

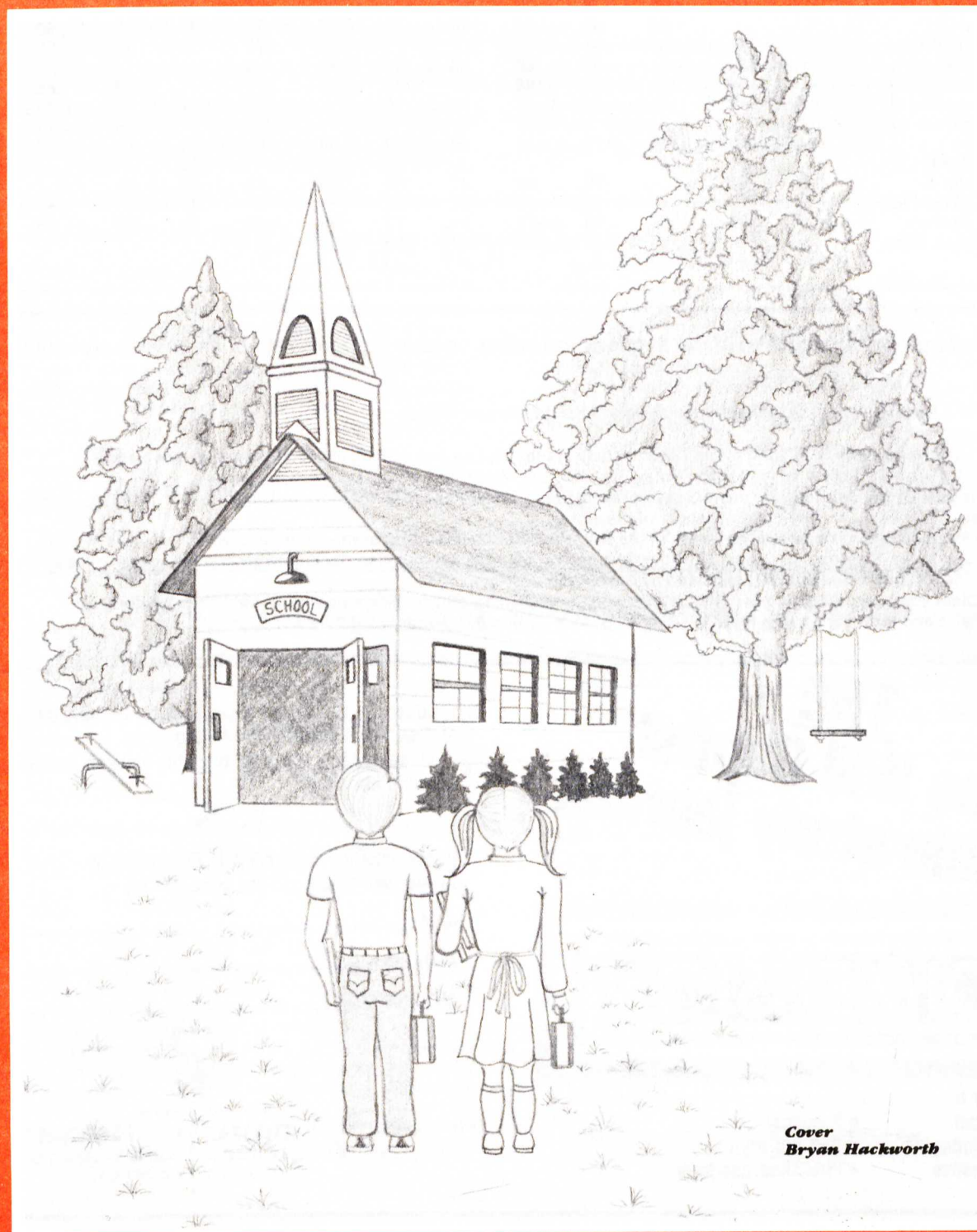
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CHURCHES	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY
Belton					34	37	41	42	46	41	38	32
Bethel	98	105	99	97	99	107	104	122	119		111	
Central						110	111	115				
Copper Mines	73	77	78	70	60	57	63					
Cape Girardeau	87	93	75	73	71	74	62	68	69	62	70	62
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O'Fallon										156		128
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Sit a Spell

By Eva Marie Glor

A friend, a young mother, asked me for advice on bringing up her new baby. I knew Aunt Em's advice would be timely and wise.

Walking to Aunt Em's was always inspirational, and this was especially so at this time of year. Spring helps to rekindle our faith in life everlasting.

Signs of spring were everywhere. The clear spring branch gurgled over its pebbled bed and fell into a froth at the falls. Ferns were emerging from mossy banks. The hillside was misted with white sarvis blossom while wild violets carpeted the woodland floor. The song of birds was a symphony of spring, a song of God's love for us all.

Approaching Aunt Em's hillside cottage, I saw her planting in her vegetable garden. The warm sunshine highlighted her silver hair. Seeing me, she straightened up from her work and brushed her hand on her printed apron. With a friendly greeting she called to me, "Come, sit a spell."

Seating myself on her comfortable porch, I stated the question my friend had asked of me.

"Now, isn't that question just suited to this spring season? Spring, the season of new life, is a happy time. We don't want to hamper the growth in any way! Children are like new plants. Each is different in a special way. Each requires the best care we can

give. You need to consider the daily care of the plant, 'cause what is taught a child lasts a life time. Plant the right kind of words. Deeds are important, too. Words don't mean much if you say one thing and do another. Then after the planting, you need to tend the plant and feed it with love and respect. Weeds may spring up around the plant. Remove them quickly, for they tend to affect the growth and well-being of the young plant. Cultivate with encouragement and acceptance. You may become discouraged and think things aren't workin' right, but have faith in your plant and be patient. Give it encouragement and approval for worthy growth."

