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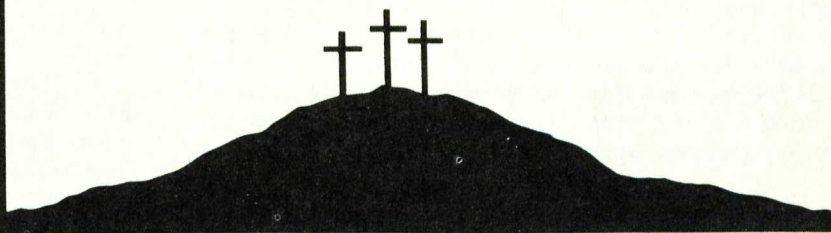
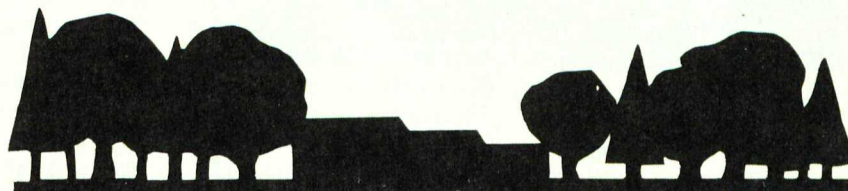
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# GEM

"Voice Of Missouri Free Will Baptists"



## YOUTH CAMP



Dates: Ages 7-11  
Ages 12-17

June 13-18  
June 20-25

Cost: Campers  
Workers

\$22.00  
\$2.00

# SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1981-82

CHURCHES	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.
Aulsbury Chapel	133	135	125	130								
Bethel, Festus			75	78	81	83	91	96	103	80	92	98
Buffalo				53	46	44	44	44	49	40	50	50
Calvary, Conway	103	83	81	84	79	89	73					
Calvary, Fenton	161	133	157	120	143	142	233	179	172	141	149	232
Central	91	77	65	66	75	76	82	80	86	84	97	109
Copper Mines	80	75	75	74	87	77	80	78				
Cuba	47	49	61	54	61	56	68	64	66	52		
De Soto						190	160	158	154	136	158	158
Farmington	669	617	601	601	634	684	852	720	689	608	671	744
Flat River, First	187	155	146	154	181	199	221	211	196	136	187	
Fourth	160	139	141	107	130	126	110	110				
Fredericktown	145	140	133	143	134	133	170	146	143	121	140	159
Grace	239	183	158	150	179	176	259	182	212			
Grant Avenue	141	137	129	132	131	150	179	166	157	146	149	168
Hannon	99	90	91	85	80	83	81	82	84	78	98	102
Harmony, K.C.	63	50	57	40	60	54	58	54	63	60	74	108
Hartville	102	95	94	94	88	82	80	85	89	72		
Houston	65	57	62	66	65	63	62	61	59	51	57	
Marshfield	45	50	51	49	56	62	80	73	65			
Myrtle			58	54	53	55	56	48	50	44	50	50
O'Fallon	97	86	87	80	86	82	80	70	74	72	51	54
Parkview	60	55	62	64	55	57	59	58	57	50	59	
Richwoods	21	20	21	21	25	33	37	40	35	26	26	
Thayer	182	160	162	157	163	154	161	154	162	134	149	
Twin Oak	77	76	78	80	84	75	70	73	78			
United, W. P.	63	55	65	69	68	64	62		72	59	69	75
Willow Springs	129	101	103	93	101	101	94	104	107	77	90	91

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# Churches People And Events

## MORTGAGE BURNING SERVICE AT DE SOTO



A special event was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in De Soto, Missouri, on Sunday, April 18, 1982. The church held a Mortgage Burning Service.

The Service began at 1:30 in the afternoon. The pastor Reverend Charley Miller welcomed the congregation and visitors and asked Reverend Jim Parker, pastor of the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church to open the service with prayer. Following this the congregation enjoyed several songs by special singing groups.

The program proceeded with the pastor giving a brief summary of the history of the church. The church began as a mission in a small building in De Soto and later moved to a larger storefront building on Main Street. During this point in the history of the church Reverend Miller was called to serve as pastor. Brother Miller had not been licensed as a minister at this time. Prior to that time he had served as a deacon in the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church in Desloge, Missouri. As the Lord blessed with an increase in attendance the church recognized that there was a definite need for a larger building and a permanent land site. One and one-half acre was bought on Vineland Road. A basement was built with much of the necessary money being given as was needed. Early in 1971 the church voted to build the sanctuary and additional educational space. It was necessary to borrow \$45,000.00. This was secured on a note for twenty years. To the praise and honor of God reflecting what His people can do because they love Him, the note was paid off in eight years.

The pastor recognized Reverend Clarence Burton, promotional secretary, Missouri State Association. Brother Burton recalled that he was the

evangelist for the first revival. He stated that the wonderful accomplishments that had been made by the church was because the church honored God and God had blessed the leadership and body of the church. He noted that two things are essential for growth, "proper leadership and a united effort by the body of believers."

The leadership of the church was called to the front: the pastor, the trustees, the deacons, Sunday School Superintendent, CTS Director, Children's Church Director, the Joy-Makers director (woman's group) and Director Christian Service Brigade. A selected passage of scripture was read by Brother Burton and a special prayer of thanksgiving was offered by the pastor, as the leadership and the congregation prayed together.



The time had come; Brother Paul Ruble held the mortgage while Brother John Mouser set it on fire. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! A church rejoiced in the blessings of the Lord for what He had done through them. Wonderful revival services were enjoyed Sunday Morning and Sunday evening.

## Hillsdale Evangelistic Team

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College is sponsoring an Evangelistic Team this summer. Will Harmon of Lubbock, Texas and Mark Brawley of Phillipsburg, Missouri will be preaching and singing. Contact the promotional department at Hillsdale if you would like to use these young men in your church, youth camp, or retreat.

## Something New at Youth Camp

The camp superintendent, Reverend Bud Arnold, has remodeled the Youth Camp Board office. It has been enlarged with carpeting and paneling installed. It will be used by the camp board and will be available for counseling and other board meetings during the camp sessions.

There is a need for furniture to accommodate the office. It has been suggested that some organization in the local church may want to purchase an item or items of furniture. If so, please contact the camp superintendent, at 1-417-473-6444 or the board chairman, Reverend Ken Goff at 1-314-937-3233.



