

Vol. 53, No. 2, March-April, 1983  
**Free Will Baptist**

USPS 209-480

# GEM

*"Voice Of Missouri Free Will Baptists"*



**Mountain Grove Free Will Baptist Church**  
**Pastor Gary Fry**  
(Story on page 9)



## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1982-83

CHURCHES	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.
Bethel	92	98	121	105	101	108	109	97	93	98	95	93
Buffalo	50	50										
Calvary, Conway	75											
Calvary, Fellowship	141	149	232									
Central	97	109	108	89	76	85	101	109	104	100		
Copper Mines	68	71	77	81	80	70	73	78	70	72	68	
Cuba	70	69	62	69	71	65	73	78	83	87	78	85
De Soto	158	158	174	157	136	148	144	148	146	146	142	
Farmington	671	744	765	670	646	624	679	697	745	779	707	708
Flat River, First	187	209	215	186	179	150	176	181				
Fourth	102	105	92	90								
Fredericktown	140	159	191	204		168	169	173	194	184		
Grace	185	267	197	160	157	143	167	195				
Grant Avenue	149	168	169	156	148	150	166	172	158	168	156	159
Hannon	98	102	103	88	93							
Harmony, K.C.	74	108	94	75	72	58	62	64	64	58	66	72
Hartville	86	95	94	92	90	94	91	93	102	98	98	98
Houston	57	101	80	62	72	61	61	61	61	55	63	63
Monett	148	152	168	152	143	125	141	143	145	144	141	
Marshfield	66	71	61	65	67	53	60	59	59	61	59	68
Myrtle	50	50	59	58	45	59	50	45	52	41		
Neosho										78		
O'Fallon	51	54	51	50	53	54	53	68	67	62	63	
Parkview	59	58	56	55	55	45	45	47	47	40	46	
Richwoods	26	44	66	60	50	54	48	45	51	54		
Terrill Road									49			
Thayer	149											
Twin Oak												
United, West Plains	69	75	79		82	85	81	91	80	79	69	
Victory, K.C.	71	90	75	77	75	69	80	70				
Willow Springs	90	91	90	98	94	97	102	91	101	98	93	

All items for publication must be in the hands of the editor *no later than the 15th of the month* preceding the issue month.

Publication and Business Office: 303 West Commercial, Lebanon, Missouri 65536

Clarence Burton, editor

Address all correspondence relating to the GEM, including subscription and mailing information to the above address.

Woman's Auxiliary news may be mailed to Shirley Bowden, 303 West Commercial, Lebanon, MO 65536.

The sermons and articles published in the GEM represent the personal views of the authors and not necessarily the views and policies of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists or of the editor.

All items for publication must be in the hands of the editor no later than the 15th of the month preceding the issue month.

Subscription Rates: Single subscription, \$2.50 per year, cash in advance. Church Plan: \$2.00 per year consisting of five subscriptions or more

The Church Plan will continue until it is canceled by the church.

Second Class Postage paid at Lebanon, MO and at additional mailing offices. This magazine is published bi-monthly.

Postmaster: Send form 3579 to the Free Will Baptist GEM, P. O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536.



---

# There Is None Like That . . . Give It To Me

---

*by Glen Rehkop*

In 1 Samuel, chapter 21, the story is told of David fleeing from King Saul. He arrives at Nob and encounters Ahimelech the priest. He asks the priest for bread. Then, he asks for a spear and sword. Ahimelech tells him in verse 9 about the sword of Goliath. This was one which David had taken from him when the memorial battle had been fought in the valley of Elah. (Chapter 17 of this book tells of the tremendous size of this 9 foot 3 inch man.)

David was excited about the prospect of having this tremendous man's sword. He possibly remembered how it glistened in the sun when Goliath waved it in the air from the hillside and made his threatening remarks about David and the Lord God of Israel.

He remembered the weight of the sword and how it was balanced when he drew it from Goliath's scabbard and cut off the giant's head. So, David thinks about the possibility of getting this sword and comes to this conclusion: There is none other like it and he wanted to possess it. It was incomparable, unmatched, and unequalled. "There is none like that; give it me." So, it is with the Bible. The Bible is the Sword of the Spirit. It is "quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

The Bible contains love stories, mysteries, murders, wars, prophecies, etc. It holds forth the Word of Life. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path," states the Psalmist. Again, he

states, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee."

There is none like our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What a story can be told when one thinks of Jesus coming again; His birth; His life; His sacrificial death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. The apostle Peter states in Acts 4:12 that there is salvation in none other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved. "There is none other like that; give it me."

Recognizing that Christ is the only answer let us: Tell the teacher that his Teacher came from God; Tell the banker that He recommends a bank where moth and rust doth not corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal; Tell the poor slave that He is the Kinsman Redeemer; Tell the prisoner that He sets us free from the prison walls of sin; Tell the hungry that He is the Bread of Life; Tell the thirsty that He is the Water of Life; Tell the doctor that He is the Great Physician; Tell the dying that He is the Life Giver; Tell those in darkness that He is the Light; Tell those that are lost that He is the Way; Tell the preacher that He is the Word; Tell the farmer that He is the precious Seed; Tell the florist that He is the Lily of the Valley and the Rose of Sharon; Tell the merchant that He is the Pearl of great price; Tell the lawyer He won the toughest case that has ever been tried in any court when He appeared in the court of justice of God and broke down the powers of Satan. But, most of all, my brother, tell the poor sinner that He saves by His own precious blood.

Then, there is nothing like a harmonious church with all its auxiliaries working smoothly; the church



in one accord and full of love; the church with an enthusiastic Sunday school and morning worship service; the church with a vibrant prayer meeting and visitation program. "There is none like that, give it me."

There is nothing to compare with an old-fashioned revival meeting. So much can be accomplished by just letting the Lord have His way. There can be healing and helping under the sweet leadership of the Holy Spirit. What a blessing to feel the power of God in the singing, praying, preaching, and in the response to the invitation. There is none like it; give it me.

