

Vol. 54, No. 3, May-June, 1984

Free Will Baptist

USPS 209-480

GEM

"Voice Of Missouri Free Will Baptists"

Youth Camp



**Plan now
to be in
on the
summer
fun!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1983-84

CHURCHES	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.
Belton	110	114	110	99	98				34	37	41	42
Bethel	201	171	166	149	169	105	99	97	99	107	104	122
Calvary Fellowship	108	96	106	98								
Central	72	72	68	70	73	77	78	70	60	57	63	
Copper Mines												
Cuba	90	89	89	88	87	93	75	73	71	74	62	68
Cape Girardeau	776	696	687	697	664	710	918	725	672	162	160	167
DeSoto	184	164								713	699	746
Farmington	114	97	90	91	102	98						
Flat River, First	167	154	152	136	158							
Fourth	88											
Fredericktown, First									81	75	73	80
Grace	81	69	77	63	88							
Hannon	99	95	101	90	93	86	81	77			68	77
Happy Home	56	61	61			99	101					
Harmony, K.C.	72	65	63	64	57	56	53	73	75	76	77	88
Hartville	145	145	151	151	166	54	56	53	46	38	42	44
Houston	48	51	40	49	48	188	178	165	149	165	164	174
Marshfield	63	58	51	52	54	59	56	51	56	50		
Monett	51	49	56	51		47	56	46	41	48		
Myrtle	45	41	41	49	40				103	108		
New Hope	61	57	55	58	64	36	43	42	50	50	50	60
O'Fallon	59	47	56	58	51		79	90				
Parkview	87	80	78	83	78	66				61	56	83
Richwoods			95			83	85	90	87	81	84	
Terrill Road	101	100	87	91	96							
United, W.P.	94	99	90	92	104	85	93	93	75	86	77	83
Victory, K.C.						95	118	102	107	105	101	
Willow Springs												
West Plains, First												

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

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

Address all correspondence relating to the GEM, including subscription and mailing information to the above address.
Woman's Auxiliary news may be mailed to Shirley Bowden, 303 West Commercial, Lebanon, MO 65546

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

All items for publication must be in the hands of the editor no later than the 15th of the month preceding the issue month.
Subscription Rates: Single subscription, \$2.50 per year, cash in advance. Church Plan: \$2.00 per year consisting of five subscriptions or more.

The Church Plan will continue until it is canceled by the church.
Second Class Postage paid at Lebanon, MO and at additional mailing offices. This magazine is published bi-monthly.

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

State Association Program

Program for Missouri State Association, Youth Service, and Woman's Auxiliary
Tuesday, May 29, 1984
General Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m., First Church, 3rd & Van Buren

Youth Service Rev. Howard Gwartney, presiding
 7:30 p.m. Congregation Singing
 Special Music
 Message: Rev. Connie Cariker
 Benediction

Wednesday, May 30, 1984

Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Theme: "Spiritual Mountaineering"
 Theme Song: "I Want That Mountain"

9:00 a.m. Welcome: Vivian Burton
 Response: Lita Munn
 Appointment of Committees
 Seating of Delegates
 Missionary Hotline and Mission Prayer
 International Brunch

11:00 Worship Service
 Worship in Song
 Prayer
 Special Music: Beacon Melodies
 Speaker: Rev. Stan Bunch, Missionary
 Appointee to Panama

Lunch Break
 1:45 p.m. Convene Back
 Worship In Song
 Devotional: "Preparation of the Climb"
 Helen McAllister
 Special Music: Ann Phillips
 Business Session
 Dismiss for Banquet
 Banquet at Wyota Inn Restaurant
 Speaker: Brenda Bunch, Missionary
 Appointee to Panama

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

Theme: Back To The Bible
 7:30 Congregational Singing: Rev. Ted Wilbanks
 Convening the Association: Rev. Joe Braddy, Clerk
 Welcome
 Response: Rev. John England
 Congregational Singing
 Special Music
 Offering
 Special Music
 Message: "The Architecture of the Bible"
 2 Peter 1:21
 Dr. Charles Thigpen
 Benediction

Thursday, May 31, 1984

9:00 Congregation Singing
 Morning Devotional: Rev. Roger Harwell
 9:15 Credential Committee Report
 Seating of Delegates
 Moderator's Message
 Partial General Board Report
 Report of National Office Representatives
 as directed by moderator
 Coresponding messengers may be on
 program as directed by moderator
 10:45 Recess
 11:00 Morning Worship: Rev. Gene Crewse,
 presiding
 Congregational Singing
 Special Music
 Message: "The Application of the Bible"
 2 Timothy 3:16, 17
 Rev. Joe Braddy
 Benediction

Thursday Afternoon

1:30 Congregational Singing
 Devotional: Rev. Greg McAllister
 1:45 General Board Report cont'd
 Report of Executive Secretary
 Report of Christian Education Board
 Report of Home Missions Board
 Report of Sunday School & CTS Board
 Report of Youth Camp Board
 Report of Lebanon Bible & Bookstore
 (It may be necessary for some reports to
 be made on Friday.)
 4:00 Adjournment

Thursday Evening

7:30 Worship Hour: Rev. Time Eaton,
 presiding
 Congregational Singing
 Special Music
 Offering: "Missions"
 Congregational Singing
 Special Music
 Message: "The Adversary of the Bible"
 Galatians 1:6-8
 Rev. Lonnie DaVoult
 Benediction

Friday, June 1, 1984

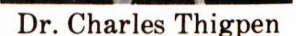
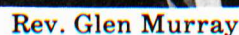
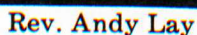
9:00 Congregation Singing
 Devotional: Rev. Steve Hale
 9:15 Report of Resolution Committee
 Report of Obituary Committee
 Report of Placement Committee
 Report of Nominating Committee

1:30 Remaining Business
Dismissal

A seminar on Deferred Giving, and/or Christ Centered Estate Planning will be held Wednesday afternoon, May 30. There will be two 45-minute sessions 1:30-2:15, 2:30-3:15. Christian Stewardship involves much more than tithing one's income and giving offerings. It also involves directing the distribution of the assets one leaves behind when he goes to be with the Lord.

