00
Low Ground .....	\$20.00
Vandivort .....	\$20.00
Total .....	\$3,972.01

#### FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Joplin .....	\$77.00
General Fund .....	\$ 2.00
Library .....	75.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$126.70
Development Fund .....	\$60.00
General Fund .....	66.70
Columbia .....	\$8.00
General Fund .....	\$8.00
Flat River, First .....	\$100.00
In Memory Of J. Miller .....	\$100.00
Monett .....	\$70.00
Student Loan Fund D. Lombard .....	\$70.00
Merl's Chapel .....	\$40.00
Student Loan Fund D. Lombard .....	\$40.00
Total .....	\$421.70

#### HILLSDALE BIBLE COLLEGE

Grant Avenue .....	\$26.00
Monett .....	\$19.68
Mtn. Grove, First .....	\$50.00
Willow Springs .....	\$630.00
MO Special Project .....	\$600.00
Regular Support .....	\$30.00
Total .....	\$725.68

#### BOB CARR ACCOUNT

Grant Avenue .....	\$35.00
Merl's Chapel .....	\$44.00
Total .....	\$79.00

#### GREENEVILLE CHILDREN'S HOME

Myrtle .....	\$5.06
Berkeley .....	\$2.00
Total .....	\$7.06

#### NATIONAL BOARD OF RETIREMENT & INSURANCE

Grant Avenue .....	\$3.00
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## Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley E. Jones

Much is being said these days about personal evangelism. Church members are being encouraged by their pastors to become soul winners. While the emphasis is great and the involvement is Scriptural, some of these new soul winners are finding results slow. I believe we can correct that to a degree. The key is preparation.

First, there is general preparation which should be considered prior to soul winning attempts. The new soul winner should read some good books on personal evangelism and, if possible, attend classes taught by an experienced soul winner. One needs to be willing to assume the cost in time, energy, talents, and finances. He needs to master a workable plan for effective soul winning.

Second, there is personal preparation involved. He must be saved and confident of his salvation. Others must be confident of his salvation. He must be of unquestionable character. He must be completely dedicated to God. He must live a life of victory that will cause the unsaved to desire what he has. He must have a meaningful prayer life. He must know and depend on the Word of God. He must depend on the work of the Holy Spirit. He must have love and concern for those who are lost. He must have a vision of the whole world as the field, white, ready for harvest.

As the soul winner begins to prepare himself in these areas, he will realize more success in the work of personal evangelism.

## Points for Pastors



by Jim McAllister

More and more I am becoming aware of what a great source of strength and encouragement a good Deacon Board can actually be. I am learning to rely on them for advice, encouragement, assistance, support, and help in pastoral work. Some pastors have trouble appreciating the Deacon Board. I think that this mainly comes from a failure on the part of both pastor, the deacons, and the church to understand the duties and privileges of good deacons.

The deacon is not the pastor's boss. He is not the spiritual leader of the church. He is not the overseer of the pastor. He is not the one who tells the pastor what he is to do. On the other hand, the pastor is not the dictator. He is not the boss of the deacon.

It is very important for all involved to recognize that the pastor is the under-shepherd. He is the leader of the church. But he is a co-worker with the deacons and the other boards and committees of the church. They must work together and not against one another.

If a pastor is God-called; if he is trained and prepared for the pastorate; if he is given the privilege of leading the church, then he probably will be able to build a good church. This job will be accomplished successfully if the deacon recognizes his part in the ministry and that he can never do it without working together.

I know one thing for sure. I appreciate the deacons in the Farmington Church. We have fourteen. Six are on the board and these men are truly an inspiration to me. In the next article I will relate some of the work accomplished by our deacons.

This poem was written by Mrs. Virginia Weir, wife of Reverend Chester Weir. This is in memory of Brother Weir who passed away July 31, 1980. She sent this to be shared by the readers of the Gem.

One year has come and gone,  
Since God called my dear husband home.  
Oh, how sudden and hard the blow  
And how I miss him, no one will ever know.  
But, he is now preaching and singing in Gloryland  
Joining right in with the angel band.

My home was made so lonely and sad  
When God called away the husband I had.  
No more on earth will we see his smiling face,  
And how we miss his kind voice around the  
home-place.

Now, beneath the cold clay, lies the body of my dear,  
The precious memory of his love is very near.  
But, after awhile in another land  
Where there will be no more parting  
I will understand,  
Why my loved one was called so soon to the  
Golden Strand.



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## WOMAN'S PAGE

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### GREATER OZARK DISTRICT MEETING

The Greater Ozark District meeting was held August 17, 1981, at the Fordland Free Will Baptist Church. Charolette Tallent, missionary to France, spoke to the ladies using Psalm 23 and developing the theme of "All I Need." The women were challenged as she showed how we are like the sheep and really in need of the Shepherd's guiding hand. She also showed slides of interest to women. Charolette is beginning her itinerary to raise support to return to the field of France. She will be traveling many miles, so please pray for safety on the highway and that peoples' hearts would be stirred to support her through prayer and finances.

### RETREAT PROJECT

The retreat project this year is to raise money to purchase chairs for the new dining hall addition at the Youth Camp. The cost of one chair is \$24.00. If your Auxiliary would like to purchase a chair, or perhaps a children's church or youth group would like to help in the purchase, your money can be sent to Blanche Wisehart, Myrtle, Missouri 65778.

### \*PRAYER REQUESTS\*

During the next month please remember to pray for the following prayer requests:

1. Gerard and Francoise Tynevey. Mr. Tynevey is the pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Rennes, France.
2. The Children's Bible club for 9-12 year olds in France. They are in need of new workers. Pray that someone from the Rennes church will see the need to teach these children the good news of Jesus Christ.
3. Joe Haas as he and Mrs. Haas have come to the states on furlough.
4. Charolette Tallent also on furlough.
5. The missionaries who are still on the field of France: The Lynn Mileys, The Jerry Webbs, The John Murrays, The Jerry Gibbs, The Tom McCulloughs, and Patsy Vanhook.
6. Allen Crowsons, formally missionaries to the Ivory Coast, changing fields to France. Projected departure date January, 1982.