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## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1984-85

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CHURCHES	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.
Belton	41	42	46	41	38	32	33	34				
Bethel	104	122	119		111	93	104	107	112	116	111	
Calvary Fellowship	168	192	192	163	160	168	157	172	229	204	191	193
Cape Girardeau	62	68	69	62	70	62	72	70	75	68		
Central	111	115	114	114	111	104	112	125				
Copper Mines	63	68	73	70	69	67	75	74	69	75	83	70
Cuba	49	52	65	50	52	59	51					
DeSoto	160	167	184	166	180	175	176	174	204	183		
Farmington	699	746	736		681		650	672	789	657	694	545
Flat River, 1st	142	181	183		156	155	173		197	146	165	
Grace	130	223	204	189	188	179	187	190	225	196	192	154
Grant Avenue						116	100	91	93		86	
Hannon	73	80	80	76	81	81	76	73	76	73	77	62
Happy Home	68	77	81	74								
Hartville	96	98	101	96	92	88	92	90	98	94	96	102
Harmony, K.C.	68	77	81	74	79	76	91	73		67		
Houston	77	88	104	87	80	76	80	76	74	77	83	74
Marshfield	38	42	44									
Monett	164	174	176	159	162	143	158	151	151	165		
Myrtle			54	42	46	44	45	47	49	31	45	
O'Fallon				156		128	148	139	198	132	142	126
Parkview	50	60	65						75	75	82	57
Thayer	140	146	148	133	129	126	134	139	142			
Richwoods						52	45	49	49	39	40	35
United, West Plains	81	84	83	89	85	97	83		93	99	93	78
West Plains, 1st							99	102	142			
Willow Springs	83	91	89	90	88	88	98	100	88	89	88	66

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# A Thought To Ponder: IF ALL THE WORLD GOT SAVED

—by Russell McDaris—

I wonder what it would be like, if all the world got saved? I wonder what would become of the problems we now face? Problems like nuclear war, economic distress, crime and violence, social disorders, hunger and starvation.

I wonder what the world would be like in about five years, if everyone got saved? What about the threat of nuclear war? It's completely gone, for you see, all the world leaders, military and political, now have love and trust for each other. They have destroyed all weapons. The first two commandments in the Christian doctrine are, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself'" (Matthew 22:37-39). The headlines in the world news would show all the world leaders embracing each other in Christian love. What a sight!

What about economic distress? Why, it's a thing of the past. Greed and selfishness, which are the main causes of economic distress, have been replaced by self-sacrifice and brotherly kindness. Christians believe "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour" (Romans 13:10).

Crime and violence? Not a thing has been missing on any grocery shelf or in the shopping center. Not a single house has been burglarized, even though the doors are unlocked. Not one bank has been robbed, not one car stolen, not one girl raped or a child molested. Not one murder has been committed in the last five years because, you see, Christians live the words of Jesus.

What about social disorders? The Welfare Department has closed its doors because there are no more relief cases. Since Christians practice, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church" and "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands" divorces stopped. Little children are no longer left homeless and heartsick. You can imagine how many problems that solved. (Read Ephesians 5:22 and 25.) Liquor stores and liquor production no longer exist because no one wants to drink it. Since drunkenness is the most common killer on the highway, it is much safer to drive on the streets and highways. Job quality in factories and offices has shown great improvement.

Hunger and starvation by the end of five years are virtually gone because the Christian doctrine taught by our Master is, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). What a beautiful sight to see truckloads of relief food being shipped to the needy and starving areas from the nations that held a surplus of food. Little babies with swollen bellies and bulged eyes now are fat and healthy. Laughter is

heard now, where once wailing and weeping prevailed.

Yes, the world would be a different place in just about five years, with such little effort and cost, if everybody got saved.

I also wonder what God might think if everyone got saved. I wonder if He might smile on the earth again as He once did and say, "Behold, *it was very good*" (Genesis 1:31). I wonder if He might take away the drought and send rain; if earthquakes and floods and damaging tornadoes would cease. I wonder also, if He might bless doctors with the knowledge to find a cure for cancer or maybe remove disease altogether. I think He might give us the ability to work and produce without contaminating our beautiful earth. It might be interesting to see what would happen if God should "open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it*" (Malachi 3:10).

My friend, this will never happen on this earth as we know it. But God's Holy Word tells us of an earth where this and even greater paradise will exist forever and ever. "And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it" (Revelation 21:24).

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Revelation 21:1-4).



Russel and Wilma McDaris

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# "THE PEOPLE HAD A MIND TO WORK"

by Cody Freeman

Throughout the ages God has always had a work for His people to do. There are recorded in the pages of Scripture many examples of men and women of faith who have stepped forward to assume that responsibility.

In the days following the Babylonian captivity God gave to Nehemiah and the Jewish remnant the overwhelming task of rebuilding the city of Jerusalem. This was a city that had been reduced to a pile of rubble by the armies of Nebuchadnezzar and had since become a reproach in the eyes of the world. Yes, this was a seemingly impossible job to accomplish but God's people accepted the challenge and finished the work together.

"So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work." Nehemiah 4:6

The Book of Nehemiah contains a story of great victory for God's people in accomplishing the work He had called them to do. In most of our churches today, however, there seems to be little evidence of this type of victory. The reason for this is self-evident in the fact that many people simply do not have a "mind to work."

How many times have you heard or perhaps been guilty yourself of using one of the following excuses when asked to help with a particular work in the church?

"I'm too busy with other things right now."

"Let some of the new people do it; I've done my share!"

"I'm not qualified for that." etc., etc., etc.

If the Jews felt such a compelling need to work together for the rebuilding of a city wall, how much more should Christians be willing to work together for the building of God's Church. The New Testament often gives reference to the Church being the body of Christ (see Romans 12:4, 5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27). As such we must function in this world as Christ's hands, feet, arms, and legs, etc. This is God's only plan for reaching the lost with the gospel of Christ. Multitudes of men, women, boys, and girls are bound for an eternity in Hell unless willing workers will step forward to do the work God has called us to do.

It has been said that God is not as interested in our ability as He is in our availability. Let us pray that once again God might instill in His people a "mind to work."

About the writer: Brother Cody Freeman has served on the General Board of the Missouri State Association. He has served on various boards in the District Association. He is actively involved and supportive of the State and National Ministries. He is presently serving as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Thayer, Missouri.

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## Points for Pastors

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by Jim McAllister

How many revivals should a pastor accept each year? For most ministers this won't be that much of a problem, but it is a very real problem for some pastors. Several things should be considered.