Bringing up a child is one of life's happiest times. When we know we've done our best, we can feel good within. We know that we must ask God's guidance in our training of the child throughout his life. With God's blessings we know we can help him to prepare for life.

Aunt Em walked down the pathway to the gate with me. Saying her good-bye, she added a final word, "Tell your friend to enjoy the baby. Fill every precious minute with the teaching found in God's Word. Have precious memories that will last both of you a lifetime. With love, the more difficult times will be easier. A child's growth is so fast; try to make the most of every day."

Points for Pastors #66

How do you hire a new staff member? This is becoming more and more important as churches across our state consider a second and maybe even a third man.

There are many ways to select and hire a staff member, but it seems to me that with all the confusion, and all the problems that can possibly occur in relation between the pastor and the staff, there needs to be a method used in hiring that will help eliminate some of these problems.

First, the pastor and board should mutually decide that a staff member is needed. His job should be described and offered to the church for approval. Salary should be approved and included in the church budget.

Second, the pastor should select the man to be hired. His selection may be approved by the deacon board, but not by the church body. This man must not be equal with a pastor; if so, a ready-made problem exists.

Third, the staff member should realize he works for the pastor. He must answer to the pastor, be loyal to the pastor, and dedicated to the task of helping the pastor lead the church.

A staff member should not be selected for his preaching ability. That's the duty of the pastor. The staff member has some distinct duties, and these need to be described in detail so there will be no confusion. A staff member will add to the success of the pastor and the church.

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

Enthusiasm is not only contagious but is essential to sharing our faith effectively. The question comes, "How do I stay enthused about witnessing?"

Let me suggest a few ideas.

1. Spend time with God. We can only share God as we know Him. A heart full of God will overflow with a witness that is rich and exciting. Spending time getting to know God, through His word and prayer, is time well spent for the Christian who wants to keep his witness fresh and alive.
2. Keep the names of lost friends, classmates, neighbors, family, etc. close to your heart. Sharing our faith must be a warm, personal and natural expression of our concern for other people's need of Christ. Praying by name and having certain ones for whom we are concerned will keep our witnessing enthusiastic.
3. Be sensitive to every opportunity for witnessing. Pray at the beginning and throughout each day for the Holy Spirit to make you conscious of these opportunities. Then keep an eye open for them. We normally find what we are enthusiastically looking for.
4. Share witnessing experiences with others. It is exciting to share how God is using our witness as well as hear the experiences of

others. This can be done with family, church family, prayer partners, soul-winning partners, etc. The most meaningful and enthusiastic times of our lives are those moments we share with others.

5. Seek sources of encouragement for witnessing. Read good books on soul-winning and sharing your faith. Attend, if possible, evangelism conferences. Listen to tapes of sermons and testimonies of great soul winners. Study the soul winning passages in the Bible. Exposure to positive material dealing with witnessing will help the fire of enthusiasm to burn more brightly.
6. Do it! Share your faith. Share with others what God has and is doing in your life. Seek opportunities to lead others to Christ. We can normally be very enthusiastic about what we are interested in, and we are normally interested in what we are doing.

Let's stay enthusiastic as we share Christ with others.

Mini Calendar:

All Boards Meeting, September 24, 25 (Noon, Monday until Noon, Tuesday). Lunch will be serve both days. Youth Camp, Niangua, MO
WNAC Retreat, Ridgecrest, NC, September 6-8.

MY GARDEN Ever Bloomin—Seldom Bearing

—by Carol Pinkerton—

After a long, long dry season, I was an eager beaver to get seeds into the ground. The beans came up quickly. It seemed they grew before my eyes. I was so proud and pleased . . . especially when visitors would remark about how healthy they looked.

Then the blooms arrived. They were beautiful plants. More blooms and even more appeared. Strange, I thought. They continued to bloom and look lovely, yet they didn't produce. Tell me, "What good is a bean plant if no/few beans are produced?"

They reminded me of some Christians. At first glance, they appear to be all they should be; yet, upon close observation, the beauty is all on the outside . . . nothing is produced.

How are growing conditions at your house? Is it a continual dry season? Have you planted anything (Ecclesiastes 3:2)? Are there visible blooms (Galatians 5:22, 23)? Has fruit been produced (John 15:5; Psalm 92:14)?

Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest, that He will send forth workers. Let me encourage you to be an Ever Bloomin', Ever Bearing Christian.

Churches People And Events

Mother and Daughter Banquet at Myrtle Church

On Wednesday, May 24, 1984 a Mother and Daughter Banquet was held at the Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church. This was the church's first banquet of this type.

There were twenty-seven present for the occasion. One mother had her daughter, grand-daughter, and great-grand-daughter.

Reverend Glyn Campell serves as pastor of the eighty-three year old church.



Mother & Daughter Banquet

Twentieth Anniversary at Calvary, Conway

Calvary Free Will Baptist Church at Conway, Missouri, was organized May 20, 1964, by Brother Cliff Bowman. The church congregation met in an old store building in Conway.

The church began as a result of a revival meeting held by Brother Bowman and a mother that attended the revival who wanted to see her children saved. The mother was Sister Bessie Rifenburg.

The church location moved to what is now the Coin-O-Matic. Then, to its present location. To help pay for the property the members picked blackberries. There were twenty-five charter members.

