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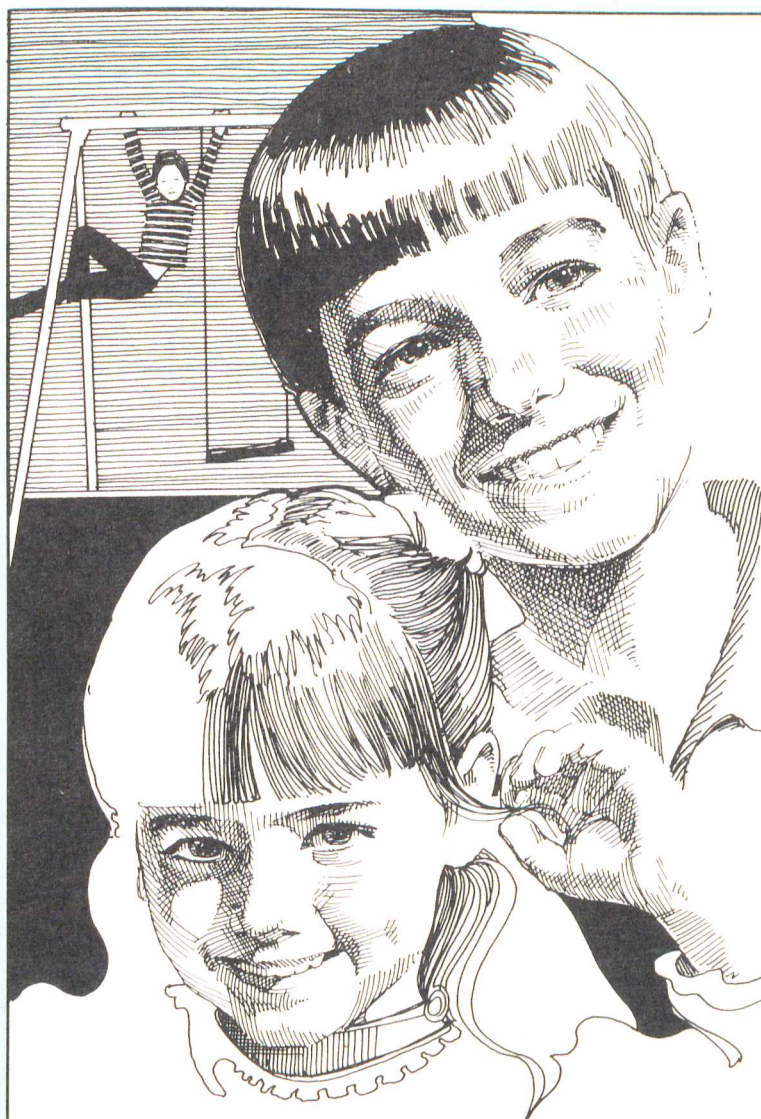
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"Voice Of Missouri Free Will Baptists"

Youth Camp



Group 1 (pre-teen)
June 12-17

Group 2 (pre-teen)
June 19-24

Group 1 (teen)
June 26-July 1

Group 2 (teen)
July 3-5

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1982-83

CHURCHES	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.
Bethel	121	105	101	108	109	97	93	98	95	93	122	149
Calvary Fellowship	170	149	149	150	155	165	186	156	150	163	178	207
Central	108	89	76	85	101	109	104	100				
Copper Mines	77	81	80	70	73	78	70	72	68			
Cuba	62	69	71	65	73	78	83	87	78	85		
De Soto	174	157	136	148	144	148	146	146	142			
Farmington	765	670	646	624	679	697	745	779	707	708	684	778
Flat River, First	215	186	179	150	176	181						
Fourth	92	90										
Fredericktown	191	204		168	169	173	194	184				
Grace	197	160	157	143	167	195						
Grant Avenue	169	156	148	150	166	172	158	168	156	159		
Hannon	103	88	93									
Happy Home	60	60	62	66	69	70	74	67	72	76	75	
Harmony, K.C.	94	75	72	58	62	64	64	58	66	72	73	92
Hartville	94	92	90	94	91	93	102	98	98	98		
Houston	80	62	72	61	61	61	61	55	63	63		
Monett	168	152	143	125	141	143	145	144	141			
Marshfield	61	65	67	53	60	59	59	61	59	68	69	71
Myrtle	59	58	45	59	50	45	52	41		38	52	
Neosho								78				
New Hope, Fredericktown	57	54	55	44	44	42	42	48	47		51	67
O'Fallon	51	50	53	54	53	68	67	62	63	62	57	61
Parkview	56	55	55	45	45	47	47	40	46		40	41
Richwoods							49	49	48	43	40	53
Terrill Road											40	
United, W.P.	79		82	85	81	91	80	79	69	65	61	79
Victory, K.C.	75	77	75	69	80	70					65	70
Willow Springs	90	98	94	97	102	91	101	98	93		76	91
Cape Girardeau											89	89

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State Association Program

Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, June 6, 10:00 a.m.

General Board Meeting
Monday, June 6, 1:00 p.m.

These meetings will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, 3rd and Van Buren, Lebanon, MO.

Youth Service June 6, 1983

7:30 Rev. Howard Gwartney, presiding
Congregational Singing
Special Music Youth Choir,
Thayer Church
Message Rev. Kenny Petty
Benediction

Woman's Auxiliary State Convention June 7, 1983

9:00 a.m. Registration
9:30 a.m. Service Begins

Program Missouri State Association

Theme: Proclaiming With All Confidence, Acts 28:31

Tuesday evening, June 7, 1983

7:30 Worship in Song Rev. Howard Gwartney
Convening the Session Rev. Joe Braddy,
clerk

Welcome
Response Rev. Ron Edgil
Moderator's Message Rev. Millard Sasser
Special Music Laverne Clark
Offering
Special Music Mt. Grove Trio
Message Rev. R. E. Helsley
"All Confidence In The Lord"
Benediction

Wednesday Morning

9:00 Worship in Song Rev. Howard Gwartney
Devotional Rev. Glenn Campbell
Credential Committee Report
Seating of Delegates
General Board Report
Corresponding Messengers Will Be Recognized
as Time Permits