## Palm Sunday, 1982, at South Side



Although the wind blew a chilly 36 degrees on Palm Sunday in St. Louis, a warm-hearted bunch of folks came out for the Giant Outdoor Sunday School and Egg Hunt, writes Loretta Cathers, church reporter. There were 243 that attended Sunday school that morning.

The activities were under the direction of Shirley Simpson. Brother Ed Schaffer presented a puppet program for the Bible lesson with the Maranatha Puppets.

The children were divided into three groups for the egg hunt. A prize was presented to the group finding the most eggs.

Following the worship hour, balloons filled with helium and containing the name of the church were given to all children. This was to help promote the Sunday school campaign. The Lord blessed with three professions of faith in the service.

Palm Sunday was also marked with another important event. Brother Art Kossman was ordained as a deacon. He is a 17 year member of the South Side Church, a long-time Sunday school teacher, dedicated youth leader, and a member of Gideons International. He is married and has three lovely daughters. Brother Kossman has the respect of the entire church.

The Lord has dressed and is blessing the South Side Church. We are looking forward to many great things in the future. Reverend Jim Mertz is the pastor.

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### National Association of Free Will Baptists National Youth Conference Woman's National Auxiliary Convention

*Date: July 18-22*

*Place: Ft. Worth, Texas*

*Tarrant County Convention Center*

#### Speakers:

National Youth Conference—Reverend Nate Ange  
Woman's Auxiliary—Missionaries Mabel Willey and  
Tommy Hughes

National Association—Reverends Bill Fulcher,  
Clarence Burton, Ben Scott,  
and Don Pegram

Additional information in next issue of *Gem*.

## Snow Queen Banquet at O'Fallon



On February 26, 1982 the youth of the First Free Will Baptist Church in O'Fallon, Missouri held a Snow Queen Banquet.

The invocation was given by Brother Robert Jackson. Dinner included roast beef, ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, bread and butter, tea, and ice cream. Mrs. Shirley Jackson, the hostess, directed in serving the meal.

Following the meal a skit was presented by Miss Angela Halton, entitled "I'm A Nut." Two other skits were presented: "Operation in Silhouette" by pastor Robert Sharry, Mrs. Tommie Sharry, and Mrs. Patty Sutton; "Handy-Dandy Brick O Matic" by Miss Francine Snider. (During this skit some of the youth wanted to order one for good ole mom, but who needs another brick around the house.)

Gary L. Sutton Jr. was crowned as king and Kim Sharry was crowned as queen. Votes were cast at a penny a vote. The total amount raised was approximately \$204.00. All of the young people worked very hard in preparing for the banquet. It is surely wonderful to see youth work for a special cause. The money collected was given to Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College.

Those attending the banquet were: Keith Green, Garry Sutton Jr., Paul Buie, Jeff Marshall, Jim Wallis, Kim Sharry, Sheila Wilson, Dana Buie, Angela Halton, Linda Whitaker, and Tricia Whitaker.

## Completing the Challenge

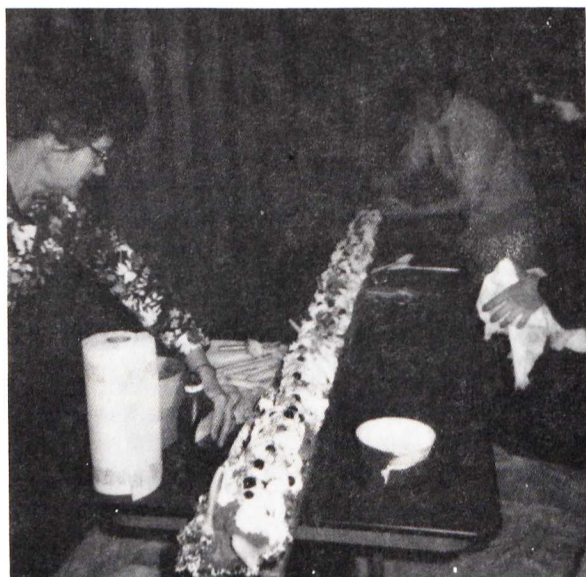
In January of 1981 Reverend John Turner, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Fredericktown, Missouri challenged the congregation to read through the Bible in one year. Many responded to the weekly schedule with a total of twenty completing the reading. Many favorable comments were heard from those who participated as they learned and discovered new truths from the Word.

Those that received certificates of recognition were: Betty Boyer, Dessie Slinkard, Ruby Ballard,



Wayne Parsons, Alvie Francis, Edith McCormack, Blanche Pouge, Ross Moss, Frances Freeland, Evelyn Matthews, Earl Stivers, Virginia Stone, Judy McNeese, Clint McCormack, Vi Williams, Paul White, and the pastor, John Turner.

### A New Outreach At Hannon



March 7, 1982 was a day to be remembered at the Hannon Free Will Baptist Church, writes Mrs. Virginia Hoover, church reporter. There was a record breaking attendance of 127 for Sunday school and 136 for the morning worship. This Sunday was "kick-off" day for Children's Church. Mr. and Mrs. Brent Thompson, directors of the Children's Church, had a total attendance of 32. Connie Hopkins won the contest by bringing nine for that Sunday.

A special attraction for that day was a "10 foot Banana Split." The eyecatching, delicious "beauty" was engineered by the pastor's wife Sister Dorothy Dickey, assisted by several ladies. It was served at the conclusion of the service.

A new choir has been formed at the Hannon Church. It has been formed from two classes the pastor has been teaching. The choir practice is usually held on Monday evening following the class sessions. Brother Dickey and the class recently completed a course on the home. Bob Hopkins is directing the choir and his wife Barb is serving as pianist.

### I Love America Sunday at Houston

On Sunday, March 14, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Houston, Missouri held a special service to honor our country, writes the church reporter. As part of the service and to help with the service the following men were present: U. S. Representative Wendell Bailey, 8th District; State Senator

John Russell, State Representative R. B. Grisham; Mr. Jon Hutcheson, candidate for 34th Senatorial District; and Mr. Mike Lybyer, candidate for 34th Senatorial District.



