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CHURCHES	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.
Aulsbury Chapel	111	123	133	136	125	130						
Buffalo						53	46	44	44			
Calvary, Conway	77	81	103	83	81	84	79	89	73			
Calvary, Fenton	166	184	161	133	157	120	143	142	233	179		
Central	65	78	91									
Copper Mines	75	80	80	75	75	74	87	77	80	78		
Cuba	40	44	47	49	61	54	61	56				
DeSoto	184	183						190	160	158		
Farmington	657	692	669	617	601	601	634	684	852	720	689	608
Flat River, First	148	201	187									
Fourth	162	206	160	139	141	107	130	126	110	110		
Fredericktown	151	156	145		133	143	134	133	170	146	143	121
Grace	172	186	239	183	158	150	179	176	259	182	212	
Grant Avenue	141	150	141	137	129	132	131	150	179	166	157	146
Hannon	76	84	99	90	91	85	80	83	81	82	84	78
Happy Home	77	88	94	84								
Harmony, KC	40	70	63	50	57	40	60	54	58	54	63	60
Hartville	97	96	102	95	94	94	88	82	80			
Houston	54	56	65	57	62	66	65	63	62	61		
Lebanon, First	117	147	132									
Marshfield	44	45	45	50	53	49	56	62	80	73	65	
Myrtle					58	54	53	55	56	48	50	44
O'Fallon	92	100	97	86	87	80	86	82	80	70	74	72
Parkview	50	53	60	55	62	64	55	57	59	58	57	50
Richwoods	19	21	21	20	21	21	25	33	37	40	35	
South Side	92	110	125	106								
Thayer	162	162	182	160	162	157	163	154	161	154	162	
Twin Oak	71	82	77	76	78	80	84	75	70	73	78	
Willow Springs	114	118	129	101	103	93	101	101	94	104	107	
United, West Plains	76	78	63	55	65	69	68	64	62		72	59

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GOD'S PLAN FOR SPIRIT-FILLED MEN



(Luke 14:23; John 1:42; Hebrews 5:12)

Even the most educated men have never been able to improve on the plans and methods God has given us to follow. God has provided a way by which man can come to a saving knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, a way by which he can persevere until his time on this earth is finished and enjoy life while passing through it.

Here are three biblical principles of God's plan for Spirit-filled men.

Most people will not come to church; they must be sought. In the fourteenth chapter of Luke we find a servant sent out by his lord into the highways and hedges of a community. To go out and *compel* them to come in was his charge. In a time when there are so many false prophets and false teachers preying on the weak and anemic of our communities, how much more important is it for the Spirit-filled men of God to be out there reaching the lost with the glorious gospel of our Lord.

One factor in particular that will prick our minds is *a consciousness of man's lost condition*. Only the born again can have an uncontaminated view of the lost man's destiny. This in itself will cause men to seek out those who are lost and undone. To see a man separated for all time and eternity from God, to visualize him without Christ and without hope in a literal burning Hell will surely arouse our consciences and stir our hearts to seek those who are perishing.

Another point God so vividly reveals is *His command to go tell*. It has always been God's plan for the Spirit-filled man. James 1:27a states, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit . . ." In the Great Commission "Go ye" is a command we cannot escape. Luke 14:21 says that the master became angry and commanded the servant to go out quickly. Command after command, verse after verse tells us that God has ordered that we seek the lost until He comes or until our life's work has ended.

Then we find that *seeking the lost is a commendable effort*. It is commendable to the degree that you consider the worth of a soul (Matthew 16:26). It is commendable to the degree that you are a grateful recipient of God's salvation (Acts 26:19, 20). It is commendable to the degree that you know that most people will not come to church—they must be sought (Luke 14:23).

Most people will not accept Christ as Savior; they must be brought to Him.

Personal evangelism is the most gratifying experience I know of. John chapter 1 tells of Andrew who found Christ and emphatically states in verses 41 and 42 that "He first findeth his own brother Simon . . . and he brought him to Jesus."

My experience as church visitation director has proved that people will no longer come to church just to have something to do. There is far too much entertainment available today for the church to attempt to compete with the world in attracting the lost. The majority of people will not get saved *in* the church because they won't *come* to the church. The church must go to them.

Persecution racked the early church, and troubles assailed it from every angle. The disciples were scattered abroad, preaching the Word of God everywhere. Out of the pangs of persecution thousands upon thousands were born into the Kingdom of God. This was the heart cry of the early church. Revival spread like wildfire!

It is an indisputable fact that R. A. Torrey was one of the greatest revivalists who ever lived. He gave this three-point prescription for revival!

Let a few Christians get thoroughly right with God themselves.

Let God's people bind themselves together in prayer groups to pray for revival until God opens the heavens and comes down.

Let them put themselves at the disposal of God, for Him to use them as He sees fit in the winning of others to Christ. Brother Torrey said, "That is all. I have given this prescription around the world. It has been used by many churches, and in no instance has it ever failed; and it cannot fail."

Notice that in this great formula for revival is *personal evangelism*. Nothing can replace the one-on-one personal evangelism. It works.

But first we must love the Lord as Mark 12:33 describes: with all our heart, understanding, soul, and strength. *Unless we love the Lord to this degree, we will never be concerned for the lost*. This kind of love will produce results in our Christian walk. Passionate love will always produce a perfect promise.

Jesus said in John 5:24, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come

into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." The judgment of God is past. Romans 8:1 says, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." The writer of Hebrews tells us in chapter 8, verse 12: "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." This perfect promise is for everyone who would call upon the Lord for salvation, regardless of how wicked, vile, or corrupt the sin. God said that if we have confessed and repented of it, He remembers it no more. Blessed be the Great God of Heaven for His unlimited mercy.

But most people will not study the Bible; they must be taught. Outside of the prayer life of the child of God, this is probably the most neglected of all areas: studying the sacred Word of God. Second Timothy 2:15 gives the command: "Study to show thyself approved unto God . . ." Not to the preacher; not to the church; but unto God. Yet so many fail.

The old precious Gospel is placed on the shelf to draw dust from week to week. Its pages become brittle and stained with age, and the average person does not know what it contains. Therefore, the church must take the responsibility to teach the Word of God.

Acts 2:41, 42 says, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers."

As the follow-up director in my church I find it a most awesome responsibility to see that those who start the race are equipped to finish the race. Such equipment as the whole armor of God (the helmet of salvation, the breastplate of righteousness, feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the sword of the spirit), fervant prayer, and an insatiable hunger for the Word of God will provide adequate protection for the child of God.

