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CHURCHES	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY
Bethel	109	97	93	98	95	93	122	149	110	114	110	99
Calvary Fellowship												
Central	101	109	104	100	99	104	103	105	108	96	106	98
Copper Mines	73	78	70	72	68							
Cuba	73	78	83	87	78	85						
De Soto	144	148	146	146	142							
Farmington	679	697	745	779	707	708	684	778	776	696	687	697
Flat River, First	176	181	189	166	185	192	169	184	184	164		
Fourth	100	95	124	104	101	117	115	117	114	97		
Fredericktown	169	173	194	184								
Grace	167	195										
Grant Avenue	166	172	158	168	156	159						
Hannon						98	88	94	88			
Happy Home	69	70	74	67	72	76	75					
Harmony, K.C.	62	64	64	58	66	72	73	92	81	69	77	63
Hartville	91	93	102	98	98	98						
Houston	61	61	61	55	63	63	62	62	56	61	61	
Monett	141	143	145	144	141	139	138	146	145	145	151	151
Marshfield	60	59	59	61	59	68	69	71	72	65	63	64
Myrtle	50	45	52	41			38	52	48	51	40	49
Neosho				78								
New Hope,												
Fredericktown	44	42	42	48	47		51	67	63	58	51	52
O'Fallon	53	68	67	62	63	62	57	61	51	49	56	51
Parkview	45	47	47	40	46		40	41	45	41	41	49
Richwoods			49	49	48	43	40	53				
Terrill Road							40			56	56	58
United, W.P.	81	91	80	79	69	65	61	79	87	80	78	83
Victory, K.C.	80	70					65	70		95		
Willow Springs	102	91	101	98	93	91	76	91	101	100	87	91
Cape Girardeau							89	89	90	89	89	88
West Plains, First	90	83	110	97	91	81	70	83	94	99		

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FOCUS ON PREACHERS AND PREACHING

November 15—16

Featuring: Dr. Willard Wilcox

Monday Evening:

7:30 p.m. Revival—Dr. Wilcox

Tuesday:

7:00 a.m. BREAKFAST, provided by C.E. Board
at Rosener's
Devotion—Dr. Wilcox

9:00 a.m. "Enthusiasing the Congregation"—Wilcox

10:00 a.m. "Evangelizing the Congregation"—Jim
McAllister

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship—Dr. Melvin
Worthington

Noon Lunch

1:30 p.m. "Edifying the Congregation"—Dr.
Worthington

2:30 p.m. "Preaching to Preachers"—Dr. Wilcox

3:30 p.m. FREE TIME

5:00 p.m. POTLUCK SUPPER, provided by
Farmington Church

7:30 p.m. Revival—Dr. Wilcox

Wednesday:

9:00 a.m. "How to Preach When You Don't Feel
Like It"—Dr. Worthington

10:00 a.m. "How to Choose Material"—Clarence
Burton

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship—Dr. Wilcox

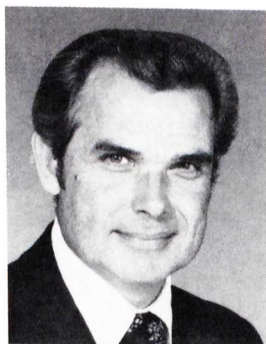
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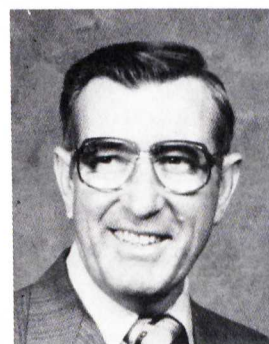
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Dr. Melvin Worthington was ordained in August 1957 and has held pastorates in North and South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, and Georgia. While serving in Georgia he served as moderator of the State Association. He has served on the Sunday School Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and was chairman of the board for three years. He is presently serving as Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. His graduate work was done with Luther Rice Seminary from which he earned the Th.B, the B.D., Th.M. and Th.D. He recently earned his M.Ed. from Georgia State University.



Dr. Willard Wilcox was born and reared in the mountains of eastern Kentucky. For the past 25 years he has had a one-half hour weekly T.V. program, called The Lower Lighthouse. It is aired on four stations. He attended Free Will Baptist Bible College. He received his B.A. from Asbury College and was graduated from Asbury Seminary. He was given an honorary doctorate from Gulf Coast Bible College. He serves as a full-time evangelist.

Discipling The New Disciple

by Jim McAllister

Follow-up is only the first step in discipling. The second step is a character building course. After the convert completes the follow-up, which takes twelve weeks, he then graduates to a six week character building course covering the areas of commitment, depression, fear, worry, anger, and Christian love and marriage. These lessons have been developed from the books of such Christian counselors as Dr. Jay Adams, Dr. Clyde Narramore, and a Free Will Baptist preacher and psychiatrist, Dr. Don Payne. These lessons are taught by the pastor in his study. Each lesson lasts about one hour and occasional homework is given. The ideal situation is for both husband and wife to take the lessons. The pastor can become very closely involved with the couples and bring them into the body of the church.

Now we are ready for the third step which is an organized Home Bible Study taught by either a staff member or by a mature and loyal Christian member of the church. The lessons are taught in a home with four or five couples attending. The classes last one hour and occur weekly with one week off each month. A time of fellowship and refreshments can follow the lesson. Baby sitters should be provided to avoid this obstacle.

The ideal method for Home Bible Studies is to set up a series of lessons, twenty in number, over a six month period, covering the subject of attitudes and a book study of James on temperaments. After the students have completed this course, they then have a month vacation. Then they go to another home for an eight lesson course on the church covenant and a twelve lesson course on stewardship. After completion of this series the students then have another vacation,

after which they move to the final series which is a prolonged study of the Epistles of Paul taking two years.

The new convert has now been in a controlled teaching, training, and study program for over forty months. He has been taught by several mature and dedicated Christians in a protected environment. He has learned the fundamentals of Christian living, the essentials of attitudes, stewardship and Christian service, as well as Free Will Baptist doctrine, organization, and the covenant all being taught. The new Christian is now ready to become a teacher of other new Christians. If desired, the church can now provide an on-going Bible study program that can last for years.

The fundamental, Bible believing church must begin nurturing her new converts. We have left them to chance far too long. We must do all in our power to retain those we win to Christ. After all of the preceding is done we will still lose many. But we will cut our losses dramatically.

Follow-up, character building, Home Bible Studies, nearly three and one-half years of teaching and training, and what does it accomplish? A few more will be preserved. Some who would have returned to the world will become successful Christians. Some who might depart from the church and go to another church will be retained. Is it worth it? Of course it is. If the church can cut its losses to fifty percent the church will grow. We dare not diminish our evangelistic efforts. We must begin and continue an organized program of discipling those we win to Christ. That's the only way we can fully obey the great commission.

About the writer: Reverend Jim McAllister is pastor of the fast growing and large Free Will Baptist Church in Farmington. He has served as chairman of the National Home Missions Board, various state boards, former moderator of the Missouri State Association, used widely as a conference speaker, and is presently serving as chairman of the Missouri State Retirement Village Board of Directors.