One, the pastor gets stale, harassed by the constant pressures and every day work schedule, and needs a change of pace. He will usually come back from a revival fired up and refreshed. He will come back either happy he is back to his church and not in the one he just left, or stirred up by the good church where he had the revival and eager to do the same things at home. A church ought to be proud that other churches want their pastor for revivals.

Second, holding too many revivals will mean the pastor will be absent far too often from his field of service. Counseling, administration, soul winning, and visitation will go undone. His presence is needed at the church, in the community, and in his home. Even though many people never consider the impor-

tance of the pastor in the community, and some would never consider him as a help in time of trouble, they are quick to complain if he is gone.

Third, the pastor should make some definite rules as to being gone from the pulpit on Sundays and how many Wednesdays he will be absent from the pulpit per year. If he is a young man he needs to be sure to allow himself plenty of time for his family, so taking a revival in lieu of vacation will be harmful to his family.

In summary, every pastor needs an occasional revival, maybe four per year. He should schedule them far enough apart to avoid being absent for a length of time. He should not schedule them during periods of heavy activity in his own church. The church should recognize his need for these outside preaching appointments, and understand that they use another church's pastor for their revival, so turn about is fair play.



# Churches People And Events

## Homecoming at Berkeley

The pastor, Reverend Jerry Fields, has announced that Homecoming Day Services will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, 8900 Springdale, Berkeley, Missouri. The date for the service is Sunday, April 28, 1985. This will be an all-day service with dinner being served in the Fellowship Hall. Two former pastors, Reverend Harvery Hill and Reverend Clarence Burton, will be speaking in the morning and afternoon services. The afternoon service will consist largely of singing and testimonies. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone.

## Dedication Service Planned at Richwoods

Mrs. Junior Lewis, church reporter, writes that the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church held its first service in the new auditorium, February 3, 1985. She continues, "The Lord has blessed with a beautiful building and we thank Him for everything, for without Him we could not have done anything."

The pastor, Reverend James Parker, has announced that the Dedication Service for the new building will be Sunday, April 21, 1985. It will be held in the afternoon. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend the Dedication Service.

The Third Annual Southeastern Conference on Evangelism and Soul Winning will be held at the college, 5473 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, Virginia. The date is March 31-April 3, 1985.

## A "Taste" of Hunger

On November 9th and 10th, 1984, a dozen teenagers and four sponsors met at the Beacon Free Will Baptist Church in Raytown to participate in a 24 hour PLANNED FAMINE. Each person involved gave \$6.00 (the cost of three meals) and enlisted sponsors who would match their gift. The goal was to raise \$750.00 for WORLD VISION to help feed the hungry.

The 24 hours were spent in Bible study, games, viewing a full-length film about missionary Hudson Taylor—and just a "bit" of sleep.

It was a time of revelation to all who participated. As the hours went by, some began to experience hunger pangs, dizziness or light-headedness, and a general lethargy seemed to settle over the group.

We were reminded that this was a relatively short period of time with no food—what of those millions who had gone without nutrition for weeks and months—and no hope of obtaining it?

With the help of a concerned and generous congregation, the monetary goal was exceeded by \$1,250.00. Approximately \$2,000.00 was sent to WORLD VISION.

This eye-opening experience for the youth has proved to be a real blessing. Thank you, Lord, for the privilege of living in a land of plenty. God forbid that we ever ignore the suffering and hunger of our unfortunate brothers.

Matthew 25:40 "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Beacon Youth Group and sponsors



## Patrick and Susan Dickens Resign from Missionary Service

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Patrick and Susan Dickens, who returned to the United States in September of 1984 due to health needs, have submitted their resignations from missionary service effective January 31, 1985.

"After much prayer and heart searching, we feel God is leading us to minister in the United States, at least for a time," stated Patrick and Susan.

"We have enjoyed working with our fellow missionaries and national brethren in Ivory Coast," Patrick added. "Our burden for those who have yet to hear the gospel has not diminished. We hope and pray someday God will use us again in a ministry to the unreached."

The couple had served in Ivory Coast since 1977.

## Mortgage Burning Service at Joplin

On Sunday, February 3, 1985, a special service was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Joplin, Missouri. Reverend Richard Robinson, pastor of the church, states, "Through the blessing of God, and the love and dedication of the people, the last dollar for the loan that was made to improve the parking lot and other improvements has been paid. This day is a day of Victory Celebration."

At the Morning Worship, the New Life Singers from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College presented special music. Reverend N. R. Smith delivered the



Morning Message. The Afternoon Service was held with special music by the New Life Singers and Reverend Clarence Burton delivering the message. A delicious dinner was served in the Fellowship Hall.



Pastor and board members



New Life Singers

### Valentine Banquet

On Friday evening, February 8, 1985, a Valentine Banquet was held at the Olivet Free Will Baptist Church in Marshall, Missouri. The program began by singing several appropriate songs of the past, led by Daisy Harper. Several skits, "Little Elvira and Little Elmer," "Leaving Home," and "Little Oscar" were presented. Many beautiful and some a bit humorous songs were sung, "Itsy Witsy," "Yellow Rose Of Texas," "Shepherd Of My Heart," and "Until You've Known The Love Of God" sung by Jeannie Bowman. Reverend Clarence Burton brought a Devotional Message.

The pastor, Reverend Cliff Bowman, stated, "This has been a good evening. We have had a lot of fun and wonderful fellowship." He expressed appreciation to the ones who labored faithfully in preparing for the banquet.

### Calvary Fellowship Stewardship Banquet

On Saturday evening, January 12, 1985, the Calvary Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church held its second Annual Stewardship Banquet. Tithing testimonies were given by Mike Hunter, Monica Muller, Erma Lea Hogan, and Johnny Johnson. Reverend Clarence Burton was present to present the Cooperative Allocation of the budget. A three thousand dollar weekly budget was presented to the one hundred thirty adults.

Following the testimonies and the challenge, the people were asked to respond to two basic questions: 1) On the basis of my anticipated income for 1985, my weekly tithe will be \_\_\_\_\_. 2) Because God has been so good to me, or simply because I wish to express my love to Him, in a tangible way, I will give each week above my weekly tithes. These two figures were totaled. No one signed his name to the statements. This was not a pledge. It simply enabled the church to know where it stood in relationship to the 1985 church budget.

The highlight of the evening was when the pastor, Reverend Jerry Norris, began totaling the figures. A grand total of \$4,011.50 was committed in tithes and offerings. Applause was heard throughout the building as the budget was reached and surpassed!