We must produce love for Christ and for other Christians. Self denial will contribute to the development of mighty soldiers of the Cross. There are two things that are found in the making of such men.

The first requirement is determination. Joshua 24:15b says "... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." There must be a burning desire in our hearts to be steadfast, unmoveable. We must drive our stake and be as confident as Joshua and say we *will* serve the Lord.

We cannot be as those who are tossed about by every whim of the mind. We must be as the Lord Jesus describes so vividly in Matthew 7:24, 25 of a man who built his house upon a rock. When the storms of life came up against it, it stood sure and sound because it was built upon a rock. Jesus is the Rock of our Salvation. Be determined to build upon the Rock.

Discipline is the second requirement. Obedience is better than sacrifice. Learning obedience is a must in the service of the Lord. Men must be brought to the understanding that what God says, He means.

One ministry of the Holy Spirit is producing discipline in the Christian's life as he obeys God's Word. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). God's Word cannot fail. To be disciplined is to abstain from evil and to do what the Word of God says.

The dearth of Bible study in the Christian home is alarming. Most people will not study the Bible; they must be taught. Most people will not come to church; they must be brought. Most people will not come to Christ; they must be sought.

About the Writer: Reverend Kenny Petty is Associate Pastor and Director of Follow-up at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Farmington, Missouri. He is very zealous and committed to the ministry of serving the Lord.

Record Attendance at Bible College "Welcome Days"

A record 255 prospective students and their sponsors attended Free Will Baptist Bible College's fall recruitment event December 3-5. The drive, called Welcome Days, was up by ten from 245 who visited the campus in December 1980. The next Welcome Days are scheduled for April 8-10, 1982.

The Board of Trustees checked several pieces of property as they considered long-range plans for the institution during the semiannual board meeting held in Nashville, December 1, 2. Two factors—an anticipated enrollment growth and the opening of the new graduate school in August—have spurred the

trustees to look into opportunities to eventually enlarge or move the campus. Dr. Thigpen, president, said, "The board is committed to meeting whatever needs the college has, and is considering long-range plans for the institution." General fund gifts were \$42,000 higher through November than for the same period last year.

Six Missourians on FWBBC Dean's List

On January 6, 1982 the following students were listed on the Dean's List at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Seniors: Joanna Sasser, Danny Felts; Juniors: Martin McWilliams; Sophomores: Cynthia Fry, Susan Keesling, and Kellie Wingate.

Churches People *And* Events

Historic Meeting At Mt. Zion, Gower, MO

Attention: All Missouri Free Will Baptists

A Historic Meeting for Missouri Free Will Baptists will be held at the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Gower, Missouri. *The date for this event is May 21, 22* (Note: A change in the date. It was previously given as May 14, 15.) The service will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening and end at 9:00. The Saturday morning service will begin at 9:30 and end at 12:00 noon.

The Historic Meeting is especially for Free Will Baptists that have been associated with the Free Will Baptist work in Missouri for a number of years.

Folks that gather there will be able to renew old acquaintances, share memorable experiences, and recount some of the blessings the Lord has given to His people.

This letter is from Reverend and Mrs. James Barker: "We are looking forward to attending the Historical Conference at the Mt. Zion Church on May 21 and 22 and to share in the program. Missouri Free Will Baptists have a heritage of which to be proud. Free Will Baptists have been making an impression on Missouri for over 150 years. Our church at Leadington observed its 60th anniversary in the service of the Lord on December 2, 1981. We are glad to be Free Will Baptists. God called us into the ministry forty years ago. We have seen great growth and progress over these years. I am happy to serve on the Historical Commission and to remember those who have been faithful servants and pioneers in the work of Free Will Baptists in Missouri. We urge everyone who can to attend this conference at Mt. Zion Church."

Appreciation is expressed to Reverend Warren Hall and Reverend Vernon Maggart, pastors in the Northwest District Association, and the Mt. Zion and Freeman Chapel churches for their cooperation and help in making this Historic Conference possible.

Programs will be mailed out at a later date.

Reflections of 1981 At Harmony Church, Kansas City

Mrs. Rachel Leclere, church reporter, writes, the Lord gave us many blessings at Harmony Church in 1981. We haven't been in our building very long but the Lord has blessed with many wonderful things.

We had our Sunday school picnic in Macan Park on Saturday, August 1. It was a beautiful day and everyone enjoyed the good food and fellowship. The following day, Sunday, August 2, was our Homecoming Day. Reverend Ralph Cook, a former pastor delivered the message and the folks enjoyed a basket dinner. We had special singing in the afternoon.

We held our Vacation Bible School August 10-14. Our sessions were in the evening. We had a fine attendance and the children presented an interesting program Sunday morning under the direction of Brother Terry and Sister Judy Brown.

The church was in revival services October 25-30 with Brother Jack Richey serving as the evangelist. It was a good revival.

The teens, under the direction of Terry and Judy Brown had a fine attendance for their planned program in October. The teens also enjoyed a hayride with a picnic following.

Activities for November included the showing of the film "The Cross and The Switchblade"; a Magic Presentation by the Fraternal order of Police; and Brother and Sister George Kelso prepared a turkey dinner for the Sunday school class of young married couples.

In December Brother Arlo Starnes planned lunch for his Sunday school class at the Better Way Christian Club. There were twenty-four present for the dinner and Christian entertainment.

The Children's Christmas Program was held on December 20. One of the songs they sang was "Do You Hear What I Hear?" Treats were given and fellowship was enjoyed with coffee and punch.

We hope that everyone will remember us in prayer as we work for Him.

West Plains Church Celebrates 25th Anniversary

The First Free Will Baptist Church in West Plains, Missouri, celebrated its 25th Anniversary on December 20, 1981. Reverend Keith Johnson, the first pastor from Conway, Arkansas, delivered the anniversary message.

An inspiring message was delivered to the one hundred worshipers in attendance. Among the guests were Reverend and Mrs. Noah Miller who gave the land and constructed the first building.

The Lord blessed the ministry of the church as members used their talents, time, and finances to build the present building at Garfield and Thournburg. Many people have made profession of faith in Christ and God has called eight men out of the congregation to preach the gospel. There have been mountain-top experiences and some valley experiences. God has always been faithful. Philippians 4:6, 7: "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

We thank the Lord for several new families and

individuals attending the church. Pray for us that we will always work to bring souls to Christ and that those to whom we witness may understand the Scriptures. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels" (Mark 8:36-38).