A Color Guard Unit from Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri was present to present the colors at the beginning of the service. During the service Representative Bailey presented an American Flag to the church that had been flown over the U.S. Capitol on Thanksgiving Day. Senator Russell presented a Missouri Flag to the church that had been flown over the capitol in Jefferson City, Missouri. Representative Grisham presented certificates of recognition to the men of the church that had served in the armed forces.

Reverend Clarence Burton, Missouri State Promotional Secretary, read a letter from President Ronald Reagan, in special recognition of the "I Love America Sunday" Service. He then led the church in special prayer for the state and national leaders.

The service was enjoyed by everyone and it enabled each one to be brought closer to our responsibility for our nation and the ones serving in political offices.

Reverend Kent Tallent is serving as pastor of the church.

### Report from the First Church in Flat River

The pastor, Reverend Ron Edgil, writes, the Lord is blessing the First Free Will Baptist Church. Having only been here for six months, after serving as pastor in Alabama for ten years, I have been surprised one time after another by the faith of these dear people and the way the Lord has blessed. Let me share some things.

The church has begun a tape ministry which reaches into several foreign countries and many adjoining states. The Woman's Auxiliary sends these tapes to selected families from the Missions Directory each week. In one year all missionary families will have received a tape. The weekly radio broadcast,



which covers the Sunday evening worship hour, is receiving a tremendous response. The church, in a recent business session, called Reverend Gene Howell from Bonne Terre, Missouri to serve as Associate Pastor. (This is a first for the church.) At the same business session the church voted to pay cash for a new van that will have a multi-service ministry in the work of the church. The dear Lord has blessed with the addition of several members and baptisms this year. The Junior Church and Bus Ministry is doing well with an average of seventy-five. Nine people from the church attended the Church Growth Seminar in Niangua, Missouri conducted by Dr. Win Arn.



The church had a special Transportation Day emphasis. The response was great. The people enjoyed seeing the different types of transportation that had been used over the years.

## News Release from Free Will Baptist Bible College

August 23, 1982 will be an historic day for all Free Will Baptists. On that day the Graduate School will open. Many dreams have been dreamed, many plans have been made, but we are certain that except "the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." It will cost \$250,000.00 to provide the initial facilities, upgrade our library and secure personnel for the first year's operation. This is a modest sum for such an undertaking.

In order to underwrite this, we are asking 250 churches, associations, or individuals to become "Founders" by investing \$1000 in this worthy project. Please respond to this need that will benefit the cause of Christ and our denomination now and in the years to come.

The following students from Missouri made the Mid-Semester Dean's List: Juniors—Jeff Halliburton and Martin McWilliams; Sophomores—Cynthia Fry, Susan Keesling, Craig Mills, and Kellie Wingate.

The college choir has released a new record, "Well With My Soul." The record contains some of the best songs from the 1982 choir tour program, including a special arrangement of Ray Lee's "Since Jesus Came In."

Congratulations to Steve and Judy Lytle on the arrival of a big boy, David Anthony!

## Missouri State Association Activities Grace Church Arnold, Missouri



Rev. Jim McAllister



Rev. Jerry Norris



Rev. John Turner



Rev. Eugene Waddell



Pastor Glenn Rehkop and the congregation of Grace Free Will Baptist Church extend a warm, cordial welcome to our people from over the state to attend the Missouri State Association which will convene at our church.

We feel that you will find our church and city to be a friendly people and we want to do our very best to make you feel welcome when you come our way. We are making preparations for you and will be looking forward to seeing you June 7-10.



## Monday

1:00 p.m. General Board Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Youth Service: Rev. Kent Tallent, presiding  
Congregational Singing  
Recognition of Winners of 1982 Competitive Activities  
Special Music: Harvesters, Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College  
Message  
Benediction

Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention  
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

## Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Kay Tallent, presiding  
Congregational Singing  
Welcome  
Response  
Theme Song  
Devotional  
Skit  
Seating of Delegates  
Appointment of Committees  
10:30 a.m. Recess  
11:00 a.m. Worship in Song  
Special Music: Sharon Nutt  
Message: Jeff Turnbough  
Benediction  
12:00 p.m. Lunch  
1:45 p.m. Congregational Singing  
Devotional  
Special Music  
Report of Committees  
5:30 p.m. Auxiliary Banquet  
Special Music: Gary & Linda Walls  
Message: Susan Turnbough

### **Program Of The Missouri State Association Theme: Building God's Church—Matthew 16:18 Tuesday Evening, June 8, 1982**

7:30 p.m. Worship in Song: Rev. Howard Gwartney  
Convening of Session: Rev. Nathan Ruble  
Welcome: Rev. Glenn Rehkop  
Response  
8:00 p.m. Moderator's Message: Rev. Dale Skiles  
Worship in Song  
Offering  
Special Music: The Kasterke Family  
Keynote Message: Rev. Eugene Waddell  
"Building God's Church Through His Sovereign Grace"  
Report of Committee on Committees  
Benediction

## Wednesday Morning, June 9, 1982

9:00 a.m. Worship in Song: Rev. Howard Gwartney  
Devotional: Rev. Kenny Petty  
9:15 a.m. Credentials Committee Report  
Seating of Delegates  
Recognizing Corresponding Messengers  
General Board Report  
10:45 a.m. Recess  
Exhibits  
11:00 a.m. Worship Hour: Rev. Stan Bunch, presiding  
Worship in Song: Rev. Howard Gwartney  
Special Music:  
Message: Rev. John Turner  
"Building God's Church Through His Sanctifying Grace"  
Benediction  
12:00 p.m. Lunch  
1:30 p.m. Worship in Song: Rev. Howard Gwartney  
Devotional: Rev. Darrell Strain  
1:45 p.m. Report of State Treasurer & Promotional Secretary  
Report of State Home Missions Board  
Report of Retirement Village  
Report of Youth Camp Board  
Report of Christian Education Board  
Report of Sunday School and CTS Board  
4:00 p.m. Adjournment

## Wednesday Evening, June 9, 1982

7:30 p.m. Worship Service: Rev. Ken Goff, presiding  
Worship in Song: Rev. Howard Gwartney  
Offering  
Special Music: Debbie Williams  
8:00 p.m. Message: Rev. Jim McAllister  
"Building God's Church Through His Saving Grace"  
Benediction