Finally, there is none like the plan of salvation,

that saves a soul and enriches the life. This world is full of problems, troubles, frustrations, confusion, and heartaches. Thank God, Heaven holds a better day. There is still a tremendous thrill of singing the old hymn, "When We All Get To Heaven." Indeed it will be a day of rejoicing when we sing the victory song. There is none like it; give it to me.

About the writer: Reverend Glen Rehkop is the pastor of the Grace Free Will Baptist Church in Arnold, Missouri. He has served on various State Boards and presently is serving on the Home Missions Board. He and the church he serves are actively involved in our state and national ministries.

---

## Looking Toward the Missouri State Association

*by Clarence Burton*

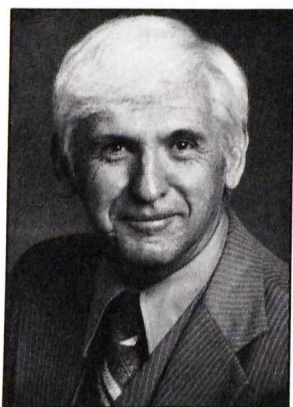
Pastors, pastors' wives and scores of people will be coming from all parts of Missouri, and a few other states, to attend the Missouri State Association, June 6-9, 1983. They will be meeting in Lebanon, Missouri, a beautiful town located in the foothills of the picturesque Ozark Mountains.

The theme for this year's State Meeting is "Proclaiming With All Confidence." The Scripture basis for this theme is Acts 28:31, "Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him."

The first service will begin on Tuesday evening with Reverend R. E. Helsley, pastor of the Wolf Creek Church, delivering the Introductory Message. His subject will be "All Confidence In The Lord." On Wednesday morning, Reverend John Smith, president California Christian College, will be continuing

with the theme, using as his subject, "All Confidence In The Scriptures." Then, on Wednesday evening, with the emphasis on missions, Reverend Cliff Bowman, pastor of the Olivet Church, will be developing the message, "All Confidence In The Church." To climax the association and re-emphasize our confidence in the Free Will Baptist denomination, Reverend Ted Wilbanks will use as his subject, "All Confidence In Our Denomination." These services should whet our spiritual appetites. There will be more devotional messages, singing, and fellowship. To be sure there will be the necessary and essential business.

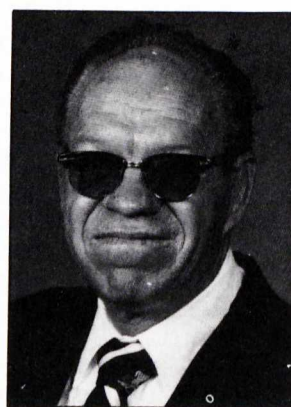
The Youth Service will be held on Monday evening and the Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet on Tuesday. The services will be held in the Nelson Community Center. A complete program, along with other photos, will be in the next issue of the *Gem*.



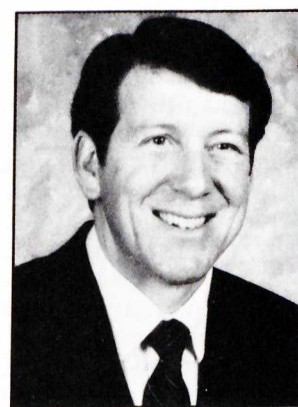
Rev. H. E. Helsley



Rev. John Smith



Rev. Cliff Bowman



Rev. Ted Wilbanks



# A Brief Message From The Moderator

by Millard Sasser

Few people enjoy the peaceful fellowship we experience here in the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. We are indeed a diverse group. However, when we meet in our State Association we come together in a common cause much greater than ourselves. That cause, of course, is our Lord Jesus Christ, His Church and its Mission.

I look forward to our State Association which convenes in June. As I anticipate the State Association Meeting this year, it is my prayer that it shall be a time of renewal and growth.

Of necessity we will *review the past*. We will examine the events, the accomplishments and failures, and the gains and losses of the past year.

It will also be important that we *interview the present*. As our boards and committees meet, they will evaluate our present strengths and weaknesses. Honest evaluation is necessary in order for growth to take place.

However, the State Association will also be a time to *preview the future*. The boards and committees will make projections for the future. The task our Lord gave us is "until He comes." If we are to effectively fulfill our commission, indeed we must plan to do it.

As we prepare ourselves for this eventful time of fellowship, I fully expect that we will experience genuine revival.

- A renewal of our scriptural convictions.
- A renewal of our confidence in our Lord and His Church.
- A renewal of our commitment to the grand task our Lord in grace has committed into our hands.
- A renewal of our cooperation to accomplish the goals Christ set for His Church.

When Missouri Free Will Baptists meet in Lebanon this June it will be a time of great preaching. As we preach and pray and plan, we will not do so to boast of our gains or bemoan our losses. Rather our purpose will be to bestir ourselves through the Holy Spirit for service to our Lord.

I trust you'll be in Lebanon, Missouri June 6-9.

## Motels

This list of motels in Lebanon, Missouri is provided for those who want to make reservations for the Missouri State Association. There are several other motels but these reflect a general rate for the motels in the Lebanon area. The rates are firm. They are commercial rates and it should be stated when making reservations that you are with the Missouri State Association.