This poem is dedicated to our former pastors Brothers Keith Johnson, Davie Combs, Finis Johnson (deceased), Dale Skiles, and to the present pastor, Brother John England.

Things To Be Thankful For

The good green earth
beneath our feet,
The air we breathe, The
food we eat.
Some work to do, a goal to win,
A hidden longing deep within
That spurs us on to bigger things
and helps us meet what each day brings.
All these things and many more
are things we should be thankful for.
And something else
we should not forget that people
We've known or heard of or met
By indirection have had a big part
In molding the thoughts
of the mind and the heart—
and so
It's people like you
That people like me should
give thanks to
For no one can live to himself
alone
And no one can win just on
his own—
Too bad there aren't a whole lot more of
People like you to be thankful for.

—Helen Steiner Rice

Great Christmas Program at DeSoto Church

Sister Sophia Ackerson, church reporter, begins this article with Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

The people of the DeSoto Free Will Baptist Church are praising the Lord for a wonderful Christmas program. It was a great success.

The juniors did a great job under the direction of Donna Lewis with their singing and reciting Scripture verses. The young people presented the play written by Mae Fry, entitled, "You Can't Postpone Christmas." The church was filled for the performance. Becky Vayles and Mary White spent much

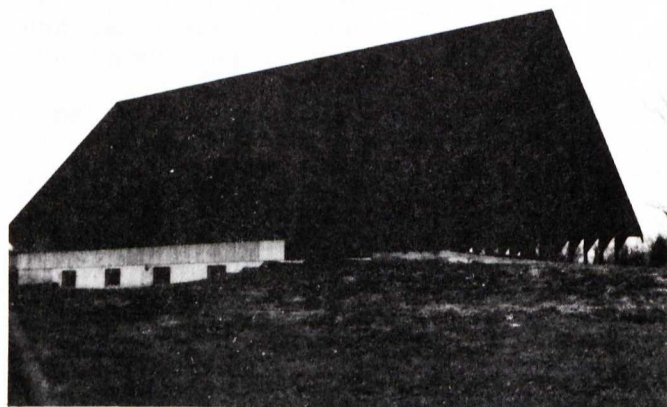
time, along with the cast, making preparations for this.

Following a beautiful presentation of the play the pastor, Brother Charley Miller, read the Christmas Story from Luke chapter two and three people came forward and made profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

New Building at Richwoods

The Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church is enjoying blessings of the Lord. There is steady progress on the new building and it will be so nice when completely finished. Reverend and Mrs. Jim Parker are enjoying a fine ministry with the folks of the church and in the community. Brother Parker was licensed to preach at the last Quarterly Meeting (October).

A Baptismal Service was held at the DeSoto Church recently with Brother Parker delivering the message and Brother Charley Miller, pastor of the DeSoto Church, baptizing four people that had made profession of faith at the Richwoods Church.



Growing at Grace

Since August we have had 19 to unite with the church and 14 to follow the Lord in Water Baptism at the Grace Free Will Baptist Church, writes, Peggy Rider, church reporter.

The church enjoyed an old-fashioned revival with Reverend John Gibbs serving as the evangelist. During the week several decisions were made for the Lord. Mike Nettles, president of the youth group, answered the call to the ministry.

The Sunday school experienced an increase of 28.2% in the Fall Enlargement Campaign. It was not enough to place but look out in the next one. The best Sunday in October came on Youth Sunday with pack-a-pew. The attendance was 300.

The young people are very involved in the activities of the church. They are willing, talented, devoted and hard-working. The youth activities include a Drama Club, "The Son Seekers," a fund-raising group, and the entire group treated the youth of yesteryears to a Thanksgiving Dinner. A Hawaiian Sweetheart Ban-

quet will be held followed by an all-night lock-in.

The young people are especially thankful for a new member, Sherri McCormick. Sherri moved to Arnold from Sikeston, Missouri.

Peggy states, "We thank the Lord for what He is doing at Grace. We are looking for better and bigger things in this year 1982."

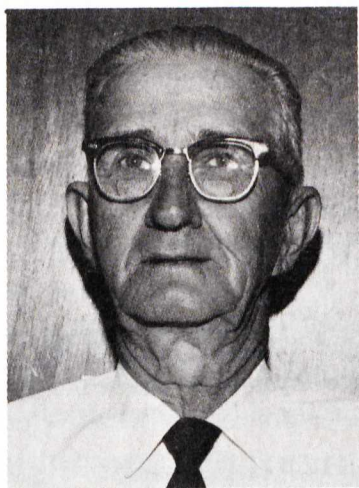
The pastor of the Grace Church is Reverend Glen Rehkop.

Terrill Road Starts Newsletter

The Terrill Road Free Will Baptist Church in Moberly, Missouri has broadened its ministry with the beginning of a newsletter. It carries the name "The Terrill Road Torch." The pastor, Reverend David Kirby, trusts that this will serve as a reminder of events, a source of encouragement to the members, and an additional means of spreading the gospel.

Reverend Frank Linton Promoted to Glory

Reverend Frank Linton, a soldier of the cross, departed this life on December 23, 1981 at the Cox Medical Center in Springfield, Missouri. He was born December 17, 1906 in McDonald County, Missouri. On July 31, 1928 he was united in marriage to Ruby Ann Patton and this union was blessed with five children.



Brother Linton made profession of faith in January 1934 and he and his wife united with a Free Will Baptist church. He was ordained as a minister of the gospel in 1935 and in 1938 he and his family moved to Dallas County.

The Lord blessed with a broad ministry. He pastored several churches in the beginning of his ministry, did evangelistic work, and made a trip to Cuba with some other ministers to survey the missionary work in that country and encourage the missionaries. He served as pastor of the Hopewell Church in Tunas, Missouri a total of 29 years. Because of ill health he had to retire from pastoral work.

The funeral service was held at the Hopewell Church. Reverend Tony Butcher held the commitment service at the cemetery, Reverend Winford Davis gave a eulogy and sang a requested song, and Reverend Clarence Burton delivered the memorial message. Interment was in the Hopewell Cemetery. It was mentioned that Brother Frank Linton was a faithful, dedicated, and committed servant of the Lord by each minister helping with the service.

