

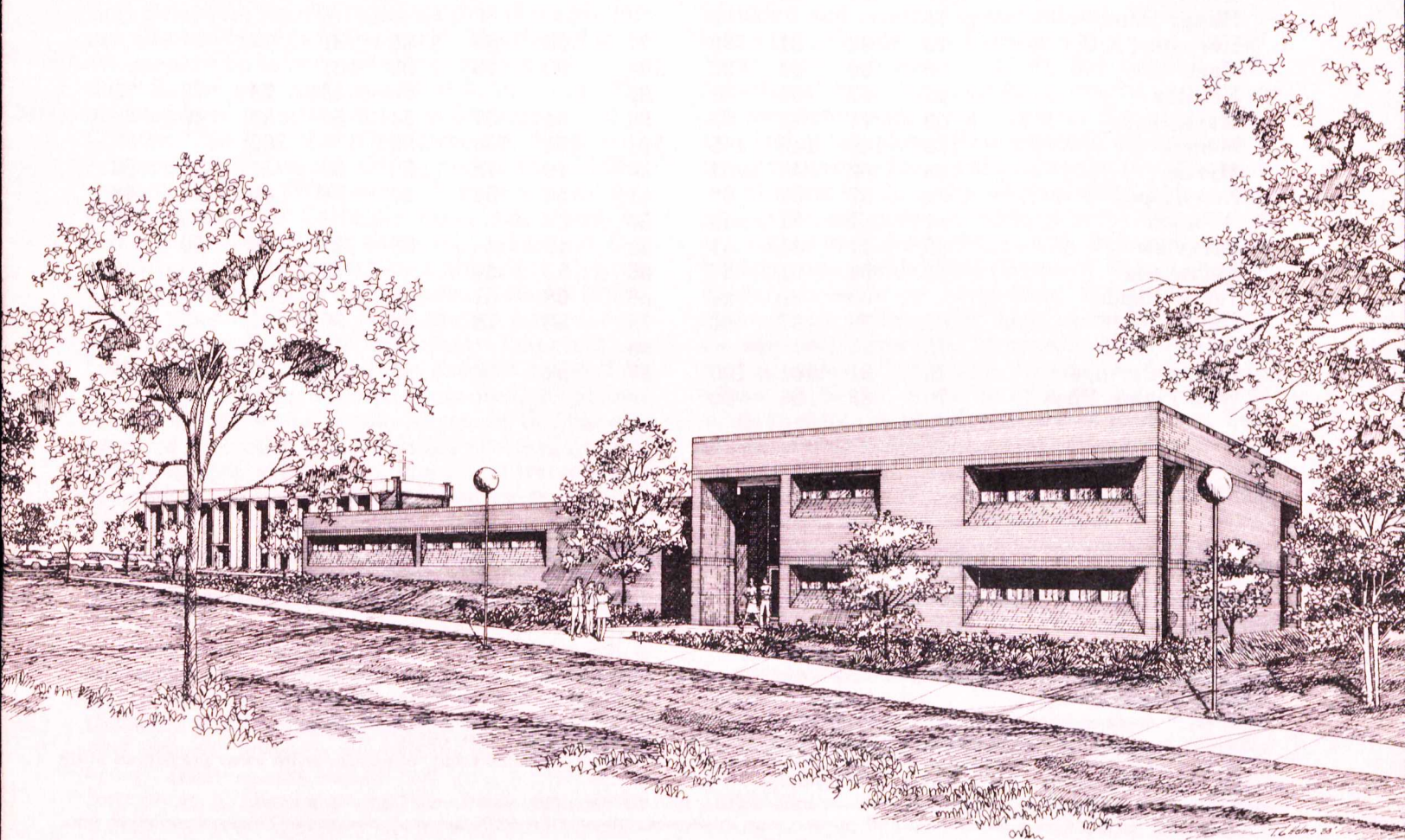
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CHURCHES	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.
Bethel	122	149	110	114	110	99	98	105	99	97	99	107
Calvary Fellowship	178	206	201	171	166	149	169					
Central	103	105	108	96	106	98						
Copper Mines	63	64	72	72	68	70	73	77	78			
Cuba												
Cape Girardeau	89	89	90	89	89	88	87	93	75	73	71	74
DeSoto												
Farmington	684	778	776	696	687	697	664	710	918	725	672	713
Flat River, First	169	184	184	164								
Fourth	115	117	114	97	90	91	102	98				
Fredericktown, First												
Grace	166	188	167	154	152	136	158					
Hannon	88	94	88								81	75
Happy Home	75											
Harmony, K.C.	73	92	81	69	77	63	88	86	81	77		
Hartville	93	99	99	95	101	90	93	99	101			
Houston	62	62	56	61	61			56	53	73	73	75
Marshfield	69	71	72	65	63	64	57	54	56	53	46	
Monett	138	146	145	145	151	151	166	188	178	165		
Myrtle	38	52	48	51	40	49	48	59	56	51	56	50
New Hope	51	67	63	58	51	52	54	47	56	46	41	48
O'Fallon	57	61	51	49	56	51					103	108
Parkview	40	41	45	41	41	49	40	36	43	42	50	50
Richwoods	53	56	61	57	55	58	64		79	90		
Terrill Road		40	59	47	56	58	51	66				61
United, W.P.	61	79	87	80	78	83	78	83	85	90	87	81
Victory, K.C.	65	70			95							
Willow Springs	76	91	101	100	87	91	96	85	93	93	75	86
West Plains, First	70	83	94	99								

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# REMEMBER THY CREATOR

by Dwight Chronister

One of the best loved parables the Lord Jesus ever told is recorded in Luke 15:11-32. The story of the prodigal son illustrates the point that once we have made Jesus King of our lives, we should remember the great position, with all its privileges, that has been bestowed upon us. Verse 17 is the key Scripture in understanding the message of this great parable; "And when he came to himself." It is clear that this young man had forgotten just who he was and what he had. This man had lost his identity. In today's world we find this problem to be true more than ever before.

Today, young people, middle aged, and old alike are failing to remember just who they are, where they come from, and why they exist. Before going further with this thought it's necessary that we divide people into two groups who "fail to remember God." The Holy Scripture clearly indicates that there are but two classes of people in the world. The first of these are people who have never accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and confessed Him before men. The unsaved here certainly failed to remember God as Creator. The fact that their lives are filled with emptiness and despair only supports the Biblical account reading "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Certainly, there is no reason for the unregenerated heart not to remember God. God has revealed some truths about himself to all mankind, whether they be lost or saved (Romans 19:20). One of these revelations is the human conscience, a sort of on-board computer of the heart that gives us a "reading" on right and wrong, dos and don'ts. This conscience however, if seared, or ignored, can become inaccurate and lead a person off course. God has also revealed himself to man through the testimony of nature as seen in this earth and the universe. More specifically, the sun rises and sets every day, the seasons make their gradual procession through time, as though guided by some great unchangable mechanism, all without the help of man and independent of his choosing either to remember or not to remember his Creator.

The second class of people that sometimes fail to remember God are those who have given their lives to Christ. Yes, the redeemed, saved sons of God sometimes fail to remember our Creator. It's remarkable how soon our loyalties can become divided after we accept Jesus as our Savior and give ourselves unreservedly to Him, making Him Lord of our lives. Again we recall the story of the wayward prodigal son. He had everything. He had a home where a loving father provided his every need, but in his

leaving this safe keeping, his actions indicated that he had failed to remember his father.