Report on National Association, 1983

A total of 6,107 registered for the National Youth Conference, Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, and the National Association of Free Will Baptists. This was 800 more than registered at the 1982 convention.

The Executive Committee was authorized to devise a simplified form to report church statistics to the State and National Association. Widespread complaints had been made concerning the Form EX-101, a multicopy currently used.

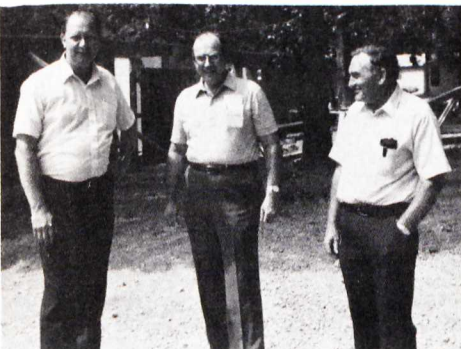
A Radio-Television Commission was elected and instructed to present a pilot radio program at the

1984 National convention and a pilot T.V. program at the 1985 session.

The aggrieved parties in the two-year old "wine-issue" were encouraged to get together on their own for the purpose of resolving scriptural interpretation differences. Delegates repeatedly refused to consider motions regarding the wine controversy on Thursday morning, saying that the issue was settled in 1982 when the denomination reaffirmed its historic *tee-totalism stance*.

The association will meet next year in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Youth Camp Memories



*More pictures in
next issue.*

Report on the 70th Session of the Missouri State Association

by Clarence Burton

A great preacher of a past generation said, "Great preaching will produce great churches!" Perhaps I could paraphrase that and say, "Great preaching will result in a great State Association."

The Lord blessed with another great State Association this year! It is amazing how God can use His people; preachers, singers, musicians and weave a series of services together and make it seem like a continuous service.

Reverend R. E. Helsley, in the keynote message, gave a scriptural assurance that the Christian can have complete assurance and confidence in the Lord. Reverend John Smith left no doubt about the explicit trust that we can have in the inerrant, infallible, inspired Word of God. Reverend Cliff Bowman gave us a convincing conviction that the church is here to stay and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it. And, Reverend Ted Wilbanks gave a fresh look at a sound biblical basis for denominational support, confidence, and loyalty. As one of the delegates said, "I have been blessed, challenged, and my mind has been stretched." I can agree with that statement and with the preacher that said, "These messages were just what we needed."

The moderator, Reverend Millard Sasser, laid a strong foundation for the Missouri State Association with the moderator's message. It was distinct and direct. It was encouraging and strengthening.

The devotional messages given by Reverends Glyn Campbell, Earl Ames, and Roger Hogan were used and blessed of God. I am convinced that these contributed much to the setting for the business sessions. As in a local church, so in the State Association, just the right Scripture and the proper comments do much to prepare the hearts and minds of the people to do business in a Christian manner.

We had great singing again this year, with Reverend Howard Gwartney directing the singing and his wife Patsy and Reverend Ted Wilbanks at the piano and organ. Howard seems to choose the right songs for the proper time. A great big thanks to the ones that presented special music. They were used of God to bless in each service.

A special note of appreciation should go to the ones that presided, Reverends Grover Terry, Glen Rehkop, and Tom Drake. They led the services in a

very effective and efficient manner.

The Missouri State Association adopted a budget of \$230,000. Of course this does not include designated gifts. This budget along with the Bookstore and the five standing boards makes quite a large budget. Without the help and leadership of the Lord we could not do it. But by the help and leadership of the Lord, and by working together, we can do it! I trust that we shall.

Some things that were adopted at the association brought about immediate change while others will be long range. I shall mention some now and others later.

1. The date of the Missouri State Association has been changed from the present to the Wednesday evening following the last Sunday in May. This would result in the Youth Service being held on Tuesday evening and the Woman's Auxiliary Convention on Wednesday. The General Board will meet on Tuesday. This change was made to accommodate the Youth Camp with the four weeks in June.)

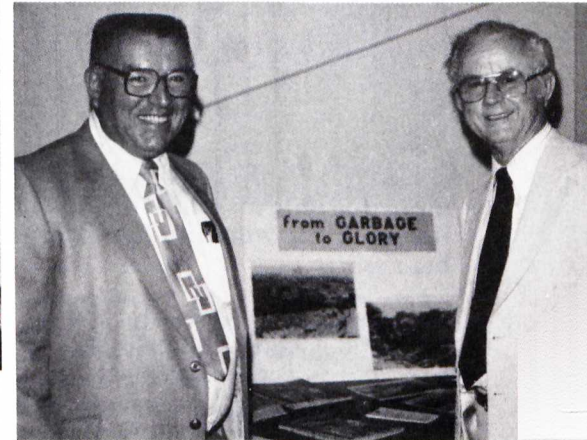
2. The National Association of Free Will Baptists was invited to meet in Kansas City, Missouri in July 1988. (The National Association responded to this invitation.)

3. The fiscal year of the Missouri State Association will begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st of December. (The projected report at the next State Association will reflect this, Jan 1, 1985 to December 31, 1985. A 9 month report from April 1, 1984 to December 31, 1984 will also be given. The cooperative budget will be given when the audit committee meets.)

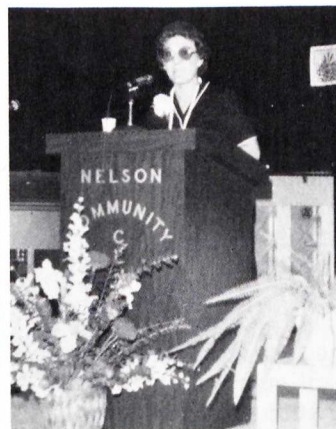
More information will be given later with a projection for some long range plans.

Our meeting for 1983 is not history. But the memory will linger long. This was the first year for Reverend Millard Sasser to serve as moderator, but he did not appear to be a novice. He handled the business smoothly and efficiently. He was very ably assisted by the assistant moderator Reverend Nathan Ruble and the clerk and assistant clerk Reverend Joe Braddy and Reverend J. L. Tilson.

Let's look forward with great anticipation to a wonderful year, with many souls being saved and the cause of Christ made stronger in our state and throughout the world.



*It was a great
State Association.*



More photos in
next issue.

Worship In Beauty And Holiness

by Bob Thebeau

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:29, "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

These are the words of King David, whom the Bible declares was a man after God's own heart. He had reached the position as king of Israel. The Philistines had been defeated and finally the ark of the covenant was being brought back to the city of David.