The pastor states, "Last year at the first banquet, it was with fear and trembling that we increased our weekly budget from \$1,800.50 (which we weren't meeting) to \$2,208. Our offerings averaged \$2,600 per week in 1984. This banquet has been a contributing factor to the increase in giving at Calvary."



The pastor and board members, Calvary Fellowship

### Sweetheart Banquet at Lebanon

A Sweetheart Banquet was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon, Missouri, Wednesday evening, February 13, 1985. The theme was "An Era Of The Past—Southern Colonial Days."

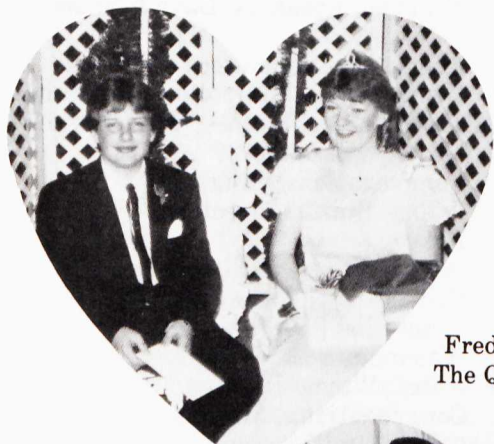
Ken and Liz Whittenburg, youth sponsors, prepared an interesting program and made arrangements for the "Lovely Ladies" to serve the southern dinner.



Several skits were presented, "Hillbilly Wedding," "It's Contagious," and "Pa, You've Changed." The special music was given by Bonnie Jones, "Love Me Tender" and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." Reverend Clarence Burton gave the Devotional Message.

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the king and queen. The couple that won by majority votes were Fredia Jones, queen, and Darrell Whittenburg, king.

The pastor, Reverend Joe Braddy, stated that he thought it was a well-planned banquet and was surely enjoyed by everyone.



Fredia and Darrell  
The Queen and King,



The Youth Sponsors,  
Ken and Liz

### Greetings From Missionary Vergel Maness

A nice warm letter to the folks of Missouri came from Brother Vergel Maness. Space would not permit using the entire letter, but concerning his labor he writes, "Our work with the mission goes well, even though bad weather and sickness have affected the attendance. Some breakthrough has been made with the city. We are presently constructing the parsonage and will have the building we presently occupy converted to Chapel Sunday School. This will give us our own buildings for worship and free us from paying the property taxes of \$1400 annually and the rent we pay for the school where we meet for worship. We hope to be in the parsonage by April or May."

"Thanks to everyone for the prayers and kindness and financial gifts over the years. God will bless you for it."

### In Memory of Brother Long



Rev. and Mrs. Long

Funeral Services were held for Reverend Henry Long, October 20, 1984, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri. Reverend Dale Kester, pastor of the church, officiated at the service. Mrs. Alyene Collier writes, "Our dearly beloved, Brother Long completed his earthly journey, October 18 at the St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Missouri."

Brother Long mentioned at his last birthday that "if he passed away" in 1984 his life would be a complete seven. Born in Lebanon, Missouri, on May 7, 1907, his age at death was 77. He married Lola Trulove in 1927 and was saved the same year. At the time of his death he celebrated fifty-seven years of married and Christian life.

He is survived by his wife Lola Long, and two sons, Loren and Paul, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Editor's note: Even though there were two articles in the previous Gem relating to Brother Long's death, it seemed appropriate to use this with the photo, which we did not have for the previous issue.

### Looking Toward The Missouri State Association

*by Clarence Burton*

On, Tuesday, May 28 folks will begin to gather in the beautiful town of Farmington, Missouri, for the annual meeting of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. This is a time that many of us look forward, with great anticipation, to fellowship, worship, and doing business for the cause of Christ.

It is a thrill for the Christian to listen to fine gospel preaching, beautiful songs of praise, and join together in prayer and fellowship. This year we will be able to enjoy all of these at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Farmington, Missouri. The church facilities are very adequate and accommodating, the folks of the church and the Lead Belt area are very friendly, and the city has proper motel and restaurant accommodations.



The pastor of the church, Reverend James McAllister, the church and school staff, along with the folks of the church extend to us a warm welcome and look forward to our visit together.

Let me offer three suggestions that will help make this one of the best associations that we have had: 1) Attend if possible. If you can't attend every service, attend those possible. 2) Pray for this State Association. Pray for the preachers, the ones that will be singing, all the program personalities, and for the moderator and officers of the association. 3) Encourage others to attend. Sometimes all it takes is just a little encouragement.

I'll be looking forward to seeing you. May the Lord grant to us one of the best meetings that we have ever experienced.

#### Motels located in the Farmington Area.

Best Western Landmark Motor Inn—75 rooms  
Flat River, Missouri  
(314) 431-4241

#### Rates:

Single 1 person	26.16
Single 2 persons	31.39
Double 2 people	36.62
Double 3 people	41.85
Double 4 people	47.08

Knight's Inn—29 Rooms  
Farmington, Missouri  
(314) 756-8951

#### Rates:

Single 1 person	30.00
Single 2 persons	32.00
Double 2 people	34.00
Double 3 people	36.00
Double 4 people	38.00
Queen 2 people	34.00
King 2 people	36.00
King Waterbed 2 people	38.00

Burt's Motor Lodge—40 rooms  
Desloge, Missouri  
(314) 431-4001

#### Rates:

Single 1 person	24.29 tax inc.
Single 2 persons	26.41 tax inc.
Double 2 people	30.63 tax inc.
Double 3 people	34.86 tax inc.
Double 4 people	39.08 tax inc.