Brother Linton is survived by his wife, Ruby, two sons: Frank Jr. of San Lorenzo, California, Don of San Leandro, California; three daughters: Peggy Clopp of Macks Creek, Vera Pruitt of Pleasanton, Kansas, and Ruth Wilkerson of Urbana, Missouri, 19 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

Evangelist Dale Kester Announces TV Special

Reverend Dale Kester, evangelist-pastor, has announced that he will be presenting a special on channel 27, Springfield, Missouri on March 29, 1982. The special will run for one hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. to 7:00. If you are interested in helping with this program, he may be contacted at his address, Box 4075, Batesville, Arkansas 72501.

Church Activities at Twin Oaks

The Twin Oaks Free Will Baptist Church enjoyed a great Watch Night Service on New Year's Eve. The service began with Sister Joyce Lunsford at the piano and Brother Wayne Spain directing the singing. The opening prayer was offered by Sister Madeline McFarland. Reverend Truman Huffman, the pastor, gave a devotional thought with the Scripture selection from John chapter seventeen. Special singing was rendered by the Junior Choir, directed by Kimberly Spain. The Youth Choir then sang, "Home of the Soul," "Jesus Is So Precious," "I'm On The Solid Rock," and "I'll Meet You In The Rapture." Following these songs, Reverend and Sister Bob Theabeau sang "The Sun Will Be Shining In Gloryland" and "The River of Jordan." There were other special numbers in song rendered, with a duet by Bobby and Kim Spain.

Pastor Huffman gave a reading with the thought, "This May Show What Kind Of A Person I Am, and Why." A testimony service was conducted by Brother Kenny Ally. The service was dismissed for fellowship and refreshments.

Following the time for refreshments the service was continued with special and congregational singing. Sister Ethel Pirtle led in prayer. Some telephone calls had come in requesting prayer and Brother and Sister Scott Breese called from Louisiana expressing New Year's greetings.

Reverend Cecil Sheppard delivered the Watch Service Message, using as his Scripture text 1 Samuel 4:18. The Lord blessed with two altar services. The

service was ended as the year 1982 was born. Sister Madeline McFarland, church reporter, states, "It was a great service and the Lord surely blessed."

Eastern Gate Auxiliary Raises Money for Youth Camp Cabin

Jeanne Stephens reports that the Woman's Auxiliary raised \$797.70 through a Bazaar Booth at a community bazaar in Springfield, Missouri. The ladies sold handmade crafts. The money will go towards a Boys' Cabin that the Greater Springfield District Association will be building. She states, "The Lord showed us that little can be much when God is in it."

Reverend Archie Cooper Ends His Daily Radio Program

Editor's note: This article appeared in the Express & News, Kirksville, Missouri. I thought it would be well to carry in the *Gem*. Only God knows the number of people that have been blessed and the number of lives that have been touched with the gospel as a result of the long radio ministry of Brother Archie Cooper.

After more than 34 years of preaching the gospel from his home at 916 E. Washington over KIRX radio, the Reverend Archie Cooper ended his daily program this morning. (The paper is dated, December 31, 1981.) Reverend Cooper began his radio ministry the Monday before Thanksgiving in 1947, just about a month after KIRX went on the air. Six days a week, Sunday through Friday, Brother Cooper delivered a message. It figures out to be more than 10,600 sermons.

"It was a challenge to me," said Brother Cooper. "It helped me in my ministry in more ways than one. But it was inevitable that I would eventually retire from the show. The stress and strain of the years finally get to you. It's difficult to get a message each morning."

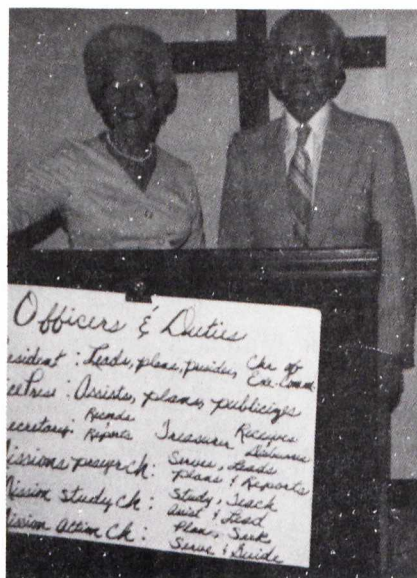
Contrary to some radio and television preachers, Brother Cooper never asked for financial help. "Our listening audience adequately took care of our financial needs throughout the years," he said. We closed with all bills paid. The contributions not only took care of the radio show but it supported an orphan for about 15 years through World Vision International.

Brother Cooper, who also pastors three country churches, came to Kirksville in August of 1946. But he is a native of northeast Missouri, having been raised on a farm north of Norvinger. He has been pastoring since 1935, and has no intention of retiring from the churches he serves. Brother Cooper said that if the program is going to continue, he isn't aware of it. "I don't have anyone in mind," he stated.

Auxiliary Service at Wayside

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Wayside Free Will Baptist Church at Willow Springs, Missouri, had Mrs. Lucille Beatty as guest speaker for a special service. Mrs. Beatty emphasized the responsibility of each officer and worker in the local auxiliary. She stated that through the combined efforts of the local, district, state, and national auxiliaries great things could be accomplished for the Lord.

Reverend Harry Beatty delivered the evening message preaching from the Gospel of Mark.



The Hounds Of Hell

The hounds of Hell are at my heel,
To You, O Lord, my sin reveal;
Father, feel my sorrow's tear,
And the beating of my heart's great fear.

The hounds of Hell are gaining fast,
My plea toward Heaven, Lord, I cast;
Father, answer my earnest prayer,
And let the master of the pack beware.

The hounds of Hell falling back,
O Lord, keep them from my track:
In faith I trust, my safety sure,
In Jesus' arms my soul secure.

The hounds of Hell forever gone
Yet their voice not still for long;
For in the forests I hear their bay
Another quarry gone astray.

Dee Holmes

Editor's note: This poem was written by a member of the Farmington Church. This high school senior was impressed to write this while listening to a sermon preached by her pastor, Reverend Jim McAllister.

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS December 1981

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions	\$ 3,660.12
16.00% Promotional Department	3,165.50
4.50% General Fund	890.30
5.50% Youth Camp	1,088.14
2.00% Christian Board of Education	395.61
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	395.61
5.00% Missouri State Retirement Program . .	989.22
7.00% Missouri State Retirement Village . .	1,384.91
6.00% Hillsdale College	1,187.07
11.00% Foreign Missions Department	2,176.28
8.00% FWBBC	1,582.75
6.00% Executive Department	1,187.07
6.00% National Home Missions	1,187.07
2.00% National Board of Ret. & Ins.	395.69
.25% Layman's Board	49.46
.25% Theological Commission	49.46
Total	\$19,784.42

December has been a very good month. I trust that we shall never take for granted the blessings of the Lord. It is He that gives and we are the recipients of His gifts. He is pleased to give through faithful churches, gifts that support our State and National Ministries. Let us continue to be faithful in our giving that souls will be saved and Christians mature in the Lord.