After all these events, David sings the song of his heart unto the children of Israel. A song that they had forgotten; and that we need to be reminded of today. "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name . . . worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

In Christ we have so many blessings for which to be thankful; but, there are many things yet to accomplish in spreading the Word of God for the salvation of souls. It seems that the cry of the churches today is the need for revival. To instill once again (as with Israel) in our services the power of the Spirit of God; to hear the Word of God preached with authority; to hear the congregation sing with enthusiasm; and to see the people leave feeling in their heart the truth of Psalm 122:1, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

Surely today, as in Hezekiah's time, "the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth." Joel said in chapter 1 that the harvest that was white had been laid waste and was vanishing. Joel 1:12 says: ". . . from the sons of men." Verse 16 says that the joy and gladness were gone from the house of God. Verse 17 says the barns (representing the church) were broken down and the fruit had rotted. Then verse 18 says the flock groaned because there was no pasture (or place to feed their souls).

The arguments are great and many as to the reason for this condition, and so are the cures that we hear. But brethren, we need to follow Joel's advice in chapter 2 verse 13: "And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God:

for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil."

There is no doubt that we need to instill the art of "worship in holiness" back into our lives and services.

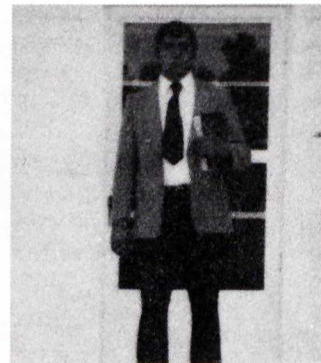
The "beauty of holiness" is a state that God calls believers into through His grace, by the blood of His Son. It is not by our works or ideas, but His righteousness imputed into us; Romans 4:3 ". . . and it was counted unto him for righteousness."

Worship means to do reverence to God and to stress the feeling of awe. When on our knees in prayer, are we not overwhelmed with the fact that we are communicating with the Creator of the universe; with Him who can destroy both body and soul in hell?

When we sing *Amazing Grace*, are we not in wonder that God should commend His love to us by sending His son to die upon the cross for us while we were yet sinners and unworthy of His love?

I am made to believe, brethren, that many of our services amount to no more than rituals that we feel we must go through to satisfy God and to ease our own conscience. Israel made this mistake in their daily sacrifices and David knew it. David warned his son Solomon, when he was building the Temple, to worship God in the beauty of holiness. Second Chronicles 7:1 tells us that Solomon built the Temple and dedicated it unto the Lord. It also says the glory of the Lord filled the house. Verse 3 tells us how the children of Israel bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement and worshiped and praised the Lord. Then they brought their offerings and sacrifices before the Lord. After many days verse 10 says, ". . . he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the Lord had shewed . . ."

Pastors let's not be so burdened with problems of the ministry that through the week and on Sunday we fail to sing and worship in the "beauty of holiness," *Amazing grace, how sweet the sound*. There's nothing that will touch the hardened sinner's heart more than to walk into the midst of the saints who are worshipping their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the "beauty of holiness."



About the writer: Reverend Bob Thebeau is serving as pastor of the Twin Oaks Free Will Baptist Church. He has served as moderator of the Southeast District Quarterly Meeting and as a member of the Executive Board and Missions Committee. He is very supportive of the state and national ministries.

Churches People And Events

Swimming Pool Dedicated at Camp

The Youth Camp Board held a dedication service for the new swimming pool at the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. Reverend Charley Miller, board member, directed the service with some opening remarks concerning the function of the camp and the need for proper clean recreation. He introduced Brother Bill Reeves, former camp superintendent. Brother Bill told about the construction of the property on the camp grounds and the importance that the L. L. Day Hardware and Lumber Company had in this endeavor. Much of the supplies had been purchased from the L. L. Day Company. Mr. Day was presented with a plaque as an expression of appreciation for his service and for a sizable contribution. Following this presentation Brother Charley Miller recognized Reverend and Mrs. Gerald Dame. Brother Dame contracted the building of the new swimming pool. Brother Miller presented a plaque to Brother Dame stating, "This is given because of what has been done above and beyond the agreed contract." Brother Dame stated that what he had done was because he loved the Lord and he had a desire to do what he could to help with any Christian service. Reverend Clarence Burton, state executive secretary, led in the prayer of dedication.



Bill Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Day, Rev. and Mrs. Dame

Soul-Seekers Available for Special Service

"The King of Glory" is the message of the Singing Group from Donniphan, Missouri called the Soul-Seekers. The group consists of Larry Cockman, manager (and he also sings with the group); Pam Case, pianist; Fred, Deena, Chad and Chris Allen,

and Nancy Allen. The group made a recording in March 1983. The group is well known in the West Plains, Alton, Thayer area. They have a strong desire to serve the Lord in singing and as their title states, win souls to Jesus. Larry may be contacted at this number 314-996-2334 or Pam at 417-938-4388.



"The Soul Seekers"

Note: The First Free Will Baptist Church, 512 West Elizabeth, Kirksville, Missouri has changed its name to Liberty Free Will Baptist Church (same address).

Pleasant Home Vacation Bible School

Nine young people committed themselves to a life for Christ, and the staff of adults were strengthened by giving of themselves in Vacation Bible School at Pleasant Home Free Will Baptist Church in East Douglas County the first week in June.

The pastor's wife, Sister Dottie Crewse, served as director, and was gratified with the success of the endeavor.

The average attendance for the five morning sessions was 73. The highest attendance for one day was 76.

A daily music period for each age group was appreciated by the students, and gave impetus to the music program. The seven and eight year olds were high achievers; they sang two numbers as part of the Sunday worship service.

Crafts and cookies were only incidental to the endeavor, but the periods so allotted were thoroughly enjoyed. Sister Cora Coble, heading the refreshment committee, was determined that no child feel deprived, and in some way managed to bake some 300 cookies during the week.

The Sunday following the Vacation Bible School a baptismal service was held. Rev. Gene Crewse, pastor of the church, had the honor of baptizing seven of the nine young people who were saved during the week. The remaining two agreed to follow the Lord's example the following Sunday.

Reverend Morris Akers Promoted to Glory

Within minutes after preaching the Sunday evening message on February 27, 1983, Reverend Morris Akers suffered a heart attack and went to be with the Lord. Beth Hamilton, member of the Mt. Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church, states, "The congregation was grief stricken. Brother Morris was a wonderful pastor, a dedicated Christian, and a special friend to every member of the church. The dedication of his life will be long remembered by his church family and all who knew him."

Reverend Akers had been ordained to the ministry about nineteen years. He had served as pastor of the Faith and Hope Free Will Baptist church and for the past ten years had served as pastor of the Mt. Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church.

The Memorial Service was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Mtn. Grove. Reverends Ronnie Turner and Bob Adkison officiated at the service.

He was survived by his wife Marie, a son Marty of Springfield and two daughters Debi Guinn and Kathy Anderson of Rogers, Arkansas. Also his mother of Mtn. Grove and seven brothers.



Rev. Morris Akers, Sherry Odom
Rev. Bob Adkison

Mrs. Ellen Middleton Honored

Ellen Middleton was a much surprised lady when she was crowned "HONORED MOTHER OF THE YEAR" at the Mission District Convention which was held at the Pleasant Home Church on May 23, 1983. She sat wide-eyed and expectant as she listened to the story of her life being told. Not once did she recognize herself because the reader inadvertently gave the wrong county of her birth and mispronounced the town near where she was born.

