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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1980-81

CHURCH	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.
Aulsbury Chapel	105			115	111	123	133	136	125	130		
Beacon	104		102									
Calvary, Conway	72	90	66	67	77	81	103	83	81	84	79	89
Central			67	73	65	78	91					
Copper Mines	79	81	81	75								
Cuba	55	50	41	43	40	44	47	49	61			
De Soto	175	180	187	178	184	183						
Farmington	646	701	654	639	657	692	669	617	601	601	634	684
Flat River, First	160	165	181	153	148	201	187					
Fourth	171		141	153	162	206	160	139	141	107		
Fredericktown, 1st	121	114	109	108	151	156	145		133	143	134	133
Grace				178	172	186	239	183	158	150		
Grant Avenue	130	135	141	137	141	150	141	137	129	132	131	
Gray Summit	30	31	31									
Hannon	85	84	82	82	76	84	99	90	91	85	80	83
Happy Home	77	76	85	82	77	88	94	84				
Harmony, KC	60	56	60	50	40	70	63	50	57	40	60	54
Hartville	81	98	90	88	97							
Houston			57	58	54	56	65	57	62	66	65	
Lebanon, First	125	125	117	113	117	147	132					
Marshfield	47	44	44	43	44	45	45	50	53	49	56	61
O'Fallon	95	91	81	92	92	100	97	86	87	80	86	
Parkview	39	47	51	50	50	53	60	55	62	64	55	57
Richwoods	21	19	18	17	19			21	21	25	27	33
Thayer	167	167	172	155	162							
Trinity	120		124	121	120							
Twin Oak	82	77	75	74	71	82	77	76	78	80	84	75
Willow Springs	115	120	116	119	114	118	129	101	103	93	101	101
United, West Plains				77	76	78	63	55	65	69	68	64
South Side	115	96	111	91	92	110	125	106				

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Churches People And Events

Trinity Church Expresses Thanks to Interim Pastor

From the desk of the pastor, Reverend Millard Sasser, comes this statement from the Trinity Church: "The Trinity Church would like to express our appreciation to Reverend Daryl Ellis for his ministry to us as our interim pastor. All of us felt the great sense of loss in the 'Graduation' of our pastor, Russell Spurgeon, and perhaps, in some ways Daryl felt it even more after the two and one-half years he worked so closely with Brother Spurgeon as our minister of Christian education. However, he was willing to accept the awesome task of becoming the 'under-shepherd' and all the responsibility that position holds. Daryl ministered to us personally and as a corporate body as he counseled, directed the choir, gave out the Word from the pulpit, and took care of all the tasks and problems that no one else sees on a daily basis. His example of Christ-likeness and service to God were above reproach. 'Thank You' is hardly adequate for the job he did. His was not an easy task, but he undertook it without shrinking from the responsibility."

First Church At Flat River Welcomes New Pastor

Brenda Hoehn, church reporter of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Missouri, writes, We are excited at the First Church. Brother Ron Edgil, his wife Shan and three children, Rhonda, Mark, and Rolen, have begun their work as pastor and family. The church organized a Woman's Auxiliary on July 14, 1981. We have a lot to be thankful for.



News From Neosho

This news comes from the desk of the pastor, Reverend Steve Reeves. We are thankful for the blessings from the Lord. We were in revival meeting services September 28 through October 4, with Reverend Clarence Burton serving as evangelist. The Lord blessed with a sweet spirit, good singing, and exceptional messages. Sunday Morning October 4 was the beginning of the Enlargement Campaign. It was designated as "Fill A Car Sunday." The goal for Sunday school was 80. The attendance was 72 with 83 in the Morning Worship. We are excited about what the Lord is doing for us. We would like for Christian people to remember us in prayer that the Lord will bless as we lead people to Christ and see the church grow.



Revival and Homecoming At Mill Creek

The church reporter from the Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church writes, A revival meeting was held October 11 through October 16. Reverend James Barker was the evangelist. A special thanks is given to him for his labor during the week. The church has been uplifted and renewed as a result of the revival.

The church held a Homecoming Day service on October 18. Reverend Rick Chapman, member of the church, presently attending the Free Will Baptist Bible College, delivered the message at the morning worship service. A basket dinner was enjoyed during the noon hour. The featured singers for the afternoon service were The Pilot Knob Landmark Baptist Church Youth Group, a very talented group, and the Durbin Family.

The women of the church recently organized a Woman's Auxiliary. The first meeting was held on October 25. The women sponsored a Bake Sale on October 17. The Christian Women's Fellowship con-

tinues to meet once a month and enjoys making quilts.

The CTS sponsored a hayride and Halloween party. The Sunday school attendance has been higher this quarter. The Sunday school sponsored a picnic trip to Meremac Springs Park.

The work of the Holy Spirit has been very evident in the services at the church. Plans are being made for Thanksgiving, and work has begun on the Christmas program. The church would like to welcome its newest member, Timothy Allen, born on September 22. He is the son of Roger and Nancy Matthews. We hope the Lord continues to bless our church, and we are looking forward to a great new year, 1982. The pastor of the church is Reverend Lloyd Durbin.

Grandparents Honored at Mt. Zion

Sunday, September 13, was Grandparents' Day at the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church at Thayer, Missouri. Gifts were presented to the oldest grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phipps; the youngest, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Cochkan; and the grandparents with the most grandchildren present, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ward. Sharon Bowers' grandfather was the oldest to attend the service. Grandparents that took part in the services were Lucille Hoseapple, Mr. & Mrs. Charley Cochkan, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Phipps, Mr. Jack Pingleton, Mr. & Mrs. Orville Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ward, and Mrs. Tinnie Maddaen. Reverend Johnny Hoseapple is the pastor of the church.

Blessings At DeSoto Church

Mrs. Sophia Ackerson, church reporter, writes, Grace and Peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

We are enjoying the blessings of the Lord at the DeSoto Church. We have had a most wonderful year with many souls being saved, baptized, and joining in the fellowship of the church.