## Thursday Morning, June 10, 1982

9:00 a.m. Worship in Song: Rev. Howard Gwartney  
Devotional: Rev. Jim Shepherd  
9:15 a.m. Report of General Board  
Report of Resolutions Committee  
Report of Obituary Committee  
Report of Placement Committee  
Report of Nominating Committee  
10:45 a.m. Recess  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service: Rev. Wayne Phillips, presiding  
Worship in Song: Rev. Howard Gwartney  
Special Music: Marilyn, Debbie, Ron  
Message: Rev. Jerry Norris  
"Building God's Church Through His Stabilizing Grace"  
12:00 p.m. Lunch  
1:30 p.m. Remaining Business and Final Adjournment

### MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Church Delegate \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor or Church Clerk

Motels near Arnold, MO (Within 15 minutes of church)

Ramada Inn, Lindberg Blvd., Ph-314-894-0600  
Howard Johnson, Lindberg Blvd., Ph-314-892-2000

Note: Please mention that you are with the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. The Ramada Inn is giving a special rate. If you have not made reservations, from the information given in the Gem Supplement, please do so very soon. The Holiday Inn is already full. The dates for the Missouri State Association, including the Youth Service on Monday evening and the Woman's Auxiliary on Tuesday, are Monday, June 7-Thursday, June 10.



## COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS February 1982

Hopewell	\$ 269.00
Eastern Gate	16.91
Mill Creek	125.04
Harmony, KC	307.00
Royal Oak	25.00
Happy Home	140.19
Grace	644.00
Hannon	262.00
Belton	165.46
Macedonia	12.00
Black Oak	10.00
Myrtle	184.68
Jones Chapel	612.70
Gospel Light	53.65
Fredericktown	310.00
St. Francois Dist. Ass'n.	21.00
Trinity	753.82
Union Grove	90.35
Joplin	361.95
Merl's Chapel	47.33
Bethel	244.00
Columbia	50.00
Verdella	141.97
Mt. Zion, Thayer	41.78
O'Fallon	392.35
Mine La Motte	35.00
Mt. Pisgah	68.00
South Side	214.80
Victory, Alton	97.00
Fourth	300.00
Fordland	255.29
Koshkonong	22.00
Cope	18.47
New Harmony	5.41
United, West Plains	100.00
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	32.00
New Rock Springs	70.66
Number One	12.90
Faith, Fair Grove	116.41
Purdy	153.16
Buffalo	169.28
Hurryville	110.69
Neosho	60.00
Hartville	156.50
Parkview	163.68
Bailey Chapel	29.00
Beacon	533.86
Gray Summit	124.88
Fellowship	100.00
Sedalia	117.61
Olivet	250.00
Copper Mines	112.60
DeSoto	500.00
Oskaloosa	37.49
Thayer	190.52
Koshkonong	18.00
Rock Chapel	195.05
Waynesville	109.23
Wolf Creek	225.90
New Home	59.82
Monett	465.31
Marshfield	162.10
Mt. Zion, Gower	50.03
Pleasant Hill	25.37
Black Oak	10.00
Viburnum	30.00
New Harmony	9.04
Leadington	351.72
Rolla	123.82
Farmington	1,150.00
Combo Account Interest	173.00
Total	\$12,597.78

## COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS February 1982

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions	\$2,330.59
16.00% Promotional Department	2,015.64
4.50% General Fund	566.90
5.50% Youth Camp	692.88
2.00% Christian Board of Education	251.96
2.00% Sunday School & CTS	251.96
7.00% Missouri Retirement Village	881.84
5.00% Missouri Retirement Program	629.89
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	755.87
11.00% Foreign Missions Dept.	\$1,385.75
8.00% Free Will Baptist Bible College	1,007.82
6.00% Executive Department	755.87
6.00% National Home Missions	755.87
2.00% National Board of Ret. & Ins.	251.96
.25% Layman's Board	31.49
.25% Theological Commission	31.49
Total	\$12,597.78

The month of February closed on Sunday. Consequently, the cooperative receipts reflect a short month. We are expecting March to be a great month. It closes our State Association year and part of February's giving will be reflected in it. The Lord has blessed cooperative receipts. We are so thankful for it reflects our love to Him with our giving and it reflects His love to us in His giving. He is the Giver and we are the recipients.

## COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS March 1982

Bethel, Festus	\$375.00
Kingsway	100.00
Fellowship	80.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	55.10
El Dorado, First	5.00
Eastern Gate	32.47
Gray Summit	98.65
Myrtle	195.64
Olivet	250.00
Willow Springs	219.91
Cedar Ridge	101.66
Bailey Chapel, Tunas	42.00
Verdella	125.80
Springfield, First	26.00
Faith, Fair Grove	135.82
Macedonia	20.00
Purdy	155.92
Martinstown	40.00
Cuba	176.38
Harmony, K.C.	274.00
Union Grove	135.00
Royal Oak	18.00
Grace	807.00
Pleasant Ridge	56.00
New Rock Springs	104.55
Koshkonong	28.00
Cope	31.10
Belton	158.53
South Side	296.60
Hartville	183.34
Number One	29.00
O'Fallon	348.03
Parkview	183.39
Neosho	60.00
Fredericktown	404.00
Sedalia	86.16
Victory, K.C.	70.00
Trinity	777.40
Victory, Alton	93.00



Joplin .....	263.15
Merl's Chapel .....	73.10
Mill Creek .....	136.90
Houston .....	164.86
Houston .....	193.25
Mt. Zion, Thayer .....	53.82
Columbia .....	50.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	86.00
Fordland .....	295.35
Happy Home .....	77.31
Byrd .....	15.50
Byrd .....	15.00
DeSoto .....	650.00
Mine La Motte .....	18.75
South Fremont .....	255.00
Way Side .....	420.00
New Harmony .....	7.58
Sunnyview .....	77.00
United, W. P. ....	100.00
Rock Chapel .....	264.38
Liberty .....	110.00
Beacon .....	426.03
Monett .....	441.24
Community .....	20.50
Freeman Chapel .....	180.15
Hazel Creek .....	258.86
Hannon .....	181.00
Copper Mines .....	130.88
Koshkonong .....	27.00
Oskaloosa .....	15.63
Mtn. Grove, First .....	464.12
Fourth .....	320.00
Rolla .....	107.39
Berkeley .....	425.29
Fordland .....	217.29
Twin Oak .....	425.00
Hopewell .....	108.00
Sedalia .....	128.32
Union Light .....	242.30
Cope .....	31.45
Black Oak .....	10.00
El Dorado, First .....	5.00
Wolf Creek .....	196.59
Flat River, First .....	388.71
Koshkonong .....	19.00
Waynesville .....	155.59
Gospel Light .....	54.50
Pleasant Hill .....	44.31
Leadington .....	420.00
Thayer .....	373.60
Fellowship .....	80.00
Cabool .....	172.07
New Harmony .....	7.57
Myrtle .....	169.05
Willow Springs .....	297.05
Harmony, K.C. ....	277.00
Parkview .....	215.45
New Rock Springs .....	148.94
Bethel .....	332.00
Combo Account .....	126.94
Total .....	\$17,349.22

## COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS March 1982

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions .....	\$3,209.61
16.00% Promotional Department .....	2,775.87
4.50% General Fund .....	780.71
5.50% Youth Camp .....	954.22
2.00% Christian Board of Education .....	346.98
2.00% SS & CTS .....	346.98
7.00% Missouri State Retirement Village .....	1,214.45
5.00% Missouri State Retirement Program .....	867.46

6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College .....	1,040.95
11.00% Foreign Missions .....	1,908.43
8.00% FWBBC .....	1,387.94
6.00% Executive Department .....	1,040.95
6.00% National Home Missions .....	1,040.95
2.00% National Board of Ret. & Ins. ....	346.98
.25% Layman's Board .....	43.37
.25% Theological Commission .....	43.37
Total .....	\$17,349.22

This month ends the association year. It has been another good month and a wonderful year. The Lord has blessed for which we are so thankful. We trust His continued blessings to be on this ministry. May the Lord bless the faithfulness of the churches that are supporting this world-wide ministry for the cause of Christ.

## MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING February & March 1982

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Bethel .....	\$130.00
General Fund .....	\$75.00
Tallent .....	55.00
Beacon .....	\$616.58
Coscia .....	\$260.00
Turnbough .....	290.03
Filkins .....	54.55
General Fund .....	12.00
Myrtle .....	\$232.20
Miley .....	\$112.20
Tallent .....	120.00
Olivet .....	\$100.00
Poole .....	\$30.00
Sparks .....	20.00
Inscoe .....	30.00
McLain .....	10.00
Pinkerton .....	10.00
Columbia .....	\$110.00
Inscoe .....	\$30.00
Filkins .....	30.00
McLain .....	50.00
Martinstown .....	\$80.00
Richards .....	\$20.00
McLain .....	20.00
Miley .....	20.00
Sparks .....	20.00
Pleasant Ridge .....	\$40.00
General Fund .....	\$20.00
McLain .....	20.00
South Side .....	\$235.00
Tallent .....	\$220.00
Filkins .....	15.00
Leadington .....	\$340.00
Turnbough .....	\$40.00
Filkins .....	40.00
Pinkerton .....	40.00
Miley .....	40.00
Eagleton .....	60.00
Hanna .....	40.00
McLain .....	40.00
Lytle .....	40.00
O'Fallon .....	\$15.00
Tallent .....	\$15.00
Carl & Faith Hiatt .....	\$40.00
Pinkerton .....	\$40.00
Merl's Chapel .....	\$42.00
Filkins .....	\$42.00
Joplin .....	\$35.00
Haas .....	\$ 5.00
Banks .....	10.00
Morgan .....	15.00
Cousineau .....	5.00



Trinity	\$1,050.02
J. Sasser	\$665.00
Filkins	20.00
Payne	20.00
General Fund	101.02
Morgan	60.00
McLain	29.00
Wode	155.00
Fordland	\$50.00
Tallent	\$50.00
South Fremont	\$35.00
Tallent	\$20.00
Pinkerton	15.00
New Harmony	\$193.44
McLain	\$96.73
Miley	96.71
Grant Avenue	\$262.00
Pinkerton	\$95.00
Hersey	80.00
Haas	65.00
Van Hook	10.00
General Fund	12.00
Monett	\$20.00
General Fund	\$20.00
Hannon	\$221.50
Pinkerton	\$50.00
Lytle	50.00
Miley	40.50
Filkins	50.00
Hanna	16.00
Tallent	15.00
Neosho	\$76.95
Caton	\$66.95
Wode	5.00
Cousineau	5.00
Flat River, First	\$200.00
General Fund	\$200.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$207.50
General Fund	\$187.50
Gibbs	10.00
Owens	10.00
Fourth	\$620.00
Lytle	\$590.00
Tallent	30.00
Berkeley	\$156.00
Filkins	\$60.00
Tallent	46.00
Lytle	10.00
Deficit Accts.	40.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$120.00
Pinkerton	\$60.00
Filkins	60.00
Black Oak	\$44.38
McCullough	\$14.25
Hersey	18.25
Crowson	11.88
Thayer	\$10.00
Pinkerton	\$10.00
Marshfield	\$55.00
Tallent	\$55.00
Indian Creek Ass'n.	\$115.00
Cousineau	\$ 8.34
Banks	13.33
Morgan	18.33
Haas	5.00
McLain	70.00
Sedalia	\$13.51
Inscoe	\$13.51
Kirksville, First	\$29.00
Pinkerton	\$24.00
Eagleton	5.00
Rolla	\$20.00
Turnbough	\$20.00
Rock Chapel	\$5.00
Tallent	\$5.00
Total	\$5,537.08

# NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS February & March 1982

Bethel	\$105.00
Maness	\$30.00
General Fund	75.00
Myrtle	\$264.60
Evangelism	\$45.00
General Fund	75.00
Colorado Spgs.	15.00
Maness	129.60
Olivet	\$40.00
Maness	\$40.00
Bob & Glenda Keith	\$10.00
Vandivort	\$10.00
New Rock Springs	\$180.00
Vandivort	\$180.00
Leadington	\$195.00
Colorado Springs	\$40.00
Vandivort	50.00
Maness	65.00
Fulcher	40.00
O'Fallon	\$80.00
Adkisson	\$30.00
Fulcher	50.00
United, Independent FWB	\$241.82
Maness	\$120.91
Fulcher	120.91
Victory	\$28.00
Russell	\$ 8.00
Maness	10.00
Ross	10.00
Joplin	\$95.00
Weatherford	\$95.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$165.00
Maness	\$65.00
Colorado Springs	50.00
Vandivort	50.00
Fordland	\$15.00
Maness	\$15.00
South Fremont	\$11.00
Adkisson	\$5.00
Maness	6.00
Rock Chapel	\$24.00
O'Dell	\$20.00
Maness	4.00
Grant Avenue	\$6.00
Mexico	\$4.00
Vandivort	2.00
Monett	\$107.00
Fulcher	\$107.00
Flat River, First	\$288.00
General Fund	\$229.00
O'Dell	29.00
Vandivort	30.00
Southeast MO Dist. Assoc.	\$3,300.00
Shockey	\$1,100.00
Barron	1,100.00
Fulcher	1,100.00
Rolla	\$110.00
Vandivort	\$110.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$72.45
Vandivort	\$40.00
Breeden	6.20
General Fund	1.25
Maness	25.00
Marshfield	\$40.00
O'Dell	\$20.00
Maness	20.00
Berkeley	\$144.00
Fulcher	\$75.00
Maness	7.00
Colorado Springs	12.00
Deficit Acct.	50.00
Carl Layman	\$30.00
Maness	\$30.00



Wolf Creek .....	\$20.00	\$20.00
Vandivort .....	\$20.00	
Thayer .....		\$76.00
H'way Helpers .....	\$40.00	
Vandivort .....	5.00	
Maness .....	2.00	
Colorado Springs .....	10.00	
Kirksville .....		\$5.00
Lake .....	\$5.00	
South Side .....		\$20.00
Maness .....	\$10.00	
Fulcher .....	10.00	
Indian Creek Ass'n. ....		\$105.00
Weatherford .....	\$105.00	
Roger Ross .....		\$5.00
Maness .....	\$5.00	
Columbia .....		\$10.00
Vandivort .....	\$10.00	
Total .....		\$5,792.87

#### FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Leadington .....	\$40.00
Joplin .....	\$50.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$25.00
Flat River, First .....	\$100.00
Mtn. Grove, First .....	\$320.00
Total .....	\$535.00

#### HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Eastern Gate .....	\$24.70
Joplin .....	\$30.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$18.00
Monett .....	\$29.35
Hannon .....	\$100.00
Mtn. Grove, First .....	\$40.00
Beacon .....	\$96.66
West Plains First .....	\$71.86
Thayer .....	\$256.83
Myrtle .....	\$121.05
Willow Springs .....	\$35.00
Total .....	\$823.45

#### GREENEVILLE CHILDREN'S HOME

Grant Avenue .....	\$40.00
Myrtle .....	\$15.46
Sedalia .....	\$31.47
Total .....	\$86.93

#### BOB CARR ACCOUNT

Grant Avenue .....	\$30.00
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#### NATIONAL BOARD RETIREMENT & INSURANCE

Grant Avenue .....	\$1.00
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#### MO STATE YOUTH CAMP

Bethel .....	\$75.00
Myrtle .....	\$52.83
Olivet .....	\$40.00
New Rock Springs .....	\$40.00
Reg. Offering .....	\$30.00
Jr. SS. ....	5.11
Hannon .....	\$30.00
Willow Springs .....	\$20.00
Faith, Lemay .....	\$20.00
Hartville .....	\$20.00
Leadington .....	\$40.00

Mt. Pisgah .....	\$20.00
Aulsbury Chapel .....	\$20.00
Thayer .....	\$20.00
Trinity .....	\$15.00
Electric work on St. Louis Cabin	
St. Francois Dist. ....	\$45.00
Sale of Jones Family Rec.	
Total .....	\$452.94

#### MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS February & March 1982

Flat River, First .....	\$127.00
New Hope, Fredericktown .....	10.00
N. E. Ass'n. ....	30.00
Kansas City District Ass'n. ....	10.00
Berkeley .....	141.65
Fordland .....	5.00
Central .....	20.00
C. H. Moyers .....	15.00
Mary Ann Owens .....	10.00
Beacon .....	150.00
Olivet .....	300.00
Farmington .....	600.00
Myrtle .....	16.83
Fredericktown .....	50.00
Indian Creek Ass'n. ....	122.02
Bethel .....	25.00
New Harmony .....	69.71
Pleasant Ridge .....	20.00
Wayne Wagner .....	10.00
Thayer .....	18.00
Rock Chapel .....	128.06
Leadington .....	40.00
Monett .....	15.00
Aulsbury Chapel .....	20.00
Cooperative Receipts .....	5,780.99
Mill Creek Young Adult SS Class .....	20.00
Sedalia .....	129.18
Mt. Zion, Thayer .....	30.00
Houston .....	139.00
Parkview .....	18.63
Lebanon .....	5.00
Grace .....	50.00
DeSoto .....	150.00
Oak Hill, Union .....	36.16
MO State Woman's Auxiliary Project	
"HELP HOOK'EM IN BLUE SPRINGS"	
Macedonia Auxiliary .....	275.00
New Hope Auxiliary .....	32.00
Myrtle Auxiliary .....	82.50
Mtn. Grove Auxiliary .....	49.84
South Side Auxiliary .....	73.73
Willow Springs Auxiliary .....	64.62
Houston Auxiliary .....	17.52
Farmington Auxiliary .....	202.90
Grace Auxiliary .....	61.43
Fredericktown Auxiliary .....	76.68
Pleasant Home Auxiliary .....	85.65
West Plains Auxiliary .....	25.00
Monett Auxiliary .....	25.00
Beacon Auxiliary .....	94.78
Cuba Auxiliary .....	52.84
Eastern Gate Auxiliary .....	42.00
Overland Auxiliary .....	5.84
Thayer Auxiliary .....	75.00
Cape Girardeau Auxiliary .....	2.25
Grant Avenue Auxiliary .....	30.00
Cabool Auxiliary .....	20.00
Hannon Auxiliary .....	50.00
Hartville Auxiliary .....	25.00
New Rock Springs Auxiliary .....	15.00
Way Side Auxiliary .....	20.00
Aulsbury Chapel Auxiliary .....	35.00
O'Fallon Auxiliary .....	50.00
Total .....	\$9,883.81



## Equipped for Service

### 2 Timothy 1:6-14

As the Apostle Paul wrote this letter to Timothy, he could probably see the day of his execution rapidly approaching. Yet, Paul took the time to write to his "Son in the Gospel" to cause Timothy to remember the gift or calling God had given him. Timothy would need this for the days of persecution that lay ahead. We need to realize as did Timothy that God does not call us without equipping us to do the work. Paul gives us this divine equipment which is power (verse 7), a purpose (verse 9), and assurance (verse 12).