Our failure to remember where we come from can only bring us the natural results that were felt by the prodigal: despair and hopelessness. In this age of "nuclear jitters" with all the bombs and missiles, one cannot help but see the paradox of sin. Man without God is a hopeless situation, but let us not forget that it is part of the devil's "ploy" to place despair and hopelessness in the minds of Christian and non-Christian alike. No matter what the movies or media may depict, the Bible assures us that God is still in control of the destiny of this planet. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7).

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth" (Ecclesiastes 12:1) is a part of God's Word to mankind and relevant to our subject. What does it mean to remember our Creator while we're young? First, let's remember that we are dealing with "absolutes" here. An absolute is something that we are completely sure is right or true. The Holy Scripture is that "absolute." Young people, especially, are being swayed by the world's viewpoint that there are not absolute truths today, only opinions. This wrong philosophy suggests that as long as my opinion and my rights don't hurt anyone else, then my opinion becomes acceptable. This viewpoint, fostered by the destroyer, leads us away from the truth. These "humanistic philosophies" have been planted in our colleges and universities by non-Christian professors and educators. The young person who has named Christ as Savior is not to endure these values as presented by the world. God wants your very best efforts while you are young. He challenges your heart to remember Him. The Lord Jesus will confess before the Father those who confess and remember Him. His Word is absolutely sure and true.

God wants young and old to remember Him. Our Creator loves us infinitely, which means His will is committed to the betterment of our existence. Some people have the idea that God is some sort of kill-joy. They believe that He hates things that are fun and loves only things that are serious and somber. Nothing could be further from the truth. What God really hates is sin. It's sin that makes people unhappy; that destroys their existence and robs their lives of lasting joy, taking them away from their Father's house. Initially, sin may have some very temporal benefits. Being accepted in the crowd and doing everything everybody else is doing, may, for the moment, make us happy. But the ultimate result of going away from



God and missing the mark, like the prodigal, is not joy and by no means fun. The Bible reads in John 3:17, "for God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." It is God's divine will that in saving us from Hell, that He also save us from ourselves.

You may be thinking, "Well, that is just your opinion, I have mine, also." We recall the prodigal son had his own opinion and had to learn a very difficult lesson. "But when he came to himself" he remembered his father. God will always welcome and bless those who remember to commit their trust to His safe-keeping.

About the writer: Dwight Chronister is an active member of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Alton, Missouri. He and his wife serve as youth sponsors. Dwight is very committed to the teaching of the Word, which is reflected through his teaching and life.

## Churches People And Events

### Report from the Richwoods Church

Mrs. Junior Lewis writes, The Sunday school attendance for the following months are: July 58, August 64, September 54, October 57, and November 49. The church sponsored a hayride and wiener roast on October 29. There were seventy people that gathered at the Clarence Sohn farm for the occasion. Upon returning from the hayride everyone enjoyed a bountiful supply of roasted marshmallows and wieners.

On Sunday, December 11, the church held a service at the Haven of Rest Boarding Home. Reverend Parker, pastor, gave a short devotional message and the ladies provided fruit baskets for the residents of the home. That Sunday evening the church held a communion and feet washing service with Reverend Bill Reeves as the special speaker.

A long time member of the church, Sister Minnie Estelle Jackson, went to be with the Lord on December 11, 1983. Of the forty years of membership with the church Sister Jackson spent many of those years as a Sunday school teacher. She had the testimony, in the church and community as a fine Christian woman. She will surely be missed by friends and relatives.

### Old-Fashioned Day at Leadington

The Leadington Free Will Baptist Church proclaimed December 3, 1983 as "Old-Fashioned" Day.

Reverend James Barker, pastor, dressed in a "swallow tail" coat. He read from a family Bible published in 1871. The piano and organ were decorated with kerosene lamps. Many of the congregation dressed appropriately for the occasion. Mrs. Jean Jenkerson, church reporter writes, "Everyone had a great day!"



Part of the congregation at Leadington

### Dedication Day at Salem

Mrs. Mary Eden writes, The Salem Free Will Baptist Church held a Dedication Service to dedicate pews, pulpit, altar, pulpit chairs, and podium screens. There were 57 present for the service with an attendance of 45 for Sunday school. Reverend David Douglas delivered the morning message. A basket dinner was enjoyed in the lower level following the morning service. The Lord is blessing the church and we are enjoying our ministry with the folks of the church, continues Mrs. Eden. Mrs. Eden's husband, Reverend Bill Eden is the pastor of the church.

### Primary Class Makes Gift

Mrs. Sharon Bowers writes, the Mt. Zion Church supports missionaries but one of the primary classes received a special offering for Missionary Gary Elder. The class consisted of Mrs. Nancy Boles, Janet Bowers, Michael Holesapple, Jeremy Bowers, and Daniel Bowers. The special offering amounted to \$58.00. We ask the prayers of everyone that these little folks will always have a desire to serve the Lord.

### Youth Service at Monett

A youth conference was held at the Monett Free Will Baptist Church on January 7, 1984. There was a total attendance of 225 with groups from Calvary Baptist, Fellowship Baptist, First Free Will Baptist of Purdy, First Free Will Baptist of Carthage, First Free Will Baptist of Nesho, and Verdella Free Will Baptist of Liberal. Verdella received the award for the most present and coming from the farthest distance.

Dean Calico and his wife Vickie sang two special selections, and Scott and Brenda McCully sang. Reverend Ken Turner performed some amazing feats of Gospel magic to everyone's delight. The featured speaker was Joel Robertson, who made an



extremely fine presentation on The Christian and Rock Music. At the altar call both youth and adults filled the altar and front pews.

### **New Pastor at Hazel Creek**

The Hazel Creek Church, near Kirksville, Missouri recently called Reverend Randy Bishop to serve as pastor of the church. Reverend Bishop, a native of Joplin, Missouri comes from Denver, Colorado, having served one year as pastor of the Southside Free Will Baptist Church. The pastor and family, Mrs. Bishop and three children, Donovan, Amy and Timothy, are making their home in the parsonage.



Rev. Bishop and family

### **A Step of Faith for Twin Oaks**

The Twin Oaks Free Will Baptist Church recently voted to support their pastor with "full-time" support. This was a step of faith for the church and the pastor, Reverend Bob Thebeau.

The church reporter, Sister Madeline McFarland, writes, the church is doing well with souls being saved and the attendance increasing. The church is praying for Brother Bob, his wife Kathy, and their three children, Faron, Benny, and Bret.

The church recently hosted the District Sunday School Convention with a fine attendance from sister churches. A Woman's Auxiliary has recently been organized with an effort to get every woman in the church involved in the work of the church. The church will hold revival services with Reverend James Barker in the near future. A visitation program is going well with some Bible Study being done in some of the homes.