In the past twenty years ten pastors have served the church: Reverends Cliff Bowman, Barry Hampton, Jeff Bennett, Edward Climer, Earl Irish, J. D. Coffey, Sonny Bennett, Bill Knapp, Jim Cantrell, and the present pastor, Reverend Ralph Douglas. Five deacons have been ordained: Brothers Dwight Cunningham, Ted Matthews, Jack Dinwiddie, Roy Hendrix, and Mike Dinwiddie. Five have been called to preach: Reverends Dennis Bowman, Jack

Dinwiddie, Eddie Vincent Sr., Eddie Vincent, Jr., and J. D. Coffey.

At the Twentieth Anniversary Service, Reverend Dennis Bowman delivered the morning message. Special music was given by the Eddie Vincent Family. The attendance for Sunday school was 115 with an attendance of 164 for the morning worship. A delicious dinner was served by the church.

At the afternoon service five of the former pastors shared words of encouragement and appreciation. The Vincent Family sang along with Don and Diana Graves rendering several special songs.

Included in the attendance were sixteen charter members and three of the ordained deacons. The church reported, Orma Pulley, concludes, "It was a great day in the Lord."



Rev. Cliff Bowman

Sunday School Class at Calvary



Bus Children

Paul & Orma Pulley,
Mickey Mouse and Ralph Douglas

Wonderful V.B.S. at Monett

The church reporter writes that June 11-17 was a joyous fun-filled week at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Monett, Missouri. It was Vacation Bible School week.

The average daily attendance was 156 with five precious souls being saved.

The VBS offering in the amount of \$340.00 went to the Ken Bailey account. A friend from Japan, Okasa, included in the photo, received the offering each day. A contest between the boys and girls proved to be an exciting event. The boys won three out of five days.

A robot also visited the Bible School and a M.A.M. which delighted the children, with a message each day about Jesus.

The VBS concluded on Sunday morning with an inspiring program. Reverend Ken Dodson serves as pastor of the church.



VBS at Monett

Minute Meditation

—by Gene Crewse—

"For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God."

This verse of Scripture has been retained in my mind since VBS days when I was required to recite it to satisfy my teacher. It has taken a deeper meaning in recent days because of what it has to say to our hearts.

Sometimes it is obvious that some Christians who, according to 2 Corinthians 5:21, have been "made the righteousness of God in him [Christ]" are not doing an effective work for the Lord because of wrath in their hearts. If we have a selfish indignation towards someone, then God can't work through us. The Bible states that one can be angry and sin not. The Christian should be angry at the devil

for what he is doing. But the Christian cannot have selfish anger against someone. What the Christian must have is the selfless quality of a Christ-like spirit, allowing Christ to be reflected in every phase of his life. We are then compelled by His compassion to be like Him.

Roll Call in Missouri

According to the National Home Missions Board the result of the Roll Call Sunday, March 25, 1984, is 167 churches reporting with 11,585 in attendance. The top ten churches were Farmington, 721; O'Fallon, 308; First Springfield, 297; Fellowship, 266; Grace, 245; Monett, 224; Calvary Fellowship, 207; First Flat River, 186; Beacon, 185; and Central, 184. Congratulations!

Missourians will vote on the State-sponsored Lottery Bill on November 6. In legislature it passed both Houses by the narrowest possible margin—one vote! The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists went on record opposing this. Will you make your vote count? Don't forget to vote!

Sedalia Mortgage Burning Service

On Sunday, June 17, 1984, the Sedalia Free Will Baptist Church held a Mortgage Burning Service. Reverend Leonard Sanger, pastor of the church, expressed deep thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessings on the ministry of the Sedalia Church. He said, "Because of the faithfulness of the people, the former pastor Reverend Jim Stovall, and the goodness of God, this Mortgage Burning Service was made possible."

Reverend Clarence Burton, state executive secretary, delivered the Dedictory Message and Reverend Cliff Bowman, pastor of the Olivet Free Will Baptist Church in Marshall, Missouri, led in the prayer of dedication and thanksgiving.

Reverend and Mrs. Sanger and their daughter Gnell have been serving the church approximately a year.



Rev. Leonard Sanger

Sedalia Congregation

The First Deferred Gift by Minister and Wife

Reverend and Mrs. John Schbaum have made the first gift in deferred giving. This is a memorable and milestone event. A Life Estate Agreement was prepared and signed by them. When they have gone home to be with the Lord they will "yet speaketh" through this gift that will help carry the Gospel of Christ through Missouri, the United States, and throughout the world. What a wonderful testimony! Following this a Declaration of Trust has been written for a lady, who is a member of one of the Free Will Baptist churches in the Lead Belt Area. At this time others are being initiated. May the Lord bless this ministry for the spreading of the gospel and the edifying of the saints.



Rev. & Mrs. John Schbaum

New Girls' Dorm at Southeastern

Gateway Free Will Baptist Church is building an addition to the educational section of their auditorium which will be utilized

this school year as a dormitory for the girls attending Southeastern College. The nine carpeted dorm rooms will house 46 young ladies. An efficiency apartment is also being constructed in this same area which will accommodate a dorm supervisor. Classrooms and college offices will also be in this facility.

Completion date will be the middle of August which will be in plenty of time for opening day, August 27.

The Ellis Gospel Singers Available

The Ellis Gospel Singers are available for concerts, revival services, and Sunday services. The group includes, Cloetta Ellis, Russell Ellis, Rusty Ellis, and Sue Sawyer. They may be contacted at these two numbers, 314-285-4086 (Don Sawyer, mgr.) or 314-742-4822, Russ Ellis.