We are looking forward to the days ahead, and we hope to do great things for the Lord. October is Enlargement and Revival Month. We are expecting the Lord to increase our Sunday school and give us a great revival. Brother Wayne Phillips is the evangelist.

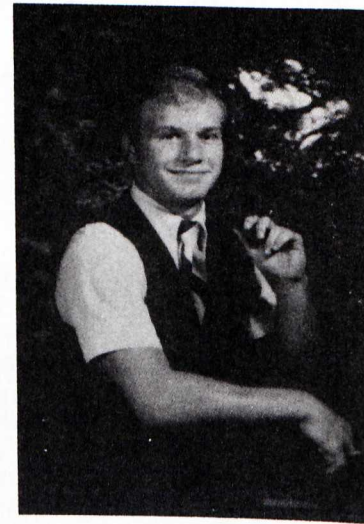
The young people are working very hard with cottage prayer meetings in the homes on Saturday nights. The young people have a choir with Brother Terry Lewis as the director. We also have a Junior Choir with Brother Rick Kyburz serving as director. All of the young people do a great job singing.

The Children's Church is doing great with Gary and Sharon Parker serving as directors. The Lord is blessing this work and all the activities in the church.

We are thankful for our pastor, Brother Charles Miller. He does such a wonderful job preaching the gospel and feeding the flock. We thank the Lord for what He has done and what He is doing for us in the

DeSoto Church.

The photo is of Brother Mike Parker, a young preacher that preached at a recent Youth Service.



Jones Family Entertained At Monett

Mrs. Jo Ann Thomas, church reporter, writes, Two classes of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Monett, Missouri, entertained their families and guests with a picnic on Sunday afternoon, September 20. There were over seventy in attendance with special guests, Reverend and Mrs. Stanley Jones.

Following the morning worship the group boarded the church bus and cars, then drove to beautiful Roaring River State Park. After a bountiful and delicious picnic lunch the group enjoyed the remaining part of the afternoon by hiking, games, fellowship, and fun. The tired but happy group returned to attend the evening service. Brother Jones preached in both morning and evening services. The attendance for Sunday school was 170. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship of Christian friends.

Greetings From Twin Oaks

Mrs. Madeline McFarland, church reporter, writes, The Twin Oaks Free Will Baptist Church is planning a revival meeting beginning November 12, with Reverend Bob Thebeau to serve as the evangelist. The church is looking forward to an "Old-Time Revival Meeting."

The people of the church are making plans for a Halloween Party with the Mine La Motte Church. There will be a hayride and wiener roast along with a lot of music and good gospel singing.

On September 26, the following were elected to serve as officers and teachers in the Sunday school: Kenny Ally, superintendent; Bob Kemp, assistant superintendent; Jean Pirtle, secretary; Debbie Parson, assistant secretary; Marie Kemp, pianist; Debbie Parson, assistant pianist; Joe Pirtle, song leader;

(Teachers) Adult Class #7, Ray Thomas; Adult Class #6, Wayne Spain; Young Married #5, Linda Spain; High Teens #4, Barb Lee; Teens #3, Amylee Huffman; Primary #2, Brenda Hand; Beginners #1, Marie Kemp; Nursery Class, Loren Huffman and Sue Alley; Assistant Teachers, Ethel Pirtle, Bob Kemp, Debbie Parson, and Madeline McFarland.

The church regrets to see Brother and Sister Bobby Hale, Jimmy, and Lori move to Oklahoma. They will be missed. Hopefully they will be able to work and fellowship with another Free Will Baptist church.

We ask for Christians to remember our church in prayer. We want to be faithful in serving the Lord. Reverend Truman Huffman is the pastor.

Pastor Appreciation At Eastern Gate

The Eastern Gate Free Will Baptist Church honored their pastor on Sunday, September 20, with Pastor Appreciation Day.

Brother Herschel Jordan directed the order of service and expressed a feeling of love and appreciation from the church to the pastor and family, Reverend and Mrs. Joe Williams. He gave Brother Larry Stevens opportunity to recognize special guests at the service: Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Conner, Joan, Tammy and Robbie Cox, Dorothy Williams, Peggy, Michele, and Janie Cornell, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Freeman, Lance and Stephanie, Dr. and Mrs. William Wagasy, Amy and Billie, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Dean, Scott and Michael, and Reverend and Mrs. Clarence Burton. Special solos in song were given by Jo Ann Rand, Carol Willoughby, and Donna Jordan.

A Fellowship Dinner was enjoyed by everyone following the morning service. The planning of the activities was directed by Donna Norris.



News From Richwoods

Mrs. Junior Lewis, church reporter, writes, The church has called Brother Jim Parker to serve as pastor of the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church.

Brother Parker served as a deacon for a number of years in the DeSoto Free Will Baptist Church. He announced his call to preach the gospel a relatively short time ago and has been recently licensed.

The Lord is blessing the church with an increase in attendance.

There are several new families and visitors that are attending the services regularly. The building program is making fine progress, and we anticipate using the accommodations in the near future.

Children's Church At Marshfield

The church reporter from the Marshfield Free Will Baptist Church writes, On September 6, 1981, the first Children's Church Service was held with twelve children. The ages ranged from three to eleven.

The Lord burdened the hearts of Beverly Mackie (who is serving as director), Agnes Terry, Linda Borden (these are serving as assistants to the director), and Norma Pringle (who is serving as pianist) to begin this ministry. Since the beginning of this ministry, a van was donated for the purpose of bringing the children to church and Sunday school. Larry Bearden and John Hodges head the bus ministry.

Attendance and interest have steadily increased since its inception. The attendance on Sunday, October 4, 1981, was twenty-two. The Lord blessed with one boy receiving Christ as Savior.

The aim and interest of the church is to minister to all ages. It is the desire of those working with the Children's Church to reach more children for the Lord.

The pastor of the church is Reverend Grover Terry.



Braddy Honored At Lebanon

Reverend and Mrs. Joe Braddy were honored by the First Free Will Baptist Church at Lebanon, Missouri on Sunday, September 13. At the morning worship Reverend Braddy was presented with a plaque and boutonniere, and Mrs. Braddy was presented with a corsage. Following the evening worship the church met in fellowship hall and presented the pastor and his wife with a money-gift; and the Junior Choir, along with Richard and Becky Brown, presented the pastor with a partial set of Tyndale Commentaries. The photo shows Reverend and Mrs. Braddy with Bob Bryan who presented the gift.