This is being sponsored by the Christian Board of Education, one of the standing boards of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Photos not available for all speakers



We are not shepherds looking in Dothan for pasture land. We are believers in “the name” (see Acts 2:21). We are called Free Will Baptists. I trust we are now saying: “Let us go to Lebanon (Missouri) May 29—June 1. There we shall renew our fellowship, receive new encouragement, enjoy new inspiration, and be a blessing.” Perhaps as a result we will share with a new zeal the vision God has for His church.

We are indeed a part of our Lord's great body, the church. We have received His commissions. The association is a means whereby we can sharpen our focus and renew our faith—that is our goal.

Somewhere recently, I picked up this thought. I think it applies here. "Without God we can not. Without us God will not."

Now As Then

by Raymond Haden

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). John said, "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made." Part of this wonderful creation and perhaps the best part of all was the creation of Adam and Eve. They were real people and symbolic of the human race.

When God breathed into Adam's nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul, He might have thought, "now I will have someone with whom I may have fellowship. I have someone who is capable of returning my love; someone I can talk with and share the world. I believe that God was glad to have someone made in His likeness and image. What a beautiful passage that states, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." Of course God knew that man would sin and fall away from his perfection with which he was created. Adam and Eve sinned and it seems the longer we go the worse sin gets. In God's Word we read, "And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man" (Luke 17:26). The Bible states, and we know, that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Adam and Eve sinned, and we have sinned.

Peter tells us that in the last days there will be scoffers who will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." Things do continue in some respects. The law of nature is basically the same. The seasons still come and go. The birds still sing and the rivers still flow to the seas. But the promise of His coming is just as real today as it was in the day of the apostles. And man's sinful condition has caused him to lose sight of the coming of the Lord.

What about those who claim to be Christians? How many have left their first love? God has always demanded top priority in our lives. He wants first place. When God made Adam, there was a commitment on the part of God to Adam. But what a wonderful thought to know that when a man commits himself to God, he will be indwelt by God, the Holy Spirit. This overwhelms me! God in the presence of the Holy Spirit lives in me as a believer.

When I read in the Word of God about those 13 men that Jesus chose to be His disciples, I think of the tremendous change that was made in their lives after Pentecost. Peter was impulsive and rash. Thomas couldn't believe without seeing, and the others had their faults as well. What kind of changes have we allowed the Holy Spirit to make in our lives? The Bible states that we are to be filled with the Spirit. This comes by yielding ourselves to the Lord. If we follow this admonition, it will keep us from following afar off and it will enable us to walk by faith rather than by sight. We are facing a real personal enemy, the devil. He will do all that he can to trap us and cause us to yield to temptation. So, we must remember what he has caused others to do throughout history and stay close to Jesus. May we not be guilty of disobedience as others have, but may we now determine that we will live for Jesus and let Him be our example.

About the writer: Reverend Raymond Haden is presently serving as pastor of the Happy Home Free Will Baptist Church. He has served as moderator of the Harmony Quarterly Meeting and is presently serving as a member of the executive committee. He and the church he serves are very supportive of the state and national ministries.

Points for Pastors

by Jim McAllister

The midweek newsletter can be a very blessed outreach tool for the local church. It doesn't need to go out weekly, maybe only once a month, but every church does need to communicate to its congregation as well as to those who are still unchurched.

Direct mail is a vehicle for transmitting the message of the church in permanent, written, printed, or processed form, by controlled distribution directed to a selected audience.

Basic types of midweek mail-outs can be mimeographed, printed, or illustrated personal letters. Postcards also get the point across very well. They are easily printed, addressed, and the cost is relatively

low. Other methods such as folders or brochures can be used.

An occasional pastoral letter is also very effective. It can be a letter of welcome, a letter of invitation, congratulations, or grief. A pastoral letter can be sent to visitors, new members, new parents, new converts, newly married, or to those who are sick.

One can also mail out church bulletins or folders. These can be used to familiarize the community with church programs, ministries, personnel, location, or service times. As Free Will Baptists, we need to eagerly acquaint our community with our doctrine, history, and denominational distinctives.

Churches People And Events

Educational Building Dedicated at Fordland

On Sunday March 11, 1984, the Fordland Free Will Baptist Church held a Dedication Service for its new educational structure. The building consists of three large classrooms, two additional bathrooms, a kitchen and fellowship hall. The new addition complements the present auditorium and educational area.

Reverend Nathan Ruble, pastor, stated at the morning worship, "This building that we are dedicating this morning is a labor of love. The cost in dollars and cents has been very nominal but the cost in love has been great. A great big thanks to the men and women that have helped to make this day possible."

Reverend Clarence Burton, state executive secretary, delivered the dedicatory message. He used as his subject "The Model Church" and emphasized three points that were essential for a model church, a work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope.

The pastor led in the Worship of Dedication and presented the keys to the Board of Trustees: Leon Nutt, chairman, Wayne Crowe, Bill Elgie, Danny Hill, and Raymond Elliott.