Ellis Gospel Singers

Revival Spirit at Belton

The Belton Free Will Baptist Church has been enjoying a spirit of revival in recent months. Several have been saved and three new families have been added to the church.

The church has also received a physical uplift. New steel siding has dressed-up the exterior, and the interior has been completely refurbished including new carpeting.

The pastor, Reverend Jim Gideon, writes, "We are grateful for the blessings from the Lord, and we pray constantly for the Lord to use our church to reach the unsaved in our community."



Belton Congregation

Report on National Association

The convention registered a total of 6,604: including 800 ministers; 201 local church delegates; 99 state delegates; 84 missionaries; 5 lay board members; 1,078 for the WNAC; 1,430 for the NYC; and 2,907 non-delegates. This was probably the largest attendance in modern history. A 10.5 million dollar budget was approved with the Sunday School and Church Training Department first (\$3.04 million), Foreign Missions (\$2.89 million), FWBCC (\$2.28 million), National Home Missions (\$1.7 million), National Executive Office (\$295,000.00), Board of Retirement (\$163,000), Master's Men (\$83,000), Radio-T.V. Commission (\$53,000), and FWB Foundation (\$15,000).

Two new endeavors were adopted: A Radio-TV Commission budget of \$53,000 was approved. The Commission is to continue developing a TV pilot program. A 30 minute radio program was aired at the convention. Tom Malone did the preaching, and the singing was provided by the Free Will Baptist Bible College and John Gibbs. This Commission needs your support. Send all gifts to the Radio-TV Commission, P.O. Box 17306, Nashville, Tennessee 37217. The second endeavor was approval to establish a fund for participants in the Religious Employees Association Hospitalization Plan who had unpaid insurance claims at the time that fund went bankrupt. An offering was received in the amount of \$1,584.15 and a bank account has been established. Every local church is encouraged to receive an offering for this fund.

Make checks payable to Benevolent Fund and mail to P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

The officers of the National Association were retained. Mrs. Cleo Purcell, secretary-treasurer for the WNAC, announced her resignation. Dr. Mary Ruth Wisheart, professor of English at Free Will Baptist Bible College, was elected to fill the executive position. Dr. Wisheart will take office in 1985.

It seemed to be a general consensus that the planning committee and each one involved in handling the NYC, WNAC, and National Association did a commendable job. Many will be looking forward with anticipation to meeting in Nashville, TN next year, 1985.

Marion Wilson Day at First Church

On Sunday, July 1, Sister Marion Wilson was honored by the First Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Missouri. She had served the First Church for twenty-nine years as director of music.

At the service, tapes were played by former pastors with whom Sister Wilson had served. Also, two poems were written and read in honor to her, with telephone calls received in recognition of her faithful service.

Reverend Ron Edgil, pastor, presented a plaque from the church in appreciation of Sister Wilson's faithful and dedicated labor in the church.

In the same service Sister Pearl Hutchings had her entire family with her—husband, daughter, two grandchildren, five sisters, three brothers, and other family members. A lovely basket dinner was enjoyed by everyone in Fellowship Hall.



Marion Wilson & Pastor Edgil

Great Things Happening at First Church

On a recent Sunday at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Missouri, a Praise and Prayer Service was held. The unusual service began with a song that is oftentimes used following the offertory. As the congregation was singing "What A Day That Will Be," some of the congregation went to the altar and a special prayer service was held with anointing from the Lord.

Mrs. Pearl Hutchings, church reporter, states, "The service ended after 12:00 p.m. and everyone went away rejoicing."

The First Church had sixteen pre-teens, eight teens, and ten workers that attended the Youth Camp Sessions at Niangua. A praise item: two saved, six rededications, one baptism, and three special interests.

The Lord Is Blessing at Richwoods

Mrs. Betty Sohn, church reporter for the Richwoods Church, writes, A Spring Revival was held the first week of May with Reverend Bud Arnold serving as evangelist. The revival was well attended and brought a spiritual uplift to the church.

There were four pre-teens and three teens who attended Youth Camp at Niangua, Missouri. Three of these made profession of faith in Jesus. On July 7, a Sunday school picnic was held at Elephant Rock, with a large number attending. A basket dinner was enjoyed by everyone.

On Sunday, July 22, one adult and four children followed the Lord in the ordinance of water baptism. That Sunday evening, four united with the church.

The church recently purchased furniture for the auditorium. Pray with us that we will be holding services in the new auditorium by the first of the year.

Ordination Service Held at South Side Church

A special Ordination Service was held at the South Side Church on May 13, 1984, in St. Louis, Missouri. Rick Williford was ordained as a minister of the gospel.

The service included an inspiring message by Reverend Roger Hogan from Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and special music by David Bates from Farmington, Missouri. Reverend Jim Mertz, pastor of the South Side Church, gave the charge and led in the prayer of dedication. Several ordained ministers and deacons present for the service assisted in the special prayer.

Rick was saved as a result of the bus ministry at the Farmington Church. He and his wife were active in the ministries of the church following his conversion. He answered the call to preach in 1981. In the fall of 1983 he and his family moved to St. Louis to work with the South Side Church as bus director.



Rick, Donna, Kevin, & Melinda Williford

Northeast District Temperance Contest

The Annual Northeast Missouri District Association, which met April 20, 1984 in the Martinstown Free Will Baptist Church, was the place for presenting trophies and cash prizes to six winners from various churches. This was the yearly Poster and Essay Contest.

Contestants are invited and encouraged to make a poster or write an essay or do both, using drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or a combination of two or all these subjects as their theme. These posters and essays are judged on the local church level and prizes given. The winning posters and essays are then entered for the district level competition.