Brentwood Motel Located at the second exit off I-44  
Ph. 417-532-6131

1 couple	1 bd	\$20.00
3 pers	2 bd	25.00
4 pers	2 bd	30.00

Holiday Inn Located exit 127 off I-44  
Ph. 417-532-7111

1 pers	1 bd	30.00
2 pers	2 bd	36.00

Forest Manor Located at exit 130 off I-44  
Ph. 417-532-6114

1 couple	1 bd	18.00
2 pers	2 bd	22.00

R.V. hookups are available at this motel  
\$7.00 full hookup  
\$6.50 electric  
\$6.00 no hookup  
Showers and laundry available

### Missouri State Association Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
pastor or church clerk

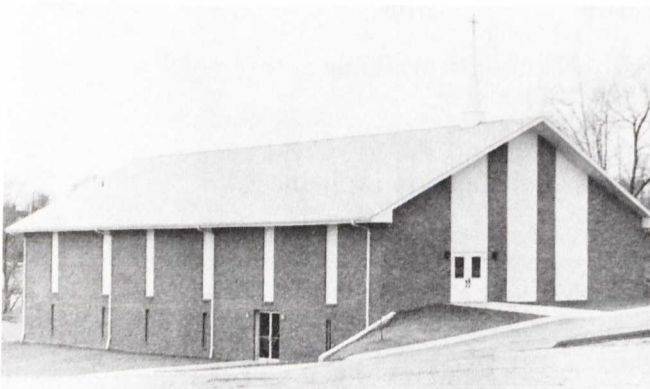


# Churches People And Events

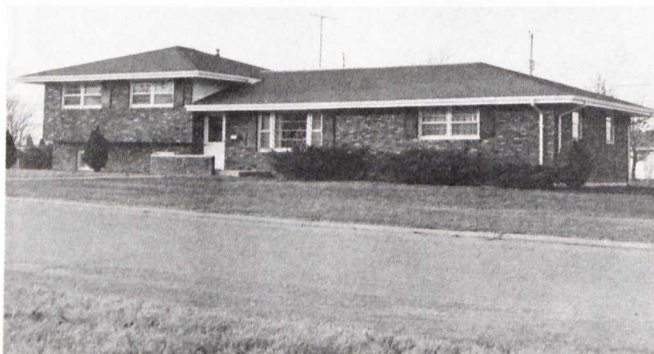
## What's New at Fellowship Church

The photos show the relatively new Educational or Multi-purpose Building and the parsonage of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Missouri. The Educational Building has 10,000 square feet. The upper level is used for recreation, fellowship dinners, and special church presentations. The lower level is used for educational purposes and an apartment for guests of the church. The parsonage is a split level, four bedroom house.

The beautiful buildings were built by Mr. Dolvin Tinsley, a representative and dealer for the I B C Homes Company in Charleston, Illinois. Mr. Tinsley, representing the pre-cut home building company, builds churches, parsonages, medical offices, clinics, and a variety of other buildings. He states, "A savings of 20 to 30 percent can be made by using the pre-cut package." He has his own carpenters who erect the buildings and assist in the furnishing if desired by the customer. The package price he offers is guaranteed anywhere in Missouri. Anyone interested in contacting Brother Tinsley may do so at Box 315 Bismark, MO 63624.



Educational Building—Fellowship Church



Parsonage—Fellowship Church

## First Church in Springfield to Alter Scripture?

Alyene Collier, church reporter for the First Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri, writes, No, the Scriptures have not been changed, but the number four hundred two has caused pastor Dale Kester and his congregation to rely more than ever on the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 7. Matthew 7:7 states, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." The First Church has some philosophy to go along with that. It is, ring telephones, and someone will answer; offer transportation, and you will have some riders; pray together in agreement and God will bless abundantly. All the foregoing was put into action hoping to have an all-time record attendance. The goal was three hundred for the morning worship on Sunday, December 19, 1982. When the Sunday arrived two hundred sixty-nine registered for Sunday school and four hundred two were present for the morning worship. The Lord had sent more than that which had been asked.

The Lord blessed with two people being saved and two rededications. It was a great day in the Lord! Romans 16:27 "To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever." The First Church is expecting to gather many souls for the Lord this year.

## Activities at Harmony Church in Kansas City

Another year has passed as we must be concerned that we are about our Father's business, writes Sister Rachel Leclere, church reporter. Since our last report our young people have had many activities: hay rides, skating parties, and sweet fellowship with their leaders Terry and Judy Bowen.

The Adult Bible Class had their party in the Christian Fellowship Hall in North Kansas City. A delicious meal was served and everyone enjoyed the entertainment provided by the gospel singers. A special thanks to Mrs. Mindeall.

The children of the church presented a fine program at Christmas. It was evident that much hard work had been put into the preparation by many adults. It surely was enjoyed by everyone.

The Greater Kansas City Yearly Meeting was held at the church on February 5. The Lord blessed with a great meeting and a good time of fellowship.

We are anticipating a good revival beginning April 17 with Brother Dale Skiles as the evangelist.

## A Great Year at De Soto

We had a great year in 1982 at the De Soto Free Will Baptist Church and we are anticipating an even greater year in 1983, writes Sister Sophia Ackerson, church reporter.



In looking back over the year 1982, there were seventeen souls that entered our fellowship in November. Several of these had been saved at one of the church services and several had followed the Lord in water baptism. The young people have been very busy singing and working for the Lord. They have been invited to several churches to present song services. The Lord has blessed in these services with Brother Miller as director and Gary and Sharon Parker as youth directors.

The Lord is blessing the Children's Church. The directors are Larry and Becky Voyles. Under their leadership they have seen several children saved and an increase in attendance. Richard White is also doing a fine job as Sunday school superintendent.

The Joy Makers are doing a fine work with the elderly and they also work with the handicapped.

We are so thankful at De Soto Church for our dear pastor, writes Sister Ackerson. He is one of the best and works hard, preaches it like it is, and ministers to everyone. We appreciate both him and his dear wife.

### Special Recognition at Sedalia

Mrs. Mabel Riley, church reporter, writes that the folks of the Sedalia Free Will Baptist Church expressed their appreciation to Brother D. T. Eaves on February 8, 1983. Brother Eaves has been filling the pulpit in the absence of the interim pastor. The church has requested others to pray with them as they call a pastor.