### PROGRAM AND RELATED ACTIVITIES MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS May 28-31, 1985 FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH FARMINGTON, MISSOURI

#### TUESDAY, May 28

- 10:00 a.m. — \*Executive Meeting  
1:00 p.m. — \*General Board Meeting

#### WEDNESDAY, May 29

- 9:00 a.m. — \*General Board Meeting  
1:30 p.m. — \*Seminar—"Using Your Congregational Resources"  
"Stewardship of Talents"  
Rev. Greg McAllister  
(Sponsored by Christian Education Board)

#### WEDNESDAY, May 29

- 9:30 a.m. — Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention  
Theme—"Precious Promises"  
Principal Speakers: Dave & Sharon Filkins  
Missionary appointees to Africa  
(Program not complete at this time)

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING, Theme—"The Church—Its Mission"—Matthew 28:18-20

- 7:30 p.m. — Congregational Singing  
John Smith, Director  
Prayer  
Rev. Clarence Burton  
Convening the Association  
Rev. Joe Braddy, Clerk  
Welcome  
Rev. Wayne Phillips  
Congregational Singing  
John Smith  
Special Music  
Farmington Choir  
Offering  
Special Music  
Message  
"The Church—Its Mission—To Edify"  
Rev. Gary Fry  
Benediction

#### THURSDAY, May 30

- 9:00 a.m. — Congregational Singing  
John Smith  
Morning Devotional  
Rev. Dave Pinkston  
9:15 Credential Committee Report  
Seating of Delegates  
Moderator's Message  
Rev. Millard Sasser  
Partial General Board Report  
Report of Representatives of National Offices  
10:45 Recess  
11:00 Morning Worship  
Rev. Dan Felts, Presiding  
Congregational Singing  
John Smith  
Special Music  
Message  
"The Church—Its Mission—To Educate"  
Rev. Bud Arnold  
Benediction

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON, May 30

- 1:30 p.m. — Congregational Singing  
John Smith



Devotional

- 1:45 Rev. James Crawford  
General Board Report Continued  
Report of Executive Secretary  
Report of Christian Education Board  
Report of Home Missions Board  
Report of Lebanon Bible and Book Store  
Report of Sunday School & CTS Board  
Report of Youth Camp Board

(It may be necessary for some reports to be made on Friday.)

THURSDAY EVENING, May 30

- 7:30 p.m. — Worship Hour  
Rev. Ken Dodson, Presiding  
Congregational Singing  
John Smith  
Special Music  
Farmington Choir  
Offering—Missions  
Congregational Singing  
John Smith  
Special Music  
Message  
“The Church—Its Mission—To Evangelize”  
Rev. Jim Williams  
Benediction

FRIDAY MORNING, May 31

- 9:00 a.m. — Congregational Singing  
John Smith  
Devotional  
Rev. Steve Reeves  
9:15 Report of Resolution Committee  
Report of Obituary Committee  
Report of Placement Committee  
Report of Nominating Committee  
10:45 Recess  
11:00 Worship Service  
Rev. Nathan Ruble, Presiding  
Congregational Singing  
John Smith  
Special Music  
Message  
“The Church—Its Mission—To Expedite”  
Rev. Dennis Bouman  
Benediction  
1:30 a.m. Remaining Business  
Dismissal

The Farmington Church Music Department, under the direction of John Smith, will be in charge of and responsible for the music and special singing.

\*All meetings and services will be held at the Farmington Church.

PREACHERS AND LAYMANS SEMINAR



Bob Shockey

April 22, 23, 1985

Youth Camp Grounds—Niangua, MO.

*Schedule*

Monday, April 22

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|------------|---|
| 12:00 Noon | Lunch and Registration                    |
| 1:30-2:15  | Bible Study (2 Timothy) Gene Wilfong      |
| 2:15-3:00  | “Getting People To Jesus” Bob Shockey     |
| 3:00-3:15  | Break-Time                                |
| 3:15-4:00  | Bible Study (2 Timothy) Gene Wilfong      |
| 4:00-4:45  | “Operation-Evangelize” Bob Shockey        |
| 5:00       | Evening Meal                              |
| 6:30-7:15  | Bible Study (2 Timothy) Gene Wilfong      |
| 7:15-7:30  | Break-Time                                |
| 7:30-8:15  | “Let’s Go With Sunday School” Bob Shockey |

Tuesday, April 23

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|-------------|--|
| 8:00 A.M.   | Breakfast                                  |
| 9:00-9:30   | “Bus Them In” Bob Shockey                  |
| 9:30-10:00  | Bible Study (2 Timothy) Gene Wilfong       |
| 10:00-10:15 | Break-Time                                 |
| 10:15-10:45 | “C.C.C. Method for Visitation” Bob Shockey |
| 10:45-11:15 | Bible Study (2 Timothy) Gene Wilfong       |
| 11:15-11:30 | Share and Prayer Time (Dismissal)          |
| 11:30       | Lunch                                      |

This seminar is sponsored by the Christian Board of Education and the Executive Department. The only cost is \$15.00 for registration, meals, and housing accommodations.

Reverend Bob Shockey is well known throughout the denomination. He has served twenty years as a pastor, five years as general director of the National Home Missions Department, and is presently serving as Christian Service Director and Campus Pastor of the Free Will Baptist Bible College. His ability to motivate Christians, win unsaved to Jesus and build churches keeps him busy as a conference speaker and evangelist.

Brother Gene Wilfong has established himself well as an effective worker in the Christian Day School program, a solid worker in the local church, and an excellent Bible teacher. He is presently serving as principal of the Farmington Christian Academy.





# THE BASIC NINE

by Dr. Roger C. Reeds

How many Sunday school classes do you have at your church? There is a good reason for my asking. You see there is strong evidence to support the fact that the attendance at your Sunday school is related to the number of classes that you have. Do you have four classes? If you do there is a good chance that your average attendance will be forty. Do you have six classes? Then your average attendance will be sixty. The idea then is that your attendance will average about ten for every one class that you have.

There is nothing strange or mystical about this. It is simply one of the laws of Sunday school growth. The law states that you will average ten pupils for each class that you have. It is sometimes called a worker-pupil ratio. That ratio is usually 10 to 1 or ten pupils for each one teacher that you have.

When we have less than nine classes it means that we must have a blending together of several classes into one class. Generally we will group several of the childrens' levels into one class, or several of the teen levels into one class. This kind of practice actually hinders our growth.

Every Free Will Baptist Sunday school ought to strive to have at least the nine basic Sunday school classes. Here is a list of the nine basic Sunday school classes:

Cradle Roll .....	Birth-2
Nursery .....	2-3
Preschool .....	4-5
Primary .....	6-8
Junior .....	9-11
Intermediate .....	12-14
Senior High .....	15-17
Young Adult .....	18-24
Adults .....	25-Up

Any Free Will Baptist Sunday school that has the nine basic classes should be averaging at least 90 in Sunday school.

For many of our churches this will mean the addition of several classes. In one sense you will be multiplying your attendance by addition. Or another way of looking at it would be to multiply your classes (increase the number of your classes) by dividing some of your classes.