10:45 Recess
11:00 Worship Hour ... Rev. Grover Terry, presiding
Worship in Song
Special Music The Wilbanks Family
Message Rev. John Smith
"All Confidence In The Bible"
Benediction
12:00 Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30 Congregational Singing Rev. Howard
Gwartney
Devotional Rev. Earl Ames
General Board Report, cont'd.
Report of Promotional Secretary
Report of Bookstore
Report of Retirement Village
Report of Home Missions
Report of Youth Camp
Report of Christian Board of Education
Report of Sunday School and CTS
Report of National Office Representatives as
directed by moderator
4:00 Adjournment

Wednesday Evening

7:30 Worship Service Rev. Glen Rehkop,
presiding
Worship in Song
Special Music Barb, Linda, and Jean
Offering
Worship in Song
Special Music The Jones Family
Message Rev. Cliff Bowman
"All Confidence In The Church"
Benediction

Thursday Morning

9:00 Worship In Song Rev. Howard Gwartney
Devotional Rev. Roger Hogan
9:15 Report of Resolution Committee
Report of Obituary Committee
Report of Placement Committee
Report of Nominating Committee
10:45 Recess
11:00 Worship Service Rev. Tom Drake,
presiding
Worship In Song
Special Music Howard & Patsy Gwartney
Message Rev. Ted Wilbanks
"All Confidence In Our Denomination"
Benediction
12:00 Lunch
Business session may continue in afternoon if
necessary

What Is Holiness To The Man Of God?

1 Peter 1:15-19

by Gene Crewse

Alexander Whyte made the statement, "God makes the man, man makes the ministry, and the ministry makes the church." I believe by searching the Scripture we find that such a statement is true, because we know that God first made the man before He used him to minister to the people. For example, before the high priest could offer a sacrifice for the people he first had to offer one for himself, thereby making himself pure in the eyes of God.

The Apostle Paul's ministry was so effective because he allowed God to "make him." "But by the grace of God, I am what I am" Paul said to the church at Corinth. He told the elders at Ephesus in Acts 20 that he "was pure from the blood of all men, and he had coveted no man's apparel." He was telling them he had ministered to them unselfishly and in holiness.

If we want our churches to be progressive and clean in the sight of God, then we as ministers must allow God to make and mold us into ministers that practice in our lives what we preach in our pulpits; because our preaching and our example make our ministry.

What I feel we need today instead of "powerful voices in our sermons" is "powerful victory in our souls." A minister that cries out against sin with his own life full of lust and deceit is, according to 2 Peter 2:14-17, as "wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest." A minister that preaches against sin with an unclean heart is no better than Potiphar's wife who accused Joseph of adultery, though it wasn't true, and all the while crying out of a heart full of lust and desire.

What kind of man does God make? Second Peter 1:21 says, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." If God makes and uses holy men, then we must heed what God says regarding holiness.

First Peter 1:15a states that holiness to the man of God is a command; God's own character demands it. "As he which hath called you is holy," tells us what God's character is. When God gave the decalogue, He

was revealing to His people what He was like and what He wanted them to be like. He brought them out of Egypt and gave them a law to show holiness and reveal His very character. In the Sermon on the Mount, Christ revealed God's character again by saying "this is the way I am; this is the way I want you to be." In Leviticus 11:45 and 1 Peter 1:16, God's character says, "Be ye holy; for I am holy."

Second, holiness to the man of God is a standard of living; man's own life should reveal it. First Peter 1:15b states "so be ye holy in all manner of conversation." Other Scriptures such as Hebrews 12:14 tell us to "follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Paul tells us in Romans 12:1, 2, that we should be living sacrifices "holy" and acceptable unto God.

Dr. Stephen Olford made the following statement concerning our lives being living sacrifices. He said, "I like to think about the sacrifices offered in the Old Testament as being our lives. They were held directly over the flame until they were totally consumed. Our lives should be as those sacrifices, unblemished by the world and held directly in the center of God's will. As the fleshhooks were used to keep the Old Testament sacrifices in the center of the flame, the fleshhooks of discipline and determination should keep our lives in the center of God's will; thereby revealing a holy and acceptable sacrifice."

The last thing I would like to share is, holiness to the man of God is a relationship or standing with God; Christ's own blood provides it. Verses 18 and 19 of 1 Peter 1 tells us we are "redeemed with the precious blood of Jesus Christ." Enough will never be said about the importance of Christ's blood! Philippians 3:9 tells us that through our faith in Christ we can stand before God in His righteousness. First John 1:7 tells us that "if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ . . . cleanseth us from all sin." So many Scriptures tell us of the purifying power of the blood, but I like to think of the example illustrated through Christ's own words to the adulterous woman in John 8, when He said "Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more." He not only gave her a word of

forgiveness in "neither do I condemn thee," but also a word of encouragement in "go and sin no more." I ask you the question, would He have commanded her to do something He would not have helped her to do? Would God have commanded us to "be ye holy" and not have provided a means of holiness? We can stand holy in the sight of an Almighty God because of the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord!

What is holiness to the man of God? It is different things to different people, but if we wish to reach the lost and strengthen the church, holiness is a

MUST! Physical perfection will never be attained until we reach Heaven, but holiness is available through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

About the writer: Gene Crewse is serving as pastor of the Pleasant Home Free Will Baptist Church. He has served as moderator of the First Quarterly Meeting and Mission District Association. He is presently serving on the Executive Committee. He is actively involved in the ministries of the state and national work.

The National Association Of Evangelicals

A united voice and witness for Christ

by Dr. Billy A. Melvin

YEARS AGO in my Bible study my attention was drawn to the many verses in the New Testament that spoke about the oneness of the Body of Christ. And, because I believed the Bible to be God's inspired Word, I readily gave mental assent to this Scriptural truth.

However, the Holy Spirit pressed me further. "What are you doing about it?" "When are you going to demonstrate your oneness with other believers in practical ways?"

At that point in my life, I had no idea how it might be possible to share with believers outside of my own church and denomination. Even if I were willing, how was it possible?

Within a matter of weeks, I was asked to attend an NAE convention and represent our denomination in the Chaplaincy Commission. What an experience! I had the opportunity to get acquainted with Christians from more than four dozen denominations and see for the first time how it was possible to express my Christian oneness in practical ways without the compromise of my own personal convictions.