The church expressed its appreciation to Brother Eaves by baking a cake with an expression of thanks decorating it. Mrs. Riley states, "Brother Eaves not only has filled the pulpit and taught a Sunday school class but he has refinished the pews and built coat racks."



### Co-Partners in a Garbage Dump

Missouri Free Will Baptists and World Vision are planning to work together in one of the world's dumping off places. It is a place called Zarayeb, on

the outskirts of Cairo, Egypt. Over 10,000 people make their living recycling what Cairo's 8 million inhabitants throw away. These represent one-third of the city's garbage collectors.

The day begins early with each collector traveling 6-12 miles and calling on 250 dwellings. The day closes after he and his family have sifted through the rubbish for food products that are sold to feed goats and pigs. He may clear 50¢ for the hard day's work.

World Vision is going into this place in Christ's name hoping to give these people their first chance of life. For so long their children have suffered with many of them dying; for so long there has been nothing but filth and poverty. Now plans are laid for a health clinic, vocational training, Bible education, literacy courses, and better sanitation. Because a pastor went to this place and saw the need and asked World Vision for assistance, hope will come to these people; spiritually, mentally, and physically.

Missouri Free Will Baptists will have the opportunity for involvement with these people this Fall, as we choose to adopt this project. The General Board of the Missouri State Association is recommending this adoption at the State Association in June.

Brother Malcom Eudaley, representative of World Vision, will be presenting the full details with informative materials at the State Association. It is hoped that every church will become involved in this needed project.



Manually Recycling Garbage in Zarayeb, Cairo.

### The Vision for Rock Chapel Church

"Where there is no vision the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18). This is the story behind the Rock Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. The people had a vision.

In the rolling hills and forest of the Owens Community the Rock Chapel Church was born on September 24, 1938. Some people had a vision and they passed this vision and prayers on to others and consequently a church was organized. The church began with sixty-one charter members and presently



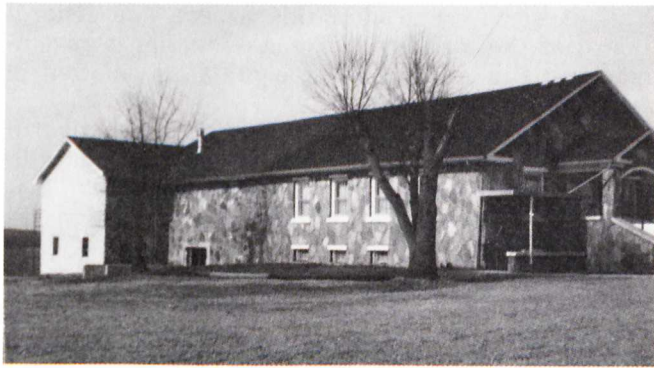
has five active members of the original number.

The first services were held in a one-room school house located on highway N. Later land was donated and the vision gave birth to a church building located at its present site on highway E.

On February 2, 1975 the church voted to have a full-time pastor. The first of this decision was growth and the addition of a Sunday school wing built in 1979. A recent blessing was the building of a parsonage, located just north of the church. At the past Thanksgiving Service a special thanks was offered to the Lord for the beautiful three bedroom building. A special offering of over \$5,600 was received for the indebtedness of the parsonage.

The Rock Chapel Free Will Baptist Church has experienced some growing pains over the years but there have also been many blessings.

The pastor of the church, Reverend Harmony Mowry, states, "The Rock Chapel Church is thanking God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. We pray the vision that began this work will never die."



Rock Chapel Church



Rock Chapel Parsonage

### Sweetheart Banquet at Hartville

The Junior Sunday School Class at the Hartville Free Will Baptist Church held a Sweetheart Banquet under the direction of the teachers, Vera Helsley and Ginny Dugger. The banquet was used as a means of

raising money for the Swimming Pool Project at Youth Camp.

The boys of the Sunday school class began the program by lighting the candles. A devotional thought was presented by Wanda Keith. Two specials in song were given by Susan Dugger and the Ladies Trio. Sister Doris Arnold, the pastor's wife, presented awards to the first and second runners-up. Reverend Bud Arnold, the pastor, was given the honor of placing the crown on the queen, Shelly Simpson.

The final voting was not completed until just before the crowning of the queen. The total amount raised was \$678.22! What a wonderful feeling to know that a Junior Sunday school class was responsible for raising this amount of money. The teachers and students were jubilant. (Editor's comment: I think the pastor and wife were elated also.)

The teachers and students would like to encourage other Sunday school classes or youth groups to accept the challenge of adopting a project that would raise funds for the Swimming Pool Project.



On left 1st runner up Michelle Cropper, Center queen Shelly Simpson and on the right 2nd runner up Tracy Dugger



Left to right  
Brian Jolley, Greg Epperly, Mary Vandergrift, Michelle Cropper, Cindy Pasley, Kristi Screwes, Queen Shelly Simpson, Debbie Skinner, Andrea Pellham, Tracy Dugger, Nickie Howe, Jon Smith and Dwayne Jolley.

Teachers Vera Helsley & Ginny Dugger



## Mountain Grove Christian Academy

The Mountain Grove Christian Academy is located at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Mountain Grove, Missouri. It complements the ministry of the church plus offers to the community a school with a Christian emphasis.

The Christian Academy follows the A-BEKA curriculum for K-4, K-5 and grades 1 and 2. The ACE curriculum is followed for grades 3 through 12.

The academy opened August 30, 1982 with an enrollment of 45. The current enrollment is 45. The faculty and staff consist of the principal, Joe Postlewaite; first and second grade teacher, Pauline Postlewaite; ACE monitor, Cynthia Fry; Kindergarten teacher, Beverly Bishop; and three part-time staff members, Irene Bramwell, aide; Louise Walker, secretary; and Tharold Edwards, maintenance. The

school board that governs the academy is composed of eight members. Five members are from the First Free Will Baptist Church and three are from the school community.