Youth Camp Board Honors Lynn Wood

The Missouri State Youth Camp Board honored Reverend and Mrs. Lynn Wood with a luncheon at a local restaurant in Mtn. Grove, Missouri, on October 15, 1981. The chairman of the board, Reverend Ken Goff, presented a plaque to Reverend Wood, recognizing and expressing appreciation for his years of service to the Youth Camp Ministry in Missouri. Reverend and Mrs. Wood have accepted the pastorate of the Garden Grove Free Will Baptist Church in California.



50th Anniversary Party for Reverend Campbell

On September 4, 1981, a large crowd gathered for a surprise Anniversary Party for Reverend Cecil Campbell. The service celebrating 50 years in the ministry was held at the Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Stella, Missouri. It was noted by Mrs. Jewel Campbell that her husband was licensed exactly fifty years ago, on the first Friday in September, 1931. That service was held at the Jones Chapel Church.

Members of the churches Brother Campbell had served and members of the church he now serves, along with close minister friends, were present to express congratulations and words of commendation.

Greetings and congratulations were read by Mrs. Campbell from directors and representatives from the National Offices in Nashville, Tennessee. Reverend Clarence Burton, promotional secretary, Missouri State Association, expressed congratulations and thanked Brother Campbell for his faithful service to the cause of Christ through Free Will Baptists.

Out of town guests for the Anniversary Party included the Campbells' children, Judy and her family of Washington, D.C. and Reverend Lewis Campbell of Nashville, Tennessee.

Reverend Campbell is presently serving as pastor of the Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church, Oskaloosa, Missouri.



Cooperative Disbursements August 31, 1981

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions	\$2,933.58
16.00% Promotional Department	2,537.15
4.50% General Fund	713.57
5.50% Youth Camp	872.15
2.00% Christian Board of Education	317.14
2.00% Sunday School and CTS	317.14
5.00% Missouri State Retirement Program ..	792.86
7.00% Retirement Village	1,110.00
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College ..	951.43
11.00% Foreign Missions	1,744.29
8.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	1,268.57
6.00% Executive Department	951.43
6.00% National Home Missions	951.43
2.00% National Board of Ret. and Ins.	317.14
.25% Layman's Board	39.64
.25% Theological Commission	39.64
Total	\$15,857.16

The Lord is continuing to bless and we are so thankful! The cooperative plan of support reaches throughout the world in its support of the Lord's work and also supports the State Ministries. May the Lord bless as you remain faithful to His Work.

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS September 1981

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions	\$3,006.56
16.00% Promotional Department	2,600.27
4.50% General Fund	731.33
5.50% Youth Camp	893.84
2.00% Christian Board of Education	325.03
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	325.03
5.00% MO State Retirement Program	812.59
7.00% MO State Retirement Village	1,137.62
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College ..	975.10
11.00% Foreign Missions	1,787.69
8.00% FWBBC	1,300.15
6.00% Executive Department	975.10
6.00% National Home Missions	975.10
2.00% National Board of Ret. & Ins.	325.03
.25% Layman's Board	40.63
.25% Theological Commission	40.63
Total	\$16,251.70

The Lord is continuing to bless in a wonderful way. We are so grateful for this. It is encouraging to meet our projected budget month by month, which in turn enables each recipient of cooperative giving to benefit and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. May the Lord's special blessings continue to bless the churches that are so faithful in supporting this world-wide ministry for the Lord.

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS August 1981

Cape Girardeau	\$148.77
Gray Summit	78.58
St. Francois Ass'n	13.00
Cedar Ridge	59.00
Cedar Ridge	61.25
Mt. Pisgah	71.00
Beacon	167.46
Cuba	174.06
Mt. Zion, Thayer	64.16
Royal Oak	38.00
Sedalia	122.24

Mine La Motte	21.75
Columbia	50.00
Mtn. Grove, First	473.19
Olivet	250.00
Victory, Alton	96.00
South Side	221.70
Neosho	10.00
Pleasant Ridge	42.00
Lebanon, First	451.27
Parkview	177.52
Belton	129.97
Eastern Gate	27.32
O'Fallon	354.63
Myrtle	163.76
New Rock Springs	120.95
Waynesville	146.67
Mill Creek	118.94
Mt. Zion, Gower	69.40
Way Side	250.00
Faith, Fair Grove	132.61
Faith, Fair Grove	131.54
Faith, Lemay	122.00
Macedonia	13.00
DeSoto	550.00
Hannon	176.00
Flat River, First	426.84
Hurryville	110.81
Verdella	103.16
Monett	361.11
Central	845.00
Rolla	105.00
Rock Chapel	201.57
Calvary, Conway	128.00
Byrd	18.63
Union Grove	74.30
Joplin	316.35
Mt. Vernon	41.00
Merl's Chapel	53.03
Grace	555.00
Happy Home	133.74
Hartville	162.02
Trinity	200.00
Trinity	650.00
Fredericktown, First	350.00
Houston	148.06
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Wolf Creek	193.35
Bismark	52.00
Oak Hill, Union	269.04
Marshfield	164.27
New Home	51.61
Copper Mines	148.43
Cabool	127.74
Gospel Light	54.00
Leadington	363.46
Calvary Chapel	190.20
Freeman Chapel	59.09
Pleasant Hill	45.86
Fourth	366.00
South Fremont	220.00
Lebanon, First	683.10
Thayer	245.94
Farmington	1,110.00
Liberty	200.00
Willow Springs	270.92
Verdella	138.57
Cope	32.00
Waynesville	71.36
Hopewell	147.00
Hopewell	130.00
Mt. Pisgah	80.00
Interest on Com-bo Account	156.86
Total	\$15,857.16