The poster contest is divided into four separate age groups from grades one through twelve; and the essay contest has three divisions for grades four through twelve. Entries are judged on originality, neatness, Scripture application, artistry, and eye appeal. Judging for the contest was done by the teachers of the Kirksville Bible School.

The 1984 winners and the churches they represented were: Posters: Primary Jason Chrisman, Hazel Creek Church; Junior, Patti Talbert, New Harmony Church; Junior High, Chris Talbert, New Harmony Church; over-all winner, Patti Talbert. Essays: Junior, Gina Findling, Hazel Creek Church; Junior High, Dawn Smith, Columbia Church; Senior High, Jayne Sours, Liberty Church; over-all winner, Jayne Sours.

A Word From Our Missionaries

The Ken Bailey Family: We'd like to give an "extra special" Thank You to the folks of Missouri and especially the Woman's Auxiliary. Last month over \$4,800.00 came to our account as a result of the State Project.

The Jerry Pinkerton Family: Thanks to the wonderful people of Missouri for the support to our missionary account. Because of your help we are here telling others about the Good News about Jesus.

The Jeff Turnbough Family: Thanks for your support. The Lord is blessing and we are doing what we can to be faithful workers.

The Bill Fulcher Family: There are saved people in Uruguay, South America, Panama, Central America, and now in Houston, Texas, because of you. Thanks for the gifts you have sent to this ministry.

The Mark Vandivort Family: We are committed to continue our work in Flagstaff. We appreciate all that you have done to help. Our account is about \$600 in the red. So we need your continued support.

The Clint Morgan Family: A special thanks to all the good Missouri folks that gave abundantly to our account. It has been encouraging to us to have good solid support.

New Appointees, Dave and Sharon Filkins: Beginning the 12th of August we will be back on itinerate. We are working toward having our monthly support pledged by March. To date we have over \$500 in pledged monthly support. We need \$2,500 more. Thank you for what you have done, but continue to remember us in your prayers and giving.

New Ministry of Revival and Music

Ted Wilbanks has announced that he is beginning a full-time ministry in the area of revivals and church music. He will be available for preaching revivals, and to conduct music seminars that will assist the local church music program. His ministry will also include sacred music concerts and singing for revival services.

Reverend Wilbanks has held this type of revival/music meetings with good success in several churches, while doing pastoral work. He has taught music and directed church choirs for many years. He will also be available for Sunday music concerts and programs.

He may be contacted at his address and phone number: 635 E. Weaver Rd., Springfield, MO 65807, 1-417-882-9669.

Memories of Youth Camp



Dedication Service at Jones Creek Church

The Jones Creek Free Will Baptist Church held a Dedication Service on Sunday, August 12, 1984. The history of the church given by Fran Blanton stated that in April 1980 the church had its beginning in the home of Reverend Donald Robertson, located in the Lake Adelle Community. Later the church met in the block building on the corner of Jones Creek Road and Morse Mills Road. Brother Robertson served the congregation until November 1980.

Reverend Allen Helms served the mission church following Brother Robertson. In January 1981, Sister Otha Duing donated land for the church in memory of her deceased husband, Herman Duing. In March the plans for the building were accepted by the congregation and in May the building project was begun.

On the first Sunday in November, 1981 the first service was held in the new church building. On January 17, 1982, in a Sunday afternoon service the church was organized with twelve charter members. In September 1982 the church purchased pews. The St. Francois District Association gave \$500.00 to help with this purchase.

Reverend Charles Lotz began to serve the church as interim pastor in May 1983 and was elected as pastor on August 3, 1983. He resigned in April, 1984 and the church elected the present pastor, Reverend Johnny James. Since becoming pastor, Brother James has led the church in adding to the edifice a steeple and other outside improvements.

Mrs. Blanton continues, "This church is here because so many helped from the community. Many rejoice with us but are not members of the church. We thank God for all that has been done to make this day possible.

Reverend Clarence Burton, state executive secretary, delivered the dedicatory message. He complimented the church for its zeal, dedication, devotion, and sacrificial giving. He stated that it is amazing what a group of God's people can do when they unite in prayer and labor. Brother Howard Dobkins, a deacon, and his wife Mildred were called to the pulpit and Brother Dobkins led in the prayer of dedication. The Ellis Gospel Singers provided special music in both morning and afternoon services. Reverend and Mrs. Cox and children, from the Assembly of God, also sang at the afternoon service.

Reverend and Mrs. Johnny James are looking forward to a fruitful ministry at the Jones Creek Church. Brother James stated, "There are a lot of people in this community that are unsaved. We want to win them to the Lord."



Jones Creek Congregation



COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS June 1984

18.50%	Missouri State Home Missions	\$ 3,521.43
17.00%	Executive Department and GEM	3,235.91
3.50%	General Fund	666.21
10.50%	Youth Camp	1,998.65
1.75%	Christian Education Board	333.11
1.75%	Sunday School and CTS Board	333.11
2.50%	Retirement Village	475.87
5.00%	Missouri State Retirement Program	951.74
39.50%	National Departments and Hillsdale	7,518.70
(6.00%)	Hillsdale College	\$1,142.07
Total		\$19,034.73

The Lord has blessed this month and this state year. We are meeting the projected budget, for which we are so thankful! Let us continue to be faithful in giving whereby the ministry of the gospel shall continue to work that others may be saved and Christians may be strengthened. May the Lord's choice blessings be bestowed upon the pastors and churches that respond to this need.