The academy draws from five public school districts, Mountain Grove, Cabool, Manass, Hartville, and Norwood. It is anticipated that it will continue to draw from these and perhaps from other school districts. The pastor, Reverend Gary Fry is pleased with this inasmuch as it will not have a negative effect on any one school district.

"We have operated thus far in the black," Brother Fry states. The school has been financed totally by donations and tuition. The pastor sums up his feelings with "We thank God for opening this door and for the blessings we have received as a result of it."



Pastor and Faculty



Student Body



Pauline Postlewaite and Class



Beverly Bishop and Class



Learning Center



Three happy students



---

# Points for Pastors

---

by Jim McAllister

How do you revive a dying church? If it's as important as I indicate, then it should be studied. I'll give you a few ideas that may help because chances are you are in a church that is not growing, and remember, if your church isn't growing it is dying.

*First*, be patient. The church didn't get in this shape over night and you're not going to pull it out over night. If you aren't patient you'll blow everything before you get started. Instead of reviving it, you'll tear it up. Be patient.

*Second*, prayerfully develop a plan. Check with someone who has already revived a dying church. He will be glad to help. Now remember, a dying church is one that isn't growing. In this day and age there is no stigma attached to the church that isn't growing. We've all been a part of a non-growing church. Come see us. We'll help you.

*Third*, get excited about your church and its

possibilities. Robert H. Schuller has a book entitled, "Your Church Has Real Possibilities." Get that book and read it. Contact the National Home Missions Department and ask for help.

*Fourth*, don't get hung up on pride. The important thing here is not how you look but getting your church growing. I have asked for help. I have copied other people. I have read their book, listened to their tapes, and heard them preach. I've used their ideas and God has blessed my work. Some of us preachers are more concerned with pride than success. We don't want anyone to think we don't know what to do to make our church grow. Brother, if you do know and you aren't doing it you have a real sin problem.

*Fifth*, start training your people in philosophy and methods. Then start doing what produces growth. Love your people. Be patient with them. Expect God to do great things and see if He doesn't revive your dying church.

---

# Essentials of Evangelism

---

by Stanley Jones

Reaching men for Christ is an exciting and joyous enterprise. And, no area of this ministry is more thrilling than seeing young people saved.

One important area that deserves our attention as we seek to win our youth to Christ is identification.

This doesn't mean "playing down" to young people. What youth consider "cool" and "neat" within their peer group may appear "silly" and "childish" coming from a forty year old. You will be respected more by youth if you act your age.

Identification with youth means understanding their needs and projecting an honest interest in meeting those needs. By way of illustration, let's

consider the area of youthful amusements and social pleasures.

Youth of every generation have had the need for play and pleasure. It is as natural and necessary as breathing. The trick is meeting those needs with recreation that is scripturally acceptable while at the same time enjoyable. The natural tendency of the flesh is gratification. But enjoyable recreation is possible without sinful involvement.

When you show honest interest in the youth by providing wholesome and positive social activity, you may gain his attention for spiritual instruction. It's sort of like giving a hungry man a loaf of bread before you attempt to instruct him in raising wheat.



## COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS December 1982

18.50%	Missouri State Home Missions	\$2,873.30
16.00%	Promotional Office & Gem	2,485.02
4.50%	General Fund	698.90
5.50%	Youth Camp	854.23
2.00%	Christian Board of Education	310.63
2.00%	Sunday School & CTS	310.63
7.00%	Retirement Village	1,087.19
5.00%	MO State Retirement Program	776.57
6.00%	Hillsdale FWB College	931.88
11.00%	Foreign Missions	1,708.44
8.00%	FWBBC	1,242.51
6.00%	Executive Office	931.88
6.00%	National Home Missions	931.88
2.00%	National Board of Retirement & Ins.	310.63
.25%	Layman's Board	38.83
.25%	Theological Commission	38.83
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,531.35</b>

We are closing out this month a little earlier in order that we might get December's disbursements included in the National Office fiscal year. Their year runs from January 1 to December 30. The Lord is continuing to bless with cooperative and designated giving. God's plan, the tithe and offering, works in supplying the need to promote the cause of Christ. As you will note in the disbursements, cooperative giving supports every phase of the state and national ministries. May the Lord continue to bless the faithfulness of His people.

## COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS January 1983

18.50%	Missouri State Home Missions	\$4,636.60
16.00%	Promotional Office & Gem	4,010.03
4.50%	General Fund	1,127.82
5.50%	Youth Camp	1,378.45
2.00%	Christian Board of Education	501.25
2.00%	Sunday School & CTS	501.25
7.00%	Retirement Village	1,754.39
5.00%	MO State Retirement Program	1,253.13
6.00%	Hillsdale FWB College	1,503.76
11.00%	Foreign Missions	2,756.90
8.00%	FWBBC	2,005.02
6.00%	Executive Office	1,503.76
6.00%	Nat'l. Home Missions	1,503.76
2.00%	Nat'l. Board of Retirement & Ins.	501.25
.25%	Layman's Board	62.66
.25%	Theological Commission	62.66
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,062.69</b>

The Lord is faithful! He continues to bless through His people. The cooperative receipts are more than normal for the month of January. This reflects closing the month of December a little early. This was done in order that we could respond to the National Association's fiscal year. May the Lord continue to bless as we give to Him because we love Him.

## COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS December 1982

Monett	\$ 554.47
Virburnum	134.69
Belton	176.27
Tyrone	35.52

Terrill Road	24.00
Hazel Creek	302.50
Bethel	314.00
Willow Springs	254.20
Harmony, K.C.	243.00
New Rock Springs	85.07
Gray Summit	82.50
Cape Girardeau	75.80
Columbia	150.00
Waynesville	67.63
Fordland	292.80
Myrtle	156.83
New Harmony	14.55
Cuba	460.78
Cope	23.90
Pleasant Ridge	60.00
Pleasant Ridge	40.00
Martinstown	48.00
O'Fallon	280.24
Koshkonong	90.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	46.53
Bailey Chapel	44.00
Grace	698.00
Parkview	127.66
South Side	248.80
Royal Oak	30.00
Number One	27.67
Friendship	75.00
Springfield, First	169.00
Hartville	207.99
Fellowship	80.00
Faith, Lemay	127.70
Eastern Gate	23.00
Victory, Alton	176.00
Flat River, First	659.02
De Soto	500.00
United, Lemay	60.64
Mt. Pisgah	91.00
Union Grove	125.00
Monett	462.80
Calvary Chapel	259.60
Macedonia	20.00
Hannon	256.14
United, West Plains	100.00
Freeman Chapel	90.41
Rock Chapel	171.06
Mill Creek	296.97
Mine La Motte	20.00
Cape Girardeau	116.63
Marshfield	161.24
Waynesville	100.65
Central	845.00
Fredericktown, First	376.00
Grant Avenue	461.52
Trinity	631.09
Neosho	60.00
Cape Girardeau	79.01
Leadington	372.88
Byrd	15.00
Purdy	111.79
Berkeley	431.65
Thayer	293.64
Jones Creek Rd.	100.68
Copper Mines	180.75
Cabool	216.60
Lebanon, First	438.54
Monett	380.29
Cape Girardeau	98.80
Seymour	72.94
Oskaloosa	38.93
Wolf Creek	197.84
Rolla	103.72
Lebanon, First	308.50
Interest-Com-bo Acct.	176.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,531.35</b>



# COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

January 1983

Bethel	\$ 326.00
Oskaloosa	28.85
South Side	217.50
Union Light	161.34
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Parkview	180.08
Mt. Zion, Gower	153.59
Union	60.00
Purdy	179.79
Beacon	456.38
Beacon	621.49
Beacon	344.17
Beacon	660.61
Buffalo	263.91
Cope	34.76
Old Bethel	120.23
Mt. Pisgah	89.00
Pleasant Hill	23.96
Willow Springs	243.86
Mt. Zion, Thayer	85.84
Bailey Chapel	45.00
Flat River, First	641.13
Cape Girardeau	72.32
Twin Oak	400.00
United, Lemay	60.27
Myrtle	211.16
O'Fallon	288.95
Black Oak	10.00
Hickory Grove	43.42
Union Grove	102.00
Columbia	50.00
Lebanon Bible Book Store	300.00
Grace	900.00
Trinity	686.65
New Rock Springs	84.93
Joplin	330.60
Merl's Chapel	59.20
New Harmony	6.81
Byrd	24.00
Kingsway	50.00
Kingsway	50.00
Freeman Chapel	103.48
Number One	28.50
Marshfield	132.48
Pleasant Ridge	60.00
Fellowship	80.00
Royal Oak	15.00
Cape Girardeau	107.04
Koshkonong	70.00
Macedonia	18.00
Mine La Motte	25.00
Farmington	1,150.00
Belton	169.84
New Hope	108.00
Harmony, K.C.	271.00
Grant Avenue	461.52
Faith, Lemay	100.00
Victory, Alton	138.00
Olivet	250.00
Berean	14.09
Gray Summit	71.72
Houston	151.00
Houston	127.42
Happy Home	206.70
Fordland	279.00
Tyrone	26.93
Terrill Road	68.00
Virburum	157.13
Mill Creek	144.07
United, west Plains	100.00
Faith, Fair Grove	135.55
Pleasant Home	407.85
Rock Chapel	245.08

Community	32.89
Hartville	178.44
Hurryville	132.00
Hurryville	104.46
Oak Hill, Fredericktown,	63.00
Fredericktown, First	365.00
Eastern Gate	19.00
Cape Girardeau	79.05
Friendship	55.22
Cabool	218.12
Neosho	60.00
Hannon	240.10
Berkeley	448.56
Seymour	72.27
Monett	495.19
Mtn. Valley	201.04
Thayer	381.66
Pleasant Hill	18.81
Leadington	359.22
Cape Girardeau	100.13
Black Oak	10.00
Mtn. Grove	724.94
Mtn. Grove	594.65
Lebanon, First	140.30
Calvary Chapel	176.40
Copper Mines	165.17
Aulsbury Chapel	978.80
Berkeley	384.49
Rolla	96.28
De Soto	500.00
Hopewell	281.00
Richwoods	368.00
Wolf Creek	201.24
St. Francois District Ass'n.	22.50
Mtn. Grove	520.62
Verdella	294.30
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Cape Girardeau	46.75
Farmington	1,150.00
Jones Chapel	527.56
Lebanon, First	68.83
Interest-Com-bo Acct.	181.18
Total	\$25,137.45

## MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS GIVING December 1982

De Soto	\$ 50.00
Grace	25.00
Myrtle	22.00
Bethel	25.00
Fordland	5.00
New Life	15.00
O'Fallon	17.00
Leadington	40.00
Merl's Chapel	3.20
Victory	30.00
Thayer	11.05
Indian Creek Asso.	670.18
Joplin	50.00
Berkeley	52.00
Aulsbury Chapel	10.00
Cooperative Receipts	3,369.15
Parkview	2.00
Tyrone	550.00
Mill Creek Young Adult S.S. Class	10.00
Total	\$4,956.58