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS September, 1981

Parkview	\$205.00
Oskaloosa	84.44
Royal Oak	70.00
Bismark	35.00
Eastern Gate	34.08
DeSoto	750.00
Sedalia	188.68
Olivet	250.00
Harmony, KC	314.00
Victory, Alton	134.00
Myrtle	207.69
Victory, KC	33.50
Bethel	348.00
Grace	840.50
Mt. Zion, Gower	78.20
Walnut Grove	109.91
Bailey Chapel	48.00
Kingsway	50.00
Kingsway	50.00
Macedonia	15.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	152.77
Belton	185.79
Faith, Fair Grove	155.22
Hannon	183.00
Faith, Lemay	164.00
Jones Chapel	544.49
Black Oak	10.00
South Side	279.00
New Rock Springs	116.18
Columbia	50.00
Mt. Vernon	70.72
Merl's Chapel	74.03
Joplin	361.95
Pleasant Ridge	45.00
Neosho	10.00
Mill Creek	150.77
Hartville	184.40
Hurryville	164.49
Gospel Light	45.00
Grant Avenue	565.90
Mine La Motte	20.00
Mt. Zion, Thayer	39.57
Happy Home	105.72
Marshfield	182.42
Viburnum	15.00
O'Fallon	511.45
Number One	35.38
Union Grove	137.88
Springfield, First	276.00
Monett	443.15
Flat River, First	446.35
Buffalo	139.30
Byrd	13.90
United, West Plains	100.00
Lebanon, First	390.35
Trinity	250.00
Martinstown	44.00
Gray Summit	83.49
Leadington	353.56
Mtn. Grove, First	568.14
Beacon	557.00
Calvary Chapel	202.96
Copper Mines	176.52
Cabool	180.02
Wolf Creek	232.00
Union	60.00
Rock Chapel	241.75
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Houston	177.63
New Hope	80.00
Calvary, Conway	149.00
Community	9.76

Rolla	174.18
Hazel Creek	207.30
Pleasant Hill	31.79
Oak Hill, Union	257.63
South Fremont	292.00
Black Oak	10.00
Koshkonong	32.00
New Rock Springs	91.57
Eastern Gate	19.96
Bailey Chapel	42.00
Myrtle	151.07
Fourth	433.00
Thayer	271.00
Union Light	98.48
Willow Springs	273.12
Cope	30.75
Fellowship	80.00
Koshkonong	20.20
Interest on Com-bo Account	149.84
Total	\$16,251.70

DESIGNATED GIFTS TO FOREIGN MISSIONS August/September 1981

Columbia	\$221.10
Inscoc	\$ 10.00
Filkins	10.00
McLain	75.00
Tallent	114.00
McCollough	5.00
General Fund	7.00
Sedalia	\$34.85
Inscoc	\$34.85
Olivet	\$160.00
Poole	\$40.00
Sparks	30.00
Inscoc	40.00
McLain	20.00
Pinkerton	20.00
Van Hook	10.00
Dale & Evelyn Crossgrove	\$20.00
McLain	\$20.00
Low Ground	\$10.00
McLain	\$10.00
Myrtle	\$227.08
Miley	\$227.08
Bethel	\$25.00
General Fund	\$25.00
Kirksville	\$57.00
Pinkerton	\$47.00
Eagleton	10.00
Hannon	\$179.50
Filkins	\$50.00
Pinkerton	50.00
Lytle	50.00
Miley	29.50
Black Oak	\$31.90
Hanna	\$21.40
Richards	10.50
South Side	\$223.00
Tallent	\$193.00
Filkins	30.00
Merl's Chapel	\$142.75
Murray	\$ 3.00
Hughes	75.25
Caton	64.50
Joplin	\$20.00
Banks	\$10.00
Wode	5.00
Cousineau	5.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$40.00
McLain	\$20.00
General Fund	20.00
West Plains, First	\$45.00
General Fund	\$45.00

Grant Avenue		\$161.00
Hersey	\$105.00	
Pinkerton	35.00	
General Fund	21.00	
O'Fallon		\$46.57
General Fund	\$46.57	
Monett		\$345.00
Filkins	\$100.00	
Sparks	230.00	
General Fund	15.00	
Flat River, First		\$200.00
General Fund	\$200.00	
Pauline Clayton, Buffalo		\$5.00
Banks	\$5.00	
Lebanon, First		\$21.00
Tallent	\$16.00	
Filkins	5.00	
Beacon		\$340.22
Coscia	\$290.00	
Filkins	50.22	
Trinity		\$434.11
General Fund	\$126.11	
Morgan	60.00	
Hanna	20.00	
Payne	20.00	
McLain	125.00	
Miley	23.00	
Filkins	60.00	
Leadington		\$1,012.70
Eagleton	\$25.00	
Turnbough	273.91	
Filkins	713.79	
Mtn. Grove		\$470.00
General Fund	\$380.00	
Cousineau	50.00	
Eagleton	20.00	
Aycock	20.00	
Martinstown		\$80.00
Miley	\$20.00	
Sparks	20.00	
Richards	20.00	
McLain	20.00	
Rock Chapel		\$5.00
Tallent	\$5.00	
Aulsbury Chapel		\$120.00
Filkins	\$60.00	
Pinkerton	60.00	
New Hope, Fredericktown		\$10.00
General Fund	\$10.00	
Victory		\$11.71
Tallent	\$11.71	
Fordland		\$115.43
Tallent	\$115.43	
Fourth		\$432.00
Lytle	\$412.00	
Tallent	20.00	
Thayer		\$10.00
Pinkerton	\$10.00	
Central		\$207.22
Filkins	\$120.00	
Miley	57.22	
Haas	30.00	
South Fremont		\$20.00
Pinkerton	\$20.00	
Total		\$5,484.14

DESIGNATED GIFTS FOR NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS
August/September 1981

Mt. Pisgah		\$220.00
Maness	\$100.00	
Bowers	60.00	
Vandivort	60.00	
Mtn. Grove		\$150.00
Vandivort	\$70.00	