I am in no way suggesting that every class should strive for a 10 to 1 ratio. In fact in the lower levels the ratio should be smaller. Here is a suggested class ratio:

Cradle .....	3 to 1
Nursery .....	4 to 1
Preschool .....	5 to 1
Primaries .....	7 to 1
Juniors .....	9 to 1

Intermediates .....	9 to 1
Senior High .....	12 to 1
Young Adults .....	15 to 1
Adults .....	15-25 to 1

Why bother with smaller classes? Large classes are unwieldy, especially on the lower levels. We must remember that we only have one hour or less on each Sunday morning. We must do our best during that one hour. Smaller classes will help us do our best.

If you divide your classes into lower quantities you will accomplish several things. First, you will create job opportunities for your newly trained teachers. Secondly, and most important, you will have more effective teaching. During that one hour that we have on Sunday morning we are combating such things as the thirty-five hours per week our children spend in the public school. We are combating the forty-nine hours per week that they spend watching television. We are combating other activities as well as peer group pressure. We had better be at our best and do our best in our Sunday school hour. The evidence is that smaller classes will help us have more effective teaching.

Thirdly, we divide our classes to provide for great pupil participation. When we have a large class we are usually limited to the lecture method. There can be very little class discussion. With small classes we can give more attention to the special needs of our pupils.

Many of our churches are unable to divide classes because they do not have room to do so. When you pour water into a bottle it takes the shape of the bottle. When you put a Sunday school into a church building it will take the shape of the building.

I would like to suggest several things to do about providing more space for more classes. First, use unused space. Do you have any class rooms that you are not using? Many of our churches have class rooms that are used for storage. The Lord would rather have your class rooms filled with people than with relics. Clean out these class rooms and fill them with people.

Secondly, let me suggest that you make better use of what you have. You may have a small class meeting in a large room. Divide that class room in two and have two classes. You may have to use the furnace room, or the pastor's study, or the choir loft. You may have to hang some curtains or build some partitions.

Thirdly, you may be able to use another building that is nearby. If the parsonage is located next door to the church it may be wise to vacate it and use it for class rooms. Of course you will have to buy another parsonage or give the pastor a housing allowance. You may be able to buy a nearby house to be used for class rooms. At the present time you may be able to buy a house or two more cheaply than you can build.



Fourthly, when you build in the future, build with the Sunday school in mind. Be sure that you have more adequate space for your Sunday school. As I travel and around and visit our Free Will Baptist churches I find that our buildings hinder our growth as much as anything I know. We just have not built with the Sunday school in mind. Many of our churches have sizeable auditoriums but little class room space. It is small wonder that they do not grow.

When you have established the basic nine units do not stop there! If you wish your Sunday school to continue to grow then you will have to provide more classes. Once you are past the basic nine classes you must continue to divide your classes and provide more classes. A good place to do this will be with the adults. Adults can be grouped by ages too. In fact, most of your adults will prefer to be divided by age groupings. I would also like to suggest that you not neglect the senior citizens. These dear people have basic needs that can be met in a Sunday school class that is especially designed for them.

This is the story of the basic nine. Most Sunday schools across our denomination average between 30 and 60. By increasing our class units to nine we could easily bring that average up to 90. Once we have reached the 90 plateau we can go on to higher numbers. Continue to multiply by dividing!

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#### MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING FOREIGN MISSIONS December/January 1985

West Plains, First .....	\$168.00
Bailey .....	\$168.00
Belton .....	\$50.00
Miley .....	\$50.00
South Side .....	\$85.00
Tallent .....	\$85.00
Flat River, First .....	\$27.67
Bailey .....	\$20.00
Filkins .....	7.67
Olivet .....	\$100.00
Poole .....	\$30.00
Inscoc .....	30.00
Sparks .....	20.00
McLain .....	10.00
Pinkerton .....	10.00
Fredericktown, First .....	\$40.00
Bailey .....	\$10.00
General Fund .....	10.00
Turnbough .....	20.00
Fourth .....	\$135.00
Lytle .....	\$125.00
Tallent .....	10.00
Columbia .....	\$20.00
Tallent .....	\$20.00
South Fremont .....	\$185.00
MO Missionaries with	
Deficit accts. ....	\$120.00
McLain .....	25.00

Bailey .....	15.00
Richards .....	5.00
Pinkerton .....	20.00
Harmony, K.C. ....	\$140.00
Turnbough .....	\$120.00
Midgett .....	20.00
Thayer .....	\$545.15
General Fund (5th Sun. Offering) .....	\$525.15
Turnbough .....	\$10.00
Pinkerton .....	10.00
Liberty, Kirksville .....	\$48.00
Pinkerton .....	\$48.00
New Harmony .....	\$143.20
McLain .....	\$71.60
Miley .....	71.60
Bethel .....	\$90.00
General Fund .....	\$50.00
Tallent .....	20.00
Bailey .....	20.00
Myrtle .....	\$77.00
Bailey .....	\$47.00
Tallent .....	30.00
Hannon .....	\$459.36
Bunch .....	\$409.36
Lytle .....	25.00
Pinkerton .....	25.00
Trinity .....	\$194.00
Tallent .....	\$20.00
Hanna .....	85.00
General Fund .....	89.00
United, W.P. ....	\$40.69
Bunch .....	\$40.69
Sedalia .....	\$20.00
Inscoc .....	\$20.00
Viburnum .....	\$158.00
Tallent .....	\$34.00
Bailey .....	\$24.00
Bunch .....	10.00
Turnbough .....	40.00
Filkins .....	50.00
Bunch .....	\$30.25
Bunch .....	\$30.25
L. Mayes .....	\$5.00
Bunch .....	\$5.00
C. Nichols .....	\$5.00
Bunch .....	\$5.00
Lebanon, First .....	\$50.00
McLain .....	\$10.00
Pinkerton .....	10.00
Tallent .....	10.00
Bunch .....	10.00
Bailey .....	10.00
Faith Chapel .....	\$20.00
McLain .....	\$20.00
Monett .....	\$1,435.27
Tallent .....	\$451.60
Bunch .....	129.10
Sparks .....	218.00
Dr. Eagleton .....	391.50
Bailey .....	63.00
Coward .....	48.00
Filkins .....	15.00
General Fund .....	77.07
Miley .....	32.00
Webb .....	10.00
Eastern Gate .....	\$10.00
Bunch .....	\$10.00
R. C. Rector, Jr. ....	\$120.00
Bunch (Pledge) .....	\$120.00
Pleasant Ridge .....	\$40.00
General Fund .....	\$20.00
McLain .....	20.00
Marshfield .....	\$50.00
Tallent .....	\$20.00
Bunch .....	20.00
Bailey .....	10.00