Pastor and Trustees



Pastor, Congregation Fordland Church

Sno-Queen Banquet at O'Fallon

The O'Fallon Free Will Baptist Church held its annual teen Sno-Queen Banquet on February 25, 1984. There were 33 teens present for the catered candle-light dinner. The theme for this year's banquet was "The Treasures Of The Snow". The guests were seated by Reverend Ken Petty, pastor, who was doorman for the occasion. The welcome and opening prayer was given by youth director Rick Dement. The dinner was served by the waitresses and waiter, Shelia Petty, Jamie Dement, Judy Tubbs, and Jim Tubbs.

Following the delicious dinner, entertainment was provided by Lisa Hewlett who sang, "His Blood Was Precious Blood" and a skit by Tim Stephens, Jeff Combs, Shelia Reed, and Linda Whitaker. The special speaker, Rick Dement, spoke on the theme of the banquet.

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the king and queen. The candidates were selected by a "penny a vote." The money will be used to finance a trip to the Passion Play and Silver Dollar City. Jeff Marshall was elected king with Scott York as first runner-up. The queen elected was Shelia Reed with first runner-up Angie Holten. These four will serve on a youth committee with two directors, Shirley Jackson (high teens) and Judy Tubbs (low teens). This committee will plan the activities for the teens throughout the year.



King, Queen and Runners-up at Banquet

Two Missourians Selected for Leadership Training

Russell Roderick of the Fordland Free Will Baptist Church and Mike Pointer of the South Fremont Free Will Baptist Church have been selected by the Sunday School and Church Training Department to participate in a Leadership Training Endeavor. The Youth Ministries of the National Department is offering this to young people in the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The training will consist of one week at Free Will Baptist Bible College, one week of retreat (skills and spiritual interests will be developed), and one week of training and service at the National Youth Conference which meets with the National Association in Little Rock, Arkansas.

National Convention to Emphasize Revival Theme

The National Association of Free Will Baptists will meet July 15-19 in Little Rock, Arkansas. More than 5,500 delegates and visitors from 40 states are expected to convene at the Statehouse Convention Center for the five-day meeting.

Speaking on the theme of revival will be, Tennessee Pastor Vernon Barker; Oklahoma Executive Secretary, Lonnie DaVoult; Arkansas Pastor, Terry Forrest; and Foreign Missionary, Jimmy Aldridge, will speak at the Wednesday evening missionary service. Bible Conference speakers will be Ken Walker, J. M. Creech, and Billy Jackson. The speaker for the Sunday evening Youth service is Reverend Keith Burden.

The one-day Woman's Auxiliary National Convention will have as its speaker for the 11:00 service, Missionary Fred Hersey.

National Home Missions and VBS Offerings

The National Home Missions Department is offering a Bible Almanac to the pastor or church that gives its Vacation Bible School offerings to National Home Missions. The offering should be designated to the Institute account which supports the Institute of Gold and seven national pastors in Mexico, or any other missionary one would choose. The address, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

Blessing at the Faith Church

Sister Green, the church reporter at the Faith Church at Lemay, Missouri, writes that the Lord is blessing at the Faith Free Will Baptist Church. A new church sign has been placed in front of the church, with a continuous light drawing attention to the place of worship; renovation has been taking place in the lower level giving more classroom space; two new heating and air conditioning furnaces have been installed. This has been done by the men and boys of the church doing the labor.

Several new families have begun attending the services at the church which has resulted in an increase of attendance. Recently, two young men committed their lives to the Lord. This resulted in them burning their rock and roll records. But what a glowing testimony they gave as a result of their decision to follow Jesus all the way.

Reverend H. T. Dann is the pastor of the growing church.

Friendship Banquet at United

On February 11, 1984, the Woman's Auxiliary of the United Free Will Baptist Church of West Plains held their second annual Friendship Banquet. Fifty

people were in attendance for the occasion held at a local restaurant.

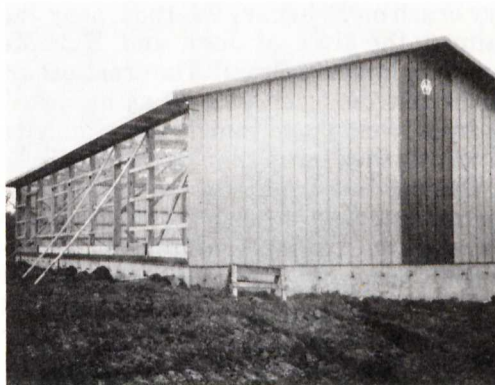
Lillian Brooks and Eudene Adkisson planned the program of singing, games, and skits that were humorous but yet revealed the true role of the Christians. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful fellowship and left with the feeling that God's people have more fun than anyone.

Building Under Construction at Carthage

Reverend Jim Williams, missionary pastor at Carthage, Missouri, writes, that the church at Carthage is under construction. The snow and rain have delayed the work but it looks now as if it will be completed in the near future. (The church plans to begin holding services in the lower level by the middle of May). The church site is located near the Brooklyn Heights exit, just off highway 71. It is choice a location and very accessible.

Brother Williams reports that a number of people have been saved and some have rededicated their lives since the mission began holding services in a rented building in downtown Carthage. He requests that anyone having information concerning relatives or friends in the Carthage area to please write him and give the names and addresses.

Jim, his wife Grace, and children are working in a joint project with the Missouri State Home Missions Board, The Indian Creek District Association, and the National Home Missions Board.



Bldg in progress at Carthage



Jim and Grace Williams

Wedding Anniversary for the Robinsons

On February 26, 1984, Reverend Richard Robinson and his lovely wife Betty celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary. The event was hosted by their children: Melinda of SMSU, Springfield, Missouri, and Scott of Thayer. It was held at the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church. Co-hosting the event were the members of the Thayer Church.

The color scheme for the Fellowship Hall was blue and white. Complementing the decoration was a large tiered cake and beautiful candlelabras.