Bowers	20.00	
Maness	60.00	
Wolf Creek		\$30.00
Vandivort	\$25.00	
Bowers	5.00	
Bob & Glenda Keith		\$15.00
Vandivort	\$10.00	
Bowers	5.00	
Olivet		\$40.00
Maness	\$40.00	
South Side		\$30.00
Fulcher	\$20.00	
Maness	10.00	
O'Fallon		\$176.27
Adkisson	\$74.00	
Maness	70.27	
Fulcher	32.00	
Myrtle		\$449.10
Bowers	\$188.25	
Maness	117.00	
General Fund	50.00	
Evangelism	40.00	
Coon Rapids	53.85	
New Rock Springs		\$275.00
Vandivort	\$275.00	
Fordland		\$48.00
Maness	\$33.00	
Vandivort	5.00	
Bowers	10.00	
Flat River, First		\$296.81
General Fund	\$130.00	
Vandivort	40.00	
O'Dell	51.00	
Maness	75.81	
Monett		\$219.75
Ross	\$159.75	
B. Thomas	10.00	
J. Smith	50.00	
Central		\$195.00
Vandivort	\$ 15.00	
Maness	105.00	
O'Dell	10.00	
Bowers	30.00	
Kennedy	5.00	
General Fund	30.00	
Rolla		\$199.00
Vandivort	\$150.00	
Maness	49.00	
Rock Chapel		\$34.00
O'Dell	\$20.00	
Bowers	10.00	
Maness	4.00	
Warren & Ann Livingston, Lebanon		\$50.00
Maness	\$20.00	
Long	30.00	
Leadington		\$30.00
Maness	\$20.00	
Vandivort	10.00	
South Fremont		\$26.00
Maness	\$26.00	
Lebanon, First		\$22.00
Maness	\$15.00	
Vandivort	5.00	
O'Dell	2.00	
Thayer		\$360.31
Bowers	\$105.31	
Bowers Land	200.00	
Maness	25.00	
Vandivort	10.00	
Highway Helpers	20.00	
Pauline Clayton, Buffalo		\$2.00
Maness	\$2.00	
Victory, KC		\$23.00
Weatherford	\$10.00	
Ross	5.00	
Russell	8.00	

Grant Avenue	\$32.00
Maness	\$30.00
Mexico	2.00
Joplin	\$170.00
Weatherford	\$170.00
Carl Layman, Black Oak	\$30.00
Maness	\$30.00
Roger Ross, Lemay	\$10.00
Maness	\$10.00
Kirksville	\$5.00
M. Lake	\$5.00
Bethel, Festus	\$50.00
General Fund	\$25.00
Maness	25.00
Low Ground	\$10.00
Vandivort	\$10.00
Columbia	\$5.00
Vandivort	\$5.00
Total	\$3,203.24

DESIGNATED GIFTS TO FWBBC August/September 1981

Joplin	\$ 25.00
Library	\$25.00
Monett	\$246.72
Don Lombard Stud. Ln.	\$133.00
Master's Players Spec.	113.72
Flat River	\$100.00
James Miller Memorial	\$100.00
Calvary Chapel, Buffalo	\$114.08
Adult SS Class	\$ 14.00
Special	100.08
Total	\$485.80

DESIGNATED GIFTS TO BOB CARR ACCOUNT August/September 1981

Merl's Chapel	\$92.10
Grant Avenue	\$10.00
Total	\$102.10

DESIGNATED GIFTS TO GREENEVILLE CHILDREN'S HOME August/September 1981

Myrtle	\$13.15
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DESIGNATED GIFT TO NATIONAL BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

Grant Avenue	\$1.00
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DESIGNATED GIFTS TO HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE August/September 1981

Sedalia	\$80.00
Special	
Willow Springs	51.85
Special	
Kirksville	10.98
Special	
Hannon	436.75
Special	
Jones Chapel	102.00
Special	
El Dorado Springs, First	36.75
Special	
Merl's Chapel	100.00
Special	

Joplin	370.50
Special	
Neosho	25.00
Special	
Grant Avenue	10.00
Special	
O'Fallon	105.00
Special	
Monett	172.45
Special	
Macedonia	146.00
Special	
Mtn. Grove	1,104.16
Special	
Beacon	100.00
Special	
New Hope—Fredericktown	20.00
Special	
Victory, KC	50.00
Special	
Thayer	79.31
Special	
Willow Springs	25.00
South Fremont	10.00
Mt. Zion, Thayer	33.03
Special	
Total	\$3,068.78

DESIGNATED GIFTS FOR YOUTH CAMP August/September 1981

Olivet	\$40.00
Myrtle	70.62
Bethel, Festus	25.00
Faith, Lemay	20.00
New Rock Springs	93.52
Upkeep on Mission Cabin	\$50.00
General Fund	43.52
Hartville	70.00
Dishwasher	\$50.00
General Fund	20.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$20.00
Thayer	20.00
South Fremont	50.00
Dishwasher	
Willow Springs	20.00
Mt. Pisgah	20.00
Mtn. Grove	10.00
Lebanon, First	50.01
Monett	60.00
Houston	35.07
Total	\$604.22

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS GIVING August/September 1981

Fordland	\$ 19.00
Mary Ann Owens	5.00
Sedalia	207.94
Parkview	8.00
Grace	50.00
Cooperative Receipts	6,070.25
Pleasant Ridge	20.00
Myrtle	20.12
National Home Missions	30.00
Flat River, First	200.00
Monett	25.00
Central	27.22
Rock Chapel	156.44
Indian Creek Ass'n	162.76
Aulsbury Chapel	30.00
Wayne Wagner	20.00
Olivet	300.00

Mt. Zion, Thayer	20.00
Clarence Burton	20.00
Hurryville	50.00
Beacon	120.00
Cape Girardeau	100.00
DeSoto	50.00
Oak Hill, Union	113.46
Mill Creek SS Class	30.00
Victory, KC	64.00
Mable Riley	10.00
Houston	66.91
Farmington	15.00
Fourth	59.84
Grant Avenue	34.24
Berkeley	62.00
South Fremont	14.00
New Harmony	23.17
Low Ground	20.00
Terrill Road	6.16
Dale Underwood	100.00
Montgomery City Mission	25.00
Greater Kansas City Ass'n.	40.00
Bethel Auxiliary	20.00
Sikeston	80.00
Total	\$8,495.51

Record Enrollment At FWBBC

A record 584 students enrolled at the Free Will Baptist Bible College for the fall semester, as the college began its 40th year, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, registrar. Compared to last year's enrollment of 513 the enrollment is up by 14 percent. New students numbered 224. The new record does not include five students who have enrolled for a class currently being offered for credit toward the Graduate School, which does not officially open until August 1982. All five are Free Will Baptist ministers in the Nashville area and all are FWBBC graduates. The student body is comprised of people from thirty-four states and six foreign countries. Four Canadian students have enrolled. Three of these are from the newly admitted Canadian Association of Free Will Baptists, which joined the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Louisville last July.