Leadington.....	\$538.0
Turnbough.....	\$50.00
Morgan.....	40.00
Pinkerton.....	40.00
Miley.....	40.00
Richards.....	40.00
Eagleton.....	40.00
Lytle.....	40.00
Hanna.....	40.00
Bailey.....	40.00
Bunch.....	118.00
Coward.....	10.00
McLain.....	40.00
Grant Avenue.....	\$817.00
General Fund.....	\$57.00
Pinkerton.....	166.00
McLain.....	40.00
Tallent.....	174.00
Hersey.....	370.00
Bunch.....	10.00
Leamon Killian.....	\$30.00
Lytle.....	\$30.00
Central.....	\$105.00
Bunch.....	\$90.00
Filkins.....	15.00
Indian Creek Association.....	\$3,476.21
Banks.....	\$10.00
Bunch.....	1,054.47
Miley.....	200.00
Wode.....	15.00
Filkins.....	975.28
Dr. Eagleton.....	102.00
Van Hook.....	990.26
Bailey.....	99.20
Cousineau.....	15.00
General Fund.....	15.00
Berkeley.....	\$361.00
Bunch.....	\$101.00
Lytle.....	30.00
Tallent.....	30.00
Deficit Accts.....	200.00
Freeman Chapel.....	\$532.88
Pinkerton.....	\$532.88
O'Fallon.....	\$196.00
Tallent.....	\$25.00
Bunch.....	171.00
Brent & Cindy Thompson.....	\$50.00
Bunch.....	\$50.00
Byrd Jr. SS Class.....	\$15.00
Bailey.....	\$15.00
Houston.....	\$53.00
Tallent.....	\$25.00
Turnbough.....	1.00
Richards.....	2.00
Bryan.....	2.00
McLain.....	2.00
Payne.....	1.00
Pinkerton.....	10.00
Van Hook.....	10.00
Overland Ladies SS Class.....	\$38.50
Hanna.....	\$38.50
John Schebaum.....	\$50.00
General Fund.....	\$50.00
Liberty, Phillipsburg.....	\$350.00
Hanna.....	\$350.00
Fordland.....	\$25.00
Bunch.....	\$10.00
Tallent.....	15.00
Farmington.....	\$65.00
Bunch.....	\$25.00
Miley.....	5.00
Bailey.....	20.00
Pinkerton.....	15.00
Total.....	\$11,194.18

# **MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING** **NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS** **December/January 1985**

Flat River, First.....	\$10.00
Maness.....	\$5.00
General Fund.....	5.00
Olivet.....	\$40.00
Maness.....	\$40.00
Fredericktown, First.....	\$64.85
Barron.....	\$20.00
Lewis.....	24.85
Fulcher.....	10.00
General Fund.....	10.00
Columbia.....	\$24.25
Vandivort.....	\$20.00
General Fund.....	4.25
South Fremont.....	\$2.00
Maness.....	\$2.00
Harmony, K.C.....	\$10.00
Lake.....	\$10.00
Liberty, Kirksville.....	\$10.00
B. White.....	\$10.00
Bethel.....	\$156.53
Great Bend.....	\$10.00
General Fund.....	50.00
Long.....	56.53 (16.53 is from G.A.F.)
Highway Helpers.....	20.00
Maness.....	20.00
Myrtle.....	\$117.00
Elder.....	\$40.00
Highway Helpers.....	40.00
Maness.....	37.00
Leadington.....	\$235.00
Long.....	\$40.00
O'Dell.....	40.00
Maness.....	50.00
Fulcher.....	40.00
Vandivort.....	50.00
Wright.....	15.00
Grant Avenue.....	\$12.00
Vandivort.....	\$2.00
Maness.....	10.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	\$125.00
Vandivort.....	\$50.00
Maness.....	50.00
Lewis.....	25.00
Indian Creek Association.....	\$1,105.28
Maness.....	\$995.28
Lake.....	10.00
Lewis.....	100.00
Trinity.....	\$30.00
Fulcher.....	\$30.00
Berkeley.....	\$464.00
Fulcher-Reg. Acct.....	\$180.00
Fulcher-Van.....	150.00
Maness.....	4.00
Lewis.....	30.00
Deficit Accts.....	100.00
United, West Plains.....	\$115.00
Deficit Accts.....	\$100.00
Vandivort.....	5.00
General Fund.....	10.00
Pleasant Home.....	\$34.00
Trail.....	\$29.00
Maness.....	5.00
Bob & Glenda Keith.....	\$33.00
Vandivort.....	\$30.00
General Fund.....	3.00
Central.....	\$74.00
General Fund.....	\$35.00
Highway Helpers.....	20.00
Maness.....	15.00
B. Thomas.....	4.00
Viburnum.....	\$92.00
Vandivort.....	\$20.00



Maness .....	10.00	
Wright .....	56.00	
E. Turnbough .....	6.00	
South East District .....		\$100.00
Miner .....	\$100.00	
Wolf Creek .....		\$20.00
Vandivort .....	\$20.00	
Thayer .....		\$108.00
Dunn .....	\$6.61	
Lake .....	10.00	
Maness .....	19.00	
Highway Helpers .....	60.00	
General Fund .....	5.00	
T. Dooley .....	7.39	
Marshfield .....		\$30.00
Maness .....	\$30.00	
Monett .....		\$181.00
Maness .....	\$46.00	
Lewis .....	50.00	
General Fund .....	40.00	
Lake .....	45.00	
Lebanon, First .....		\$100.00
O'Dell .....	\$100.00	
Pleasant Ridge .....		\$34.00
Maness .....	\$34.00	
Verdella .....		\$10.00
O'Dell .....	\$10.00	
Fordland .....		\$25.00
Maness .....	\$25.00	
Farmington .....		\$79.00
Vandivort .....	\$10.00	
Vera .....	20.00	
Miner .....	14.00	
Criswell .....	5.00	
Wright .....	30.00	
Total .....		\$3,440.91

#### MISSOURI DESIGNATED GIVING December/January 1985

##### YOUTH CAMP

New Rock Springs .....	\$ 20.00
Olivett .....	50.00
Victory, Alton (Pool) .....	50.00
Harmony, K.C. ....	20.00
Bethel .....	600.00
Myrtle .....	28.00
Leadington .....	40.00
Eastern Gate .....	10.00
Bethel, Eldorado Springs (Pool) .....	27.76
Berkeley (Pool) .....	50.00
Hannon .....	15.00
Trinity (Pool) .....	60.66
Bob & Glenda Keith .....	10.00
Wolf Creek .....	20.00
Thayer .....	20.00
Sunnyview .....	25.00
Coon Creek .....	20.00
Lebanon, First .....	50.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	10.00
Buffalo, First .....	100.00
Farmington (Pool) .....	40.00
Total .....	\$1,266.42

##### FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Monett (Don Lombard Student Loan Fund) .....	\$1.00
Leadington .....	40.00
Houston .....	10.00
Total .....	\$51.00

##### HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Willow Springs .....	\$40.00
Hannon .....	50.00
Grant Avenue .....	20.00

Houston .....	10.00
Total .....	\$120.00

##### WORLD VISION

Myrtle (Ethiopian Fund) .....	\$340.00
Lebanon, First (Ethiopian Fund) .....	314.39
Total .....	\$654.39

##### BOARD RETIREMENT & INSURANCE

Grant Avenue .....	\$2.00
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##### GREENEVILLE CHILDREN'S HOME

Myrtle .....	\$8.23
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##### JOHN MCCLURE ACCOUNT

Monett .....	\$18.00
Farmington .....	105.00
Total .....	\$123.00

##### COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

December 1984

Hopewell .....	\$ 320.00
Hopewell .....	225.00
Hartville .....	205.97
Bailey Chapel .....	39.00
Monett .....	580.92
Fredericktown, First .....	254.00
Belton .....	155.49
Springfield, First .....	100.00
Parkview .....	199.14
Mill Creek .....	155.35
Macedonia .....	20.00
Number One .....	49.00
New Rock Springs .....	54.72
Mt. Zion, Gower .....	44.36
Royal Oak .....	18.00
Mine La Motte .....	31.00
Faith, Lemay .....	142.00
Marshfield .....	157.03
Joplin .....	333.79
Neosho .....	71.25
Merl's Chapel .....	60.90
Union Grove .....	107.50
Tyrone .....	40.43
Victory, Alton .....	250.00
Olivet .....	250.00
Columbia .....	25.00
Friendship .....	100.00
Flat River, First .....	494.01
Berkeley .....	388.16
Grant Avenue .....	463.40
Mt. Zion, Thayer .....	40.91
Calvary, Conway .....	117.00
United, W.P. ....	167.90
Verdella .....	143.75
Verdella .....	113.02
Pleasant Ridge .....	46.00
DeSoto .....	740.00
Gospel Light .....	139.00
Berean .....	11.18
Hurryville .....	120.39
Byrd .....	28.00
Byrd .....	26.50
New Harmony .....	7.00
Houston .....	216.00
Houston .....	198.67
Freeman Chapel .....	128.00
Cabool .....	233.22
Rolla .....	150.00
Rock Chapel .....	225.00
Lingo .....	28.45
Thayer .....	297.40
Pleasant Home .....	574.23



Wolf Creek .....	221.80
Leadington .....	500.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	139.00
Happy Home .....	145.00
South Fremont .....	200.00
Seymour .....	84.53
Grace .....	813.00
Liberty, Phillipsburg .....	350.00
Copper Mines .....	173.80
West Plains, First .....	104.85
Pleasant Hill .....	44.68
Fordland .....	420.00
Way Side .....	222.66
El Dorado Springs, First .....	5.00
Farmington .....	1,150.00
Black Oak .....	10.00
Lebanon, First .....	506.47
Cape Girardeau .....	408.94
O'Fallon .....	562.47
Interest on Account .....	249.98
Total .....	\$15,399.36

#### COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS January 1985

Tyrone .....	\$ 62.50
Walnut Grove .....	68.50
Twin Oak .....	437.40
Union Light .....	174.75
Hartville .....	281.88
Hopewell .....	246.00
Belton .....	215.65
United, W.P. ....	340.51
Flat River, First .....	611.93
DeSoto .....	980.00
New Rock Springs .....	110.50
Olivet .....	250.00
Victory, Alton .....	390.00
Mt. Zion, Gower .....	54.70
Mountain Valley .....	167.62
Fredericktown, First .....	268.00
Old Bethel .....	145.68
Number One .....	60.00
Viburnum .....	174.86
Columbia .....	25.00
Hickory Grove .....	45.81
Union Grove .....	122.50
South Fremont .....	73.00
Terrill Road .....	106.00
Harmony, K.C. ....	464.00
Union .....	60.00
Faith, Lemay .....	158.90
Lingo .....	50.00
New Harmony .....	11.59
Bethel .....	441.00
Calvary Chapel .....	505.90
Myrtle .....	280.27
Willow Springs .....	267.08
Alton .....	225.00
Calvary Fellowship .....	9,141.81
Pleasant Ridge .....	56.00
Mine La Motte .....	40.00
Happy Home .....	110.00
Marshfield .....	190.26
Grant Avenue .....	598.64
Royal Oak .....	36.00
Gospel Light .....	192.00
Salem .....	30.00
Salem .....	30.00
Eastern Gate .....	183.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	153.00
Joplin .....	342.12
Neosho .....	71.25
Merl's Chapel .....	123.31
Calvary, Conway .....	118.20

Berkeley .....	553.00
Hannon .....	306.96
Springfield, First .....	197.00
Macedonia .....	24.00
Byrd .....	31.00
Cope .....	37.30
Friendship .....	148.00
Mill Creek .....	217.64
Cabool .....	273.58
Freeman Chapel .....	120.68
Hurryville .....	125.00
Pleasant Home .....	225.54
Pleasant Hill .....	66.72
Jones Creek Road .....	264.48
Rock Chapel .....	282.57
Leadington .....	600.00
Central .....	1,208.22
Sedalia .....	38.69
Berean .....	12.15
Viburnum .....	219.84
Unity, Lebanon .....	172.40
Wolf Creek .....	365.12
Copper Mines .....	228.62
Richwoods .....	305.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown .....	48.31
West Plains, First .....	152.50
Bailey Chapel .....	50.00
Lingo .....	37.50
Thayer .....	310.00
Grace .....	1,100.00
Parkview .....	298.85
Monett .....	762.78
Seymour .....	91.13
Wilderness .....	202.00
Harmony, K.C. ....	331.00
Hartville .....	91.48
St. Francois District Association .....	21.00
New Harmony .....	6.51
El Dorado Springs, First .....	5.00
Willow Springs .....	155.10
Bethel .....	351.00
O'Fallon .....	759.43
Lebanon, First .....	501.80
Cape Girardeau .....	407.07
Interest .....	197.31
Total .....	\$31,185.40

#### COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS December 1984

		\$15,399.36
18.50%	Missouri State Home Missions .....	\$2,848.88
17.00%	Executive Office and Gem .....	2,617.89
3.50%	General Fund .....	538.98
10.50%	Youth Camp .....	1,616.93
1.75%	Christian Education Board .....	269.49
1.75%	Sunday School & CTS Board .....	269.49
2.50%	Retirement Village .....	384.98
5.00%	Missouri State Retirement Program .....	769.97
39.50%	National Departments & Hillsdale .....	6,082.75
(Hillsdale—6.00%—\$923.96)		
Foreign Missions		
Free Will Baptist Bible College		
National Home Missions		
Executive Office		
Board of Retirement & Insurance		
Laymans Board		
Theological Commission		
Total .....		\$15,399.36



*We are so thankful to the Lord that we met and even exceeded our goal for this year! (We operated on a 9-month year for this associational year. Next year we will go on a January 1 to December 31.) The goal for this year for cooperative giving was \$180,000 for the 9-months. This month was short for the normal amount of \$20,000 but the previous months have compensated for it. Therefore each State Board and the National Association has received its projected amount through cooperative giving. Perhaps another reason for this month being below normal is that the month ended on Monday. Consequently, the checks from some churches were not received for December. However, they will be included in the January receipts.*

Let us continue to pray the Lord will bless through this equitable and Biblical plan of support.

#### COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS January 1985

		\$31,185.40
18.50%	Missouri State Home Missions .....	\$5,769.30
17.00%	Executive Office and Gem .....	5,301.52
3.50%	General Fund .....	1,091.49
10.50%	Youth Camp .....	3,274.47
1.75%	Christian Education Board .....	545.74
1.75%	Sunday School & CTS Board .....	545.74

2.50%	Retirement Village .....	779.63
5.00%	Missouri State Retirement Program .....	1,559.27
39.50%	National Departments & Hillsdale .....	12,318.24
	(Hillsdale—6.00%—\$1,871.12)	

Foreign Missions  
Free Will Baptist Bible College  
National Home Missions  
Executive Office  
Board of Retirement & Insurance  
Laymans Board  
Theological Commission

Total .....\$31,185.40

As this report shows, we have so much for which to thank the Lord! What a wonderful way to begin the New Year, 1985. We are trusting the Lord to bless this year as He has in previous years. As He blesses and we give we will reach our goal. It is a joy to prepare this report and send the cooperative checks to our State and National Ministries. May the Lord bless every cent as fruit to the account of faithful churches and pastors throughout the state of Missouri.

# Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

Let's look at Ephesians 4:11 and 12:

11 "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;  
12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

In verse 11, the evangelist and the ministry of evangelism are included in the list of gifts given to the church by the ascended Christ. All these gifts have one common purpose. They are not in competition with each other. One is no more or no less important than another. They were designed by Christ to

accomplish collectively the goal mentioned in verse 12.

The common goal of these gifts (I say again of which evangelism is one) is to equip Christians for effective service so the church will be built or increased.

So, while it is important to have pastoring, teaching, and all the other gifts mentioned here and elsewhere in Scripture, the church will not reach her full potential without a proper emphasis and involvement in evangelism.

## Minute Meditations

by Gene Crewse

"He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame" (Proverbs 10:5).

I see in this verse two sons with equal opportunities of summer weather and equal responsibilities of harvest. One chooses to gather and is called wise while the other chooses to sleep and causes shame.

Our Father cries to us in His Word, "The fields are white unto harvest." "The harvest is great but the laborers are few." What is our response? Are we busy sharing the cross of Christ by wisely gathering in

summer, or are we bringing shame to the cause of Christ by willfully sleeping in harvest?

How sad is the cry of the soul, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended and we are not saved." How shameful the cry of the son, "Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep." How satisfying to God is the cry of the son, "Here am I; send me!"

The Father cries, "Awake from sleep! It's harvest time, it's time to reap!" Are you a **reaping** son or a **sleeping** son?



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### Calendar Of Events

Reminder: *Roll Call Sunday*, March 31, 1985. We are working and praying towards a 15 percent increase over last year!

*Missouri State Competitive Activities* will be held at the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, 12143 Old Rock Road, Bridgeton, Missouri. The date is May 4, 1985, and the activities are set to begin at 9:30 a.m.

#### *Youth Camp Dates:*

June 2-7, Pre-Teen, Group I  
June 9-14, Pre-Teen, Group II  
June 16-21, Teens, Group I  
June 23-28, Teens, Group II

Group I: Cave Springs, Liberty, Mission, Greater Springfield, Niangua, Indian Creek, Laclede, and Central Western.

Group II: Greater Kansas City, South Central, Bootheel, Southeast, St. Louis, St. Francois, Northeast, and Northwest.

Cost: Campers—\$25.00

Adult workers and helpers, sponsors, etc. \$15.00  
The cost is the same as last year. (It was suggested last year that the church pay the fee for the sponsors. Many churches also help with the fee for the campers.)

*Missouri State Association, Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention* and related activities. (Note information elsewhere.)

Date: May 28-31

Place: First Free Will Baptist Church, Farmington, Missouri.

*National Association, Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, National Youth Conference* and related activities.

Date: July 21-25

Place: Nashville, Tennessee

*Work Days at Youth Camp:* Saturday, April 6; April 13; April 27; May 11; May 18, and 25. Brother McCurry invites everyone to come and lend a helping hand.

#### *Hillsdale Retreat*

Date: April 19, 20

Place: Youth Camp, Niangua

In 1984, the Free Will Baptist "cleanup crew" saw Foreign Missions deficits all but disappear. And a new Call-a-thon record was set as over \$40,000 poured in. We are sure your efforts will help us scrub deficits again. And our 1985 goal of \$45,000 should just about wipe the deficit slate clean. So, won't you help again?

Mop up on  
Deficit  
Accounts!



Here's how you can help: Urge your church to participate in Call-a-thon this year as never before. Then, enlist and challenge each member of your family, Master's Men, CTS, woman's auxiliary, Sunday school, etc. to give the price of a box of his or her favorite detergent to really purge the deficits. Even the children might give the price of a bar of soap! Together we can really clean out the deficits.

Don't forget, now! **April 28** is **CALL-A-THON SUNDAY** for Foreign Missions, so be sure to call in your total on that day. Every effort, whether big or small, is really important to this special mop-up drive.

## CALL-A-THON SUNDAY

April 28, 1985

Call

**615-361-1010**

Call between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. in your time zone  
to report your total.

Send your gift to:

**CALL-A-THON**, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202