Reverend and Mrs. Robinson were also celebrating the beginning of their seventh year as pastor of the church. The exciting occasion was enjoyed by everyone.

50th Wedding Anniversary for the Beattys

The children and grandchildren of Reverend and Mrs. Harry Beatty wish to invite their friends to attend and celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

A reception will be held in their honor on June 16, 1984 from 2 o'clock to 4 o'clock in the afternoon at the United Free Will Baptist Church, Highway 63 bypass Lanton Road, West Plains, Missouri.

Missionary Couple Killed in Auto Crash

A fiery crash on February 28, 1984, near Jackson, TN, claimed the lives of John and Kay Metcalf, missionary apointees to Brazil. The crash occurred at an icy overpass on Interstate 40 as an east-bound tractor-trailer went out of control and skidded across the median into the path of the Metcalfs' 1979 Caprice Classic. The car burst into flames upon impact. All evidence indicated death occurred upon impact. The Metcalfs' were en route from missionary services in Florida and Georgia to their home in Tulsa, OK.

John is survived by his father and step-mother of Collinsville, OK. Kay is survived by her parents Reverend and Mrs. Jerry Dudley of Moore, OK. Editor's note: The folks of the Missouri State Association extend warm Christian sympathy to the families.

Valentine Party at Lingo

Dianna Street, church reporter of the Lingo Free Will Baptist Church, writes that a Valentine Party was held at the church with a contest for Mr. and Miss Sweetheart. It was a fun, yet important, contest because the money collected was given to the Ken Bailey Account. Miss Sweetheart was Holly Redus with a total collected of \$32.87. Mr. Sweetheart was James Massey with a total collected of \$14.37. The total amount raised was \$145.00 This was great, inasmuch as the children only had a week and a half

to raise the money. Junior Church has recently been started with an average of 30 children in attendance.

Reverend Allen Sanders is the pastor of the church.

Good Revival at Rolla

Reverend Dale Cochran, pastor of the Rolla Free Will Baptist Church, writes that the church enjoyed a wonderful revival. The church witnessed the power of God in four professions of faith in Jesus (one was the pastor's mother and sister). Five people united with the church and two came to rededicate their lives to the Lord. Six people made the decision to follow the Lord in the ordinance of Water Baptism. Evangelist Don Pegram served as the evangelist and was a tremendous blessing. He has been invited to serve as the evangelist next year.

Note: Change of Address for Youth Camp Treasurer. Reverend Bud Arnold, North Star Route, Box 4AA, Mtn. Grove, MO 65711.

Valentine Dinner at Thayer Church

The church reporter of the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church writes that many special things have been happening in Thayer. On February 12, a Valentine Dinner was held in the Fellowship Hall following the morning worship service. A special thanks goes to Teresa Hickinbotham and Cheryl Oakes for topping the event with a drawing for the selection of Mr. and Miss Valentine in different age groups. The ones selected were: age group 0-4, Mr. Valentine, Adam Barton and Miss Valentine, Brook Johnson; age group 5-12, Mr. Valentine, J. R. Bennett and Miss Valentine, Misty Goetting; age group 13-19, Mr. Valentine, Steve Hickinbotham and Miss Valentine, Sonja Hinkle.

Valentine candy was given to everyone and it was stated that "Everyone is a winner that has Jesus in his heart."



Winners at Valentine Dinner—Thayer

Two churches recently broke Their Sunday School and church attendance records!

The First Free Will Baptist Church of O'Fallon, Missouri set a goal of 250. The attendance for Sunday, March 18 was 308! Reverend Kenny Petty, pastor, stated that this was done by believing a church can grow, praying for church growth, and laboring for church growth. He and his wife Shelia have been serving the church approximately six months.

The Calvary Chapel Church of Buffalo, Missouri, broke its Sunday school and church attendance record on Sunday, April 1. The Sunday school attendance was 95 and the worship attendance was over 100! (This is a relatively new church.) Reverend Wes Rider stated that because of a combined effort, we did it. We can continue to grow if we keep our eyes on Jesus, pray hard, and work as if Jesus were coming today. He and his wife Peggy have been serving the church approximately five months.



Calvary Chapel Congregation



Phyllis, Judy and Sunday School Class, O'Fallon Church



Shirley Jackson and Sunday School Class, O'Fallon Church



Calvary Chapel, Pastor and Bill Blair, SS Supt.



O'Fallon Church, pastor (first on rt.) and congregation



O'Fallon Church, Choir, Music Director and pastor

Special Day for Reverend James Barker

On Sunday, February 26, 1984, Reverend and Mrs. James Barker were given a special day by the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church. The Barkers have completed ten years of pastoral service to the church and Brother Barker had announced that, because of health reasons he was retiring from active pastoral ministry.

A brief resume of the 42 years Brother Barker served in the ministry was prepared by his daughter, Mrs. Sharon Graham. Reverend Clarence Burton, state executive secretary, read the summary at the morning worship.

Brother James Barker responded to the call to the ministry on April 5, 1942 at Flat River, Missouri. He was licensed to preach July 11, 1942, and ordained on July 24, 1943, in St. Louis, Missouri. He served these churches as pastor: Aulsbury Chapel, Wortham, Desloge (Parkview), Third Church (St. Louis), Farmington, Hurryville, Viburnum, Mill Creek, and Leadington. He has filled these offices outside the labor of the church: served as moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and member of the St. Francois quarterly Meeting Board, and served as moderator of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting. During his span of ministry he served in the military during World War II. He served in the United States Army from May 1944 to February 1946 and was awarded the purple heart for being wounded in action while in the European Theater of Operation.