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS January 1982

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions	\$ 3,450.40
16.00% Promotional Department	2,984.13
4.50% General Fund	839.29
5.50% Youth Camp	1,025.80
2.00% Christian Board of Education	373.02
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	373.02
5.00% Missouri State Retirement Program . .	932.54
7.00% Missouri State Retirement Village . .	1,305.56
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College . .	1,119.05
11.00% Foreign Missions Department	2,051.59
8.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	1,492.06
6.00% Executive Department	1,119.05
6.00% National Home Missions	1,119.05
2.00% National Board of Ret. & Ins.	373.02
.25% Layman's Board	46.62
.25% Theological Commission	46.62
Total	\$18,650.82

I continue to marvel at the goodness and grace of God. I am learning day by day to say with the Psalmist, "In Thee O Lord do I trust." Let us continue to be faithful in our giving that the gospel may be preached at home and abroad. May the Lord bless the faithfulness of His people.

MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING December 1981 and January 1982

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Grant Avenue	\$367.00
Hersey	\$265.00
Pinkerton	100.00
General Fund	2.00
Bethel, Festus	\$75.00
General Fund	\$50.00
Tallent	25.00
Hannon	\$315.00
Lytle	\$130.00
Filkins	50.00
Pinkerton	50.00
Miley	28.50
McLain	15.00

Hanna	15.00
Tallent	26.50
Columbia	\$90.00
Inscoe	\$20.00
Filkins	20.00
McLain	50.00
New Harmony	\$108.66
Miley	\$54.33
McLain	54.33
Overland	\$85.24
Lytle	\$85.24
Kirksville, First	\$68.00
Pinkerton	\$58.00
Eagleton	10.00
Berkeley	\$552.44
Filkins	\$180.00
Lytle	55.00
Tallent	194.94
Deficit Accts.	122.50
Pleasant Ridge	\$40.00
General Fund	\$20.00
McLain	20.00
South Side	\$215.00
Tallent	\$200.00
Filkins	15.00
Trinity	\$462.27
Tallent	\$ 40.00
General Fund	106.27
Hanna	25.00
McLain	150.00
Morgan	80.00
Miley	41.00
Payne	20.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$120.00
Pinkerton	\$60.00
Filkins	60.00
Lebanon, First	\$50.00
General Fund	\$ 5.00
Tallent	35.00
Pinkerton	5.00
Filkins	5.00
Sedalia	\$216.06
Inscoe	\$ 35.16
Christmas Tree	180.90
Fordland	\$58.00
Tallent	\$48.00
Turnbough	10.00
Fourth	\$420.00
Lytle	\$390.00
Tallent	30.00
Myrtle	\$388.11
Tallent	\$250.00
Miley	138.11
West Plains, First	\$51.00
General Fund	\$51.00
Thayer	\$10.00
Pinkerton	\$10.00
Marshfield	\$55.00
Tallent	\$55.00
B. F. Schamchtenberger from Marshfield . .	\$10.00
Tallent	\$10.00
South Fremont	\$22.00
Tallent	\$12.00
Pinkerton	10.00
Rolla	\$20.00
Turnbough	\$10.00
Tallent	10.00
Monett	\$310.95
Sparks	\$ 85.00
General Fund	15.00
Filkins	100.00
Haas	100.00
Hills	10.95
Rock Chapel	\$773.31
Christ for Christmas	\$773.31
Faith, Lemay—Woman's Auxiliary	\$25.00
Tallent	\$25.00

Olivet		\$100.00	Bowers	5.00	
Sparks	\$20.00		Coon Rapids	1,200.00	
Inscoe	30.00		Fordland		\$13.00
Poole	30.00		Maness	\$13.00	
McLain	10.00		United, Lemay		\$97.13
Pinkerton	10.00		Fulcher	\$61.06	
Indian Creek Missionary Conference		\$379.49	Maness	36.07	
Haas	\$266.24		Columbia		\$20.00
Morgan	93.25		Vandivort	\$20.00	
Cousineau	7.50		Overland		\$110.24
Banks	12.50		Maness	\$110.24	
Joplin		\$20.00	Fredericktown, First		\$25.00
Wode	\$ 5.00		Ross	\$20.00	
Cousineau	5.00		Long	5.00	
Banks	10.00		Kirksville, First		\$10.00
Leadington		\$175.00	Lake	\$10.00	
Eagleton	\$35.00		Clark & Clobell Deeds		\$50.00
Turnbough	20.00		Maness	\$25.00	
Filkins	20.00		Bowers	25.00	
Miley	20.00		Leadington		\$784.06
McLain	20.00		Fulcher	\$704.06	
Hanna	20.00		Maness	30.00	
Lytle	20.00		Vandivort	30.00	
Pinkerton	20.00		Bowers	20.00	
Flat River, First		\$100.00	New Rock Springs		\$110.00
General Fund	\$100.00		Vandivort	\$110.00	
New Hope, Fredericktown		\$10.00	O'Fallon		\$68.68
General Fund	\$10.00		Fulcher	\$40.00	
Black Oak		\$11.00	Adkinson	28.68	
Eagleton	\$11.00		Berkeley		\$458.50
Beacon		\$360.21	Highway Helpers	\$ 10.00	
Coscia	\$272.00		Bowers	35.00	
Filkins	76.21		Maness	33.00	
General Fund	12.00		Fulcher	230.00	
Central		\$205.62	Deficit Accts	150.50	
Filkins	\$120.00		South Side		\$10.00
Miley	65.62		Maness	\$5.00	
Haas	20.00		Fulcher	5.00	
Mtn. Grove, First		\$495.00	Victory, Alton		\$37.60
General Fund	\$455.00		Vandivort	\$37.60	
Cousineau	30.00		Thayer		\$112.00
Project 5000	10.00		Highway Helpers	\$55.00	
O'Fallon		\$10.00	Vandivort	10.00	
Tallent	\$10.00		Maness	17.00	
Martinstown		\$80.00	Bowers	30.00	
Sparks	\$20.00		Marshfield		\$50.00
Richards	20.00		O'Dell	\$30.00	
McLain	20.00		Vandivort	20.00	
Miley	20.00		Flat River, First		\$258.00
Faith, Fair Grove		\$115.67	General Fund	\$231.00	
Hanna, Personal	\$115.67		O'Dell	17.00	
Neosho		\$27.00	Vandivort	10.00	
Wode	\$ 5.00		Mt. Pisgah		\$185.00
Cousineau	5.00		Maness	\$85.00	
Caton	17.00		Vandivort	50.00	
Total		\$6,977.03	Bowers	50.00	
NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS			South Fremont		\$113.00
Wolf Creek	\$20.00		Adkinson	\$104.00	
Vandivort	\$20.00		Vandivort	9.00	
Bob & Glenda Keith, Wolf Creek		\$30.00	Rolla		\$150.00
Vandivort	\$30.00		Vandivort	\$150.00	
Grant Avenue		\$24.00	Roger Ross, Lemay		\$5.00
Maness	\$20.00		Maness	\$5.00	
Vandivort	2.00		Monett		\$10.00
Mexico	2.00		General Fund	\$5.00	
Bethel, Festus		\$100.00	B. Thomas	5.00	
Maness	\$50.00		Rock Chapel		\$25.00
General Fund	50.00		O'Dell	\$20.00	
Myrtle		\$1,390.85	Maness	5.00	
Maness	\$ 110.85		Kingsway		\$130.40
General Fund	40.00		O'Dell	\$130.40	
Evangelism	35.00		Olivet		\$40.00
			Maness	\$40.00	
			Lebanon, First		\$5.00
			General Fund	\$5.00	