I soon developed a deep appreciation for what NAE represented and what it was seeking to do in providing a responsible voice for evangelical Christianity. Over the next years I happily sought to express my Christian oneness by participating in NAE. Eventually, I was asked to serve on the Board of Administration, the Executive Committee and in 1967 to accept the responsibility of Executive Director. This invitation came while I was serving as the

Executive Secretary of our National Association.

There were many reasons, humanly speaking, why I did not wish to accept NAE's invitation. But as anyone knows who seeks to serve God, it isn't a question of what we desire, but what is the will of God. After due prayer and consideration, I knew it was God's will for me to accept a full-time assignment with NAE and do what I could to build and strengthen its witness. It was my conviction that we needed in this country a strong national voice in support of our evangelical convictions.

For almost 16 years now I have been serving Jesus Christ in my ministry with NAE. These have been years filled with much joy because of the way God has blessed and enabled NAE to raise up a standard for righteousness.

And part of my joy has been the fact that the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists has been a part of this ministry. Together in NAE, we have been able to establish a strong evangelical witness and make clear that the National Council of Churches does *not* speak for all Protestants.

Our fellowship in NAE (involving more than 38,000 churches from 75 denominations) is based on a seven-point Statement of Faith that encompasses the basic doctrines of historic Christianity. Each member church/denomination is required to subscribe to the Statement of Faith. Thus, fidelity to the Word of God and the Lordship of Jesus Christ is assured.

Standing together in a Bible-based faith we are able to share in common ministries that make a difference and affect change. Here are three of those ministries.

I. WE SHARE TOGETHER IN A MINISTRY OF WITNESS.

(1) A witness to our spiritual oneness in Jesus Christ. I have already shared my personal pilgrimage in this area, but let me speak further about the importance of this witness. It is not optional. A practical expression is mandated in Scripture and is as much an imperative as "making disciples." Jesus prayed, "that they (believers) all may be one . . . that the world may believe that You have sent me" (John 17:21). Through practical expressions of our oneness the world can see the reality of the Christian faith and, thus, believe.

(2) A witness to the authority of Holy Scripture. A basic question in religion is the matter of authority. Wherein is our authority? Some claim human reason as their authority. Others claim the church as final authority. But for evangelicals, final authority rests in the inerrant Word of God. In a day when many are rejecting the Word of God or calling into question its authority, we need to bear witness to its final authority and our confidence in its life-changing message.

(3) A witness to our convictions on moral/spiritual issues. Evangelicals have strong convictions based on the Word of God. But it is not enough that we only share these convictions with one another in the four-walls of our churches. Our witness must penetrate public life, indeed all of society, and especially at the decision-making levels. Such a witness is what the Bible teaches when it says we are called to be "salt" and "light" in a crooked and perverse generation (Matt. 5:13-14). A united witness of national scope is essential if our convictions in such areas as abortion, homosexuality, separation of church/state and voluntary prayer and Bible reading in public schools are to be heard. NAE enables us to do this.

II. WE SHARE IN A MINISTRY OF WORKMEN.

There is much work to be done as we serve Jesus Christ. We are called to be "workers together with God" (1 Cor. 3:9). Our concern, therefore, should not only be for the work we are doing, but for the work of others. Our common enemy is Satan, so we must encourage and help one another as each individual, group, church or denomination serves Jesus Christ.

Through the commissions/affiliates of NAE we are "workers together with God," sharing ideas, sharpening endeavors and encouraging one another. For more than twenty-five years now, I have watched as our NAE member churches and denominations have been involved in this process. It has been a valuable experience. All of them have profited and all of them are growing. In fact, the fastest growing denominations in America today are members of NAE. Our voluntary commitment to each other and our working together in NAE is the essence of what the Apostle Paul encouraged when he urged, "... co-operate together for the faith of the gospel" (Phil. 1:27).

III. WE SHARE IN A MINISTRY OF WATCHMEN.

Many of the ills in society which we deary have come via the legislative process. It is imperative that Christians recognize this and be involved. NAE does not advocate that churches become involved in the political process as churches, but we do advocate that individual Christians should become informed, voice their convictions and vote. Otherwise, we will lose by default.

Accurate information and personal representation in Washington, D.C. is the responsibility of NAE's office of Public Affairs. Through monthly mailings and publications, timely news on pending legislation is shared with evangelicals nationwide, so they, in turn, can express their views with their Congressmen, Senators, or any other appropriate elected official.

Strong and well-financed pressure groups are hard at work in our nation's capitol. Some of them, and more than I could wish, hate and despise our Christian views and perspectives. Believe me, if they could have their way, they would squeeze every vestige of Christian morality from public life. For this reason, NAE is in Washington, working faithfully to speak up and be heard. And, we are being heard because together we are strong.

I am grateful that the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist shares with us in these ministries. Your participation in prayer has strengthened us as we attack the strongholds of Satan. Your participation in giving has helped finance our ministries. And, your participation in our national convention has provided influence for godly leadership and an uncompromising witness.

In turn, I trust that each church within the state appreciates the kind of ministry they have through NAE. In times like these, we really do need each other.

Dr. Billy A. Melvin is the Executive Director of the National Association of Evangelicals, a post he has held for 16 years. He is an ordained Free Will Baptist minister and served for nine years as Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.



PLEASE USE THIS ADDRESSED FORM FOR YOUR HOUSING RESERVATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS:

THE COLUMBUS 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 Housing Bureau prior to June 24, 1983. Changes after that date may be made directly with the hotel.

Applications must be postmarked no later than June 24, 1983.

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 3 persons	2 beds for 4 persons	Other	Parking
1. HYATT REGENCY COLUMBUS Headquarters 350 N. High St. Children under 16 free in existing beds. Rollaway - \$10 Parking in North Lot only	\$44	\$48	\$52	\$56	\$52 (King bed & sofa-bed)	\$2 (self parking) \$7 (valet parking)
2. SHERATON COLUMBUS PLAZA NYC Headquarters 50 N. Third St. Children under 18 free in existing beds. Rollaway - \$11	\$44	\$48	\$48	\$48		\$2
3. THE CHRISTOPHER INN 300 E. Broad St. Children under 12 free in existing beds.	\$38	\$48			\$48 (Twin)	Free
4. HOLIDAY INN CITY CENTRE 175 E. Town St. Children under 18 free in existing beds. Rollaway - \$5	\$41	\$47	\$52	\$57		Free

*Room Guarantee required for after 6:00 PM arrival at all hotels.