Mrs. Geneva Barker served as a faithful wife and dedicated worker, sharing with her husband the joys, sorrows, and blessings of the ministry. She states that no greater blessing has come to her than the blessings of organizing the Ladies' Prayer Group and the Prayer Hot Line at the Leadington Church.



Brother Barker spoke to an auditorium pleasantly filled at the morning worship. "Thanks for being here and making this a special day for Geneva and me. Your love for us has made it easy for us to love you and labor with you. I am not retiring from the ministry, but because of health reasons, I am retiring from active pastoral work. May the Lord continue to use all of us in promoting the cause of Christ by our labor for Him."

Brother Jack Burns, along with his wife and others who helped prepare for the Special Day, presented Brother and Sister Barker with a special plaque that recognized appreciation from the church to a dedicated minister and wife for their service to the Lord.

A delicious dinner was served in the Fellowship Hall by the ladies of the church.

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

What is the most important form of evangelism? Some might answer that mass evangelism brings the best results. While others perhaps would say that revival evangelist campaigns in the local church are the most effective. Still others would support personal soul winning, Good News clubs, Bible camps, etc., as the most successful form of evangelism. The truth is, for the person who was brought to Christ and saved through any one of these evangelistic efforts, that particular means would be the most important to him.

Effective evangelism is not determined by type or style but by results. If some have been saved through

personal soul winning, then this method should be used also. In fact, the churches which are reaching people for Christ seem to be using a variety of means. It is understood, of course, that the method must be in keeping with scriptural guidelines.

We might keep this thought in mind as we select the form of evangelism we will use; a variety of methods will reach a variety of people while involving a variety of workers. One method will not reach everyone who needs to be saved nor will it excite every Christian to be involved.

We might say that effective evangelism is the method or methods which involve the most Christians to reach the most prospects.

Do You Need Help?

by Clarence Burton

A new service is now available to Missouri Free Will Baptists. The State Executive Office in Lebanon, Missouri, is prepared to assist folks in planning their estates to preserve the maximum legal limit of estate assets for their heirs and/or the Lord's work. It is reported that over one million dollars a week enter Probate Courts intestate; that is, without being directed by a proper will or trust. Consequently, millions of dollars of assets are wasted in court procedures.

To be a good steward, one should consider what he would want to happen to those possessions if the Lord should call him or her Home now. A trust or valid will is usually necessary if your desires are to be carried out. It will probably be surprising to add up the value of your estate: equity in house, life insurance, savings, IRA's, annuities, machinery, livestock, collectible items, cars, and household furnishings. Most folks will leave more than they might expect.

If I may be of assistance to you, please fill out the information below and mail it to me or call 417-532-6537.

A Will or a Trust?

Most people know they should have a will. Many people—and not just wealthy people—should also have a trust. A trust enables one to pass his estate assets to his heirs and/or the Lord's work, totally *avoiding the delays and expenses of Probate Court.*

A trust is a *private* transaction making it possible for major assets to be distributed *without being stored in public records.*

In a trust one may name an individual to have control of his assets in the event of "legal incapacity or incompetence" rather than depend upon a court to make that decision for him.

A trust is usually more difficult to successfully challenge in court than a Will.

For more information without cost or obligation, complete the coupon below and mail it to:

MISSOURI STATE
FREE WILL BAPTIST OFFICE
P. O. BOX 991
LEBANON, MISSOURI 65536

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

BIRTHDATE _____

A Tribute to Sister Eunice Edwards

by Lucille Beatty

So often we wait to give flowers and express words of commendation until after the person has passed from our company to be with the Lord. Therefore I would like to pay tribute to a woman of the state of Missouri that has been a remarkable blessing to so many of us. She is Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

Sister Edwards was born January 5, 1912, and was born again 31 years later. Five auxiliary women came to her home and led her to Christ. Since then she has worked in many areas of the Lord's work. She has a special gift in ministering and understanding women.

She served seven years as Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the WNAC. She preceded Mrs. Cleo Purcell. She is a renown speaker and is used in state and district retreats. Mrs. Edwards says that the women of the denomination have been very kind to her, and she declares that she is a very ordinary woman that serves an extraordinary Savior, and any good thing that has come out of her life has been because of her relationship with Jesus. She credits the women who won her to Christ for her long life, two of whom are Miss Tommy Franklin and Miss Anna Reed.

Mrs. Edwards has reared three sons and one daughter. She has worked as a case worker for the Social Department of the Farmington State Hospital for the past 18 years. Her life has reflected Christ loud and clear in her daily activity, and she is loved by those who have been touched by her life.



Minute Meditations

by Gene Crewse

"A false balance *is* abomination to the LORD; but a just weight *is* his delight" (Proverbs 11:1).

In our modern society we are constantly confronted with individuals who are trying to watch their weight. Some for health reasons, some to be more

attractive, and others just because everyone else is doing it.

I was reading a medical chart a short time back that stated the proper weight for a given height. The conclusion I drew from the chart was that to a medical doctor a false weight is not good, but a just weight is a delight.

In the spiritual sense, when there is a false balance, it throws the entire life out of balance. Instead of God's blessings being bestowed upon us there is the judgment of His wrath abiding over us. We no longer feel the warmth of His abounding grace and strength.

So it is even more important that we have the proper spiritual balance than the proper physical balance. May I leave this statement with you, "May we have the desire to be found waiting when He comes; not weighed and found wanting."