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS July 1984

18.50%	Missouri State Home Missions	\$ 3,407.02
17.00%	Executive Department and GEM	3,130.78
3.50%	General Fund	644.57
10.50%	Youth Camp	1,933.72
1.75%	Christian Education Board	322.29
1.75%	Sunday School and CTS Board	322.29
2.50%	Retirement Village	460.41
5.00%	Missouri State Retirement Program	920.82
39.50%	National Departments and Hillsdale	7,274.44
(6.00%)	Hillsdale College	\$1,104.97
Total		\$18,416.34

With grateful hearts we continue to praise the Lord. This month is a little behind the monthly quota, but for the four-month period we are meeting the projected budget. May the Lord bless the faithfulness of the fine pastors and churches in Missouri.

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS June 1984

Joplin	\$ 473.75
Merl's Chapel	168.50
Neosho	71.25
Verdella	118.36
Mt. Zion, Gower	65.25
Belton	178.42
Terill Road	87.00
Purdy	150.73
United, West Plains	215.15
Victory, Alton	253.00
Faith, Lemay	139.30
Hazel Creek	331.95
Friendship	73.45
Mine La Motte	30.00
Springfield, First	100.00
Tyrone	53.91
Marshfield	151.67
New Rock Springs	56.58
Number One	34.10
Parkview	195.98
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	37.00
Royal Oak	31.00
De Soto	600.00
Fredericktown, First	345.00
Houston	272.98
Macedonia	18.00

New Harmony	8.18
Gospel Light	208.00
Berkeley	440.90
Berkeley	412.45
Mt. Pisgah	148.00
Union Grove	137.00
Koshkonong	91.00
Rock Chapel	235.88
Kingsway	75.00
Calvary Chapel	197.45
Flat River, First	462.10
Grace	789.00
Berean	9.24
Pleasant Home	163.82
Berkeley	493.00
Berkeley	551.24
Salem	30.00
Rolla	170.16
Cabool	215.92
Cabool	270.97
Beacon	612.42
Monett	540.52
Copper Mines	165.13
Freeman Chapel	136.41
Sedalia	61.86
Martinstown	55.00
Pleasant Hill	38.33
Byrd	10.00
Eastern Gate	40.00
Thayer	328.50
Leadington	440.00
Wayside	132.47
Seymour	86.66
Wolf Creek	196.49
Wilderness	213.00
Lingo	48.40
Willow Springs	212.64
Harmony, K.C.	308.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	49.98
Union	60.00
Hartville	221.06
Myrtle	170.43
Cope	20.20
Richwoods	259.00
Black Oak	10.00
Old Bethel	203.65
Olivet	250.00
Viburnum	230.58
Terrill Road	78.00
Joplin	301.46
Neosho	71.25
Alton	225.00
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Fordland	389.00
Twin Oak	541.36
Farmington	1,150.00
Cape Girardeau	371.81
South Fremont	255.00
Lebanon, First	277.14
O'Fallon	677.16
Interest on Account	230.18
Total	\$19,034.73

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS July 1984

Pleasant Home	\$ 217.36
Tyrone	46.13
United, West Plains	333.97
Berkeley	458.37
Carthage	20.00
Springfield, First	141.00
Parkview	193.39
Mill Creek	177.82
New Rock Springs	74.10
Mt. Zion, Gower	47.75

Hickory Grove	40.73
Royal Oak	23.00
New Harmony	8.37
Gospel Light	178.00
Mine La Motte	26.00
Mt. Pisgah	112.00
Belton	166.02
Happy Home	145.65
Hannon	235.72
Bailey Chapel	31.00
Union Light	205.20
Bethel	410.00
Verdella	165.99
Number One	24.30
Macedonia	18.00
West Plains, First	100.00
Marshfield	171.30
Sedalia	50.00
Monett	559.24
Rolla	206.20
Freeman Chapel	135.47
Way Side	97.66
Rock Chapel	236.67
Grace	847.00
Hurryville	252.60
Friendship	113.85
Union Grove	90.00
Purdy	158.52
Mtn. Grove, First	648.03
Mtn. Grove, First	909.20
Flat River, First	502.52
Pleasant Ridge	47.00
Fredericktown, First	265.00
Calvary, Conway	95.00
Victory, Alton	258.00
DeSoto	600.00
Houston	210.00
Koshkonong	108.00
Seymour	141.76
Jones Creek	270.54
Olivet	250.00
Leadington	430.00
Cabool	192.73
Aulsbury Chapel	212.62
Salem	30.00
Wolf Creek	189.33
Copper Mines	167.10
Pleasant Hill	39.42
Lingo	30.90
Thayer	246.00
Central	1,209.00
West Plains, First	150.00
Farmington	1,150.00
Harmony, K.C.	342.00
Willow Springs	254.75
Eastern Gate	228.00
Number One	54.00
Myrtle	177.20
Bethel	456.00
South Fremont	120.00
O'Fallon	845.84
Lebanon, First	433.10
Cape Girardeau	430.16
Interest paid on Account	194.76
Total	\$18,416.34

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS GIVING April/May/June 1984

Terrill Road	\$ 5.00
Sedalia	50.00
Grant Avenue	1,300.00
Houston	61.44
Jones Chapel	161.00
George Kirk	82.00
Wayne Williams	5.00