Missouri has 30 students enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Three of these students are serving as officers in students organizations. Ginny Reeves, a junior from Flat River, is recording secretary for the Foreign Missions Fellowship; Harmony Mowry, a sophomore from Cabool, is serving as chaplain of the Student Body; Ruth Ann Cartee, a junior from Leadington, is the secretary/treasurer for the college's Woman's Auxiliary chapter.

Increase in Enrollment At Hillsdale

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College announced that there was a ten percent increase in enrollment for the fall semester over the fall of 1980. The number of students enrolled is 165.

Dixon Receives Annual Warden's Certificate

Reverend Othel T. Dixon, pastor of the Lexington Free Will Baptist Church, who serves as chaplain at the Joseph Harp Correctional Center, was honored by the Oklahoma State Department on September 1, 1981. He was chosen to receive the Annual Warden's Certificate.

While serving on the staff of the Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Brother Dixon was asked to organize a chaplaincy program at the Correctional Center. During the process, he felt that the Lord was leading him into a full-time chaplaincy program. During the following three years he ministered to one hundred fifty-six state employees and four hundred medium security inmates.

Pastor Dixon was honored by the church he serves for having been awarded the Certificate for Outstanding Service. The church, in speaking of the award, noted that Brother Dixon had used Free Will Baptist Sunday school literature and preached Spirit-filled evangelistic messages, while building the chaplaincy program. The wardens serving the institution complimented the church literature from the Free Will Baptist denomination. It was noted also by the church that while working with the institution Brother Dixon assumed the pastorate of the Lexington Church, and the church received and baptized forty-six members and received record tithes and offerings.

Evans Named to Foundation Position

Reverend Bill Evans has been named Director of Planned Giving for the Free Will Baptist Foundation that serves under the Board of Retirement and Insurance.

Brother Evans brings to the position eleven years experience as trustee and nine as chairman with the Board of Retirement and Insurance. He served pastorates in New Hampshire and Missouri for 19 years.

His primary goal in the initial stage of this ministry is preparatory training through a series of study programs and seminars in estate planning. Assisted by Brother Hersey, Director of the Board of Retirement and Insurance, he plans to implement a program of "will" clinics for local churches.

At present he is serving as pastor of the Bellview Free Will Baptist Church in Colquitt, Georgia. The church is permitting Brother Evans to work part-time with the Foundation. This will continue until the duties of the Foundation require his full attention.

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley E. Jones

Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, and Acts 1 make every Christian a commissary of the "Great Commission." Scripturally speaking, this delegation of business, known as the "Great Commission," is the spiritual business of soul winning or evangelism. We Christians serving as the commissaries are the ones charged with carrying out the commission. We are the soul winners or evangelists.

As we examine our task we find our *Commission is by Commandment*. "Go ye"! This command to go is with a *purpose* in mind. ("Teach all nations.") It is with a *person* in mind ("Go YE"—the evangelist, "He that believeth"—the evangelized). It is with a *promise* to claim ("I am with you always").

We also notice our *Commission is one of Conquest*. We have our strategy for attack and victory (Acts 1:8). God has given us our marching orders. He calls us to put the battle for souls in array, not retreat.

We conclude our observation by seeing our *Commission as one of Continuance*. We are to carry the good news until all have heard (Matthew 28:19). We are to evangelize until time and opportunity have expired (Matthew 28:20). We are to win souls and make disciples until divine power is no longer available (Matthew 28:18, 20). His presence and power are without intermission. Therefore, He expects our going for Him to be without interruption.

I am challenging every Christian to assume his Christ-given commission of evangelization of every soul for whom He died.

Calendar of Events for 1982

1. Sunday School and Church Growth Seminar
Special speakers: Dr. Win Arn & Dr. Charles "Chip" Arn
Youth Camp, Dates: March 16, 17, 18
2. Missouri State Competitive Activities
Central Church, Kansas City, Missouri
Date: May 1
3. Historic Church Conference
Mt. Zion Church, Gower, Missouri
April (date forthcoming)
4. Missouri State Association
Youth Service and Woman's Auxiliary
Nelson Community Center, Lebanon, Missouri
Date: June 7-10
5. Missouri State Youth Camp Sessions
Niangua, Missouri
Dates: June 13-18, June 20-25

Points for Pastors



by Jim McAllister

As I said last month, I appreciate our deacons. I thank God for them. I have been places and seen churches where the deacons either tried to run the pastor, or they ran from problems and let him handle them alone. These kind of deacons are a shame to the cause and a curse to the Lord's work.

Our deacons are men that first love the Lord. They come out on visitation. Three of our bus captains are deacons. The man who takes care of the bus maintenance is a deacon. A deacon is in charge of our prayer ministries. Our deacons are faithful to attend board meetings. They take care of helping the needy of our community. If a family applies for help, the deacons go check them out. Deacons serve on our Christian School Council. They do physical work on the building, and they tithe.

When there is a problem developing in the church, either among the members, a discipline problem, or maybe a problem with someone outside the church, I can depend on our deacons to take their place alongside the pastor. We faced a problem with the city government concerning a parking lot we had purchased. Our deacons rallied 150 people to attend a city council meeting and hear their pastor speak in behalf of the church. We so impressed the council that they voted 100 percent in favor of our petition.