But at the end of the short narration Ellen "broke down." That was when the poem, A DIPLOMA FROM HEAVEN, which she had written was read. She was crowned by her oldest daughter, Letha Fry, while two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren plus the congregation looked on.

Following the crowning service, an installation service was held using the theme THE SYMPHONY

OF WOMEN'S WORK. Each officer was adorned with a lavender net apron decorated with white felt musical notes as she took the oath of office. The baton (gavel) was presented to Dottie Crewse to direct her orchestra (women of the District) throughout the coming year.



Mrs. Ellen Middleton

Miracle at Freeman Chapel

This article was written by the pastor of the Freeman Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Reverend Vernon Maggart.

On June 5, 1983, Jerry and Carol Pinkerton were at our church for a special missionary service. Back in April I had challenged our church family to give \$2,000 to the Pinkertons' account in the Sunday morning offering on June 5. During April and May many prayers ascended to the throne of God for this service. Several in our church spent one day a week fasting. It was evident that the Lord was opening the hearts of Free Will Baptists at Freeman Chapel. On May 29, the Sunday before our scheduled missionary service, I preached a missions message. Many left the service that morning with tear brimmed eyes. God's spirit was burdening hearts for those in the regions beyond.

I have pastored for 18 years and I have never seen a congregation so touched and blessed as we were on June 5th. After singing several songs that had mission messages, I asked our ushers to come forward for the offering. They then took it to the basement for counting. The congregation sang two songs and a special was given and the ushers had not returned. (I found out later that they were all weeping and rejoicing in the basement because of the results, while their pastor was standing in front of 120 people trying to figure out what to do next.) Brother Verbick finally appeared and walked to the platform. With tears in his eyes he nervously handed me the check. One glance explained his tears of joy. The check made

out to the precious missionary couple was in the amount of \$3,800. I, too, began to weep.

Freeman Chapel is located 10 miles east of St. Joseph, Missouri. The congregation is of middle class people and the average Sunday morning attendance is approximately ninety. The Holy Spirit simply opened hearts and gave a congregation a burden for those who had never heard the precious name of Jesus. Every person in the church would agree, we experienced a miracle at Freeman Chapel.

Note: Jerry and Carol Pinkerton have returned to Africa. May the Lord give them a fruitful ministry. Carol is a sister of Neta Maggart, the pastor's wife.

Dedication Service at Victory Hill

On Sunday afternoon, June 26, 1983, the Victory Hill Free Will Baptist Church, near Norwood, Missouri held a Dedication Service.

The pastor, Reverend Troy Burney, welcomed the members and guests, then led the congregation in the Scripture selection, Psalm 24:1-10.

Reverend John Williams, a former pastor, was introduced and he preached the Dedicatory Message. In his message he made an analogy of the building to the function of the church. He stated that in order for a church to fulfill its purpose, it must be strong within and have a vision that reaches out.

Reverend Billy Hicks, a former pastor, after being introduced related some interesting experiences while serving the church. He encouraged the church to continue in its steadfastness for the cause of Christ. Brother Arthur Lund, actively involved in the construction of the church, gave a brief history of the church and a concise report concerning the building of the church.

The pastor led in the Act of Dedication and Reverend Clarence Burton, state executive secretary, led the congregation in the prayer of dedication.



Pastor and Trustees



Rev. John Williams

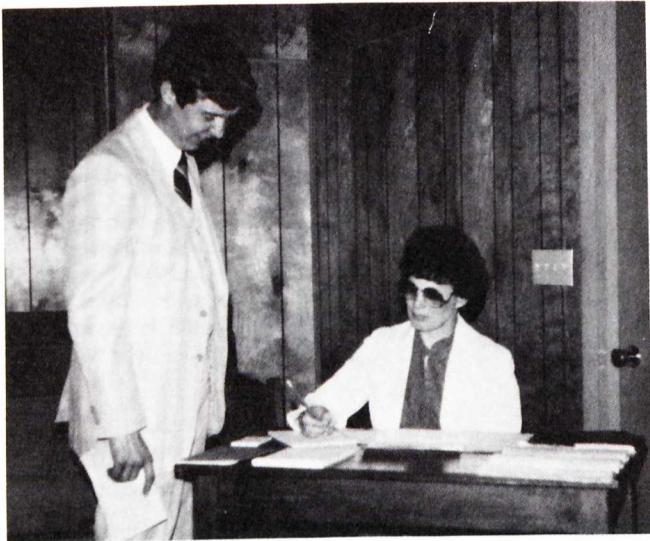


Victory Hill Congregation



Reverend Donovan Maxwell Congregation, First Church, Des Moines, IA.

Editor's Note: I was with Brother Donovan Maxwell, his wife Donna, and the church at Des Moines, Iowa on Sunday, August 7. It was such a joy being with these folks. This church is affiliated with the Greater Kansas City District Association. Their fellowship with Free Will Baptist is very limited. Let's remember them daily in our prayers.



Rev. Steve Reeves
Sharon Henderson



Officers, Woman's Auxiliary

Editor's note: The Indian Creek District Association is one of the fine 16 associations that make up the Missouri State Association. While at their annual session I took these pictures. The assistant moderator and the clerk Reverend Steve Reeves and Sharon Henderson. And, the officers of the Woman's Auxiliary District Association.

Memorial to Mae Hill who went to be with the Lord June 3, 1983.

LIVES THAT TOUCH LIVES

When I first met her she was crippled from a severe stroke that left one side of her body paralyzed as well as with a bad speech impediment. I think the thing that impressed me the most was her radiant Christian testimony. I was a young boy at the time that I met her and through my teen years I spent many hours at her house.

Her door was always open to young people. The hour of the day or night made little difference to her. I ran around with a teen-age crowd and some of us would always end up at her house as the last stop before we went home. She always had some coffee heated (I thought she made the best coffee in town), and some cookies or cake ready. I could share my problems with her and in her halting way she gave me sound advice. At every opportunity she would talk to me about receiving the Lord. Frequently, she invited me to her church. Anyone who came by her house received a Christian witness.

On the morning that I was saved she wasn't present for the service. This was one of those rare times that she missed a service. I drove directly from the church to her house to share my salvation experience with her. She met me at the door where she haltingly expressed, "You don't have to tell me. I know you were saved this morning." We stood at the door embracing and weeping. To this day I don't know how she knew the Lord had saved me that morning.

Later, God called me to preach. After my college training I returned to pastor the church where this dear lady attended. She and her husband were serving as youth sponsors. They continued to do so for many years afterwards. What they had done for one teen-age boy they did for many others. No one knows how many young people this couple has won to Christ. No one knows how many young lives have been challenged to Christian service. Age and frailty of bodies have not kept them from serving the Lord.