The church is blessed with a fine youth group and very dedicated teachers. The Lord is blessing and under His guidance the church will continue to go forward. In memory of William D. McFarland: Because Brother McFarland came to the end of his search, There is an empty pew in the Twin Oak Church. It was vacated by one so faithful and true, He has joined that Heavenly Church, Where angels made him welcome there too. Brother "Mac" is greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

### **Personnel Changes:**

Howard Anderson to Bailey Chapel Church, Bennett Springs

Floyd Arnold to Willow Springs Church, Mtn. Grove

Ollie Wright to First Church, Houston

Wesley Rider to Calvary Chapel Church, Buffalo

Lester Nutting to Pleasant Grove, Anderson

### **Christmas Greetings from:**

The Steve Lytle Family, Panama

Charolette Tallent, France

Carlisle and Marie Hanna, India

The Pinkertons, Africa

The Jeff Turnbough Family, Spain

Howard and Joan Filkins (former missionaries to Africa)

Vernon and Ada Long, Jackson, TN

The John McClure Family, Edinburg, TX (Not serving under Home Missions Board)

Editor's Note: The deadline for the Jan-Feb issue of the *Gem* was December 15. This is the first opportunity for these greetings to appear in *Gem*. Every missionary expresses gratitude for every gift to their account and requests the prayers of every Christian, that the Lord will continue to bless.



The Steve Lytle Family



Charolette Tallent



## Dedication Service at Hazel Creek

Sunday, October 30, 1983 was a very important and special day at Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church. (The church is located eight miles northwest of Kirksville, Missouri.) The church dedicated its new building to the Lord.

Mrs. Karen Sponsler, church reporter writes, the dedication service began with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus." Brother Boyd Filkins led the opening prayer. Brother Fletcher Riley, Sunday school superintendent, welcomed the congregation and guests. Sister Gladys Riley sang "Bless This House." Former pastors Chester Dauber and Wayne Parsons were recognized. Both made comments of pleasant memories of the church. This was followed with Brother Wendell Sevits leading the congregation in prayer.

Reverend Tom Drake, the pastor, led in a responsive reading and the congregation sang "Praise Him, Praise Him." The pastor led in the dedicatory prayer. Sister Melodie Sevits sang "Amazing Grace."

Reverend Archie Cooper, former pastor, delivered the dedicatory message. Following the message the congregation sang "Thank You, Lord". Brother Earl Sponsler led the prayer of benediction.

A time of fellowship and refreshments was enjoyed in the lower level with everyone praising the Lord for his blessings of 1983.



Inside Auditorium



Hazel Creek Church Building



Rev. Archie Cooper delivering message  
Pastor Tom Drake in pulpit chair

people of Missouri for their faithful support of National Home Missions in 1983. The state of Missouri gave \$103,957.63.

## Church Organized at Bourbon

On June 5, 1983, a group of Free Will Baptists (21 for Sunday school and 26 for morning worship) met for the first service in Bourbon, Missouri. Reverend O. D. Matthews delivered the message and is still serving as acting pastor.

This group was organized into a Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday evening, August 13, 1983. The Executive Committee of the Southeast District Association held the service.

Reverend Lloyd Smith, moderator of the Southeast District Association, moderated the meeting. Reverend Dale Statler, pastor of the Union Light Church, gave some instructions and presented the Church Covenant. Reverend David Kirby, pastor of the New Hope Church, delivered the message. He also led the congregation in prayer. Those presenting themselves as charter members were: Jack and Lorene Todd, Effie Todd, Herman and Ruby Ware, Larry and Donna Butler, James and Melba Vance, Morrie and Hester Tucker, Robert and Marie Kemp, Carroll and Judy Wymer and Gladys Wymer. On August 14, 1983, Donna Midgett united with the church. The church was called into a business session, and the following were elected to serve: Deacons—Brothers Jack Todd, Bob Kemp, James Vance. (These had served previously as ordained deacons in other churches.) Clerk-treasurer, Judy Wymer; Song Director, Herman Ware; Pianists, Marie Kemp and Lorene Todd; Sunday School Superintendent, Carroll Wymer; Sunday School teachers—Melba Vance, Ruby Ware, Donna Butler, Judy Wymer, Larry Butler, and James Vance; Ushers, Larry Butler and James Vance. Reverend Morris Tucker gave the benediction.

On Sunday, September 10, 1983, the church sponsored a singing with these special singers: Ken Turnbough and the Journeymen and the Ellis Gospel Singers. It was a great service with a full house, writes Marie Kemp, church reporter. On September 16, the church entered a float titled "The Birth Of Jesus" in the Bourbon Parade and won second place.

In December the church purchased the building that was being used, with its contents. It is very nice and we are so thankful for it. The Lord sent the church a pastor in December, Reverend Don Strauser and his wife Louise. They have one son, Donny and care for five other children.

The church held a Christmas Dinner for the church and a Wedding Anniversary Dinner for the pastor and family. This was held in the home of Carol Wymer. At the Southeast Quarterly Meeting the Bourbon Free Will Baptist Church won the attendance banner.

The church reporter continues, the Lord is blessing with 38 members in Sunday school and an average attendance of 33 for October, 30 for November, and 36 for December.

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A Word of Thanks: Reverend Roy Thomas, director of National Home Missions writes, Thanks to the good



## Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College Library-Classroom Building

### I. PERSONAL CHALLENGE

(From Richard Robinson and Tim Eaton)

Free Will Baptists had a vision of a college in 1959, when classes began in the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma. It was not until 1966 that the first permanent building was completed on the present campus. There have been many steps of faith and buildings completed since that time. Once again Hillsdale takes a step forward with the construction of a new Library-Classroom Building. The new Library-Classroom Building will double the present book space and study area. A quality library is vital to a quality education.

As friends of Hillsdale, we believe you will want to have a part in this new Library-Classroom Building. This project represents a commitment to provide quality education that will meet real needs in our Free Will Baptist Family.

Each year several Missouri students make their way to Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. Now, Missouri pastors and laymen, it is our opportunity to help Hillsdale. May 6, 1984 has been set aside for Missouri Free Will Baptists as Hillsdale Day. Why not take commitments and give this Sunday's offering to Hillsdale? If your budget cannot afford this, take a special offering and hand out commitment cards. Brochures and commitment cards can be ordered from: Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, P. O. Box 7208 Moore, Oklahoma 73153 or phone 405/794-6661.

This building will be a reality as we, God's people, respond. We need Free Will Baptist colleges for Christian education. Hillsdale is a great place where our young people can receive their education in a Christian atmosphere.

Hillsdale proposes to build this building and pay cash for its construction. The total cost is \$640,000.00. At this writing over \$50,000.00 in cash and commitments has been donated. Let us, as Missouri pastors and lay people, rally together with the other friends of Hillsdale. Pray that this new addition will be built debt free, all for the glory of God.

### II. PROGRESS CHARTED

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College continues the commitment to provide quality for a growing college. With an increase in enrollment the past three years, Hillsdale takes another step forward with the construction of a new Library-Classroom Building.

**LIBRARY:** The new Library Classroom Building will double the present book space and study area. A quality library is vital to quality education.

**CLASSROOMS:** More classroom space will provide better teaching and laboratory facilities as well as improve class scheduling.

**FACULTY OFFICES:** Private faculty offices will provide more efficient working areas and opportunity for private consultation with students.

**OTHER FACILITIES:** The New Library-Classroom Building will provide opportunity for reorganizing present space into other facilities for increased efficiency of the college.

**NORTH CENTRAL ACCREDITATION:** Academic credibility open doors to matching gifts, and opportunities for foundation grants will be enhanced by North Central Accreditation. Hillsdale is in the process of applying for candidacy status with North Central Association. This building will help the college obtain this objective.

### III. PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

**CASH:** The Board of Trustees and Administration proposes to build the building on a cash basis.

**DEBT-FREE:** Raising cash for the building will leave the college debt-free and allow continued operation on a safe financial base.