As believers God has given each of us gifts to use in His service (1 Corinthians 12:11). So much of the time, however, we fail to use our gifts fully because of fear. God has given us His power to overcome that fear and cause us to make an impact on men's lives. The dictionary says that power is "a great or telling force." With God's power we can make a difference in our place of service. Along with His power God has given us love to combat fear. When our love for God and our fellowman is what it ought to be, we will see the importance of our work and overcome fear. A sound mind is also important in that as Christian witnesses we need to keep our bodies under subjection and also display godly wisdom. Knowing when to speak and how to act is as important as knowing when not to speak and when not to act. Allowing God's power to work in our lives comes about as we mature as Christians. In other words it takes time. Because of God's power, love, and wisdom there is no need to be ashamed of our work, but these things should keep us going. As Christians there will always be a certain amount of "hardship" or ill treatment in our walk, but we are to shoulder our responsibilities and go forward in the power of God.

Not only have we been given a gift but also a purpose to use our gift by the one who saved us and called us into service. When we think back to what God has brought us from, it should help us realize the needs of the lost around us. God has given us a plan whereby we might be free from the guilt, dominion, and stain of sin. In fact He has given us a holy calling or called us to a life of separation from the world of sin. Thank the Lord our salvation is not dependent on our abilities or accomplishments because they are so few compared to His great work. But we have been saved from destruction because of His love and by His grace. Our salvation is not due to a new revelation or a change of mind but the sacrifice of the cross has been God's plan since before the foundation of the world. Since we know that all should come to repentance and

since we personally have experienced the victory over spiritual death and a union with God, we should be thrilled to be able to pass on the good news of the gospel. No matter what we do for the Lord our ultimate goal should be the salvation of souls. In 2 Kings 7 we read the story of the four leprous men who came upon the vacated Syrian camp after God had frightened the enemy away. They were starving but found all they needed and much more. They then thought of the starving city of Samaria, went and told the king about what they had found, and the whole city was saved. We as God's servants are like those four men; we were doomed to starve spiritually until we found the Savior and experienced His love and deliverance. The question is, What will we do about the starving world around us? It is God's plan that all may know of the vastness of His love and grace. This is our purpose.

Paul suffered much persecution. He was imprisoned, beaten, stoned, threatened, hated, expelled, and tried. Yet he never looked back with regret or shame. He had great boldness in his ministry because he was assured of God's power, love, and wisdom. Paul says in verse 12, "For I know whom I have believed." This was always his greatest desire, to know completely, by the life he lived, the One who gave His life for him. To have Christ known in our lives is to strive to love the way Christ loved, to care the way Christ cared, to give the way Christ gave. Paul had tried and tested the Lord's way and found Him equal to every occasion. Even though he faced execution Paul stood firm in his trust of the one he had committed his life to. In spite of his bleak future, Paul never doubted God's way or His care. When we come up against trying times, may we ever place our faith in the One we are committed to.

In verse 14 Paul says, "That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us." We have been entrusted with the precious gospel of Christ. We as Christians have been given a most important task. Let's use our God given equipment to do our best for the One who gave us His best.

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# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

**FORT WORTH, TEXAS**

**JULY 18-22, 1982**

PLEASE USE THIS ADDRESSED FORM FOR YOUR HOUSING RESERVATIONS

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

THE FORT WORTH HOUSING BUREAU WILL HANDLE ALL HOUSING APPLICATIONS.

Applications must be submitted in writing on this official form.

No reservations will be taken over the telephone.

Confirmations will be mailed directly from the hotel to only one person. Please allow at least three weeks for confirmation.

**CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS:** All changes and cancellations must be made directly with the hotels.

If you share a room with others, please send in only one housing application listing the names of occupants.

Applications must be postmarked no later than June 20, 1982.

At least two choices of hotels/motels are desirable. Reservations will be filled in order of receipt.