Indian Creek Ass'n. Missionary Conference	\$180.75
Adkinson	\$85.75
Weatherford	95.00
Joplin	\$65.00
Weatherford	\$65.00
Carl Layman	\$10.00
Maness	\$10.00
Central	\$185.64
Maness	\$105.00
Bowers	20.00
O'Dell	60.64
Mtn. Grove, First	\$546.41
General Fund	\$376.41
Maness	88.00
Vandivort	52.00
Breedon	15.00
Ross	15.00
Total	\$5,430.26

BOB CARR ACCOUNT

Merl's Chapel	\$ 69.32
Grant Avenue	\$40.00
Total	\$109.32

MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP

Faith, Lemay	\$ 20.00
Bethel, Festus	\$50.00
Hannon	\$30.00
Lebanon, First	\$33.34
Myrtle	\$45.20
Willow Springs	\$30.00
Clark & Clobell Deeds	\$25.00
New Rock Springs Jr. SS Class	\$15.00
Hartville	\$20.00
New Rock Springs	\$10.00
Thayer	\$20.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$20.00
Olivet	\$40.00
Leadington	\$20.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$20.00
Mtn. Grove	\$30.00
Total	\$428.54

WORLD VISION

Lebanon, First	\$190.16
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FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Grant Avenue	\$30.00
Dev. Fund	\$30.00
Flat River, First	100.00
In Memory of J. Miller	100.00
Leadington	278.34
Lebanon, First	2.50
Joplin	50.00
Library Wing	50.00
Berkeley	15.00
Monett	100.00
D. Lombard Student Loan	100.00
Total	\$575.84

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Grant Avenue	\$18.00
Hannon	100.00
Willow Springs	45.00
Berkeley	129.00
Lebanon, First	190.15
Monett	13.90

Joplin	96.97
Mtn. Grove	138.50
Total	\$731.52

NATIONAL BOARD OF RETIREMENT & INSURANCE

Grant Avenue	\$2.00
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GREENEVILLE CHILDREN'S HOME

Mtn. Valley	\$31.00
Berkeley	2.00
Myrtle	6.66
Hannon	50.44
Total	\$90.10

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

January 1982

Koshkonong	\$ 18.00
Cuba	460.55
Purdy	132.19
Number One	26.96
Parkview	166.34
Hickory Grove	43.75
New Rock Springs	71.58
Old Bethel	40.95
Mill Creek	132.12
Pleasant Ridge	41.00
Fellowship	80.00
Farmington	1,110.00
Grace	905.00
Community	4.19
United, West Plains	100.00
Flat River, First	832.69
New Hope	85.00
Faith, Lemay	139.25
Victory, Alton	102.00
Neosho	60.00
Faith, Fair Grove	127.67
Columbia	50.00
Hurryville	104.39
Berkeley	329.80
New Harmony	7.05
Pleasant Home	432.18
Union Grove	88.00
Royal Oak	40.00
Eastern Gate	23.40
Mt. Pisgah	82.00
Fredericktown, First	324.00
Trinity	200.00
South Side	216.00
Black Oak	10.00
Mine La Motte	23.48
Belton	147.12
Beacon	491.46
Macedonia	16.00
Hartville	194.83
Berkeley	423.50
Hannon	177.00
Central	845.00
Koshkonong	12.00
Koshkonong	17.00
Cedar Ridge	95.21
Cedar Ridge	56.62
Gospel Light	41.50
Viburnum	60.00
Merl's Chapel	59.20
Joplin	417.00
Mtn. Grove	527.97
Mtn. Grove	576.04
Mtn. Grove	509.08
Freeman Chapel	84.85

Mt. Zion, Gower	70.50
Mt. Zion, Thayer	73.50
Mtn. Valley	216.33
O'Fallon	351.32
Rock Chapel	137.11
Aulsbury Chapel	824.00
Richwoods	269.87
Byrd	26.00
Koshkonong	13.00
Pleasant Hill	33.65
Marshfield	139.02
Waynesville	114.19
Martinstown	41.00
Cabool	155.58
Verdella	129.16
DeSoto	600.00
Rolla	120.86
Monett	381.01
Wolf Creek	198.90
Calvary Chapel	164.60
South Fremont	150.00
Copper Mines	178.02
Farmington	1,150.00
Willow Springs	223.30
Koshkonong	20.00
Olivet	250.00
Houston	151.93
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Leadington	396.69
Thayer	303.30
Hazel Creek	228.69
Interest on Com-bo Account	173.37
Total	\$18,650.82

