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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1984-1985

CHURCHES	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
Belton	33	34	52	40	38	36	36	44	40	42	40	45
Bethel	104	107	112	116	111	98	101	121		91	85	
Calvary Fellowship	157	172	229	204	191	193	197	256	206	198		
Cape Girardeau	72	70	75	68	66	62	68	75	71	63	67	68
Central	112	125										
Copper Mines	75	74	69	75	83	70						
Cuba	51	55	59	64	75	69	68	77	78	82	71	70
De Soto	176	174	204	183								
Farmington	650	672	789	657	694	545	598	800	685	686	623	674
Flat River, First	173		197	146	165	147		192	180	182	166	141
Grace	187	190	225	196	192	154	159	217	182	169	171	170
Grant Avenue	100	91	93		85	64	88	96	112	89	95	93
Hannon	76	73	76	73	77	62	75	74	82	70	75	77
Hartville	92	90	98	94	96	102	76	114				
Harmony, K.C.	91	73	70	67			76	114	90	81	73	75
Houston	80	76	74	77	83	74	68	69	69	65	64	54
Jones Creek									114	86	95	65
Monett	158	151	165	175	130	162	175	166				
Myrtle	45	47	49	31	45	40	35	48	41	45	41	40
New Life Fellowship	49	56	69	60	56	65	53	95				
O'Fallon	148	139	198	132	142	126	110					
Parkview			75	75	82	57	67	77	79	70	70	85
Richwoods	45	49	49	39	40	35	43	53	51	53	50	
Thayer	134	139	142						144			
United, West Plains	83	89	93	99	93	78	81	88	94	91	93	89
West Plains, First	99	102	142									
Willow Springs	98	100	88	89	88	66	69	84	97	83	80	81

Pursue New Master's Program While You Continue To Minister

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE — Free Will Baptist Bible College has announced a new Master of Ministry program for full-time church workers that can be earned by studying at home and attending one-week seminars at the college, according to Dr. Robert Picirilli, dean of the graduate school. He says, "This program is designed especially for pastors and other church workers who are unable to leave their places of ministry to attend graduate school."

The college will offer three courses per year - two in the summer and one in December. Students will have to complete eight courses (32 credit hours) to earn the M. Min. degree.

In addition to the week of study on campus, each student will be required to read related textbooks and complete assignments before attending the campus seminars. After the week of seminars, each student will also be required to do a ministry project in his own church.

Courses in the program will include "Evangelism/Church Growth," "Church and Ministry," and "The Educational Program of The Church." Other courses will be added. The program may be taken either for credit or non-credit.

The college has set five requirements for acceptance into the program. Applicants must (1) meet the general requirements for all students the Bible College accepts, (2) have a college degree (unless the courses will be taken for non-credit), (3) have at least one year's experience in full-time Christian ministry, (4) be presently involved in a full-time ministry, and (5) have the recommendation and approval of his church to take the program.

The first course, "Evangelism/Church Growth," will be taught on campus December 30, 1985 - January 3, 1986. All students must be enrolled at least 30 days before the campus session in order to have time to read the textbooks and complete other assignments. Tuition is \$250 for credit; \$200 for non-credit. Room/board will be charged extra.

Anyone interested in more information on this new program may write or call: **Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3606 West End Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37205-2498, phone (615) 383-1340.**

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Churches, People & Events

DEDICATION SERVICE AT NEOSHO



Neosho Church

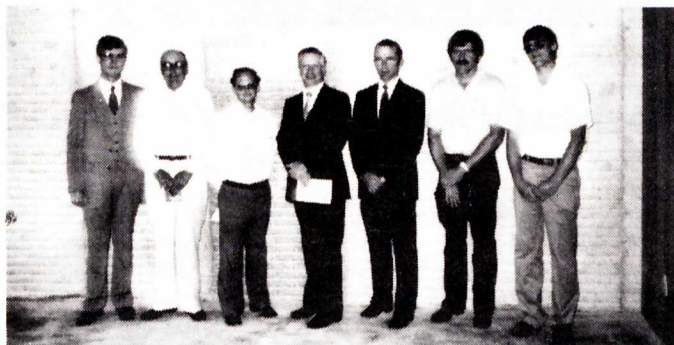
On Sunday, May 19, 1985, the Neosho Free Will Baptist Church held a Dedication Service for its New Educational Building.