**ONE-HALF BEFORE CONSTRUCTION:** Approval for the building specifies that construction will not begin until one-half of the cost of the building has been raised in cash or commitments. Your response will assure an early date for beginning construction.

**HILLSDALE CASH:** Hillsdale is setting aside \$4,190 per month into a Future Building fund. This fund will have approximately \$150,000 at the end of the year.

The CASH COST	COMPOUND COST
Structure \$590,000	\$ 140,000 cash
Promotion 50,000	500,000 borrowed
Total Cost \$640,000	+ 759,631 interest @
	+ 15%-15 yrs.
	\$1,399,631 Total Cost

**HELP HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE  
SAVE BY PAYING CASH FOR THIS BUILDING.**

### IV. PERSONAL COMMITMENTS

Commitments Needed	Options for Paying
1 @ \$50,000 = \$ 50,000	*** Cash
4 @ 25,000 = 100,000	Now
10 @ 10,000 = 100,000	Designated future date
150 @ 1,000 = 150,000	
250 @ 500 = 125,000	*** 12 Monthly Payments
1,150 @ 100 = 115,000	To college
Total \$640,000	Other

**CHURCHES** may wish to set a goal (example: \$100 x number of families = goal) and then plan a method for reaching that goal. To meet the church's goal, gifts given can be from the church treasury as well as from individuals.

**INDIVIDUALS** are asked to make a commitment. Your commitment may be given through your church to help meet the church's goal. Make your commitment known to the college. Hillsdale cannot begin construction until one-half is raised in cash and commitments. Help the college begin construction, then help finish the building.

**I BELIEVE GOD WANTS ME TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING COMMITMENT.**

#### Investment in HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE LIBRARY-CLASSROOM BUILDING

By trusting God, I promise to give by faith to the Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College Library-Classroom Building Project. I make the following commitment.

\$10,000 \_\_\_\_\_, \$5,000 \_\_\_\_\_, \$2,500 \_\_\_\_\_, \$1,000 \_\_\_\_\_,

\$500 \_\_\_\_\_, \$250 \_\_\_\_\_, \$100 \_\_\_\_\_, \$50 \_\_\_\_\_, Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_,

CASH PAYMENT: \_\_\_\_\_, Now \_\_\_\_\_, Designated Future Date

12 MONTHLY PAYMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_, To College \_\_\_\_\_, Other

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Also, please place me on the college mailing list.



This is the first in a series of six "Minute Meditations" by Gene Crewse. Gene is a serious student of the Word and offers some stimulating and provoking thoughts. He is serving as pastor of the Pleasant Home Church, serves on the Executive Committee of the Mission Association, and is supportive of the state and national ministries.

"And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 25:30).

Not a very pleasant thought, is it? Yet it is one that we must confront, for we shall all appear before God in judgment. Although we have no choice as to whether we are present at the judgment, we do have a choice of what we present at God's judgment.

Some may say that this unprofitable servant was not a valid servant because to say that, God would cast one who *has* known Him into Hell. This would be like denying the substitutionary offering of Christ. However, if we look at the situation more closely, we find it does not deny the substitutionary offering of the Savior, but it demonstrates the slothfulness offered by the servant.

May this verse challenge us to do works meet for repentance, and bring forth fruit that reflects in fruitful, productive living for the Lord.

### Youth Camp Greetings

Dale and Marge write, "Thank God for the opportunity to serve Him at Youth Camp. We have experienced the worse winter in over 60 years. Yet we are excited about this year.

On the Spring calendar we are excited about the Hillsdale Retreat, April 13 and 14. Then, in the spring or summer we will schedule dates for any church that wants to come for a work day on Saturday from April 20—May 26. Many cabins are in need of repair, such as windows, doors, roofs, paint, and general clean-up. If your church or association has a cabin, it is responsible for its upkeep. There are many other jobs that need attention. Please help. Please call in advance in order for meals to be prepared."

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# REVIVAL

This is the third and last in the series on revival by Brother Strain.

### Part III

In Acts 8:8 we read about the results of REVIVAL at Samaria. I am convinced that when a church has real revival there will be some good results that benefit the church. The church at Samaria was filled with joy; and not only the church but the entire city was filled with joy.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could have that kind of revival in our churches in America? Wouldn't it be wonderful if our cities were filled with joy because of the right kind of living that true revival will bring?

The results of revival are thrilling to contemplate but more blessed to experience. Just think of the hundreds of homes in our communities that revival could put back together. List all of the places of sin in your community and then think about what would happen if God really got a hold of the community. There will never be another cure for the sin that blackens our nation. REVIVAL that is heaven sent is our only hope.

The cure for dying churches in our towns is Revival. Christians rejoice when people are being born into the kingdom of God. Problems are forgotten, the preacher is inspired afresh and anew. How long has it been since you've had revival? Revival starts in the hearts and lives of born again Christians. If you want revival and really mean business with God, I believe that God wants to send revival to your life and through your life influence others to come to Jesus Christ.

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## Internal Revenue Ruling 83-3 Delayed

The Internal Revenue Service has delayed the application of Internal Revenue Ruling number 83-3 until December 31, 1984. The Ruling states that a minister who includes real estate taxes and interest on a home mortgage to justify a parsonage allowance exclusion may not deduct these items separately on the 1040 Form. The Ruling was to have been effective June 30, 1983.

Though this delay applies for ministers who owned and occupied their homes before January 3, 1983, others who bought homes after January 2, 1983, will not be allowed to deduct mortgage interest and real estate property taxes, if used to justify a parsonage allowance. However, a limited deduction for mortgage interest and real estate property taxes is allowable if the minister actually spends more than the designated parsonage allowance.

Revenue Ruling 83-3 will apply to all ministers starting in 1985, unless IRS extends the effective date or Congress rescinds the Ruling.

Ruling 83-3 does not change parsonage allowance or repeal Sec. 107 of the Internal Revenue Code. Mortgage interest and real estate property taxes are still to be included in the parsonage allowance exclusion. The Ruling is related only to the use of these two items as "deductions" on the 1040 Form.

## Social Security Changes

Beginning January 1, 1984, all churches (and other non-profit organizations) are required to withhold and pay social security (FICA) taxes on wages paid to all non-ordained employees who earn \$50 or more a quarter.

By January 1, 1984, all churches with employees, part or full-time, other than ordained ministers, should have an Employer Identification Number from Internal Revenue Services. Application should be made on Form SS-4. Along with the Employer Identification Number, IRS furnishes forms, reports and information on procedures for withholding and paying social security taxes.

Ordained ministers continue to be treated as "self-employed" by the IRS for social security purposes. However, the last social security changes for 1984 require ministers to pay a net tax rate of 11.3%, an increase of 1.95% over 1983 taxes. The gross tax rate is actually 14% but is reduced by a 2.7% tax credit for 1984.

As in past years the church cannot pay social security taxes directly to the government for the minister. Most churches give money directly to the minister to cover all or part of his social security taxes. Money given for taxes is subject to both income and social security taxes.

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# Points for Pastors

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by James McAllister

Not every church should have a radio ministry. Not every pastor has the voice for radio, and not every church can afford the financial cost.

It is my opinion that a church should start a radio ministry only if they can do it without jeopardizing other more profitable means of outreach. For example one should never choose a radio ministry over the bus ministry. Radio will bring in a few people compared to the bus ministry.