*9½% current tax on all rooms.

HOTEL PREFERENCE: (From above list or specify other choice.)

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ACCOMMODATIONS DESIRED:

____ Room(s) for one person (one full size bed)
____ Room(s) for two persons (one full size bed)
____ Room(s) for two persons (two double beds)

____ Room(s) for () three or () four persons (two double beds)
____ Room(s) with twin beds for two persons
____ Suite-Parlor and () one bedroom () two bedrooms

I will arrive July _____, 1983 at _____ (A.M./P.M.) and will depart July _____, 1983.

Name _____ Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Area Code _____ Telephone Number _____ This will be used only in case your form is not clear, in which case we will call collect.

Please list names of all additional persons included in this reservation. We cannot confirm unless rooms requested balance with number of persons listed. Please bracket names of those staying in same room.

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

Churches People And Events

Special services were held at the Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church on March 18 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of ordaining three deacons. They were Brother Bob Huffman, Brother Vernon Sikes; and Brother Brad Yount. The Ordination Message, with Scripture from 1 Timothy 3:8-13, was delivered by Rev. Raymond Michael, pastor of the church. The charge was given by Rev. David Kirby, pastor of New Hope Free Will Baptist Church. The Ordination Prayer was by Rev. Wayne Parsons.

Other ministers present were Rev. Lue Bequette, Rev. Lloyd Durbin, Rev. Truman Huffman, Rev. O. D. Matthews, Rev. Bob Thebeau, Rev. Mike Thomasson, and Rev. John Turner. Rev. Lindell Sikes was also present. He is pastor of the Little Vine United Baptist Church, and a brother to Brother Vernon Sikes.

Also serving as deacons in the Copper Mines Free Will Church are Brother George Hovis and Brother Elza Rehkop.



Left to right: Bob Huffman, Vernon Sikes and Brad Yount

News From Calvary at Conway

The church reporter, Ann Cook writes, the church has been greatly blessed with several conversions and an increase in attendance. Also, several have followed the Lord in the ordinance of water baptism. The church has not only experienced numerical growth but also spiritual growth, especially among the youth. We are so thankful for the great group of teens that attend Calvary. We pray that they will continue to grow and accomplish great things for the cause of Christ. We are also thankful for our fine

pastor Brother Ralph Douglas and his family. He is a great man of God and he and his family are doing a wonderful work for the Lord.

The following is a poem written by Donnie Moad, one of the fine young men of the church.

Heaven

It's a place of no sin nor sorrow
It's a place with no worries of tomorrow.
It's a place of no gloom nor despair,
It's a place where there is beauty everywhere!
It's a place of love and laughter,
It's a place where race or color doesn't matter:
What is this place of beauty called?
It's called Heaven, and it's for all!

Give Your Heart to the Lord Sunday at Mt. Zion

The Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church at Thayer, Missouri held a special "Give Your Heart to the Lord Sunday" on February 13, 1983. Reverend Clarence Burton, State Promotional Secretary, was the special speaker for the service. The attendance was 55.

The Lord is blessing the church with souls being saved and renewed interest among the Christians. Sister Sharon Bowers, the church reporter, writes, "Pray for us that the church will always grow." Reverend Johnny Holsapple is the pastor.

Missions Victory at Monett

During the annual Indian Creek Association Missions Conference last November the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, Missouri set a goal of \$5,800.00. The goal was to be reached in one year. Three and a half months later, on February 15, the church family had reached the goal.

A Missions Day Victory Service was held on Easter Sunday, April 3. The day's activities included the special speaker, Reverend Clarence Burton, State Promotional Secretary, who spoke in both the morning and afternoon services.

The afternoon service followed a delicious meal served in the fellowship hall. Many wonderful testimonies and special songs of praise were given in the service. The moment everyone was waiting for arrived when Brother Kenny Salsman, a member of the Missions Committee, climbed the latter and placed the missions offerings atop the Missions Thermometer. It was \$6,766.00! Praise the Lord!

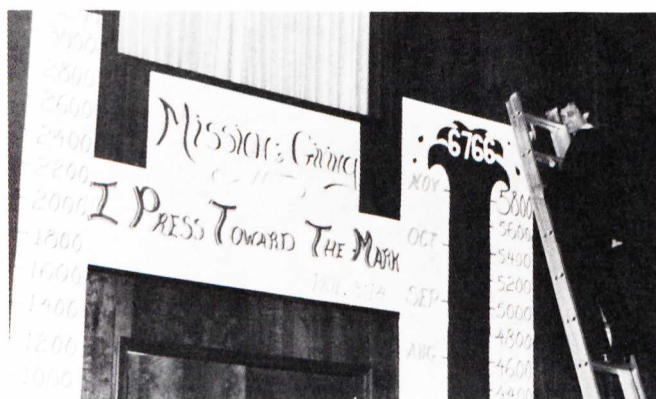
In only five months the goal had been met. The pastor and congregation are looking with anticipation to November, just to see what God is going to do. What will the total be by November? Money for missions continues to be received.

The pastor, Reverend Stanley Jones, states, "It is a joy to serve a church that is mission-minded. I am

thankful for the First Free Will Baptist Church in Monett."



Rev. Stanley Jones



Kenny Salsman

New Swimming Pool Underway at Youth Camp

Work on the new swimming pool at Youth Camp has begun. Concrete was poured for the floor of the smaller pool on April 15. The Youth Camp Board is hopeful that the pools will be completed by the time of the first session, June 12, 1983. A strong effort is being made to raise the needed funds for the Pool Project. The promotional effort is being directed through the youth of each local church. Thus far several sizable amounts have been raised and given for this project. Hopefully every local church will cooperate with the youth in promoting within the church to help raise the needful funds.

This year, Mrs. McCurry will have a craft room. Classes will be held in the afternoon and there will be a limited number for each class. Four class sessions are planned for each afternoon. There will be a charge of \$1.00 to \$2.00 per item for material. Please keep this in mind when preparing to attend the camp sessions.