The deacons meet every Sunday morning between Sunday school and church for prayer meeting in the pastor's study. Recently, knowing the pastor was under a lot of pressure from both inside and outside the church, they spent this time praying for him and assuring him of their loyalty and commitment.

Is it any wonder this pastor loves and appreciates his deacons? They are "... men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom." Thank God for Spirit-filled deacons.

6. National Association of FWB
NYC and Woman's Auxiliary
Ft. Worth, Texas
Dates: July 19-22
7. Church Evangelism Conference
Farmington Church, Farmington, Missouri
Date: November 15-17

Pastoral Changes

Rev. Stanley Jones to First Church Monett, Monett, MO
Rev. Jim Parker to Richwoods Church, Richwoods, MO
Rev. Tom Owens to Calvary Chapel, Buffalo, MO
Rev. Howard Anderson to Amity Church, Niangua, MO



My Prayer at Christmas Time

by Phyllis Miller

I would like to introduce myself and give a brief account of my life. My name is Phyllis Miller. I was raised in a Christian home. My father, Reverend Ode Hackworth, was a minister in the Cave Springs Association and was highly respected in the community.

I married at a young age. My husband is a wonderful guy, and we have four precious children. I attend church regularly and I am active in auxiliary work.

Although I am a Christian, there was an area in my life in which I felt defeated. I could not have victory over it. I was a lonely person. I didn't want to be that way, but I didn't know what to do to overcome it. It continued to eat away at me like a cancer does to the body until it put me flat on my back. After several trips to the doctor's office and numerous tests, the diagnosis was bad nerves. I decided that if I did not conquer this thing, that it was going to conquer me.

I made myself an altar at the side of my bed and began to agonize before the Lord. I asked Him to take my life and mold and shape it into a fit vessel for His service. I believe that whatever He did would be the right thing because He doesn't make mistakes. I didn't give it a thought that He might possibly use those who were the most precious to me in His efforts to reshape my life. The things that followed were almost a chain reaction. 1973—I completely blew a friendship with a woman that I worked with; September 1973—my father had open heart surgery; March 1975—my father died; May 1976—my mother died quite unexpectedly; 1977—my daughter Joe Beth became sick; 1978—her disease was diagnosed as an incurable muscle disease, and one month later she was admitted to the hospital. She was in ICU for thirteen days and surgery with no hope to live. Last year, December 1980, because of my determination I was able to sit down and write this prayer of reflection.

"Dear God, as I talk with you today I want you to know that I love you very much. Help me to show that love by being totally loyal to you. As 1980 draws to a close and I begin to reflect back for a moment even before this year comes to a close, I have so much to be thankful for. Thank you for renewed friendships that grew dim for a while. Oh, how anxious I was at times because things were not falling into place as fast as I thought they should. Only a God of love can know the number of days or years of rigorous spiritual training each of His children needs. Some of us seem to need more difficult training than others. Sometimes there are penalties along the way, but this is a part of the process of training and learning. I couldn't grasp that

at the time, but I remember the words of the Apostle Paul, 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.' Lord, I realized that my training was to be continued. It was soon that another step unfolded. It is so difficult to give up a loved one. But I remembered Psalm 116:15 'Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.' Thank you, Lord, for the strength and the assurance that I felt as you welcomed the homecoming of two of your saints. Lord, because I love you please make it precious to me. Lord, I think that I am ready to bear much fruit for you, but still I seem to want to question, Why me? Isn't my training over? I am getting so weary. It seems that I can hear you say, 'O you of little faith.' Lord, I didn't know that part of the rigorous training included a severe test of my faith and that it would span over a two year period. Our home has been invaded by incurable disease, Lord. I thought that always happened to other families, not mine. It has touched the body of one that has been so full of vim, vigor, and vitality. Lord, she has had two of the childhood diseases; surely she is immune to a disease the medical field knows so little about. Once again I hear you say, 'My grace is sufficient for thee.' The words that keep coming to me time after time is, 'Be still and know that I am God.' Lord, as I began to be still and meditate on your words, I began to realize that our purpose here on earth is to bring honor and glory to Your name. The impact of those words didn't really hit hard until that night in the hospital waiting room when it seemed all hope had gone. I realized that there was no time for selfishness on my part and that I must quit asking, 'Why, Lord?' My desire is that everything I do and everything I say will bring honor to your name. I want to surrender all to Thee, even my children! Lord, the years I have been in training are helping, for I can hear You say, 'All things work together for good to them that love God' Lord, as I bring my thoughts to the end of this year, I know that we are nearing the day we celebrate as Your birthday. I feel almost like a child. I am so excited! Surely it is because I have a personal relationship with You and because I have felt Your love so strongly during these years of training that Christmas has a new meaning to me. Help me, dear Lord, this special season to radiate some of Your love to those around me. But above everything else, help me to bring honor and glory to Your name. Thank You, Lord, that two people have been healed, my daughter and myself."

About the writer: Phyllis Miller is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church in West Plains, Missouri. She is a housewife and mother of four children. She is very active in the work of the local church.

OUR SON IS A WRESTLER

January 17, 1981

Our son wrestled his last competitive match last evening in Kansas City, MO. His season ended prematurely due to a leg injury. He is a senior and will not be wrestling in college; so, wrestling is over for him. I suppose that is why mom and dad shed some tears this morning when we brought him home from the hospital. Wrestling has been our life for four years. It is heart-rending to see it abruptly come to an end. Our minds go back a little over four years ago when, as a J.V. wrestler, he won his first competitive match at 105 lbs. He lost his second match that day but no one is perfect. Not even our son!