The effectiveness of radio is rapidly diminishing as a method of reaching out into the community. Listeners are adept at "tuning out" what they don't want to hear. For example, they will change stations rather than listen to a 15 or 30 minute program.

Since radio time is so expensive one needs to make the most of his radio time and money. I suggest the

following:

1. Don't buy time on religious stations unless you simply want to minister to people who are probably already evangelized. Unsaved people seldom listen to religious stations. It's much better to buy time on a commercial station.
2. Sunday broadcasts reach church people as well as shut-ins and senior citizens. Week day programs may reach unsaved. However, these broadcasts need to be short and to the point.
3. The opening attention getter should be dramatic appeal to self interest, or an unusual sound. In the body of the message, without too many words, tell the listener everything he needs to know as colorfully and as dramatically as possible.

One last thing about the church radio ministry, it should be done and well organized with developed music, announcing, preaching and recording.



# **COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS** **December 1983**

18.50%	Missouri State Home Missions .....	\$ 2,830.92
16.75%	Executive Office and Gem .....	2,563.13
3.50%	General Fund .....	535.58
6.50%	Youth Camp .....	994.65
1.75%	Christian Board of Education .....	267.79
1.75%	Sunday School and CTS .....	267.79
6.75%	Retirement Village .....	1,032.90
5.00%	Missouri State Retirement Program .....	765.11
6.00%	Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College .....	918.14
33.50%	National Departments .....	5,126.27
	Foreign Missions	
	FWBBC	
	Executive Office	
	National Home Missions	
	Board of Retirement and Insurance	
	Laymen's Board	
	Theological Commission	
Total	.....	\$15,302.28

As usual this month is closed out early in order that most of the receipts for the month can be counted towards the 1983 total giving for the National Association. The Lord is blessing, churches are giving and the gospel is being preached. May the Lord bless every pastor and church that shares in the cooperative plan of support for the cause of Christ throughout the world.

# **COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS** **January 1984**

18.50%	Missouri State Home Missions .....	\$ 4,833.65
16.75%	Promotional Department .....	4,376.41
3.50%	General Fund .....	914.47
6.50%	Youth Camp .....	1,698.31
1.75%	Christian Board of Education .....	457.24
1.75%	Sunday School and CTS .....	457.24
6.75%	Retirement Village .....	1,763.63
5.00%	Missouri State Program .....	1,306.39
6.00%	Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College .....	1,567.67
33.50	National Departments .....	\$8,752.84
	Foreign Missions	
	FWBBC	
	Executive Office	
	National Home Missions	
	Board of Retirement and Insurance	
	Layman's Board	
	Theological Commission	
Total	.....	\$26,127.85

The first month in 1984 has been a fine month. I trust that this is reflective of the months to follow. The Lord has blessed in so many ways, and we are so thankful. We trust His continued blessings on the labor of the Missouri State Association as we share in telling the Good News, not only at home, but throughout the world. May the Lord bless every faithful pastor and church.

# **COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS** **December 1983**

Farmington .....	\$ 1,150.00
Monett .....	544.78
Fordland .....	378.65
Royal Oak .....	22.00
Walnut Grove .....	108.00
Salem .....	30.00

Bethel .....	313.00
Sikeston .....	63.53
Hannon .....	254.72
Gray Summit .....	67.49
Harmony, K.C. ....	240.00
Pleasant Ridge .....	58.00
Macedonia .....	20.00
Number One .....	38.90
Friendship .....	72.13
Bailey Chapel .....	40.00
Hazel Creek .....	358.55
Berean .....	8.32
O'Fallon .....	85.94
Olivet .....	250.00
Happy Home .....	99.27
Mill Creek .....	150.37
Union Grove .....	80.00
DeSoto .....	600.00
New Harmony .....	7.47
Parkview .....	170.36
Viburnum .....	130.59
Joplin .....	128.29
Merl's Chapel .....	53.53
Fredericktown, First .....	315.00
Trinity .....	767.22
Tyrone .....	37.75
Marshfield .....	156.82
Mine La Motte .....	35.00
Mt. Zion, Gower .....	86.64
Houston .....	100.00
Houston .....	98.70
Freeman Chapel .....	71.12
Victory, Alton .....	194.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	128.00
Hopewell .....	132.00
United, West Plains .....	226.52
Belton .....	144.00
Way Side .....	87.25
Verdella .....	126.27
Terrill Road .....	80.00
Jones Chapel .....	433.51
Hartville .....	154.37
Pleasant Home .....	156.71
Grace .....	679.00
Calvary, Conway .....	165.83
Rolla .....	110.73
West Plains, First .....	170.64
Koshkonong .....	74.00
Mtn. Grove .....	738.37
Mtn. Grove .....	579.54
Leadington .....	335.00
O'Fallon .....	101.83
O'Fallon .....	118.96
Copper Mines .....	223.92
Flat River, First .....	581.11
Byrd .....	13.60
Salem .....	30.00
Rock Chapel .....	179.61
Martinstown .....	45.00
Wolf Creek .....	189.90
Black Oak .....	10.00
Sedalia .....	48.00
Calvary Chapel, Buffalo .....	159.41
Pleasant Hill .....	40.21
Thayer .....	230.75
Purdy .....	139.69
Hickory Grove .....	47.67
Eastern Gate .....	19.00
Lingo .....	39.87
Seymour .....	87.38
Hurryville .....	103.58
Cabool .....	202.96
Lebanon, First .....	314.18
Cape Girardeau .....	256.51
Interest paid on account .....	211.26
Total Cooperative Receipts .....	\$15,302.28



**COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS**  
**January 1984**

Cope .....	\$ 18.00
Friendship .....	71.42
Bailey Chapel .....	33.00
Number One .....	32.00
Mt. Zion, Gower .....	62.20
Union Light .....	154.35
Fordland .....	299.00
Farmington .....	1,150.00
Willow Springs .....	180.23
Harmony, K.C. ....	346.00
Myrtle .....	77.48
Mill Creek .....	83.74
Union .....	60.00
Terrill Road .....	76.00
Macedonia .....	20.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown .....	62.35
Mine LaMotte .....	20.00
Gray Summit .....	73.15
Pleasant Ridge .....	35.00
Viburnum .....	115.27
Parkview .....	167.63
Fredericktown, First .....	270.00
DeSoto .....	650.00
Tyrone .....	53.90
Way Side .....	110.51
United, West Plains .....	191.99
New Home .....	40.47
Sikeston .....	54.36
Mt. Pisgah .....	107.00
South Fremont .....	1,500.00
Bethel .....	315.00
Victory, Alton .....	200.00
O'Fallon .....	194.14
Marshfield .....	140.90
Olivet .....	250.00
South Fremont .....	60.00
Hartville .....	154.83
Twin Oak .....	440.00
Old Bethel .....	170.00
Belton .....	156.88
Union Grove .....	52.50
Joplin .....	459.19
Merl's Chapel .....	47.69
Neosho .....	71.25
Carthage .....	57.00
Royal Oak .....	18.00
Flat River, First .....	380.94
Houston .....	100.00
Houston .....	100.00
Pleasant Home .....	181.02
Rolla .....	97.68
Jones Creek .....	156.24
O'Fallon .....	87.65
Calvary Chapel .....	209.50
Freeman Chapel .....	83.72
Cabool .....	210.05
Hannon .....	227.20
New Rock Springs .....	59.66
Grace .....	721.00
Hurryville .....	112.63
Sedalia .....	30.00
Mt. Zion, Thayer .....	40.84
Trinity .....	754.26
Kingsway .....	75.00
Grant Avenue .....	2,250.00
Seymour .....	75.06
Rock Chapel .....	235.42
Salem .....	30.00
O'Fallon .....	104.10
Waynesville .....	71.98
Pleasant Hill .....	23.56
Black Oak .....	10.00
South Fremont .....	88.00