Dale McCurry wishes to thank the many who have helped in clearing brush, wiring, and other things that have helped the camp. There is much more to be done, and any help will be appreciated.

Work Day at Youth Camp is set for May 14. Hopefully many people from across the state will come on that day and work on things that need to be done before the camp sessions begin. (Everyone is requested to work at general work for the camp rather than on church or district cabins.)



Working on the pool.

Church Growing at Moberly

Pastor Steve Hales writes, God is pouring out His blessings on the church at Moberly. The average attendance for Sunday school for the past month was 59 and 61 for the morning worship. The record offering for the church was on record breaking Sunday with an offering of \$483.19. The Sunday school attendance was one short of breaking the record. It was 77. "We believe the church will continue to grow as we work faithfully for the Lord," concludes the pastor.

Dedication of New Church Building at United

The United Free Will Baptist Church at West Plains, Missouri dedicated its new building on March 27, 1983. The pastor, Reverend Glen Murray, and the church planned an impressive service.

The service began with congregational singing, Scripture reading, and prayer by the pastor. Special music for the service was given by the Soul-Seekers from Donniphan, Missouri, and Bob and Glenda Keith from Mansfield, Missouri. Reverend Harry Beatty, a member of the congregation, gave a brief history and expressed special commendation for gifts and extolled the memory of Reverend and Mrs. Finis Johnson. Reverend Charles Hollis, pastor of the Royal Oak Free Will Baptist Church gave the response and played and sang a song he wrote in memory of his uncle, Finis Johnson.

Reverend Clarence Burton, Missouri State Promotional Secretary, delivered the dedicatory message. He used as his Scripture reading Acts 2:41-47.

He stated that as the church building is beautiful even so must the real beauty of the church be recognized and reflected in the lives of the Christians that compose the local church. The deacons with the pastor joined in burning the mortgage indicating that the building was debt-free. The names of the deacons are Ulus Caldwell, Ernest Adkisson, and Charles Blair. Then the presentation of the church key was made by the chairman of the Deacon Board Ulus Caldwell. This was given to the pastor. Then, following the key presentation the pastor led the church in the antiphony. To climax the service the church key was presented to the Trustee Board by the pastor. The trustees are Jerry Easter, Clifford Parrott, Mike Lautner, and Howard Mofield.

Reverend Glen Murray expressed his deep appreciation to everyone that had worked so faithfully in building the building and in building a church for the Lord Jesus Christ. In his closing remarks he stated that this is not the end but rather the beginning for the life and labor of the church.



The Deacons



The Pastor and Trustees

United Free Will Baptist Church

William D. McFarland at Rest

Brother William D. McFarland entered eternal rest with the Lord on March 19, 1983. He died at his home in Fredericktown, Missouri. He was 85 years, five months and 19 days of age. He was born on October 21, 1897 at Doe Run, Missouri to William and Martha Wright McFarland.

He was ordained as a deacon while a member of the Marble Hill Free Will Baptist Church. He later united with the Twin Oaks Free Will Baptist Church near Fredericktown, Missouri. He was a member of that church at the time of his passing. There is no doubt that Brother "Mac" is at rest with the Lord. Our loss is Heaven's gain. There will be an empty pew at the Twin Oaks Church.

Growing by Discipling Workshop October 10, 11

Where: Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, Niangua, MO

When: Monday, noon, October 10 to Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.

Cost: Pre-Registration (by Oct. 5) \$30.00 per person

35.00 per couple

Non—Missouri F.W.B. &

others:

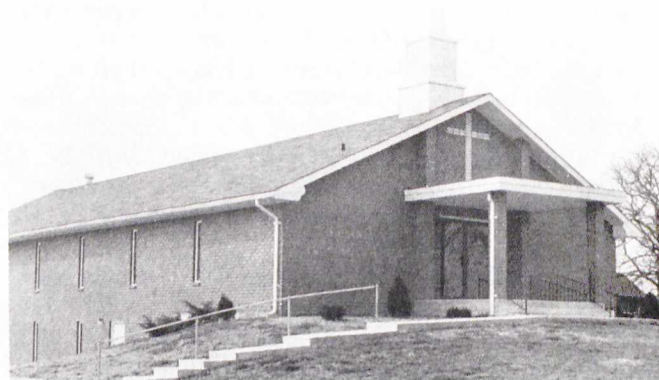
40.00 per person

After Oct. 5 add

5.00 per person

The church with the most registered (over 5) will receive a free Churches Alive Intro-Pac from the S.S./C.T.S. Board. This includes a copy of the discipleship materials published by Churches Alive and is valued at \$80.00.

Howard Ball, a layman of San Bernardino, CA is the founder and president of Churches Alive International which began in 1973. This organization presently serves churches from more than 40 denominations and independent backgrounds. Howard is persuaded that the awakening we've all been praying for is already underway and can be accelerated tremendously if the training of future pastors becomes re-centered in effective local churches—churches that are effectively equipping their men, women and youth for the "work of the ministry."



No Strangers To Missions

Missions is not a new or unfamiliar burden to the John McClure Family. For several years missions has been the undying desire of their hearts.

John was saved at the age of 11 under the ministry of Brother O. T. Alred. He was brought up under the ministry of the Merl's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. He worked in various capacities in the church. After graduating from high school he enrolled as a student at the School of the Ozarks in Branson, Missouri, where he attended for two years. While there he felt the call of the Lord to enter the ministry for missionary service while hearing a missionary presentation by Mack Owens.

Paula was saved at the age of 5 under the ministry of her father Reverend Paul Williams. She was raised in a mission church in Joplin, Missouri. Her father was the pastor. During the summer of 1962, while at a Youth Camp session in Niangua, Missouri she felt the call and gave her heart to missionary service.

The following year John and Paul met and were married in Joplin on June 11, 1966.

They moved to Nashville, Tennessee and enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College. John focused on missions courses and Paula did some missions study but centered primarily on Christian education. She has done extensive work with children and has a signed affidavit as a qualified Child Evangelism teacher.