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS February 1984

18.50%	Missouri State Home Missions	\$ 3,056.03
16.75%	Promotional Office & Gem	2,766.95
3.50%	General Fund	578.17
6.50%	Youth Camp	1,073.74
1.75%	Christian Board of Education	289.08
1.75%	Sunday School & CTS	289.08
6.75%	Retirement Village	1,115.04
5.00%	Retirement Program	825.96
33.50%	National Departments	\$ 5,533.90
	Foreign Missions	
	FWBBC	
	Executive Office	
	National Home Missions	
	National Board of Retirement and Insurance	
	Layman's Board	
	Theological Commission	
6.00%	Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	991.15
Total	\$16,519.10

This month has closed out with snow and more snow! If your cooperative and designated check is not in this month's disbursements, it is likely the mail did not arrive. Thank the Lord we are even with our total projected budget at this eleven month period. By the help of God let's make March, the closing month, a big month. By His grace we will reach our goal!

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS March 1984

18.50%	Missouri State Home Missions	\$ 4,181.31
16.75%	Promotional Office & Gem	3,785.78
3.50%	General Fund	791.06
6.50%	Youth Camp	1,469.11
1.75%	Christian Board of Education	395.53
1.75%	Sunday School & CTS	395.53
6.75%	Retirement Village	1,525.61
5.00%	Retirement Program	1,130.08
33.50%	National Departments	\$ 7,517.57
	Foreign Missions	
	FWBBC	
	Executive Office	
	National Home Missions	
	National Board of Retirement and Insurance	

Layman's Board Theological Commission

6.00%	Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	1,356.10
Total	\$22,601.68

This month ends our State Associational Year. It has been a fine year, and we hasten to thank God for it. He has continued to supply the need through faithful pastors and churches. We pray that every cent that is disbursed through the state and national ministries will be used to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. We thank Him for a great month of March and a state year.

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS February 1984

Tyrone	\$ 68.40
Hartville	228.81
Grace	934.00
Viburnum	184.81
Mt. Pisgah	126.00
Mine La Motte	38.00
Wayside	141.28
Lebanon	369.19
Calvary Chapel	248.95
Fredericktown, First	319.00
Calvary, Conway	231.68
Purdy	137.77
Cope	29.52
Twin Oak	185.24
Fordland	385.00
Bailey Chapel	48.00
Pleasant Ridge	57.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	95.50
Terrill Road	132.00
Faith, Lemay	204.35
Victory, Alton	265.00
Bethel	381.00
Lingo	21.94
Union Grove	110.00
Friendship	109.00
New Harmony	14.07
Harmony, K.C.	386.00
Macedonia	25.00
Mill Creek	219.28
Willow Springs	270.90
Olivet	250.00
United, West Plains	338.64
Kingsway	75.00
Hanon	210.25
Rock Chapel	315.86
Belton	172.64
Freeman Chapel	173.51
Lingo	46.25
Hopewell	298.00
Salem	30.00
Eastern Gate	22.00
Hurryville	129.58
Berean	9.09
Berean	10.18
Flat River, Fist	559.27
Parkview	239.30
Trinity	933.00
Thayer	363.42
Monett	724.07
Wolf Creek	243.80
Cabool	271.63
Gospel Light	97.80
Gospel Light	127.84
Gospel Light	153.00
Gospel Light	120.00
Seymour	94.83
Leadington	435.00
Pleasant Hill	40.78

Black Oak	10.00
Gray Summit	79.09
Royal Oak	37.00
Rolla	139.56
Copper Mines	231.52
Houston	156.00
Berkeley	511.45
Pleasant Home	167.89
Byrd	16.00
El Dorado, First	5.00
Harmony, K.C.	323.00
Bethel	316.00
Oskaloosa	50.54
Faith Lemay	143.10
Myrtle	125.83
Bailey Chapel	33.00
Carthage	21.00
Hazel Creek	405.47
O'Fallon	468.35
South Fremont	289.00
Cape Girardeau	333.92
Interest	204.95
Total	\$16,519.10

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS March 1984

Carthage	\$ 50.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	71.50
Macedonia	22.00
Willow Springs	199.61
Friendship	81.27
New Rock Springs	82.46
Oskaloosa	13.57
Hannon	211.09
Farmington	1,150.00
Number One	37.00
Berkeley	382.13
Fredericktown, First	311.00
Calvary, Conway	194.25
Mill Creek	134.67
Belton	179.72
Cope	33.60
Pleasant Ridge	54.00
Fordland	345.00
Terrill Road	80.00
Hartville	189.78
Victory, Alton	228.00
Tyrone	35.57
Mine La Motte	44.00
Royal Oak	29.00
Gray Summit	51.48
Purdy	131.76
Mtn. Valley	163.99
Calvary Chapel	152.90
Freeman Chapel	131.38
Salem	30.00
Twin Oak	163.75
Gospel Light	164.00
Grace	736.00
Happy Home	130.00
Beacon	872.40
Mt. Pisgah	153.00
Viburnum	156.66
United, West Plains	251.75
Joplin	288.34
Merl's Chapel	169.89
Neosho	71.25
Union Grove	110.00
Trinity	715.85
Berean	8.00
Koshkonong	135.00
Eastern Gate	21.00
Cabool	211.56
Parkview	178.18

Monett	507.33
Martinstown	54.00
Rock Chapel	244.95
Hurryville	133.43
Verdella	206.05
Pleasant Home	148.50
Hopewell	145.00
Byrd	11.50
Lingo	40.15
Olivet	250.00
Sedalia	49.45
Springfield, First	259.00
Copper Mines	178.35
Seymour	126.85
Flat River, First	412.90
Alton	225.00
Pleasant Hill	39.26
Rolla	122.03
Thayer	261.10
Liberty	240.00
Wolf Creek	199.30
De Soto	1,500.00
Leadington	392.00
Calvary, Conway	115.60
Carthage	25.00
Harmony, H.C.	322.99
Black Oak	10.00
Friendship	90.68
Viburnum	146.15
Twin Oak	129.65
Hopewell	142.00
Joplin	229.95
Neosho	71.25
Cope	29.70
New Rock Springs	98.84
Willow Springs	210.72
Victory, Alton	221.00
Old Bethel	212.00
Fordland	335.00
Terrill Road	88.00
Myrtle	127.42
Jones Chapel	422.69
El Dorado First	5.00
Farmington	1,150.00
Trinity	827.44
Bethel	376.00
Cape Girardeau	449.99
Lebanon, First	370.96
South Fremont	348.00
O'Fallon	748.79
Interest	183.85
Total	\$22,601.68