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS December 1981

Harmony, KC	\$ 263.00
Fellowship	100.00
Gray Summit	108.88
Faith, Lemay	182.00
Freeman Chapel	125.20
Friendship	86.52
Belton	184.53
Mill Creek	183.50
Macedonia, Liberty Ass'n.	40.00
Fourth	318.00
Grant Avenue	565.90
DeSoto	770.00
Bethel, Festus	407.00
Hannon	263.00
Buffalo	93.69
Lebanon	361.86
Myrtle	183.01
Fordland	274.00
Koshkonong	36.00
Union	60.00
Willow Springs	298.83
Cope	36.86
Eastern Gate	26.22
Bailey Chapel	45.00
United-Independent FWB	72.64
Neosho	60.00
New Harmony	11.55
Sunnyview	161.50
Grace	832.98
Parkview	205.74
Gospel Light	38.88
Fredericktown	308.00
Union Grove	86.50
Hopewell	348.00
Mtn. Valley	225.23
Mtn. Valley	187.89
New Rock Springs	113.04

Mtn. Zion, Gower	61.54
Verdella	297.37
O'Fallon	467.25
Royal Oak	48.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	148.93
Hartville	206.22
Berkeley	489.70
Community	10.11
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	48.00
South Side	270.00
Beacon	483.03
Faith, Fair Grove	195.19
United, West Plains	100.00
Victory, Alton	50.00
Mine La Motte	24.00
Calvary, Conway	156.00
Columbia	50.00
Koshkonong	24.00
Sedalia	118.27
Thayer	242.80
Victory, Alton	100.00
Calvary Chapel	432.55
Byrd	29.95
Marshfield	201.65
Flat River, First	746.18
Copper Mines	152.97
Cabool	236.35
Mt. Pisgah	96.00
South Fremont	225.00
Waynesville	211.73
Walnut Grove	90.65
Rolla	130.47
Hurryville	152.78
Purdy	132.85
Union Grove	126.00
Happy Home	96.54
Monett	398.82
Rock Chapel	262.13
El Dorado Springs	5.00
Koshkonong	20.00
Wolf Creek	268.39
Kingsway	50.00
Leadington	420.70
Olivet	250.00
Koshkonong	19.00
Trinity	250.00
Houston	192.70
Sedalia	85.26
Cope	29.05
Fordland	209.32
Calvary, Conway	117.80
Twin Oak	500.00
Pleasant Hill	27.46
Union Light	111.89
Fourth	366.00
Bailey Chapel	37.00
Bethel, Festus	298.00
Harmony, KC	292.00
Myrtle	188.44
Gray Summit	88.47
Joplin	400.90
Merl's Chapel	71.64
Willow Springs	249.38
Interest on Com-bo Account	157.22
Total	\$19,784.42

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS GIVING December & January

Beacon	\$ 50.00
Mable L. Riley	10.00
Fordland	5.00
Union Light	24.00
Sedalia	142.34

Points for Pastors



by Jim McAllister

Parkview	6.00
Grace	50.00
Oak Hill	35.39
Cooperative Receipts	6,022.51
Bethel	75.00
Myrtle	45.20
New Harmony	45.97
Fredericktown	30.50
O'Fallon	30.00
Berkeley	50.00
Pleasant Ridge	20.00
Flat River, First	215.00
South Fremont	5.00
Rock Chapel	191.89
Aulsbury Chapel	30.00
Lebanon, First	2.50
Joplin	100.00
Mt. Vernon	30.00
Merl's Chapel	6.38
Bethel Auxiliary	20.00
DeSoto	150.00
Olivet	335.00
Farmington	100.00
Wayne Wagner	20.00
Mt. Zion, Thayer	10.00
Mill Creek Young Adult SS Class	25.00
Low Ground	30.00
Black Oak	115.51
Indian Creek Ass'n. Missionary Conf.	647.55
Friendship	100.00
Hurryville	50.00
Houston	40.60
Victory	47.00
Total	\$8,913.34

Roger Harwell, Treasurer

Pastoral Changes

Reverend Gary Fry to First Church, Mt. Grove, MO
 Reverend James Gideon to First Church, Belton, MO
 Reverend Wayne Hale to First Church, Sikeston, MO
 Reverend Kent Tallent to First Church, Houston, MO

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

One of the greatest motivations in my life for soul-winning has been the joy of knowing a soul has been rescued from sin and Hell.

This joy has been mine as a pastor. I will never forget the joy of leading an elderly man to the Lord after his hindering wife left the living room. Nor the young father who gave me a breath-taking bear hug after he was saved.

I have rejoiced as a personal soul-winner while a full-time evangelist. The conversion of a junior girl between Sunday school and the worship service brought great joy to my heart. Wonderful joy was mine while a pastor visiting with the wife in the kitchen gave me the opportunity to lead the husband to the Lord in the living room.

Have you ever had the sad occasion of hearing that some preacher has said some unkind, if not down-right derogatory, remark about you? Most of us have. The sad but true thing is that most of us have probably said some very uncomplimentary things about other preachers. I have and I'm sorry.

But what can you do when this happens and you are the victim? It hurts and we are often tempted to retaliate and get even. We may be tempted to dig a hole, bury ourselves, pull the dirt in on top, and hide out. We may be tempted to withdraw from everyone and everything and go it alone.

Well, I've faced this and I know how badly it hurts. I've had older preachers try to ruin my ministry before it ever got off the ground. I've had younger preachers try to shoot me out of the saddle and bring me down to their size. I've had preachers of other denominations talk about me from their pulpit and accuse me of being a "fly-by-night" preacher, a cultist, a fanatic, and a heretic. I've had preachers of my own denomination condemn me right in front of unsaved people. It hurts! But what can be done?

First, hiding, digging a hole, and withdrawing simply do not help. In fact this seems to convince people that the remark was probably true.

Second, retaliating and getting revenge doesn't help. That simply cheapens you in the eyes of the world and the church.

Third, the best thing I've found is to stay humble, keep working, planning and striving; and keep yourself unblameable. That will pull their fangs.

Fourth, thank God you are worthy to suffer for His sake. Be sure you are innocent of wrongdoing and keep right on winning souls and building His kingdom. God will honor you for it, and eventually those words that cursed you will change to words that praise you. But whether they do or not—God will say "Well done." That's what counts.

I have also had the joy of soul-winning as a Sunday school teacher. I share this experience last because this was my first soul-winner's joy. I led a man and his wife to Christ in their living room who had visited my Sunday school class. Later I learned their junior boy was saved while listening from his bedroom. After accepting Christ, their response was, "We have been waiting for two weeks for someone to come by." These new believers insisted we sing together the song, "I'm A Child Of The King." We sang with the angels that night!