Rev. Roger Harwell  
Secretary-Treasurer  
7920 Harris  
Raytown, Mo. 64138



**MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING**  
**December & January 1982/83**

**NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS**

Monett		\$28.00
Lake	\$ 8.00	
Lewis	20.00	
Bethel		\$60.00
General Fund	\$50.00	
Maness	10.00	
Harmony, K.C.		\$157.00
General Fund	\$122.00	
Maness	10.00	
Lake	25.00	
Columbia		\$25.00
Vandivort	\$25.00	
Fordland		\$294.35
Van	\$277.35	
General Fund	5.00	
Maness	12.00	
Myrtle		\$220.00
General Fund	\$ 5.00	
Maness	135.00	
H'way Helpers	10.00	
Evangelism	20.00	
Vandivort	\$50.00	
(In Memory Of Oma Scott)		
Low Ground		\$20.00
Vandivort	\$20.00	
O'Fallon		\$45.00
Fulcher	\$20.00	
General Fund	35.00	
Adkisson	10.00	
Roger Ross		\$5.00
Maness	\$5.00	
South Side		\$20.00
Maness	\$10.00	
Fulcher	10.00	
Eastern Gate		\$40.00
Lewis	\$20.00	
Vandivort	20.00	
Thayer		\$333.32
Van	\$262.32	
Maness	28.00	
H'way Helpers	31.00	
Vandivort	12.00	
Mt. Pisgah		\$150.00
Lewis	\$50.00	
Vandivort	50.00	
Maness	50.00	
Warren Wells		\$10.00
Maness	\$5.00	
Vandivort	\$5.00	
Indian Creek Association		\$292.00
Lake	\$267.00	
Fulcher	10.00	
Lewis	15.00	
United, West Plains		\$26.75
General Fund	\$26.75	
Rock Chapel		\$302.27
Lake	\$302.27	
Dale & Marge McCurry		\$10.00
Nason	\$10.00	
Marshfield		\$56.00
Maness	\$40.00	
General Fund	16.00	
Central		\$150.00
Highway Helpers	\$100.00	
General Fund	25.00	
Maness	25.00	
Grant Avenue		\$33.00
Maness	\$20.00	
Mexico	2.00	
Vandivort	6.00	

General Fund	5.00	
Neosho		\$10.00
Lake	\$10.00	
Southeast District Ass'n.		\$100.00
Barron	\$100.00	
Leadington		\$195.10
O' Dell	\$30.10	
Vandivort	50.00	
Maness	55.00	
Fulcher	40.00	
Long	20.00	
Berkeley		\$769.00
Deficit Accts.	\$155.00	
Fulcher	565.00	
Maness	14.00	
Lewis	30.00	
Vandivort	5.00	
Bob & Glenda Keith		\$30.00
Vandivort	\$30.00	
Pleasant Ridge SS Class		\$27.00
Maness	\$27.00	
Wolf Creek		\$20.00
Vandivort	\$20.00	
Rolla		\$100.00
Vandivort	\$100.00	
Dale & Evelyn Crossgrove		\$10.00
Vandivort	\$10.00	
Harold Smith		\$200.00
Gary Elder	\$200.00	
Mtn. Grove, First		\$229.63
Maness	\$119.63	
Lewis	15.00	
Norris	50.00	
Vandivort	45.00	
Viburnum Church & Members		\$25.00
Maness	\$10.00	
Vandivort	10.00	
Lewis	5.00	
New Rock Springs		\$150.00
Vandivort	\$150.00	
Flat River, First		\$35.00
O'Dell	\$ 3.00	
General Fund	22.00	
Vandivort	10.00	
Fredericktown, First		\$76.00
Barron	\$36.50	
Shockey	12.50	
Pegram	2.00	
Lewis	10.00	
General Fund	15.00	
Total		\$4,254.42

**FOREIGN MISSIONS**

Monett		\$578.61
Dickens	\$ 20.00	
Tallent	497.61	
General Fund	61.00	
Terrill Road		\$20.00
McCullough	\$20.00	
Bethel		\$60.00
Tallent	\$10.00	
General Fund	50.00	
Harmony, K.C.		\$130.00
Turnbough	\$130.00	
Columbia		\$120.00
Tallent	\$35.00	
McLain	50.00	
Miley	20.00	
McCullough	15.00	
Jones Chapel		\$62.00
Tallent	\$62.00	



Fordland		\$88.00	McLain		50.00
Pinkerton	\$59.00		Morgan		50.00
Tallent	24.00		Tallent		10.00
General Fund	5.00		Neosho		\$85.38
Myrtle		\$106.00	Bailey		\$30.00
Bailey	\$71.00		Caton		35.38
Tallent	35.00		Wode		10.00
New Harmony		\$142.63	Cousineau		10.00
Miley	\$71.31		Leadington		\$375.00
McLain	71.32		Turnbough		\$50.00
Fourth		\$555.00	Hanna		45.00
Lytle	\$515.00		Miley		40.00
Tallent	40.00		Filkins		40.00
Kirksville		\$25.00	Pinkerton		40.00
Pinkerton	\$25.00		Lytle		40.00
Low Ground		\$20.00	McLain		40.00
McLain	\$20.00		Eagleton		40.00
Pleasant Ridge		\$60.00	Richards		20.00
McLain	\$30.00		Bailey		20.00
General Fund	30.00		Berkeley		\$521.20
O'Fallon		\$53.00	Tallent	\$151.20	
Tallent	\$17.00		Lytle	70.00	
Pinkerton	36.00		Filkins	180.00	
South Side		\$439.75	Deficit Accts.	120.00	
Tallent	\$419.75		Thayer		\$15.00
Filkins	20.00		Pinkerton	\$10.00	
Faith Chapel, West Plains		\$40.00	Tallent	5.00	
McLain	\$40.00		Lebanon, First		\$45.00
Eastern Gate		\$60.00	Tallent	\$35.00	
Pinkerton	\$20.00		Pinkerton	10.00	
Van Hook	20.00		Aulsbury Chapel		\$120.00
Tallent	20.00		Filkins	\$30.00	
Indian Creek Association		\$573.50	Pinkerton	60.00	
General Fund	\$ 50.00		Bailey	30.00	
Bailey	64.00		Bertha Stafford Estate		\$1,280.40
Tallent	165.50		General Fund	\$1,280.40	
Cousineau	10.00		Mtn. Grove, First		\$686.50
Morgan	75.00		Cousineau	\$ 10.00	
Banks	10.00		Hanna	381.50	
Haas	10.00		Turnbough	32.50	
Filkins	100.00		General Fund	180.00	
Miley	10.00		Tallent	82.50	
Dickens	10.00		Black Oak		\$30.50
Pinkerton	69.00		Hughes	\$15.75	
Hannon		\$248.12	Lytle	14.75	
Lytle	\$42.69		New Hope		\$32.25
Pinkerton	67.69		Tallent	\$15.00	
Filkins	67.69		Turnbough	17.25	
Miley	25.00		Houston		\$75.00
Bunch	45.05		Tallent	\$75.00	
United, West Plains		\$53.50	Hickory Grove		\$65.30
Pinkerton	\$36.00		Lytle	\$65.30	
General Fund	17.50		Fredericktown, First		\$30.00
Freeman Chapel		\$405.34	Miley	\$10.00	
Pinkerton	\$405.34		Bailey	15.00	
Dale & Marge McCurry		\$10.00	Turnbough	5.00	
Tallent	\$10.00		Virburnum Church and Families Stovall,		
Marshfield		\$40.00	Ragsdale, Ferrell, Rouse, Linbaugh		\$197.50
Tallent	\$40.00		General Fund	\$102.50	
Central		\$147.59	Bailey	70.00	
Pinkerton	\$85.00		Turnbough	15.00	
Miley	62.59		Tallent	10.00	
Grant Avenue		\$909.00	Dale & Evelyn Crossgrove		\$10.00
Pinkerton	\$300.50		McLain	\$10.00	
McLain	25.00		Total		\$8,783.57
Hersey	240.00				
Haas	60.00				
Tallent	145.00				
Richards	2.50				
Deficit Accts.	111.00				
Miley	17.50				
Bailey	7.50				
Trinity		\$267.50			
General Fund	\$137.50				
Payne	20.00				