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION GIVING January/February 1984

Guy Leonard	\$ 4.00
Willow Springs	21.50
Co-operative Receipts	7,664.57
Warren Livingston	10.00
Harmony, K.C.	.50
Myrtle	67.00
Aulsbury Chapel	30.00
Pleasant Ridge	20.00
United, West Plains	120.90
Liberty, Kirksville	18.00
Lloyd Walls	10.00
Carl & Judy Ice	10.00
South Fremont	40.00
Bethel	110.00
Dale & Marge McCurry	10.00
Marshfield	40.00
Belton	87.00
Flat River, First	50.81

Pleasant Home	135.00
Trinity	60.00
Grant Avenue	189.00
Leadington	120.00
Rock Chapel	237.00
John Barton	10.00
West Plains, First	7.00
Berkeley	125.00
Thayer	51.50
Farmington	40.00
Central	263.24
Carthage	25.00
Grace	87.00
Oak Hill	14.05
Royal Oak	40.00
Neosho	100.00
Mill Creek SS Class	10.00
Union Light	18.00
Fordland	5.00
O'Fallon	27.00
Columbia	10.00
New Harmony	24.19
John Schebaum	100.00
Bertha Stafford Est.	13.47
Mtn. Grove	155.00
Bourbon	10.00
Houston	146.82
Charles Poynter	5.00
Beacon	215.00
Olivet	100.00
DeSoto	50.00
Jones Chapel	163.00
George Kirk	80.00
Wayne Williams	10.00
Total	\$10,960.55

**MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING
FOREIGN MISSIONS
February/March 1984**

Columbia	\$81.92
General Fund	\$36.92
Tallent	20.00
McLain	25.00
Leadington	\$420.00
Bailey	\$40.00
Cowart	10.00
Eagleton	40.00
Hanna	40.00
Lytle	40.00
Miley	40.00
Morgan	40.00
McLain	40.00
Pinkerton	40.00
Richards	40.00
Turnbough	50.00
Liberty, Kirksville	\$46.00
Pinkerton	\$46.00
Viburnum	\$58.00
Bailey	\$24.00
Tallent	24.00
Turnbough	10.00
South Side	\$203.33
Tallent	\$203.33
Fredericktown, First	\$37.50
General Fund	\$12.00
Bailey	5.00
Turnbough	20.00
Fordland	\$214.34
Bunch	\$121.34
Banks	10.00
Cowart	10.00
McLain	10.00
Moser	10.00
Tallent	43.00

Morgan	10.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$40.00
McLain	\$20.00
General Fund	20.00
Fourth	\$320.00
Lytle	\$300.00
Tallent	20.00
South Fremont	\$55.00
Bailey	\$10.00
Richards	15.00
Pinkerton	20.00
McLain	10.00
Bethel	\$135.00
General Fund	\$75.00
Tallent	30.00
Bailey	30.00
O'Fallon	\$35.00
Tallent	\$35.00
New Harmony	\$87.38
Miley	\$43.69
McLain	43.69
Olivet	\$100.00
Sparks	\$20.00
Poole	30.00
Inscoe	30.00
Pinkerton	10.00
McLain	10.00
Hannon	\$285.68
Bunch	\$185.68
Pinkerton	50.00
Lytle	50.00
Belton	\$50.00
Miley	\$50.00
Marshfield	\$50.00
Tallent	\$20.00
Bailey	10.00
Bunch	20.00
Freeman Chapel	\$525.71
Pinkerton	\$525.71
Theyma Hoyd Bryd	\$26.00
Bailey	\$26.00
Eastern Gate	\$60.00
Van Hook	\$20.00
Pinkerton	20.00
Tallent	20.00
Flat River	\$33.00
General Fund	\$23.00
Bailey	10.00
Trinity	\$435.07
Hanna	\$320.00
General Fund	115.07
Lebanon, First	\$100.00
Bunch	\$25.00
Lytle	25.00
Tallent	25.00
Pinkerton	25.00
Thayer	\$10.00
Pinkerton	\$10.00
Monett	\$353.75
Tallent	\$313.75
Bailey	30.00
General Fund	10.00
West Plains, First	\$200.00
Bailey	\$200.00
Victory, K.C.	\$80.00
Bailey	\$30.00
Turnbough	30.00
Pinkerton	20.00
Black Oak	\$54.97
Webb	\$54.97
Faith Chapel	\$20.00
McLain	\$20.00
United, West Plains	\$54.62
Bunch	\$54.62
Houston	\$5.00
Tallent	\$5.00