Verdella .....	145.82
Wolf Creek .....	240.71
Purdy .....	169.73
Copper Mines .....	121.86
Happy Home .....	208.75
Leadington .....	360.00
Byrd .....	17.15
Berkeley .....	492.33
Berkeley .....	413.21
Hopewell .....	189.00
Koshkonong .....	92.00
Thayer .....	286.70
South Fremont .....	55.00
Beacon .....	1,270.60
Beacon .....	686.05
Monett .....	483.27
South Fremont .....	55.00
Joplin .....	231.48
Neosho .....	71.25
Farmington .....	1,150.00
Central .....	910.00
O'Fallon .....	256.56
El Dorado Springs, 1st. ....	5.00
O'Fallon .....	20.00
Aulsbury Chapel .....	819.00
St. Francois District Association .....	19.50
Number One .....	42.72
New Rock Springs .....	94.80
Myrtle .....	323.76
Happy Home .....	128.12
Cape Girardeau .....	515.53
Lebanon, First .....	667.02
Interest paid on Account .....	167.99
Total cooperative Receipts .....	\$26,127.85

**MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS GIVING**  
**September/October 1983**

Houston .....	\$ 49.56
Macedonia, Woman's Auxiliary .....	100.00
Myrtle, Woman's Auxiliary .....	7.50
Thayer, Woman's Auxiliary .....	20.00
Terrill Road Moberly .....	73.50
William Ragsdale .....	5.00
Cooperative Receipts .....	6,584.32
Monett .....	100.00
Pleasant Ridge .....	20.00
Myrtle .....	113.00
Liberty, Kirksville .....	46.00
Columbia .....	21.00
Harmony, K. C. ....	72.00
New Harmony .....	56.84
Indian Creek Association .....	1,080.96
Farmington .....	500.00
Leadington .....	120.00
Bethel .....	108.00
Pleasant Home .....	130.00
Marshfield .....	20.00
United, West Plains .....	40.38
Thayer .....	222.03
Big Creek .....	30.00
Aulsbury Chapel .....	20.00
James A. Williams .....	94.24
James Gideon .....	10.00
Pleasant Grove .....	75.00
Bill Christensen .....	10.00
Grace .....	53.00
Olivet .....	285.00
Argle Housley .....	10.00
Willow Springs .....	157.50
Rock Chapel .....	100.00
Jerry Cook .....	20.00
Berean .....	9.83
Parkview .....	2.00
Oak Hill .....	30.66



DeSoto	50.00
Jones Chapel	120.00
Wayne Williams	10.00
Guy Leonard	2.00
Bert Marshall	10.00
Victory	72.00
Union Light	18.00
Oak Hill	10.85
Mill Creek Y/A Sunday School Class	10.00
Bourbon	70.00
Trinity	5.00
Beacon	70.00
Fordland	20.00
D. McCurry	10.00
Berkeley	50.00
MO Woman's Auxiliary	80.60
Darla Jacks	2.00
Belton	25.00
Wilma Robinson	5.00
Ruth Hart	10.00
Dale Underwood	10.00
Leck Eaton	10.00
Total	\$11,067.77

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#### MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS GIVING November/December 1983

Guy Leonard	\$ 4.00
Mill Creek Y/A Sunday School Class	30.00
Sedalia	65.00
Bert Marshall	10.00
Willow Springs	57.00
John Barton	10.00
Olivet	100.00
O'Fallon	48.00
Marshfield	35.00
Pleasant Ridge	20.00
Bethel	110.00
Columbia	32.00
Carl & Judy Ice	10.00
Lloyd Walls	10.00
Leadington	262.90
Monett	406.90
Trinity	35.00
Pleasant Home	130.00
Aulsbury Chapel	36.52
Berkeley	150.00
Jones Chapel	28.00
Gospel Light	24.64
Viburnum	25.49
New Harmony	52.37
Thayer	53.35
Hurryville	60.48
Mtn. Grove	311.75
Myrtle	68.00
Cooperative Receipts	7,454.88
Beacon	75.00
Jim Williams	63.10
Belton	60.00
Diana Kruger	2.00
Dale Cochran	10.00
Daniel Vandivort	25.00
Doug Thompson	5.00
Dave Suttles	10.00
David Lane	10.00
Grace	99.00
Oak Hill	16.42
Jones Chapel Walk-A-Thon	436.00
Jones Chapel Missionary Conference	413.00
Jones Chapel	85.00

Wayne Williams	5.00
Bourbon	20.00
Darla Jacks	2.00
C. T. Christensen	10.00
Royal Oak	20.00
Liberty Kirksville	8.00
Ind. Ck Association	382.96
Central	174.51
Rock Chapel	138.82
South Fremont	116.00
United, West Plains	121.25
Grant Ave.	464.50
Harmony, K.C.	45.00
Venita & Joe Fritz	6.00
Fred & Wanda Huett	25.00
DeSoto	100.00
Total	\$12,589.84

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#### MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING December 1983/January 1984

Warren & Ann Livingston	\$25.00
Long	\$25.00
Fordland	\$67.00
Maness	\$52.00
General Fund	5.00
Vandivort	10.00
Farmington	\$95.00
Thompson	\$50.00
E. Turnbough	25.00
Maness	10.00
Criswell	5.00
Vandivort	5.00
Harmony, K.C.	\$50.00
Maness	\$10.00
Lake	40.00
Myrtle	\$218.00
Elder	\$78.00
Maness	80.00
Highway Helpers	40.00
Evangelism	20.00
Viburnum	\$70.00
E. Turnbough	\$30.00
Vandivort	20.00
Maness	20.00
Fredericktown, First	\$76.50
Barron	\$36.50
General Fund	7.50
Shockey	12.50
Lewis	20.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$150.00
Maness	\$50.00
Vandivort	50.00
Lewis	50.00
South Fremont	\$4.00
Maness	\$4.00
Bethel	\$129.50
General Fund	\$50.00
Elder	69.50
Maness	10.00
O'Fallon	\$35.00
Fulcher	\$20.00
Adkisson	15.00
Bob & Glenda Keith	\$10.00
Vandivort	\$10.00
Dale & Marge McCurry	\$10.00
Nason	\$10.00
Marshfield	\$35.00
Maness	\$30.00
General Fund	5.00