The lives of Chesley and Mae Hill touched my life when I was a young boy growing up in the city of St. Louis, Missouri. Chesley is a deacon and still an active member of South Side Free Will Baptist Church. Mae has gone home to be with the Lord, but the lives she touched will win souls for the Lord for many years to come. May God give us more members who care.

—Roger C. Reeds

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Sensitivity Toward Sinners

by Stanley Jones

Luke 15:1, 2

Have you ever been conscious of the type person you show the most attention to?

In Jesus' day the tax collector, who was considered dishonest in most of his dealings, the man of the street, and the man of questionable activities were sorely despised. They were sinners. In Luke 15:1, 2 we have the list of some of the characters who play the main roles in the drama of redemption. Along with their identity we are given their feelings toward the sinner. Let's look closely as each character is introduced.

First, we see the sinner. And he is shown coming to Christ. Verse 1 reads, "Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him." The coming of sinners to Christ shows two important truths about their estimation of their present life-style.

One, they were dissatisfied with sin. That's the only time a sinner draws near Christ. If he is finding fulfillment in sin he will not seek a better life. If he does not sense a spiritual lack, he will not seek spiritual fulfillment.

Two, they desired a Savior. Notice the phrase, "for to hear him." The sinners didn't come to eat the miracle loaves and fish. They were not seeking physical healing as others had. They came to hear His word—His Word of hope.

They were not trying to hide the fact that they were hopelessly lost. Neither did they try to cover up their true intentions. Their need brought them out into the open to seek the One who could give them salvation from their sins. While they thought very low of their sin, they evidently believed they had some salvage value. So they sought help in Christ.

Second, we are introduced to the self-righteous and we hear them complaining. Verse 2 tells us, "And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them."

The murmuring and complaining was because sinners were allowed to come to Jesus. We see two things in the self-righteous' attitude toward sinners.

One, they did not love lost men. If they had understood that men without Jesus were lost, and that Jesus could save all those who came to Him by

faith, and if they had loved the souls of men, they would have rejoiced that these sinners sought Christ.

Two, they thought it detestable for anyone else to love these men. Oh, they themselves would have welcomed the upper class of people. But tax collectors and common sinners, really? It reminds me of another occasion when the self-righteous religious leaders were selective of the people they helped. You remember the story of the Samaritan who found the man who had fallen among thieves. He was the wrong class for the self-righteous and so he was passed by. May we never be guilty of this sin of selective salvation. If they're poor, let's love them into the kingdom. If they're rich; If they're educated or unlearned; If they're light skinned or dark; If they're from "Millionaire Hills" or "the wrong side of the tracks"; If they're well-mannered children or uncontrollable rabble-rousers, let's not complain when they are coming to Christ. Normally, the ones who complain the loudest are the ones who are the least involved in bringing sinners to Christ.

Finally, we are introduced to the Sinless One. And we see Him condescending to the sinner. We are given this indirectly as we hear the complaining of the self-righteous. "This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them."

Jesus, the Sinless One, is not condoning their sins. He is not receiving "sin" but "sinners."

He was not offering them solace in their sinful state. He was offering them friendship and the possibility of fellowship through repentance and faith.

Friendship to sinners is why Jesus came. The church of Jesus' day was not offering the sinner any attention. And Jesus' openness to their need won the sinner's hearts.

This offer of friendship could lead the sinner into fellowship with Christ. You see friendship means, "the mutual warm regard or affection for." But fellowship goes deeper. Fellowship is only experienced by two who have common interests, ideals and experiences that bond them together. Real fellowship between friends is when one can trust his deepest feelings to the other's faithfulness and not feel threatened or have fear of betrayal.

And Jesus shows real love for the sinner when he makes himself a friend of sinners with the invitation to share their deepest emotions with Him in true fellowship. This fellowship between Christ and the sinner is possible for every sinner who will trust Christ with his heart.

May we have the same sensitivity toward sinners that the Savior showed.

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The Minister's Wife

by Helen McAllister

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What is a minister's wife? This probably holds a different meaning for every woman who has ever held the title. To one, supreme joy; to another, ultimate heartache; while to another, something else.

Today I am happy to be a minister's wife. But it took many years before I felt that way.

We had been married six months when my husband answered the call to preach. I had been raised in a very liberal church and had only been a Christian for a short while, so I had not learned how to be a real Christian. I was woefully ignorant of the Scriptures and hardly knew any childhood Bible stories. Now how would you have liked to have had *me* for *your* minister's wife?

God takes the best you can offer and uses it to His glory. Since we were starting a new church, most of the people were new converts. We all sort-of grew together. They had never had a minister's wife before so I was not expected to follow a set pattern or "measure up" to anyone.

Ladies, it is such a shame to feel we have to "measure up" to someone else anyway. It took many years and many tears for me to learn that. God only made one me and He made me the way I am. My husband chose me the way I was and *that* is what is important.

I'll grant you that as a Christian you should watch your walk and your talk and not deliberately do anything to offend others. If you do unintentionally offend and learn of it, go to that person and apologize. But do not change your personality to impress others or to measure up to their requirements. In 1 Corinthians 15:10, Paul wrote: "But by the grace of God I am what I am . . ." Thank You, Lord, for bestowing Your grace on me.

"... Be content with such things as ye have, for he hath said, I will never leave thee or forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5). My life has not always been full of happiness. Often I felt alone. As the prophet of old, I thought surely everyone had deserted me: "Lord, everyone has gone and I am the only one left who is still serving You." Not only was my husband gone

most of the time, I felt the Lord had forsaken me, too. I was far from content with what I had—a God who loved me, a husband who loved me, and children who loved me. What more could a person ask? Well, I wanted my husband home with me. I wanted friends. Sometimes the minister's wife is not allowed the luxury of a close friend. I had to learn to rest in Him.

Paul said again in Philippians 4:11: "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Paul suffered much physical pain along with his mental agony while imprisoned in Rome in that small, dark dungeon. On our return from the Holy Land, we visited that prison. The chill went all the way to the bone. While standing there I thought of the Scripture where Paul asked Timothy to bring him his cloak. Our guide told us that during the rainy season the Tigris River would overflow and Paul's cell would be waist deep in water. She also said rats would come in. Now these rats were not the size to which we are accustomed, but were as big as cats. He surely didn't have it easy, but he learned to be content.

A plaque on the cell wall states that Paul led forty-seven of his guards to a saving knowledge of Christ while imprisoned and bound in shackles and chains. I have never faced anything like that, have you? Are you content in whatsoever state you are in?

Several years ago I was asked to give an auxiliary program on Noah's wife. I am afraid I would never have measured up the way she did. The Scripture doesn't record her ever nagging or complaining. Even Sarah was jealous of Ishmael and nagged Abraham to send him and his mother away. Mrs. Noah must have been a very good wife.

Can you picture her going down to the corner market and walking up on a bunch of gossiping women talking about "crazy old Noah" out there building an ark (whatever that was supposed to be) and warning about the coming flood (whatever that was—remember, they had never seen rain) and laughing hysterically. Then looking up they would see Mrs. Noah and try to act as though they were her very best friends. All the while she knew what they were doing. She would swallow back the tears, smile sweetly, do her shopping, and then go home and throw herself across the bed and cry her eyes out.