Berkeley	\$250.00
Deficit Accts.	\$200.00
Lytle	25.00
Tallent	25.00
Pleasant Home	\$360.00
McLain	\$130.00
Bailey	120.00
Pinkerton	20.00
Cousineau	50.00
Bunch	40.00
First Quarterly Meeting—Mission Ass'n	\$300.00
Bunch	\$300.00
Fourth Bible SS Class	\$100.00
McLain	\$10.00
Myrtle	\$151.00
Bailey	\$98.00
Tallent	53.00
Harmony, K.C.	\$15.00
Turnbough	\$15.00
Farmington	\$288.61
Pinkerton	\$162.50
Biley	116.11
Midgett	5.00
Bunch	5.00
Lingo	\$155.00
Bailey	\$155.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$30.00
Bailey	45.00
Pinkerton	\$1,146.87
Beacon	\$781.87
Pinkerton	350.00
Coscia	15.00
Bunch	\$329.50
Indian Creek Association	\$200.00
Webb	59.75
Bailey	39.75
Bunch	10.00
Cousineau	10.00
Banks	10.00
Wode	\$100.00
Martinstown	\$20.00
Miley	20.00
Sparks	20.00
McLain	20.00
Hanna	20.00
Richards	\$5.49
Sedalia	\$5.49
Inscoe	\$200.00
South Central Association	\$200.00
Bailey	\$25.00
Brant & Cindy Thompson	\$25.00
Bunch	\$10.00
Flat River, First	\$10.00
Bailey	\$7,598.74
Total	

**MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING
HOME MISSIONS
February/March 1984**

Columbia	\$61.90
General Fund	\$36.90
Vandivort	25.00
Leadington	\$220.00
Vandivort	\$50.00
Long	40.00
Fulcher	40.00
Maness	50.00
O'Dell	40.00
Viburnum	\$50.00
E. Turnbough	\$20.00
Maness	10.00
Vandivort	20.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$150.00
Lewis	\$50.00

Maness	50.00
Vandivort	50.00
Fredericktown, First	\$49.50
Barron	\$24.50
Shockey	7.50
General Fund	7.50
Lewis	10.00
Bob & Glenda Keith	\$20.00
Vandivort	\$20.00
South East Association	\$100.00
Vandivort	\$100.00
Bethel	\$216.00
Elder	\$81.00
General Fund	75.00
Maness	30.00
H'way Help	30.00
O'Fallon	\$5.00
Fulcher	\$5.00
Harmony, K.C.	\$60.00
Maness	\$15.00
Lake	45.00
Olivet	\$40.00
Maness	\$40.00
Hannon	\$505.00
Elder	\$505.00
Rock Chapel	\$120.00
Maness	\$120.00
Marshfield	\$30.00
Maness	\$30.00
Eastern Gate	\$40.00
Vandivort	\$20.00
Lewis	20.00
South Fremont	\$7.00
Maness	\$7.00
Parkview	\$5.00
Fulcher	\$5.00
Trinity	\$40.00
Fulcher	\$40.00
Lebanon, First	\$40.00
O'Dell	\$100.00
Thayer	\$100.00
H'way Help	\$45.00
Maness	\$35.00
Monett	10.00
Lewis	\$98.00
Elder	\$20.00
Lake	2.00
Wolf Creek	76.00
Vandivort	\$20.00
Victory, K.C.	\$20.00
Ross	\$40.00
Maness	\$20.00
Rolla	20.00
Vandivort	\$100.00
Berkeley	\$100.00
Fulcher	\$454.00
Deficit Accts.	\$320.00
Maness	100.00
Lewis	14.00
Warren & Ann Livingston	20.00
Long	\$17.00
Myrtle	\$17.00
Maness	\$310.00
Elder	\$85.00
Evangelism	165.00
H'way Help	20.00
Indian Creek Association	40.00
Lake	\$5.00
Charlie Hoover	\$5.00
Elder	\$10.00
Dale McCurry	\$10.00
Nason	\$10.00
Farmington	\$10.00
Kevin Francis	\$725.58
E. Turnbough	\$593.08
P. Thompson	45.00
	17.50

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

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

Vandivort	5.00	
Maness	10.00	
Wright	50.00	
Creswell	5.00	
Fordland		\$50.00
Coats	\$10.00	
General Fund	5.00	
Lake	10.00	
Elder	10.00	
Maness	15.00	
Aulsbury Chapel		\$22.87
Maness	\$22.87	
E. Smallwood		\$10.00
H'Way Help	\$10.00	
Flat River, First		\$12.00
E. Turnbough	\$7.00	
Shockey	5.00	
Total		\$3,748.85

MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING
February/March 1984

CHILDREN'S HOME

Myrtle	\$9.45
--------------	--------

JOHN MCCLURE

Monett	\$107.00
--------------	----------

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Eastern Gate	\$ 20.00
Leadington	40.00
Fordland	169.94
Total	\$229.94

HILLSDALE

Willow Springs	\$ 60.00
Hannon	100.00
Eastern Gate	20.00
Myrtle	150.00
Total	\$330.00

YOUTH CAMP

Leadington	\$ 50.00
Pool	\$10.00
General Fund	40.00
Hartville	\$ 20.00
Viburnum (Pool)	27.00
Mt. Pisgah	20.00
Fredericktown (Pool)	20.83
Bethel	75.00
Thayer	482.00
Pool	\$462.00
General Fund	20.00
Harmony, K.C. (Pool)	\$ 250.00
Willow Springs	20.00
Olivet (Pool)	50.00
Hannon	634.00
Pool	\$604.00
General Fund	30.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$ 35.00
Pool	\$25.00
General Fund	10.00
Hopewell (Pool)	250.00
Flat River, First (Pool)	69.90
Trinity (Pool)	90.99
Rock Chapel (Pool)	214.00
Mt. Zion, Thayer (Pool)	250.00
Oak Grove (Pool)	100.00
New Home, Falcon (Pool)	77.50
Oskaloosa (Pool)	97.85
Myrtle	86.00
Pool	\$25.00
General Fund	61.00
Farmington (Pool)	\$ 80.00
South Fremont (Pool)	25.00
Faith, Fair Grove (Pool)	50.00
Bethel, El Dorado Springs	41.64
Total	\$3,116.71