Mill Creek Young Adult SS	20.00
Cooperative Receipts	12,415.95
Lloyd Walls	10.00
Judy Ice	15.00
Beacon	350.00
Leadington	180.00
Marshfield	102.99
Pleasant Home	295.00
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
United, West Plains	227.91
South Fremont	50.00
Belton	75.00
Central	113.00
Rock Chapel	411.79
Joplin	25.00
New Harmony	84.61
Thayer	52.14
Berkeley	194.00
Farmington	160.00
Royal Oak	60.00
Guy Leonard	6.00
Neosho	300.00
Olivet	100.00
DeSoto	150.00
Grace	120.00
Oak Hill	9.44
Myrtle Auxiliary	22.50
Macedonia Auxiliary	100.00
Thayer Auxiliary	175.00
Beacon Auxiliary	87.48
New Harmony Auxiliary	25.00
Fourth, St. Louis Auxiliary	15.00
Victory	105.20
O'Fallon	23.50
Fordland	25.00
Aulsbury Chapel	10.00
Fredericktown, First	5.00
John Barton	5.00
Liberty, Kirksville	24.00
Dale McCurry	10.00
Trinity	169.00
Monett	20.00
Myrtle	110.75
Bethel	130.00
Union Light	18.00
Venita Fritz	9.00
Overland	70.00
Warren Livingston	11.00
Mtn. Grove, First	320.00
Total	\$18,712.70

MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING FOREIGN MISSIONS June/July 1984

Viburnum	\$84.00
Tallent	\$32.00
Turnbogh	10.00
Bailey	42.00
Pleasant Home	\$144.00
McLain	\$70.00
Miley	4.00
Pinkerton	10.00
Bailey	60.00
United, West Plains	\$38.53
Bunch	\$38.53
Berkeley	\$675.00
Tallent	\$55.00
Bunch	5.00
Filkins	5.00
Cousineau	60.00
Lytle	50.00
Deficit Accounts	500.00
Leadington	\$420.00
Turnbough	\$50.00
Coward	5.00

Morgan	40.00		Thayer		\$10.00
Miley	40.00		Pinkerton	\$10.00	
Hanna	40.00		Neosho		\$70.00
Lytle	40.00		D. Nichols	\$70.00	
Richards	40.00		Mtn. Grove, First		\$321.00
Bailey	40.00		Gibbs	\$20.00	
Eagleton	40.00		Pinkerton	80.00	
McLain	40.00		Bailey	71.00	
Pinkerton	45.00		McLain	50.00	
South Side		\$107.00	General Fund	30.00	
Tallent		\$107.00	Tallent	30.00	
Columbia		\$154.16	Hanna	10.00	
Bunch		\$113.81	Cousineau	20.00	
Tallent		20.00	Turnbough	10.00	
General Fund		20.35	Fredericktown, First		\$30.00
Hickory Grove		\$70.75	General Fund	\$ 5.00	
Lytle		\$70.75	Bailey	10.00	
New Harmony		\$116.84	Turnbough	15.00	
Miley		\$58.42	Houston		\$41.00
McLain		58.42	Tallent	\$20.00	
Belton		\$50.00	Richards	2.00	
Miley		\$50.00	Bryan	2.00	
Hannon		\$158.57	McLain	2.00	
Bunch		\$108.57	Payne	1.00	
Lytle		25.00	Turnbough	1.00	
Pinkerton		25.00	General Fund	13.00	
A. Hoover—Hannon High-Teen Sunday School Class		\$30.00	Olivet		\$100.00
Bunch		\$30.00	Poole	\$30.00	
Cindy & Brent Thompson		\$50.00	Inscoe	30.00	
Bunch		\$50.00	Sparks	20.00	
Verdella Youth		\$50.00	Pinkerton	10.00	
Pinkerton		\$25.00	McLain	10.00	
Tallent		25.00	Dale & Marge McCurry		\$10.00
T. Hoyt—Byrd Jr. SS Class		\$26.00	Bunch	\$5.00	
Bailey		\$26.00	Tallent	5.00	
Lebanon, First		\$153.11	Central		\$215.00
Bailey		\$25.00	Bunch	\$180.00	
Tallent		25.00	General Fund	20.00	
McLain		25.00	Filkins	15.00	
Bunch		78.11	John & Lorene Schbaum		\$110.00
Bethel		\$90.00	General Fund	\$60.00	
General Fund		\$50.00	Turnbough	50.00	
Tallent		20.00	Farmington		\$155.00
Bailey		20.00	Pinkerton	\$105.00	
Marshfield		\$60.00	Bailey	40.00	
Bunch		\$30.00	Bunch	10.00	
Tallent		20.00	Harmony, K.C.		\$10.00
Bailey		10.00	Turnbough	\$10.00	
Sedalia		\$142.87	Myrtle		\$160.46
Inscoe		\$134.87	Tallent	\$50.00	
Poole		8.00	Bailey	110.46	
Monett		\$693.68	Liberty, Kirksville		\$75.00
Tallent		\$288.64	Pinkerton	\$65.00	
Miley		30.00	McLain	10.00	
General Fund		20.00	Indian Creek Association		\$449.00
Bailey		15.00	General Fund	\$125.00	
Bailey (VBS Offering)		340.04	Banks	10.00	
Freeman Chapel		\$612.20	Cousineau	10.00	
Pinkerton		\$612.20	Wode	10.00	
Faith Chapel		\$20.00	Bailey	56.50	
McLain		\$20.00	Bunch	37.50	
South Fremont		\$440.00	Bishop	100.00	
Richards		\$ 5.00	Filkins	100.00	
Bailey		10.00	Terrill Road		\$60.00
Pinkerton		20.00	Bunch	\$60.00	
McLain		5.00	O'Fallon		\$10.00
To MO Missionaries Deficit Accts		400.00	Tallent	\$10.00	
Trinity		\$103.00	West Plains, First		\$87.00
General Fund		\$58.00	Bailey	\$87.00	
Tallent		45.00	Beacon		\$873.75
Flat River, First		\$30.00	Pinkerton	\$522.75	
Bailey		\$25.00	Coscia	330.00	
Scott		5.00	Bunch	20.00	
Pleasant Ridge		\$40.00	Filkins	1.00	
General Fund		\$20.00	Martinstown		\$100.00
McLain		20.00	Richards	\$20.00	