Olivet.....	\$40.00		Fordland .....	\$30.00	
Maness.....	\$40.00		Tallent .....	\$30.00	
Indian Creek Association .....	\$10.00		Farmington .....	\$416.00	
Lake .....	\$10.00		Pinkerton .....	\$276.00	
Flat River, First .....	\$12.00		Bailey.....	130.00	
E. Turnbough .....	\$12.00		Bunch.....	10.00	
Columbia .....	\$83.94		Harmony, K.C.....	\$130.00	
General Fund.....	\$63.94		Turnbough .....	\$130.00	
Vandivort .....	\$20.00		Myrtle .....	\$209.00	
Rolla .....	\$100.00		Tallent .....	\$ 89.00	
Vandivort .....	\$100.00		Bailey.....	120.00	
Lebanon, First .....	\$50.00		Aulsbury Chapel .....	\$180.00	
O'Dell .....	\$50.00		Pinkerton .....	\$90.00	
Southeast District Association .....	\$100.00		Bailey.....	90.00	
Vandivort .....	\$100.00		Pleasant Ridge .....	\$40.00	
Hannon .....	\$10.00		General Fund.....	\$20.00	
Elder .....	\$10.00		McLain .....	20.00	
Grant Avenue .....	\$51.50		Viburnum .....	\$63.00	
Mexico .....	\$ 6.00		General Fund.....	\$25.00	
Maness.....	12.50		Tallent .....	14.00	
General Fund.....	15.00		Bailey.....	24.00	
Vandivort .....	18.00		Fredericktown, First .....	\$22.50	
Leadington.....	\$225.00		Bailey.....	\$10.00	
Maness.....	\$50.00		General Fund.....	7.50	
Vandivort .....	55.00		Turnbough .....	5.00	
Fulcher .....	40.00		United, West Plains .....	\$55.90	
O'Dell .....	40.00		Bunch.....	\$55.90	
Long .....	40.00		Liberty, Kirksville.....	\$46.00	
Wolf Creek .....	\$20.00		Pinkerton .....	\$46.00	
Vandivort .....	\$10.00		South Fremont .....	\$60.00	
E. Smallwood .....	\$15.00		McLain .....	\$15.00	
Highway Helpers .....	\$15.00		Bailey.....	10.00	
Myrtle .....	\$372.00		Pinkerton .....	30.00	
Deficit Accounts .....	\$100.00		Richards .....	5.00	
Fulcher .....	240.00		Bethel .....	\$70.00	
Lewis .....	20.00		Bailey.....	\$10.00	
Maness.....	12.00		General Fund.....	50.00	
Thayer.....	\$30.00		Tallent .....	10.00	
Highway Helpers .....	\$25.00		O'Fallon .....	\$15.75	
Maness.....	5.00		Tallent .....	\$15.75	
Monett.....	\$53.00		Dale & Marge McCurry.....	\$10.00	
Lewis .....	\$10.00		Tallent .....	\$10.00	
Lake .....	43.00		Marshfield .....	\$40.00	
Central .....	\$196.83		Tallent .....	\$30.00	
General Fund.....	\$146.83		Bailey.....	10.00	
Maness.....	30.00		Olivet .....	\$100.00	
Highway Helpers .....	10.00		Poole .....	\$30.00	
O'Dell .....	10.00		Inscoe .....	30.00	
New Rock Springs.....	\$50.00		Sparks .....	20.00	
Vandivort .....	\$50.00		McLain .....	10.00	
Trinity.....	\$20.00		Pinkerton .....	10.00	
Fulcher .....	\$20.00		Verdella Youth Group .....	\$25.00	
Mtn. Grove.....	\$334.35		Lytle .....	\$25.00	
Maness.....	\$134.35		Belton .....	\$50.00	
General Fund.....	10.00		Miley .....	\$50.00	
Vandivort .....	180.00		Indian Creek Association .....	\$254.10	
Lewis .....	10.00		McCullough .....	\$100.00	
Carroll & Judy Wymer .....	\$10.00		Bunch.....	54.80	
Adkisson .....	10.00		Bailey.....	74.30	
Victory, Alton.....	\$300.00		Banks .....	15.00	
Undesignated .....			Morgan .....	10.00	
Eastern Gate .....	\$20.00		Flat River, First .....	\$60.00	
Vandivort .....	\$10.00		Bailey.....	\$30.00	
Lewis .....	10.00		General Fund.....	27.00	
Total .....	\$3,078.62		McLain .....	3.00	
			Columbia .....	\$40.34	
			General Fund.....	\$10.34	
			Tallent .....	20.00	
			McLain .....	10.00	
			Houston.....	\$25.00	
			Tallent .....	\$25.00	
			Pleasant Home .....	\$275.00	
			Pinkerton .....	\$ 25.00	
			Bailey.....	125.00	
			McLain .....	125.00	

**FOREIGN MISSIONS**  
**December 1983/January 1984**

South Side .....	\$270.90	
Tallent .....	\$270.90	
Fourth.....	\$320.00	
Lytle .....	\$290.00	
Tallent .....	30.00	



Freeman Chapel .....	\$517.49	Cousineau .....	20.00
Pinkerton .....	\$517.49	Pinkerton .....	80.00
Hannon .....	\$240.96	Tallent .....	70.00
Bunch .....	\$140.96	McLain .....	92.50
Lytle .....	50.00	Hanna .....	10.00
Pinkerton .....	50.00	Gibbs .....	20.00
Faith Chapel .....	\$20.00	General Fund .....	30.00
McLain .....	\$20.00	Martinstown .....	\$100.00
Sedalia .....	\$13.34	Richards .....	\$20.00
Inscoe .....	\$13.34	Sparks .....	\$20.00
Thelma Hoyt & Byrd Jr. Sunday School Class .....	\$60.00	McLain .....	\$20.00
Bailey .....	\$60.00	Miley .....	\$20.00
Trinity .....	\$652.42	Hanna .....	\$20.00
General Fund .....	\$142.42	Leamon Killian .....	\$10.00
Hanna .....	500.00	McLain .....	\$10.00
Tallent .....	5.00	Eastern Gate .....	\$30.00
B. Nicholson .....	5.00	Tallent .....	\$10.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$1,365.55	Van Hook .....	10.00
Hersey .....	\$600.00	Pinkerton .....	10.00
Bailey .....	181.25	Total .....	\$8,419.82
General Fund .....	146.30		
Pinkerton .....	238.00		
McLain .....	67.50		
Richards .....	7.50		
Tallent .....	125.00		
Leadington .....	\$420.00		
Cowart .....	10.00		
Turnbough .....	50.00		
Pinkerton .....	40.00		
Miley .....	40.00		
McLain .....	40.00		
Hanna .....	40.00		
Eagleton .....	40.00		
Lytle .....	40.00		
Richards .....	40.00		
Bailey .....	40.00		
Morgan .....	40.00		
Black Oak .....	\$101.42		
Terry Eagleton .....	\$42.89		
Banks .....	58.53		
Lebanon, First .....	\$85.00		
Tallent .....	\$25.00		
McLain .....	20.00		
Bunch .....	20.00		
Bailey .....	10.00		
Pinkerton .....	10.00		
West Plains, First .....	\$196.00		
Bailey .....	\$196.00		
Berkeley .....	\$260.00		
Deficit Accounts .....	\$200.00		
Tallent .....	30.00		
Lytle .....	30.00		
Fourth Bible Sunday School Class .....	\$10.00		
McLain .....	\$10.00		
Thayer .....	\$10.00		
Pinkerton .....	\$10.00		
Monett .....	\$426.00		
Tallent .....	\$280.00		
Bailey .....	15.00		
Sparks .....	30.00		
General Fund .....	101.00		
Central .....	\$493.79		
Bunch .....	\$473.79		
Miley .....	10.00		
Filkins .....	10.00		
New Hope, Fredericktown .....	\$30.00		
Tallent .....	\$30.00		
New Harmony .....	\$48.38		
McLain .....	\$24.19		
Miley .....	24.19		
Bertha Stafford Estate .....	\$13.48		
General Fund .....	\$13.48		
Mtn. Grove .....	\$507.50		
Bailey .....	\$155.00		
Turnbough .....	15.00		
Aldridge .....	15.00		