Soon Noah would come in and ask her what was wrong. He would comfort her by telling her they were only hurting themselves, not him or her. I have stood in the congregation and listened as someone prayed against my husband. I have watched them try to ruin his reputation. I have observed them cutting him down with every word and action. And then I have gone home and cried until there were no longer any tears. Yes, there were times I lost my joy as a Christian.

But one day a precious Christian friend pointed out Isaiah 41:10-13. Over and over again I have gone to those precious verses and found comfort for my soul. He said, "Fear thou not, I am with thee, I will help thee." And He always does.

Have you ever been afraid to do something?

Terrified at the thought of getting up in public? Afraid you would be incorrect in your statements knowing the majority of people in the congregation were smarter than you? Fearful of folks laughing? Trying to be more dignified than you really were? I have. At times I would agree to do something only because I thought my husband would be disappointed in me if I refused. Then I would almost get sick worrying about it.

When I was approached about being president of the Missouri State Auxiliary Convention, I was so upset I could hardly bear it. I told my husband, "I just can't do it." He said, "Yes, you *will* do it if you are asked." So I did it though I was scared sick. While I was agonizing over it, I ran across a passage of Scripture written just for me: "and thou Solomon, my son, know thou the God of thy father and serve him with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind; for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever. Take heed now, for the Lord hath chosen thee to build a house for the sanctuary, be strong and do it." (1 Chronicles 28:9, 10).

David had called Solomon in shortly before his death to tell him he had been chosen to build a temple. Solomon was a bit bewildered and none too confident about this assignment. David told him to serve the Lord willingly. That is one of the keys to effective service—being willing to serve, not having to be forced into it.

David told his son he would find the Lord if he sought Him. All the time I was trying to serve unwillingly in my own strength, forgetting to seek the Lord's help. He knew all my fears. He knew my weaknesses. He even knew the things I imagined would happen. But He wanted to use the abilities I did have to bring glory to Him.

David went on to say, "The Lord has chosen

you—not one of my other sons, but you. Now be strong and do it." This last verse really spoke to me. "Those women didn't choose you—I did. Now be strong and do it." Where would I get that strength? From Him. So I did it.

I assure you I was far from the best president Missouri ever had. All the others seemed so poised, so dignified, and here I was, just plain me. No flowery speeches. Slightly improper English, a little less than cool—just plain me.

One state meeting it seemed everything had gone wrong. I introduced the lady who was to give the response as the one to give the welcome. I forgot the special music and had to ask the speaker, whom I had already introduced to sit back down so the lady could sing. I had gotten so confused on an item of business until the whole thing had become a comedy of errors. Everyone in the audience was laughing because they thought I was trying to be funny. All the while I was fighting to keep from screaming and running out of the building.

People came up to my husband and told him auxiliary was a lot more fun now with me in charge. They meant it as a compliment but when Jim told me, I started crying. "Jim, why can't I be like everybody else? Why do I always mess things up and act like a blundering idiot?" He looked at me and said, "Honey, you are going to have to make up your mind whether you want to be an idiot for the Lord (if that's how you see yourself) and let Him use you to bless others; or if you want to be the person you would like to be and rob them of a blessing." No matter how hard I try, I am still just plain me.

And, minister's wife, God wants you to be just plain you. Sure there is always room for improvement in each of our lives and we should honestly strive to improve ourselves. Try to fit into God's plans and don't try to alter them. But still, just be you. God wants you that way. That's why He made you *you*.

Essentials of Evangelism

I have a brother-in-law who enjoys hunting. He especially enjoys hunting for quail. When he comes in from the hunt, if he has any game at all, he will have quail. He will not have deer, raccoon, or squirrel. He will have quail. I wonder how he manages to consistently have quail and avoids accidentally bringing home unwanted game? I think it must be because he goes hunting with quail on his mind, quail in his plans, quail on his taste, and when he raises his gun to shoot he has quail in his gun sight.

Could that be why some ministers, laymen, and churches seem to bring home the game, so to speak, in soul-winning while others remain empty handed? It

is my conviction our success at winning souls for Jesus will improve as we think souls, plan for souls, desire souls, and take a deliberate aim to reach souls.

Hunting for wild game could be a frustrating experience if you have never settled on which game you are looking for. Shooting at random could leave a lot of bullet holes, empty cartridges, and a lot of money and time spent with small results. So it is with soul-winning. Perhaps more souls could be brought home to Jesus from the fields of sin if we knew who we are going after and how we should go about reaching them.

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS June 1983

18.50%	Missouri State Home Missions.....	\$ 3,734.43
16.75%	Executive Office and Gem	3,381.17
3.50%	General Fund	706.51
6.50%	Youth Camp	1,312.09
1.75%	Christian Board of Education	353.26
1.75%	Sunday School and CTS.....	353.26
6.75%	Retirement Village	1,362.56
5.00%	Missouri State Retirement Program ...	1,009.31

6.00%	Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	1,211.16
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National Departments	6,762.34
Foreign Missions	
Free Will Baptist Bible College	
Executive Office	
Home Missions	
Board of Retirement and Insurance	
Master's Men Board	
Theological Commission	

Total.....\$20,186.09

Someone has said, "Giving not only develops a capacity for fruitfulness, but also for joyfulness." The Bible states, "... God loveth a cheerful giver." May the Lord who is the giver of all good gifts continue to give a spirit of joyfulness to the pastor and church that gives to share in a worldwide ministry for Christ through cooperative and designated giving. What a joy to serve the Lord! The Lord is blessing and we are so grateful!

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS July 1983

18.50%	Missouri State Home Missions.....	\$ 3,259.01
16.75%	Executive Office & GEM	2,950.72
3.50%	General Fund	616.57
6.50%	Youth Camp	1,145.06
1.75%	Christian Board of Education	308.28
1.75%	Sunday School & CTS	308.28
6.75%	Retirement Village	1,189.10
5.00%	Missouri State Retirement Program	880.81

6.00%	Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	\$ 1,056.98
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33.50%	National Departments	\$ 5,901.44
Foreign Missions		
Free Will Baptist Bible College		
Executive Office		
Home Missions		
Board of Retirement & Insurance		
Master's Men Board		
Theological Commission		
Total.....		\$17,616.25