YOUTH CAMP  
December & January 1982/83

Bethel	\$ 50.00
Willow Springs	20.00
New Rock Springs	20.00
Myrtle	50.00



Faith, Lemay .....	20.00
Aulsbury Chapel .....	20.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	20.00
Hannon .....	30.00
Leadington .....	40.00
Thayer .....	20.00
Greater Springfield District (Pool) .....	54.15
Lebanon .....	83.34
Bertha Stafford Estate .....	1,280.40
Hartville .....	20.00
Total .....	\$1,727.89

**FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE**  
December & January 1982/83

Eastern Gate .....	\$ 20.00
Indian Creek Assn. .... Joplin .....	50.00
Grant Avenue .....	20.00
Leadington .....	40.00
Total .....	\$130.00

**HILLSDALE COLLEGE**  
December & January 1982/83

Grant Avenue .....	\$ 16.00
Monett .....	34.41
Willow Springs .....	40.00
Jones Chapel .....	49.00
Joplin .....	20.00
Hannon .....	100.00
Mtn. Grove, First .....	60.00
Total .....	\$319.41

**JOHN (DICK) MCCLURE FAMILY**  
December & January 1982/83

Monett, Indian Creek Association .....	\$191.00
--	----------

**BOB CARR & HANIFORD**  
December & January 1982/83

Grant Avenue .....	Carr .....	\$45.00
Harmony, K.C. ....	Haniford .....	5.00
Total .....		\$50.00

**GREENEVILLE CHILDREN'S HOME**  
December & January 1982/83

Myrtle .....	\$1.32
--------------	--------

**WORLD VISION**  
December & January 1982/83

Lebanon, First .....	\$5.40
----------------------	--------

**NATIONAL BOARD OF RETIREMENT & INSURANCE**  
December 1982/83

Grant Avenue .....	\$2.00
--------------------	--------

# Free Will Baptist Writers' Conference

Sponsored by Randall House Publications



## Keynote Speaker and Workshop Sessions Leader

**T. A. Noton**

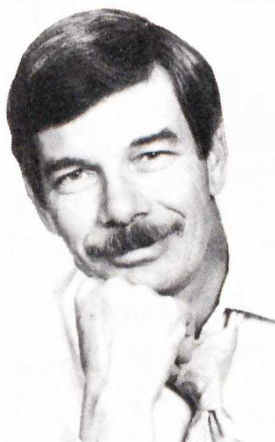
Author of "Thieves"

"The Joy of Writing"

and writing articles.

Pub./Editor of

"The Christian Writer."



## Multiple Workshop Sessions

**May 13-14, 1983**

**Free Will Baptist Bible College  
Nashville, Tennessee**

**For Additional Information Write:**

Free Will Baptist Writers' Conference

Dr. Malcolm Fry, Conference Director

P.O. Box 17306 • Nashville, Tennessee 37217



THE GEM  
P. O. Box 991  
Lebanon, Missouri 65536

SECOND CLASS  
POSTAGE  
PAID AT  
LEBANON,  
MISSOURI AND AT  
ADDITIONAL MAILING  
OFFICES

600850  
HARRISON, HAROLD COMP  
P O BOX 17306

NASHVILLE TN 37217

---

---

# A Mini Calendar of Events

---

---

Sunday School and CTS State Competitive Activities  
May 7, 1983  
Calvary Fellowship, Fenton, Missouri

Missouri State Association, Woman's Auxiliary State  
Convention, Sunday School and CTS Youth Service  
June 6-9  
Nelson Community Center  
Lebanon, Missouri

Free Will Baptist Youth Encampment  
June 12-17; June 19-24; June 26-July 1; July 3-8  
Niangua, Missouri

National Association of Free Will Baptists, WNAC,  
NYC  
July 17-21  
Columbus, Ohio

All Boards Meeting  
September 19-20; 12:00 noon to 12:00 noon  
Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, Niangua, Missouri

Preaching Seminar  
November 14-16  
First Free Will Baptist Church, Farmington,  
Missouri  
Special Speaker-Rev. Willard Wilcox