HOTEL LOCATION	(1 person 1 bed)	(2 persons 1 bed)	2 Beds for 2 Persons	2 Beds for 3 Persons	2 Beds for 4 Persons	PARKING
1. HYATT REGENCY (350 Rooms) Headquarters 814 Commerce Children under 18 stay free with parents in existing beds	\$46.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$60.00	\$64.00	\$4.00
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6. AMERICANA HOTEL (350 Rooms) NYC Headquarters 200 Main Children under 18 stay free with parents	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$3.50
2. METRO CENTER INN (100 Rooms) 600 Commerce Children under 12 stay free with parents	\$40.00	\$44.00	\$49.00	\$54.00	\$59.00	Free
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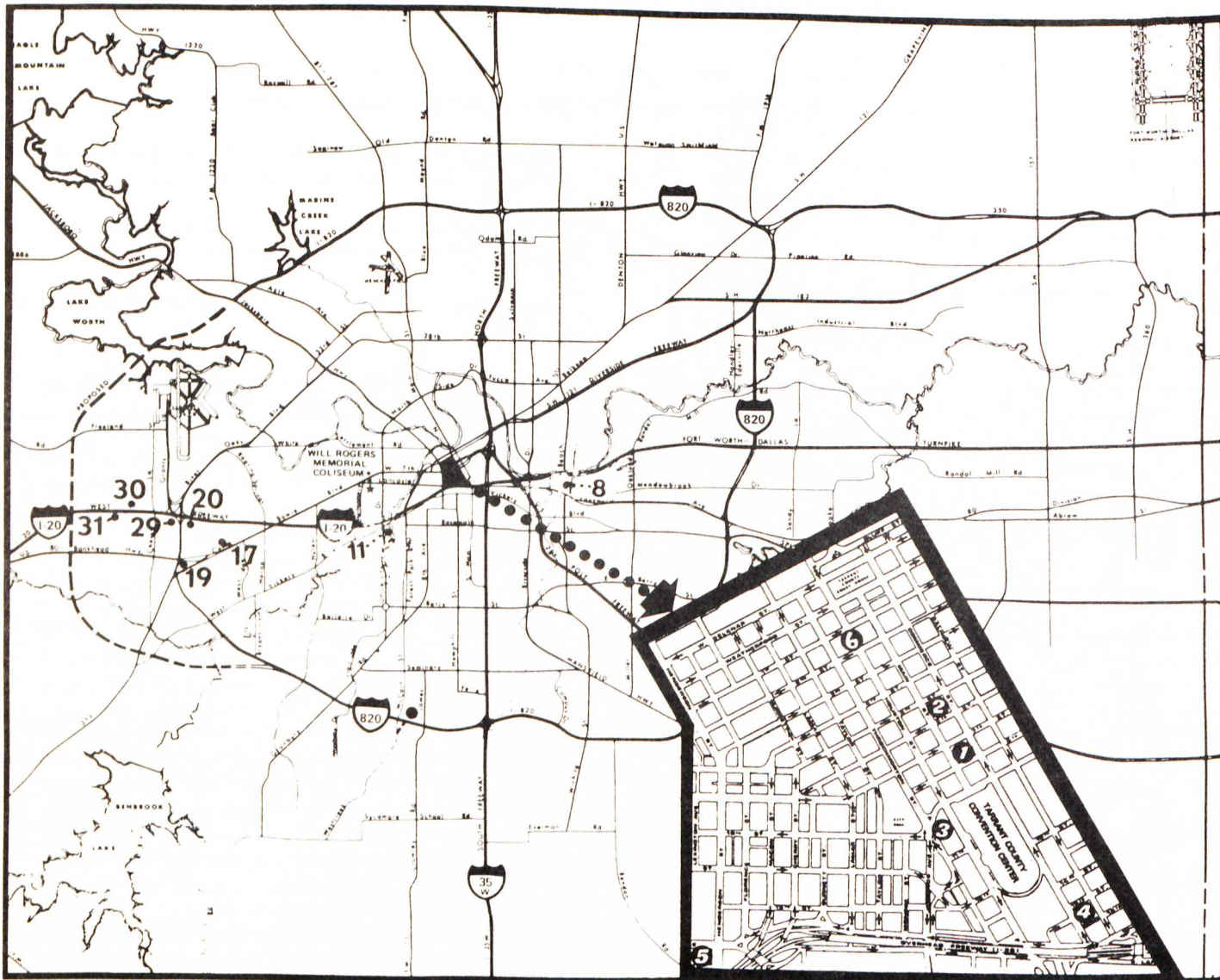
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## From The Desk Of The Promotional Secretary

by Clarence Burton

The time for two important events is drawing very near. The first event is the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. Connected with this is the Youth Service on Monday evening and the Woman's Auxiliary which convenes on Tuesday. I always look forward to this time of fellowship, worship, and doing business for the Lord.

The Lord has blessed the ministries of the Missouri State Association. There is a spirit of unity and harmony that is reflected among the ministries, the boards, and the decisions that guide the function of the association as a body. It should be this way. The Apostle Paul said, in writing to the church at Ephesus, that we are to walk "With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." This indicates that it is not always easy to do this. There is an effort involved. But we are to endeavor to do it. Surely it is best for us if we do this and to be sure it will enhance the cause of Christ.

I am looking forward to a great State Association this year! We will enjoy the preaching, the singing, the fellowship, and the reports from the state boards and appointed committees. I trust that we shall anticipate blessings, great blessings, from the Lord. I shall be praying for the officers of the association, the speakers, the ones singing, and the pastor and folks of the host church. May we prepare our hearts in order that we shall be used of Him and be a blessing to each other.

The second event in June is Youth Camp time! Thank God for the large numbers of decisions that have been made for Christ at the Youth Encampment. This happens year after year. I trust that it shall never stop. We need this. What a blessing to the state work. But more importantly, the individual souls that are saved from Hell and saved for Heaven. Let's encourage our youth to take advantage of this opportunity. I wish it were possible for every young person that wants to attend camp to be there this year. Many young people will make decisions for Christ at camp who may never do so at the local church. This is so because the sessions are geared for the young people. Let us trust God for the best camp sessions this year that we have ever experienced. Then let's use these fired-up young people to help build a soul-winning church for the Lord.

Let's praise God from whom all blessings flow! I hope to see you at the State Association and Youth Camp.

## POINTS FOR PASTORS

by Jim McAllister

What kills a church? Maybe we need to decide if churches are dying. Not much need to argue about it.

They are dying at a rate of more than three per day. I heard recently that the number of churches closing the doors had now risen to 9,000 per year. I don't know about that, but it is a fact that for several years you could say that every time you sat down to eat a meal another church somewhere in this country closed its doors and went out of business. So churches are dying.

In another article I mentioned that nothing starts dying until it stops growing. If your church is not growing then it is already in the process of dying. That's tragic and its rather scary, and I'm sure someone is going to take exception, but if you'll think it through, you'll have to agree—if the church isn't growing, then it's dying. Maybe not dead, but surely dying.

I heard a "church growth expert" say recently that a pastor was lazy if he didn't baptize at least one person per week. I didn't like that—I disagreed with it. I objected; I argued; I fussed; then I agreed. A pastor of a small church has the time to witness. He has the time to go soul winning. He has the time to knock on doors. He could surely win one soul to Christ per week. Surely he could train someone else in the church that they could win one each every two weeks. That would be 52 in a year. So I finally had to agreed. He's right! A church that isn't growing is dying.

All across our denomination we are plagued with dying churches and no one seems to care. Pastors don't seem to be upset about it. Laymen aren't too upset. The leaders in Nashville aren't very upset about it. It seems that growth is a prerogative. But is it? We'll discuss that in the next issue.

## He Is Jesus

Listen to my words, dear one,  
They come from within my heart,  
And I pray that tonight, dear one,  
You'll listen with your heart.

I found Someone is near to me  
As close as the whispering wind,  
He was there in my beginning  
And He will be there to the end.

He will care for us in eternity  
He will heal the broken heart,  
He will make you know that from Him  
You'll never have to part.

He is all there is  
He is all there will be  
He is all bright and beautiful  
He is king  
He is Lord  
He is Jesus

by Jewell Howlett



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