What did he look like four years ago? He had the appearance of a normal fourteen year old. His body had not grown into maturity. He had some fat not yet turned into muscle. He had weaknesses and flaws in his character which had not been given the opportunity to develop. From 1978 to the present, our son has devoted himself to this great sport. Last evening, I wish you could have seen our son walk out on the mat for his last match. Is that our son? Something has happened to him. Through some miracle our son is a man now. Confidence and determination are written on his face. Wide shoulders and rippling biceps have replaced that boyish look. The character traits of our son now make us ashamed of our own. Did wrestling do that for our son? You better believe it did! The years of running, weight-lifting, and drilling have developed his body. The "one-on-one" competition on the mat has developed his character by teaching him how to win and how to lose. Notice the title of this small article—it is in the present tense; "Our son is a wrestler"! We won't see him on a wrestling mat again. We won't see his hand raised in victory. Neither will we see him hang his head in defeat. Life, however, is full of wrestling matches. There are days of victory and days of defeat. There are days of joys and days of sorrow. To succeed in this life both materially and spiritually, one must learn to bounce back. Our son has learned that lesson on a wrestling mat. He never gave up. As a sophomore, he wrestled and lost fifty percent of his matches. We have seen him sit with

tears in his eyes after a defeat. We have seen him come home from practice ready to quit. But he shook off the despair again and again and believed in tomorrow and himself. This is the most valuable lesson anyone can learn, and it will remain with him all his life.

His training and devotion paid off, although he will not finish his last season. Our son won thirteen of his eighteen matches, and the boys who defeated him those five times all went six minutes and knew they had done something. He was also able to fulfill one of his main goals as a wrestler for which we are very thankful. He wanted to make it to the finals in a large tournament. A few weeks ago he upset the number one seed at Columbia, Missouri, and advanced to the finals in the Rock Bridge Tournament of champions. What a thrill to see our son in the spotlight. He was defeated in the final match by two points, but no one is perfect. Not even our son!

We should all, as parents, express our appreciation to Coach Dudick and Coach Albrect for what they have done for our sons. No sport demands as much from the coaching staff as wrestling.

Today as our physician drove to the hospital to examine our son, he commented to his wife, "You know, it takes a real man to be a wrestler." On the wall of the wrestling room at Central High School, Coach Dudick has appropriately painted the words "Wrestling is a sport for men."

My wife and I are very grateful for our son's God-given ability to participate in this great sport. We are very, very proud as parents when we say, "Our son is a wrestler."

Vern and Neta Maggart.

Editor's note: This article written by Reverend and Mrs. Vernon Maggart reflects a beautiful relationship between parents and their children. The Maggarts have four children and serve the Freeman Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in St. Joseph, Missouri.

1981 STATE PROJECTS

- * Foreign Missions, Steve Lytles \$2,000.00 (To be used to purchase equipment for the church in Panama, Evangelistic Spanish Films, and a washer for their own personal use.)
- * National Home Missions, Vergel Maness, \$2,000.00 (To be used to help start a new work in Vineland, New Jersey.)
- * State Home Missions, Alvin Hook \$2,000.00 (To be used to help in the new work in Blue Springs, Missouri.)

PRESIDENT MOVES

Jo Ann Wood, president of the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary has resigned. She and her husband, Lynn, have moved to Garden Grove, California, where Lynn has accepted the pastorate. They left October 19, 1981. Jo Ann has served in the state auxiliary work for several years as secretary, vice-president, and as president. We appreciate all of the work she has contributed to the auxiliary. She will be greatly missed as she leaves the state of Missouri. Please pray for her and Lynn as they begin a new pastorate in California.



WOMAN'S PAGE

Shirley Bowden, Editor

REFLECTIONS OF RETREAT

The State Woman's Auxiliary retreat convened at the Missouri State Youth Camp, September 11, 12. The theme for the retreat was "TIME OUT FOR RETREAT." Our featured speaker this year was Charolette Tallent, missionary to France. She shared with the women her work in France and showed slides of life in France, the church in Rennes, and of the French Free Will Baptist women. There was a special time of question and answer between Charolette and the women at the retreat. We certainly appreciate each of the 172 women who came to retreat this year. An offering was taken in the amount of \$363.00 and was given to Miss Tallent. The women of Missouri would like to say, "THANK YOU, CHAROLETTE TALLENT, FOR COMING TO RETREAT."

LETTER FROM THE LYTLES

Steve and I wish to express our deep thanks to the women in Missouri for their faithful support of our ministry. As we prepare to return to Panama the first part of November, we are strengthened by the knowledge that many auxiliaries all across our State will be holding us up in prayer.

We are also grateful for the decision made at the State Auxiliary Convention to include us as part of the State Project for the year. We know the Lord will greatly bless your efforts, and we promise you that the project money will be used wisely and for the purpose of bringing others to Him.

May God continue to bless your labors for Him. Your co-laborer, Judy Lytle.

Dilcia

She was a tiny dark-skinned woman, with a touch of red in her complexion. Her hair was almost black and very straight and shining. To me, she appeared younger than her 31 years. Maybe it was her small stature that fooled me. Her name was Dilcia.

Upon our arrival in Panama, we were bombarded with many necessary tasks such as unpacking, buying furniture, endless government paper work, plus the work in the church. Michael was 2½ years old, and I was five months pregnant with Phillip. I needed some help! Dilcia, I was told, desperately needed some work. So it was decided that she would help me in the house two days a week.

As I came to know this quiet, sincere person, I discovered many things about her. She had three children she was trying to support entirely on her own. Her common-law husband had deserted her and their children when she was expecting her third child. Making a salary of \$3.50 a day, I wondered how she could possibly buy the food they needed, much less anything else. I learned she lived with an elderly aunt, uncle, and possibly seven other relatives in a small house not far from our church. I learned that she was very shy and had a big inferiority complex because of lack of education and poverty. But I also learned that she was honest (a trait rare among women who work as maids in Panama). Most important, I learned she was unsaved—believing there was a God, but not knowing how to reach Him.

Dilcia became a matter of prayer in our home. We grew to love her and her children. As we prayed and lived before her lives that demonstrated Christ and His love (for Dilcia an example was much more understandable than words at that point), we saw an interest sparking in her. She began to question us concerning our faith. Soon, after lunch one day, she asked timidly, "Could you tell me how to be saved—to repent of my sins?" Needless to say, I gladly shared with her the plan of salvation as Steve prayed for us in another room.

God loves us all. There are countless Dilcias in this world searching for the hope we can offer them through Jesus Christ. Let us all be faithful to the task we are given (1 Corinthians 4:2).

(This article was submitted by Judy Lytle.)

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