Missouri Designated Giving December 1983/January 1984	
YOUTH CAMP	
Willow Springs .....	\$ 10.00
Aulsbury Chapel .....	30.00
Myrtle .....	47.00
James & Diana Crawford (Pool) .....	72.87
Mt. Pisgah .....	20.00
Bethel .....	50.00
Olivet (Pool) .....	50.00
Hartville .....	20.00
Hannon .....	30.00
Leadington .....	40.00
Thayer .....	20.00
Farmington (Pool) .....	20.00
Central (Pool) .....	79.77
Lebanon, First (Pool) .....	300.00
New Rock Springs .....	10.00
Bertha Stafford Estate .....	13.48
Total .....	\$833.12
FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE	
Grant Avenue .....	\$20.00
Leadington .....	40.00
Eastern Gate .....	10.00
Calvary Chapel Adult Sunday School Class .....	44.80
Total .....	\$114.80
HILLSDALE	
Willow Springs .....	\$ 20.00
Hannon .....	100.00
St. Francois District Association (Lib. Bldg. Fund) .....	282.25
Grant Avenue .....	26.00
Mtn. Grove .....	30.00
Eastern Gate .....	10.00
Total .....	\$468.25
CHILDREN'S HOME	
Myrtle .....	\$11.60
Len & Lucille Gardner .....	23.00
Total .....	\$34.60
NATIONAL BOARD OF RETIREMENT & INSURANCE	
Grant Avenue .....	\$2.00
BOB CARR ACCOUNT	
Grant Avenue .....	\$15.00
WORLD VISION	
Verdella (Cairo, Egypt) .....	\$163.26
Fordland (Cairo, Egypt) .....	152.47
Lebanon, First (Cairo, Egypt) .....	5.21
Total .....	\$320.94



#### JOHN MCCLURE ACCOUNT

Monett.....	\$50.00
Mtn. Grove, First.....	20.00
Total .....	\$70.00

#### Calendar of Events

##### *Hillsdale Teen Retreat*

April 13-14, Youth Camp, Niangua

##### *State Competitive Activities*

May 5, First Church, Mtn. Grove

##### *Missouri State Association Activities*

Tuesday, May 29, General Board Meeting, First Church, 3rd & Van Buren

Tuesday Evening, Youth Service

Wednesday, May 30, W.A. State Convention  
W.A. Banquet, Evening Meal

Wednesday Evening, Missouri State Association  
Services will continue through Friday noon. Into  
afternoon if business session necessitates it.

##### *Youth Camp Sessions*

June 3-8	Group I, pre-teen
June 10-15	Group II, pre-teen
June 17-22	Group I, teen
June 24-29	Group II, teen

Cost \$25.00 camper

Cost \$15.00 sponsors and/or any adult staying at  
camp

(The Youth Camp Board suggests that the church  
pay the cost for the sponsor as an expression of  
appreciation to the sponsor for caring for the chil-  
dren.)

*All Boards Meeting & State Missions Workshop*  
September 24-26, Youth camp, Niangua

##### *Church Evangelism Conference*

September 7-8

First Church, Mtn. Grove

Sponsored by First Quarterly Meeting

##### *National Association N.Y.C. & W.N.A.C.*

July 15-19, Little Rock, Arkansas

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#### REVIVAL TIME IN MISSOURI, OCTOBER 1985

The cost for publishing the Gem, each issue has  
increased \$344.04. Because of this it is necessary to  
increase the subscription rate to \$3.00 each, church

family plan, and \$3.50 each, individual subscription.  
This change will be reflected in the next billing. (This  
was approved by the General Board November 7,  
1983).

#### MOTELS

Brentwood Motel Located at the second exit of I-44  
Phone 417-532-6131

1 couple	1 bed	\$21.00 plus tax
3 persons	2 beds	\$28.00 plus tax
2 couples	2 beds	\$31.00

Holiday Inn Located exit 127 off I-44

Phone 417-532-7111

1 person	1 bed	\$32.00
2 persons	2 beds	\$37.00
Triple		\$41.00
Quad		\$45.00

(Teens and younger free with parents)

Forest Manor Located at exit 130 of I-44

Phone: 417-532-6114

1 couple	1 bed	\$19.00
2 persons	2 beds	\$23.00

(King size beds available)

(Extra)

R.V. Hookups are available at this Motel

\$7.50 Full Hookup

\$7.00 Electric

\$6.00 No Hookup

Shower and laundry available

Wyota Inn Located exit 130 off I-44

Phone: 417-532-6111

1 person	1 bed	\$30.00
2 Persons	2 beds	\$34.00

(\$3.00 per person extra)

White Sands Located exit 127 off I-44

Phone 417-532-3128

1 person	1 bed	\$16.00
2 persons	1 bed	\$19.00
4 persons	2 beds	\$26.00

Shepherd Hills Motel Located exit 127 off I-44

Phone 417-532-3133

2 persons	1 bed	\$30.00
2 persons	2 beds	\$34.00

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### Pension Plan Changes

Beginning January 1, 1984, some important changes in the retirement pension plan will be effective. Perhaps the most important change is a provision for ministers to make personal "before tax dollars" contributions. This means that contributions can be excluded from yearly taxable income, as with an IRA account. Up to now the minister's personal contributions have been "after tax dollars" and subject to taxes when earned. After January 1, 1984, earnings on personal contributions will also be tax delayed (due at withdrawal, death, disability or retirement).

There will be a substantial penalty for early withdrawal of personal contributions, as in IRA plans. Trust regulations regarding withdrawal of

employer contributions remain unchanged: Funds may be withdrawn only at death, disability or retirement.

Under Sec. 107 of the IRS Code, income a minister receives from a denominational pension plan can now be designated as housing allowance and excluded from taxable income. No other pension retirement income qualifies for this tax exclusion.

Designated housing allowance, whether from the church or pension income, must be used for providing a home—mortgage payments, rent, upkeep, repairs, utilities, etc. IRS can require a record of costs and expenses. The minister, not the church or Board of Retirement, is responsible for the proper use of the allowance.

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# Essentials of Evangelism

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Seeing men, women, boys and girls come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior is one of the greatest blessings in the life of a church. Not only has this been happening at our church but we have had an added blessing. We are watching these new converts to Christ grow into effective soul-winners themselves.

It is my conviction that new Christians should be introduced to soul-winning early in their Christian life. Any follow-up program for new converts should include a lesson on soul-winning. These new converts need to hear soul-winning messages from the pulpit and be encouraged to attend soul-winning workshops. In addition, there should be soul-winning opportunities provided by the church such as weekly visitation programs. These weekly opportunities give the new convert the chance to actually be used of

the Holy Spirit to witness to the unsaved.

Last Thursday night during our regular visitation program, a recent convert went with me soul-winning. This new Christian had already been instrumental in bringing two other men to salvation in Christ. Last Thursday he witnessed a third man kneel in his home and get right with God. The following Sunday this new Christian stood before our congregation with the man who got right with God on Thursday night as a public testimony of the power of God that's at work in men's lives. This new Christian I had gone soul-winning with stopped me after the service Sunday and said that he would like to have a new convert to stand with before our church every week!

May we always encourage our new converts to be soul-winners.