While in Nashville they had five children, all of which play a very active role in their ministry. They are John Paul, Charri Vina, Rejyna Dawn, Nikki Andra, and Jared Daniel. (Just a short time ago Rejyna led a school mate to the Lord during band class. Praise the Lord.)

In 1974 John announced his call to preach the gospel. He was licensed by the Cumberland Association and was a member of the Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

In 1975 the McClure family moved to Goodlettsville, Tennessee where they helped in starting a new church. After the church became self-supporting they moved to Bellevue, Tennessee and worked with the Cross Timbers Church. While at the church John was involved in discipling some new converts. In 1978 and 1979 they met with the Foreign Missions Board to apply for missionary service in the Ivory Coast. The Lord closed the door for service in that field. However their burden for missions did not lighten and they began to think of working with the Hispanics in America.

In 1978 they accepted a mission work with the

Stockton Mission in Stockton, Missouri. While here John was ordained to preach the gospel by the Central Western Association, and still carries a Minister's Card from that district association. The Lord brought the McClure family in contact with a Mexican family while in Stockton and this intensified their desire to work with these people in a missionary endeavor.

In 1980 and 1982 they met with the National Home Missions Board to apply for support in this field of service. However, since the work with the Hispanics on a mission basis is rather new the board felt the denomination was not quite ready to take on such a project with them. After much prayer concerning this John and Paula believe the Lord is leading them to work with the Hispanics along the Mexican border. They plan to move to McAllen, Texas this summer and begin language study at the Rio Grande Bible Institute.

They are currently living in Monett, Missouri where they are serving as youth leaders in the First Free Will Baptist Church. John also does supply preaching for ministers in the area.

They are planning to do deputational work to raise financial and prayer support for their ministry in Texas. They are asking Free Will Baptist people in Missouri and in other states to stand with them in their effort to tell others about Jesus and win the lost to Christ.

They may be contacted at this address: Reverend John McClure, 1419 Fourth Street, Monett, Missouri 65708 (417-235-8406).

John & Paula McClure



Points for Pastors

by Jim McAllister

Some adults may have concluded that the youth of our generation have "gone to the dogs." While many young people are following the life-style suggested by the world, there are many who are leading fine Christian lives. And I am convinced many of these adolescents who are not saved can be reached for Christ with an understanding and consistent effort.

It is my conviction that if our youth are to be won to Christ, there must be early preparation. This preparation should begin in the home.

Professionals in the field of home life continue to tell us of the important influence the home has on the first few years of a child's life. This being true, parents must consciously prepare their children for salvation. We try to prepare them in other areas of life such as education, music, and sports. Why not for salvation?

Children learn by imitating their parents. There are three areas where parents can give a positive example that will aid in the early conversion of their children. 1. Attitude. The parent's true attitude toward spiritual things will greatly influence the child's attitude. 2. Action. If the young child sees his parents regularly and consistently living out Christian principles, he will come to value these, too. 3. Audio. The child needs to hear the parents' attitude of their trust in Christ and their action of consistent Christian living verbalized before him so he can articulate his own religious feelings.

The early home life of a child will not guarantee early conversion but it will greatly increase the probability. There's one thing for sure, the parents who are leaving their child's conversion entirely to the church have little or no right for bitter feelings when their child reaches adulthood unsaved.

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS March 1983

Pleasant Ridge	\$ 48.00	Victory, Alton	157.00
New Harmony	6.74	O'Fallon	257.31
Cope	26.80	Marshfield	153.65
Viburnum	154.00	Neosho	60.00
Myrtle	171.96	Freeman Chapel	103.09
Harmony, K.C.	309.00	Berean	6.80
Bethel	427.00	Rock Chapel	241.81
Mt. Zion, Gower ..	175.11	Cabool	194.18
Willow Springs	217.07	Belton	142.92
Grant Avenue	461.52	United, West Plains ..	100.00
Grace	687.00	Farmington	1,150.00
Black Oak	10.00	Gray Summit	135.61
Macedonia	20.00	Monett	444.79
Bailey Chapel	50.00	Martinstown	78.00
Number One	31.00	Mt. Pisgah	168.00
Union Grove	105.00	Mt. Zion, Thayer	63.20
Faith, Fair Grove ..	116.40	Victory, K.C.	100.00
Royal Oak	20.00	Byrd	34.00
Branson	69.93	Cape Girardeau	73.23
Terrill Road	68.00	Byrd	17.30
New Rock Springs ..	52.79	Lebanon, First	90.58
Columbia	50.00	Cape Girardeau	73.37
Mill Creek	132.06	Wolf Creek	214.21
Hannon	250.30	Copper Mines	175.59
Fellowship	80.00	Way Side	401.00
Olivet	250.00	Thayer	290.65
Parkview	193.14	Trinity	667.00
Fredericktown, First	353.00	Rolla	92.60
Lebanon, First	77.88	Eastern Gate	25.00
Leadington	931.50	South Fremont	400.00
Flat River, First ..	613.95	De Soto	500.00
Mine La Motte	25.00	Shelva Hart	50.00
Hurryville	114.95	Cape Girardeau	87.25
Hartville	169.60	El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Hazel Creek	310.44	Lebanon Bible Book Store	300.00
Cape Girardeau	120.34	Seymour	65.88
		Oskaloosa	35.35
		Fordland	285.35
		Koshkonong	128.00

Pleasant Hill	42.31
Lebanon, First	95.67
Cape Girardeau	94.87
Mt. Zion, Gower	64.07
Myrtle	156.00
Hickory Grove	42.62
Harmony, K.C.	369.00
Cope	28.95
New Harmony	6.68
Union Light	142.20
Lebanon, First	75.87
Joplin	308.75
Merl's Chapel	56.38
Gray Summit	112.64
Columbia	50.00
Willow Springs	234.50
Tyrone	83.26
Number One	30.80
Waynesville	102.25
Grant Avenue	461.52
Bethel	429.00
Interest On Bank Account	200.07
Total	\$17,655.11

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS GIVING January/February, 1983