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

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS June 1983

Central	\$ 910.00
Mine La Motte	25.00
Berean	16.20
Victory, Alton	235.00
Pleasant Ridge	53.00
Fellowship	100.00
Hannon	287.33
Royal Oak	23.00
United, West Plains	100.00
New Rock Springs	99.92
Bethel	501.00
Fredericktown, First	353.00
Hartville	171.31
Tyrone	72.54
Belton	182.51
Gray Summit	118.78
Grace	858.00
Viburnum	342.78
Macedonia	25.00
Cope	36.83
Number One	45.54
Parkview	207.83
Harmony, K.C.	371.00
Mtn. Grove, First	622.56
Friendship	90.19
Union Grove	143.00
Verdella	179.15
Mill Creek	194.46
Hopewell	173.00
Walnut Grove	105.74
DeSoto	700.00
Gospel Light	158.51
Trinity	813.14
Hurryville	167.59
Faith, Fair Grove	146.20
Hazel Creek	345.87
Mt. Zion, Gower	59.46
Waynesville	84.50
Mt. Pisgah	123.00
Joplin	362.90
Merl's Chapel	65.54
Cabool	244.00
Cooper Mines	205.84
Leadington	459.00
Springfield, First	396.00
Wolf Creek	241.67
Rock Chapel	308.87
O'Fallon	338.30
Beacon	527.80
Byrd	17.00
Pleasant Hill	45.58
Monett, First	621.25
Seymour	91.96
Berkeley	417.01
Martinstown	50.00
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Kingsway	50.00
Cope	23.20
Harmony, K.C.	341.00
Thayer	439.50
Fellowship	80.00
Black Oak	10.00
Myrtle	154.23
Lebanon Bible & Book Store	400.00
Willow Springs	273.65
Fordland	346.89

Rolla.....	121.68
Oak Hill, Union	349.24
Happy Home	194.75
South Fremont	500.00
Bethel	443.00
Freeman Chapel.....	219.77
Union Light.....	174.20
Tyrone	50.97
Bailey Chapel	22.00
Farmington	1,150.00
Columbia	50.00
Mt. Zion, Thayer	71.96
New Harmony	17.18
Lebanon, First	376.57
Cape Girardeau.....	478.60

Interest on account 208.04

Total.....\$20,186.09

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

July 1983

Grace	\$ 723.00
Old Bethel	147.57
Berkeley	389.23
Desoto	700.00
Mine La Motte	27.50
Fredericktown, First	334.00
Eastern Gate	39.00
Number One	38.20
Royal Oak.....	25.00
O'Fallon	326.07
Victory, Alton	181.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	38.06
Mt. Zion, Gower	50.94
Byrd	17.37
Parkview	127.46
Pleasant Ridge	46.00
Mill Creek	135.84
United, West Plains	100.00
Community	99.57
Marshfield	163.23
Marshfield	200.29
Koshkonong	108.00
Macedonia	23.00
Twin Oak	400.00
Waynesville	62.00
Gray Summit	69.10
Terrill Road.....	82.00
Olivet	500.00
New Rock Springs.....	102.33
Friendship	81.46
Union Grove	105.00
Trinity	797.20
Mt. Pisgah	98.00
Grant Avenue	577.14
Belton	128.15
Viburnum	106.31
Richwoods	362.50
Hopewell.....	162.00
Happy Home	171.63
Faith, Fair Grove.....	121.08
Pleasant Home	499.88
Hartville	179.93
Hurryville	115.68
Hannon	255.70
Hickory Grove.....	46.03

Berean	8.81
Monett	452.42
Leadington	378.57
Seymour	52.11
Wolf Creek	200.80
Black Oak	10.00
Rock Chapel.....	235.48
Cabool	197.81
Copper Mines	236.87
Merl's Chapel	66.73
Neosho	142.50
Pleasant Hill	28.62
El Dorado Springs, First.....	5.00
Oskaloosa	53.85
Sikeston	57.27
Central	910.00
Aulsbury Chapel	933.51
Thayer	307.95
Happy Home	145.97
Willow Springs.....	217.46
Beacon	641.90
Jones Creek	76.81
Verdella	154.33
Farmington	1,150.00
Calvary, Conway	194.10
Sedalia	50.00
Flat River, First.....	556.65
Koshkonong	77.00
Lebanon, First	423.18
Cape Girardeau	379.96

Interest on account 207.14

Total.....\$17,616.25

MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING

June/July 1983

YOUTH CAMP

June/July 1983

Central (Pool)	\$ 172.36
Aulsbury Chapel	20.00
Thayer	20.00
Willow Springs.....	20.00
Eastern Gate (Pool)	500.00
Olivet	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	20.00
Hartville	20.00
Hannon	230.00
Pool (200.00)	
General Fund (30.00)	
Leadington	40.00
Victory, Alton (Pool)	100.00
Oskaloosa (Pool)	30.00
Myrtle	26.00
Fordland (Pool).....	503.52
Rock Chapel.....	20.00
Bootheel Ass'n (Pool).....	500.00
Bethel	50.00
New Rock Springs.....	10.00
Total.....	\$2,291.88

DESIGNATED GIFT TO BOB CARR ACCOUNT

Grant Avenue \$10.00

DESIGNATED GIFTS TO JOHN MCCLURE

Monett	\$50.00
Earnest & Bernice Thomas	10.00
Total	\$60.00

DESIGNATED GIVING TO GREENEVILLE CHILDREN'S HOME

Thayer (VBS offering)	\$204.18
Myrtle	3.11
Central	50.00
Total	\$257.29

DESIGNATED GIFTS TO HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Central	\$112.80
Hannon	100.00
Willow Springs	40.00
Trinity	26.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Leadington	20.00
Eastern Gate	10.00
Total	\$316.80

DESIGNATED GIFTS TO FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Leadington	\$20.00
Eastern Gate	10.00
Trinity	26.00
Total	\$56.00

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Berkeley	\$517.00
Fulcher	\$380.00
Maness	17.00
Lewis	20.00
General Fund	50.00
Deficit Accts.	50.00
Fredericktown, First	\$61.50
Barron	\$34.50
Pegram	2.00
General Fund	12.50
Shockey	12.50
Eastern Gate	\$20.00
Lewis	\$10.00
Vandivort	10.00
Dale & Marge McCurry	\$10.00
Nason	\$10.00
Marshfield	\$60.00
Maness	\$40.00
General Fund	10.00
O'Dell	10.00
Lebanon, first	\$30.00
O'Dell	\$ 5.00
Long	15.00
Lewis	10.00
Olivet	\$20.00
Maness	\$20.00
Trinity	\$26.00
General Fund	\$26.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$155.00
Vandivort	\$55.00
Maness	50.00
Lewis	50.00