Miley	20.00	
Sparks	20.00	
McLain	20.00	
Hanna	20.00	
Eastern Gate		\$30.00
Van Hook	\$10.00	
Tallent	10.00	
Pinkerton	10.00	
Fourth		\$165.00
Lytle	\$145.00	
Tallent	20.00	
Overland Ladies Sunday School Class		\$91.00
Hanna	\$91.00	
Black Oak		\$54.50
Pinkerton	\$54.50	
Total		\$7,787.42

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS June/July 1984

Viburnum		\$57.00
E. Turnbough	\$27.00	
Maness	10.00	
Vandivort	20.00	
Pleasant Home		\$15.00
Maness	\$5.00	
Vandivort	10.00	
United, West Plains		\$5.00
Vandivort	\$5.00	
Berkeley		\$1,147.00
Deficit Accts.	\$250.00	
Maness	31.00	
Lewis	50.00	
Fulcher	441.00	
Fulcher Van	375.00	
Leadington		\$220.00
O'Dell	\$40.00	
Vandivort	50.00	
Long	40.00	
Fulcher	40.00	
Maness	50.00	
South Side		\$10.00
Maness	\$5.00	
Fulcher	5.00	
Columbia		\$40.34
General Fund	\$20.34	
Vandivort	20.00	
Mt. Pisgah		\$150.00
Vandivort	\$50.00	
Lewis	50.00	
Maness	50.00	
Alice Hoover		\$10.00
Elder	\$10.00	
Bethel		\$140.50
General Fund	\$50.00	
Highway Helpers	20.00	
Maness	20.00	
Elder	40.50	
Long	10.00	
Marshfield		\$30.00
Maness	\$30.00	
Monett		\$56.00
Lake	\$46.00	
Lewis	10.00	
Rolla		\$100.00
Vandivort	\$100.00	
Rock Chapel		\$40.00
Maness	\$40.00	
E. Smallwood		\$20.00
Highway Helpers	\$20.00	
South Fremont		\$4.00
Maness	\$4.00	
Trinity		\$10.00
Fulcher	\$10.00	
Mtn. Grove, First		\$231.42
Vandivort		\$140.00

Maness	71.42	
Lewis	20.00	
Flat River, First		\$5.00
E. Turnbough	\$5.00	
Fredericktown, First		\$62.00
Barron	\$20.00	
Fulcher	10.00	
General Fund	5.00	
Lewis	22.00	
J. Hollis	5.00	
Olivet		\$40.00
Maness	\$40.00	
Wolf Creek		\$20.00
Vandivort	\$20.00	
Thayer		\$39.00
Highway Helpers	\$25.00	
Maness	14.00	
Central		\$148.00
Highway Helpers	\$30.00	
General Fund	30.00	
B. Thomas	43.00	
O'Dell	10.00	
Maness	35.00	
South East District		\$100.00
Vandivort	\$100.00	
Lebanon, First		\$150.00
O'Dell	\$150.00	
Farmington		\$651.00
Francis	\$561.00	
Wright	50.00	
Maness	10.00	
E. Turnbough	30.00	
Harmony, K.C.		\$40.00
Lake	\$30.00	
Maness	10.00	
Liberty, Kirksville		\$10.00
Reed	\$10.00	
Myrtle		\$328.00
Highway Helpers	\$150.00	
Elder	76.00	
Maness	82.00	
Evangelism	20.00	
Indian Creek Association		\$5.00
Lake	\$5.00	
Bob & Glenda Keith		\$10.00
Vandivort	\$10.00	
Eastern Gate		\$20.00
Vandivort	\$10.00	
Lewis	10.00	
Total		\$3,914.26

MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING June/July 1984

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Leadington	\$40.00
Eastern Gate	10.00
Total	\$50.00

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Hannon	\$ 50.00
Mtn. Grove, First	120.00
Willow Springs	40.00
Eastern Gate	10.00
Beacon	367.00
Total	\$587.00

CHILDREN'S HOME

Hannon VBS	\$ 72.00
Thayer VBS	132.50
Myrtle	8.12
Total	\$212.62

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Berkeley (Pool)	\$ 125.00
Leadington	40.00

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Hannon	15.00
Bethel	25.00
Bethel, El Dorado Springs (Pool)	41.64
Trinity (Pool).....	121.32
Mtn. Grove, First.....	156.00
Olivet.....	50.00
Thayer.....	20.00
Central	391.82
Farmington (Pool).....	80.00
Myrtle	43.00
Mt. Pisgah	20.00
Total	\$1,148.78

Personnel Changes:

Greg McAllister to New Life Free Will Baptist Church, St. Peters, MO.

Richard Robinson to First Free Will Baptist Church in Joplin, MO.

Gary Parker to Viburnum Free Will Baptist Church, Viburnum, MO.

Ken Dodson to Monett Free Will Baptist Church, Monett, MO.

David Short, Youth Minister, First Church, Lebanon, MO.

Grover Terry to Eastern Gate Church, Springfield, MO.

Danny Talbot to Marshfield, Church, Marshfield, MO.

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