Mill Creek Young Adult SS Class	\$ 10.00
Fourth	5.00
Berean	15.75
Bethel	50.00
Myrtle	23.00
Indian Creek Association	169.63
New Harmony	71.30
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Leadington	100.00
United, West Plains	26.75
N.E. Association	50.00
Berkeley	150.00
Monett	10.00
Thayer	15.00
New Life	30.00
Aulsbury Chapel	20.00
Bertha Stafford Estate	1,280.40
Cooperative Receipts	7,509.90
Houston	63.20
Parkview	4.00
Grace	50.00
Beacon	185.00
Oak Hill	10.11
De Soto	50.00
Central	366.60
Fordland	27.00
Union Light	21.00
Viburnum Church & Auxiliary	118.27
Nat'l Home Missions	15.00
Total	\$10,476.91

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS February 1983

Columbia	\$ 50.00
Purdy	189.12
Olivet	250.00
Bailey Chapel	60.00
Myrtle	223.18
United—Independent, Lemay	55.42
Cope	31.50
Willow Springs	277.05
Victory, Alton	179.00
Flat River, First	647.49
Bethel	472.00
Shelva Hart	25.00
Lebanon, First	75.25

Gray Summit	151.31
Belton	210.60
Berean	10.18
Hartville	255.62
Neosho	60.00
New Rock Springs	93.51
Harmony, K.C.	340.00
Union Grove	142.28
Cape Girardeau	80.94
Fellowship	110.00
Number One	39.33
Mt. Zion, Gower	141.50
Grace	816.00
Faith, Fair Grove	145.03
Pleasant Ridge	48.00
Viburnum	214.62
Mill Creek	159.75
Parkview	165.91
Tyrone	38.80
Koshkonong	84.00
O'Fallon	330.27
Macedonia	24.00
Hurryville	134.50
Central	845.00
Fredericktown, First	350.00
Mine La Motte	22.34
Cape Girardeau	107.52
Mt. Pisgah	84.00
United, West Plains	100.00
Fordland	375.36
Waynesville	158.45
Trinity	834.00
Lebanon, First	86.44
Gospel Light	106.00
Marshfield	168.89
Eastern Gate	25.00
Terrill Road	74.00
Rock Chapel	332.16
South Side	320.28
De Soto	600.00
Royal Oak	29.00
South Fremont	300.00
Kingsway	100.00
Freeman Chapel	151.50
Beacon	608.40
Lebanon, First	84.20
Copper Mines	146.83
Cape Girardeau	48.10
Wolf Creek	180.88
Thayer	255.40
Grant Avenue	576.90
Cabool	282.18
Verdella	175.80
Hannon	362.18
New Harmony	7.37
Monett	589.68
Farmington	1,150.00
Indian Creek Association	724.43
Joplin	\$660.25
Merl's Chapel	60.43
Monett	3.75
Lebanon, First	78.98
Cuba	261.62
Pleasant Hill	32.40
Mtn. Grove, First	621.79
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Rolla	132.55
Cape Girardeau	100.36
Walnut Grove	95.00
Seymour	87.25
Liberty	240.00
Lebanon, First	78.41
Interest on bank account	223.06
Total	\$18,649.87

MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING
February/March, 1983

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Viburnum	\$50.00
Lewis	\$10.00
Maness	20.00
Vandivort	20.00
Myrtle	\$340.88
Maness	\$163.00
Highway Helpers	30.00
Evangelism	30.00
General Fund	10.00
G. Elder	107.88
Harmony, K.C.	\$75.00
Lake	\$60.00
Maness	10.00
Bethel	\$175.45
Long	\$ 6.95
General Fund	75.00
Maness	30.00
G. Elder	63.50
Grant Avenue	\$73.00
General Fund	\$25.00
Maness	25.00
Vandivort	17.00
Mexico	6.00
New Rock Springs	\$390.00
Vandivort	\$390.00
Columbia	\$76.18
Vandivort	\$35.00
General Fund	41.18
Fredericktown	\$138.50
Lewis	\$30.00
Barron	64.50
General Fund	12.50
Shockey	27.50
Pegram	4.00
Lebanon, First	\$22.00
O'Dell	\$ 5.00
Vandivort	17.00
Leadington	\$225.00
Long	\$40.00
O'Dell	40.00
Fulcher	40.00
Vandivort	50.00
Maness	55.00
Flat River, First	\$20.00
J. D. Norris	\$10.00
O'Dell	5.00
General Fund	5.00
South Side	\$10.00
Maness	\$5.00
Fulcher	5.00
O'Fallon	\$5.00
Fulcher	\$5.00
Dale & Marge McCurry	\$15.00
Long	\$ 5.00
Nason	10.00
Marshfield	\$62.00
General Fund	\$12.00
O'Dell	10.00
Maness	40.00
Rock Chapel	\$221.42
Lake	\$221.42
United, West Plains	\$31.14
General Fund	\$31.14
Warren & Ann Livingston	\$28.00
Long	\$15.00
Lewis	13.00
Farmington	\$340.00
General Fund	\$300.00
P. Thompson	40.00
Neosho	\$10.00
Lake	\$10.00

Monett	\$243.00
Lake	\$186.00
Lewis	35.00
Fulcher	20.00
G. Elder	2.00
Members at Hannon Church	\$55.00
Elder	\$55.00
South East Association	\$100.00
Barron	\$100.00
Bob & Glenda Keith	\$10.00
Vandivort	\$10.00
Victory	\$35.00
Maness	\$30.00
General Fund	5.00
Wolf Creek	\$20.00
Vandivort	\$20.00
Warren Walls	\$10.00
Vandivort	\$10.00
Thayer	\$261.55
General Fund	\$ 21.55
Maness	30.00
Elder	176.00
Highway Helpers—Van	34.00
Rolla	\$100.00
Vandivort	\$100.00
Eastern Gate	\$40.00
Vandivort	\$20.00
Lewis	20.00
Fordland	\$15.00
Maness	\$15.00
Trinity	\$18.00
General Fund	\$18.00
Indian Creek Association	\$40.00
Lake	\$40.00
Karen Lewis	\$5.00
Elder	\$5.00
Mtn. Grove, First	\$95.00
Maness	\$40.00
Lewis	5.00
Norris	25.00
Vandivort	25.00
Central	\$163.00
Maness	\$5.00
Colorado Springs	10.00
General Fund	28.00
Highway Helpers	80.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Maness	\$25.00
Vandivort	25.00
Lewis	25.00
South Fremont	\$6.00
Maness	\$6.00
Total	\$3,600.12