South Side	20.00
Fulcher	\$10.00
Maness	10.00
Warren & Ann Livingston	\$40.00
Long	\$20.00
Lewis	20.00
Grant Avenue	\$38.00
Maness	\$15.00
General Fund	15.00
Vandivort	6.00
Mexico	2.00
Flat River, First	\$13.00
O'Dell	\$10.00
General Fund	3.00
United, West Plains	\$28.37
General Fund	\$28.37
Viburnum	\$50.00
Maness	\$20.00
Vandivort	20.00
Lewis	10.00
Harold Smith	\$20.00
Elder	\$20.00
Leadington	\$215.00
Maness	\$50.00
Vandivort	45.00
Fulcher	40.00
O'Dell	40.00
Long	40.00
Monett	\$288.02
VBS Offering Miguel Vera	\$130.02
Lake	101.00
Elder	7.00
Lewis	40.00
General Fund	10.00
Wolf Creek	\$20.00
Vandivort	\$20.00
Rock Chapel	\$325.51
Lake	\$325.51
Indian Creek Ass'n	\$15.00
Lake	\$15.00
South East Ass'n	\$100.00
Barron	\$100.00
Oskaloosa	\$5.00
Elder	\$5.00
Central	\$200.00
Maness	\$75.00
Highway Helper	80.00
General Fund	20.00
Colorado Springs	20.00
Elder	5.00
Thayer	\$60.00
Highway Helpers	\$52.00
Maness	8.00
Farmington	\$35.00
Thompson	\$30.00
Maness	5.00
Hannon	\$15.00
Elder	\$15.00
Bethel	\$181.76
Elder	\$98.26
Maness	30.00
General Fund	50.00
Long	3.50
Mtn. Grove	\$205.00
Vandivort	\$120.00
Lewis	5.00
Maness	80.00
Joplin	\$20.00
Lake	\$20.00

O'Fallon	\$5.00	
Fulcher	\$5.00	
Harmony, K.C.		\$60.00
Lake	\$50.00	
Maness	10.00	
Bob & Glenda Keith		\$10.00
Vandivort	\$10.00	
Myrtle		\$70.00
Maness	\$35.00	
Elder	25.00	
Evangelism	10.00	
Rolla		\$50.00
Vandivort	\$50.00	
South Fremont		\$4.00
Maness	\$4.00	
Columbia		\$26.65
Vandivort	\$10.00	
General Fund	\$16.65	
Total		\$3,019.81

FOREIGN MISSIONS GIVING **June/July 1983**

Berkeley		\$412.85
Murray	\$120.85	
General Fund	72.00	
Lytle	30.00	
Tallent	30.00	
Filkins	120.00	
Deficit Accts.	40.00	
Fredericktown, First		\$32.50
General Fund	\$17.50	
Turnbough	15.00	
Eastern Gate		\$30.00
Van Hook	\$10.00	
Tallent	10.00	
Pinkerton		\$50.00
O'Fallon	\$25.00	
Pinkerton	25.00	
Tallent		\$40.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$20.00	
McLain		20.00
Faith Chapel	\$20.00	
McLain		\$10.00
Dale & Marge McCurry		\$10.00
Tallent	\$10.00	
Marshfield		\$55.00
Tallent	\$45.00	
Bailey	10.00	
Olivet		\$75.00
Poole	\$20.00	
Sparks	15.00	
Inscoe	20.00	
McLain	10.00	
Pinkerton	10.00	
Trinity		\$291.13
General Fund	\$206.13	
Filkins	5.00	
McLain	25.00	
Morgan	25.00	
Wode	20.00	
Payne	10.00	
South Side		\$345.33
Tallent	\$345.33	
Grant Avenue		\$848.75
Pinkerton	\$358.50	
Hersey	150.00	
Tallent	155.00	
Bailey	74.25	

McLain	10.00	
Richards	5.00	
General Fund	40.00	
Deficit Accts.	56.00	
Flat River, First		\$59.00
Bailey	\$59.00	
United, West Plains		\$56.75
Pinkerton	\$56.75	
Viburnum		\$230.62
Bailey (Dinette Set)	\$85.62	
Bailey	70.00	
Turnbough	10.00	
Tallent	65.00	
Pleasant Home		\$145.00
McLain	\$65.00	
Bailey	65.00	
Pinkerton	15.00	
Hannon		\$271.52
Bunch	\$171.52	
Lytle	50.00	
Pinkerton	50.00	
Lebanon, First		\$12.00
Tallent	\$12.00	
Leadington		430.00
Turnbough	\$55.00	
Cowart	15.00	
Morgan	40.00	
Pinkerton	40.00	
Miley	40.00	
Hanna	40.00	
McLain	40.00	
Eagleton	40.00	
Bailey	40.00	
Richards	40.00	
Lytle	40.00	
Monett		\$825.00
Tallent	\$525.00	
General Fund	180.00	
Sparks	100.00	
Miley	20.00	
West Plains, First		\$262.00
Bailey	\$262.00	
Black Oak		\$37.95
Hanna	\$16.37	
Owens	21.58	
Martinstown		\$138.00
Pinkertown	\$10.00	
Hanna	48.00	
Sparks	20.00	
Richards	20.00	
Miley	20.00	
McLain	20.00	
Freeman Chapel		\$366.50
Pinkerton	\$366.50	
Central Western Association		\$79.43
Bunch	79.43	
Oskaloosa		\$147.00
Bunch	\$147.00	
Indian Creeks Ass'n		\$315.58
Filkins	\$100.00	
Bailey	95.29	
Tallent	5.00	
Morgan	30.00	
Cousineau	10.00	
Wode	10.00	
Bunch	65.29	
Cabool		\$149.00
McLain	\$149.00	

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POSTAGE
PAID AT
LEBANON,
MISSOURI AND AT
ADDITIONAL MAILING
OFFICES

Central		\$400.00	Pinkerton		35.00
Turnbough	\$ 5.00		Richards		15.00
Filkins	150.00		Payne		30.00
Haas	20.00		Bailey		25.00
Miley	50.00		Columbia		\$51.65
General Fund	175.00		Tallent	\$10.00	
Aulsbury Chapel		\$120.00	General Fund	16.65	
Pinkerton	\$60.00		McLain	25.00	
Bailey	60.00		New Harmony		\$109.46
Thayer		\$181.63	McLain	\$54.73	
McLain	\$164.63		Miley	54.73	
Pinkerton	5.00		Total		\$10,615.78
Tallent	12.00				
Farnington		\$2,177.00			
Bailey	\$2,077.00				
Pinkerton	100.00				
Fourth		\$320.00			
Lytle	\$300.00				
Tallent	20.00				
St. Francois Ass'n		\$600.00			
Bailey	\$600.00				
Clarence Burton		\$20.00			
Tallent	\$20.00				
United, Lemay		\$52.00			
General Fund	\$52.00				
Bethel		\$110.00			
General Fund	\$50.00				
Tallent	30.00				
Bailey	30.00				
Harmony, K.C.		\$50.00			
Pinkerton	\$40.00				
Turnbough	10.00				
Mtn. Grove, First		\$130.00			
General Fund	\$30.00				
Turnbough	5.00				
Tallent	30.00				
Cousineau	10.00				
Bailey	25.00				
McLain	15.00				
Pinkerton	15.00				
Kirksville		\$29.00			
Pinkerton	\$29.00				
Joplin		\$116.88			
Bunch	\$76.88				
Tallent	10.00				
Morgan	30.00				
Merl's Chapel		\$165.25			
Miley	\$165.25				
Houston		\$10.00			
Tallent	\$10.00				
Mrytle		\$72.00			
Tallent	\$30.00				
Bailey	42.00				
Fordland		\$30.00			
Tallent	10.00				
Pinkerton	20.00				
Rolla		\$10.00			
Turnbough	\$10.00				
South Fremont		\$125.00			
McLain	\$20.00				