This joy must have been the experience of the Psalmist as he wrote, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*" (Psalm 126:6). Have you been down spiritually lately? Experience real joy—go soul-winning!

From The Desk Of The Promotional Secretary



by Clarence Burton

I have omitted this column because of lack of space. But I believe it would be well for me to use a limited space to direct attention to some needed things.

I believe that the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists is offering a lot to Free Will Baptists. I want to mention one in this article. May I hasten to say that the reason for this is because of the cooperation of the Free Will Baptist churches in Missouri.

Occasionally I am asked questions about the Missouri Retirement Program, as to how it works and its benefits. I think that it is a good program and I am a participant in it.

This was adopted at the Missouri State Association in 1978 and functions as follows: *The church shall deposit a minimum of \$90.00 and the pastor and/or full-time Christian staff member shall deposit a minimum of \$90.00 for a six-month period. This deposit may be made monthly, quarterly, or semi-annually. Twice each year, shortly after January 1 and July 1 the director of the Board of Retirement and Insurance will transfer \$90.00 from the Missouri State Trust Fund to the account of each pastor and/or full-time staff member, who during the previous six-month period meets the minimum requirement. The Trust Fund functions through the Board of Retirement and Insurance. The \$90.00 that is drawn from the Missouri State Trust Fund and put in the account of the participant is placed in a tax-sheltered program. The church which the pastor and/or full-time staff member serves shall support the Missouri State Cooperative Program with ten-percent of its regular tithes and offerings. (This does not include ten-percent of designated giving.) It is essential that the local church support the cooperative program because the Missouri State Trust Fund is funded by an allocation from the cooperative program.

In summary the pastor and/or full-time staff member will have \$540.00 in a retirement program annually. Multiply this by a few years or maybe several years (the age of the participant would determine this) plus the interest and it is obvious that it will be a sizeable amount. It seems to be evident that Social Security will not be sufficient for retire-

ment. And, that is what most pastors or full-time staff members have by way of a retirement program. Inasmuch as we need more I am thankful that Free Will Baptists of Missouri care and are willing to help. So, I encourage participation in this program. Later on, you will be glad that you did. I may be contacted while in your area concerning this, or you may write to me at P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, Missouri 65536.

*Some churches are making the full \$180.00 for the pastor and the church.

Announcement:

Reverend Guy Owens has announced that he has a daily, fifteen minute, radio program that reaches into Missouri from Memphis, Tennessee. The program is aired daily over station KSUD 730 at 9:30 each morning.

Calendar Of Events

Sunday School and Church Growth Seminar
Special Speakers: Dr. Win Arn & Dr. Charles Arn
Youth Camp, Dates: March 16-18

Missouri State CTS Competitive Activities
Central Church, Kansas City (Grandview) MO
Date: May 1

Historic Church Conference
Mt. Zion Church, Gower, MO
Date: May 21, 22

Missouri State Association
Youth Service and Woman's Auxiliary
Grace FWB Church, Arnold, MO
Date: June 7-10

Missouri State Youth Camp Sessions
Niangua, MO
Date: Ages 7-11, June 13-18
Ages 12-18, June 20-25

National Association of FWB
NYC and WNAC
Ft. Worth, Texas
Date: July 19-22

Church Evangelism Conference
Farmington FWB Church
Farmington, MO
Date: November 15-17

* The Nelson Community Center in Lebanon, Missouri had heavy damage because of fire. Therefore the Missouri State Association will not be held there this year. We appreciate the Grace Church and Pastor Glen Rehkop for the privilege of holding the State Association in Arnold, Missouri for the 1982 session.



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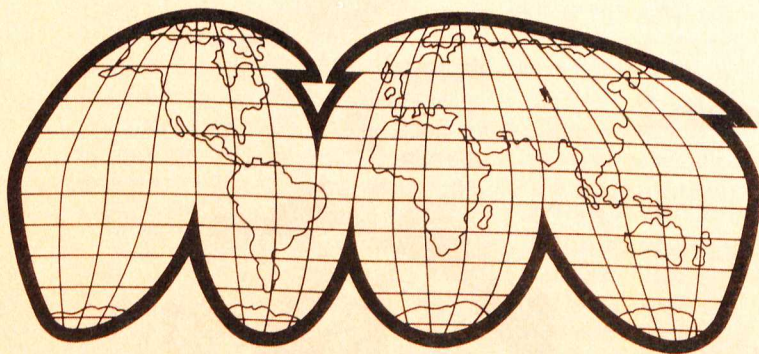
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Mini National Home Missions Report

Reverend Roy Thomas, director, writes, "I am writing to thank the people of Missouri for giving \$80,507.84 to National Home Missions in 1981. I think this is tremendous and I commend the Free Will Baptists of Missouri for their burden and concern for Home Missions.

"In 1981, 12 new missionaries were sent out, eight churches became self-supporting, more than 1500 conversions were recorded by our missionaries, and our income set a new record of \$1,314,896.74.

"The quota for Missouri in 1982 is \$75,000.00. Please stand with us in 1982 and help us put a missionary in every state for a church in every city."

Missionary Greetings

(These could not appear in the January-February issue of the *Gem* because they had not reached the office. Some greetings appeared in the previous issue.)

The Bill Fulcher Family, the Clint Morgan Family, the Vernon Long Family, the Ernie Ross Family, the Bobby Aycock Family, the Ken Eagleton Family, the Pat Dickens Family, the Joe Haas Family, the Louis Coscia Family, the Fred Hersey Family, the Lonnie Sparks Family, the Vergel Maness Family, the Mark Vandivort Family, the Larry Russell Family, the Jerry Scott Family, the Dale Bishop Family, the Jim McLain Family, Patsy VanHook, and the John Murray Family.

The Clint Morgan Family, missionaries to the Ivory Coast, Africa are asking churches to receive a special offering for their account. They need the funds by May 1, 1982. Any church interested in becoming involved in the Countdown Project is asked to write the Morgans at this address: P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202 or call 1-615-367-1534.

National Master's Men Conference, April 1-3

The National Master's Men Conference will be held in Linden, Tennessee, April 1-3. There will be workshops, special speakers, and special efforts to help with beginning new Master's Men local and state organizations. Gary Sutton, state senator, is urging laymen from Missouri to attend this conference. If you can go and plan to attend he is asking that you contact him at this address and/or telephone number: P.O. Box 123, O'Fallon, MO. 63366, phone 1-314-272-4759. Perhaps travel accommodations can be combined.