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Pleasant Ridge	\$40.00
General Fund	\$20.00
McLain	20.00
New Harmony	\$133.78
McLain	\$66.89
Miley	66.89
Kirksville	\$20.00
Pinkerton	\$20.00
Viburnum	\$85.00
Turnbough	\$10.00
Tallent	20.00
Bailey	55.00
Myrtle	\$273.50
Tallent	\$143.50
Bailey	90.00
Miley	40.00
Harmony, K.C.	\$15.00
Turnbough	\$15.00

Bethel	\$135.00	McLain	20.00
General Fund	\$75.00	Sparks	20.00
Tallent	30.00	Victory	\$135.00
Bailey	30.00	Pinkerton	\$115.00
Fourth	\$360.00	Turnbough	20.00
Lytle	\$340.00	Thayer	\$41.55
Tallent	20.00	General Fund	\$21.55
Grant Avenue	\$1,762.50	Pinkerton	10.00
Pinkerton	\$419.50	Tallent	10.00
Bailey	20.00	Trinity	\$251.36
Tallent	325.00	McLain	\$ 25.00
Deficit Accounts	233.00	General Fund	161.36
General Fund	55.00	Tallent	10.00
Richards	10.00	Payne	20.00
McLain	40.00	Wode	10.00
Hersey	460.00	Morgan	25.00
Haas	200.00	Eastern Gate	\$60.00
Black Oak	\$12.56	Van Hook	\$20.00
Columbia	\$226.19	Tallent	20.00
Tallent	\$45.00	Pinkerton	20.00
Morgan	30.00	United, West Plains	\$342.28
McLain	65.00	General Fund	\$ 62.28
General Fund	61.19	Pinkerton	280.00
Miley	10.00	Fordland	\$125.00
McCullough	15.00	Tallent	\$45.00
Hannon	\$306.24	General Fund	15.00
Bunch	\$156.24	Pinkerton	20.00
Lytle	50.00	McLains	15.00
Pinkerton	50.00	Richards	15.00
Filkins	50.00	Bailey	15.00
Fredericktown, First	\$42.50	Hickory Grove	\$22.91
Bailey	\$10.00	Lytle	\$22.91
Turnbough	15.00	Indian Creek Association	\$290.00
General Fund	7.50	Hass	\$105.00
Miley	10.00	Morgan	75.00
Leadington	\$415.00	Cousineau	5.00
Turnbough	\$50.00	Tallent	5.00
Filkins	40.00	Filkins	100.00
Pinkerton	40.00	Aulsbury Chapel	\$120.00
Miley	40.00	Pinkerton	\$60.00
McLain	40.00	Bailey	60.00
Hanna	45.00	Mtn. Grove, First	\$155.00
Eagleton	40.00	General Fund	\$70.00
Lytle	40.00	Tallent	40.00
Richards	40.00	Turnbough	15.00
Bailey	40.00	Cousineau	30.00
South Side	\$554.00	Norma Tipp	\$10.00
Tallent	\$554.00	Tallent	\$10.00
O'Fallon	\$35.00	Mt. Zion, Gower	\$60.00
Pinkerton	\$20.00	Pinkerton	\$60.00
Tallent	15.00	Flat River, First	\$30.00
Dale & Marge McCurry	\$10.00	J. Murray	\$30.00
Tallent	\$10.00	Faith Chapel, West Plains	\$10.00
Marshfield	\$60.00	McLain	\$10.00
Tallent	\$55.00	South Fremont	\$90.00
Bailey	5.00	Tallent	\$ 5.00
Freeman Chapel	\$399.07	Bailey	15.00
Pinkerton	\$399.07	McLain	10.00
Farmington	\$183.00	Pinkerton	30.00
Pinkerton	\$183.00	General Fund	10.00
Neosho	\$119.39	Richards	20.00
Cousineau	\$10.00	Carl & Faith Hiatt	\$25.00
Bailey	36.00	Pinkerton	\$25.00
Wode	10.00	Houston	\$10.00
Caton	63.39	Tallent	\$10.00
Monett	\$1,304.60	Central	\$244.08
Tallent	\$549.60	Filkins	\$110.00
Miley	20.00	Miley	64.08
Pinkerton	15.00	Haas	10.00
Dickens	20.00	Pinkerton	60.00
Sparks	120.00	Total	\$8,614.51
General Fund	580.00		
Martinstown	\$100.00		
Hanna	\$20.00		
Richards	20.00		
Miley	20.00		

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Woman's Page

Editor, Shirley Bowden

Program for the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention

THEME: Consider The Lilies

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:28, 29

THEME SONG: Lily Of The Valley

- 9:00 Registration
9:30 Congregational Singing ... Joy Unspeakable
Welcome Judy Altis
Response Jo Drake
Theme Song Lily Of The Valley
Devotion Rose Mertz
"Whatever Happened To Joy?"
Skit Auxiliary State Officers
Seating of Delegates
Appointment of Committees
10:45 Recess
11:00 Worship in Song
Auxiliary Choir Special Joy Comes In
The Morning
Offering
Special Music Sue Cook and Barbara
Harwell, *Consider The Lilies*
Message Rev. Ken Bailey
Missionary To Japan
12:00 Lunch
1:45 Congregational Singing
Special Music Ann Phillips
Devotion Eunice Edwards, "Rhythm
Of Abundant Living, Receiving and Giving"
Business Session
Installation of Officers Kaye Wilbanks
5:00 Banquet
Special Music Patsy and Howard
Gwartney
Speakers Judy and Ken Bailey

The State Woman's Auxiliary Banquet will be held at the Wyota Inn Restaurant. This year the price will be \$6.95 per person. This will be a smorgasbord and includes dessert, tax, and tip. Because of limited space, we can only have 195 attend the banquet. Tickets will be on sale Monday evening before and after the Youth Service and until noon on June 7th, Auxiliary day. Why not make plans to attend the banquet.

Cuba Auxiliary Hosts Shower

The Cuba Auxiliary hosted a shower for the Jeff and Susan Turnbough family. The auxiliary collected approximately 35 gifts that were mailed to the Turnboughs for Christmas.



First Church Cuba Woman's Auxiliary