The Educational Building joins the present building. It accommodates a nice spacious Fellowship Hall/Assembly Area and five large classrooms. The present educational space is complimented by this new building. The present arrangement of the auditorium can be expanded to give additional seating with the arrangement of the New Educational Building.

At the beginning of the Worship Service, which began in the new building, the pastor, Reverend Steve Reeves, expressed kind and deep words of appreciation to the ones who had worked "long and sacrificial hours" in building the building. He stated that he was especially pleased with the cooperation that had been given in this building endeavor. He gave some special recognition to those who had gone beyond the call of normal work and said, "because the people had a mind to work we can see what the Lord has done." In the prayer of dedication it was evident that much prayer, dedication and work was reflected in the building of this new unit.

Reverend Clarence Burton delivered the Dedicatory Message. He complimented the people for their vision and the response to that vision. He stated, "The two great ministries of the church, teaching and preaching will be much more effective when done in an appropriate atmosphere. This accommodating Educational Building will be very conducive to the teaching ministry of this church."

Reverend and Mrs. Steve Reeves have served as pastor of the church for approximately five years. They are doing itinerate work at present in preparation for Foreign Missions work in Spain.



The Pastor and men given special recognition

HOW DO YOU REALLY BUILD A HOUSE OF GOD?

by Gary Dotson

We should keep our eyes on Jesus
I've heard that from the start.
Put your faith in man or woman,
And they will surely break your heart.
So I dedicate this poem to a Saviour
Who has been there all along,
I had to write a poem because
I can't sing a song.

I also address you Christians,
Who have been members of Victory since the start.
You began a wonderful church and it
Has changed a lot of hearts.
Sometimes I hear stories of this
Church's earlier life.
And I almost long to have been
There when you overcame some strife.
It may not have been easy to hold services
In an ex-beauty salon.
But bless God you people had a unified faith,
And hope, so the Lord's work could go on.
It must have taken lots of faith and hope
To sign that first bank note
But as you made the decision,
I believe the Lord watched you vote.

And now the church is paid in full,
That means more to some than others.
But for you few that started it all,
It makes you feel like sisters and brothers.
No matter what happens for the rest
Of our lives,
The spirit that began Victory Free Will Baptist Church
Will always survive.



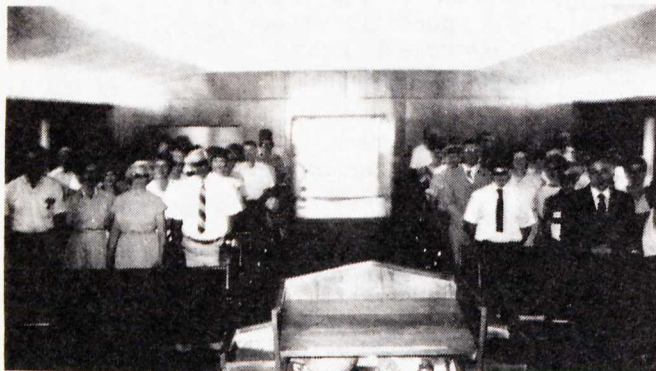
Victory Church

The Victory Free Will Baptist Church held a Mortgage Burning Service on Sunday afternoon, June 30, 1985. The pastor, Reverend Darrell Strain, stated that it was a service of praise and adoration to express thanks to the Lord for the blessings He had bestowed upon the church. To a very appreciative and happy congregation Brother Strain led in the Mortgage Burning Activity. The church choir presented special music, and special music was also presented by members of the church.

The message was delivered by Rev. Clarence Burton, state executive secretary. In his opening remarks he complimented the beautiful song service and the special poem. He gave special commendation to the pastor, Brother Strain, and the congregation, for their faithfulness and

quickness in paying off the mortgage note. He further stated, "This beautiful and accommodating building on this appropriate location will surely glorify God as souls are won to Christ and children of the Lord nurtured in Him."

Editor's note: The poem expresses in a concise way the birth and history, thus far, of the Victory Church.



Victory Congregation



The Pastor and Church Board

GRADUATION AT OLIVET CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



OCA Board

On May 24, 1985, Graduation Exercises were held at the Olivet Christian Academy in Marshall, Missouri. Reverend Cliff Bowman, pastor of the Olivet Free Will Baptist Church, gave a warm welcome to a large crowd of friends of the school and church and members of the church.

The format for the program followed the daily format at the regular chapel services. There were the pledges to the American Flag, the Christian Flag, and to the Bible. The

student body presented the program with the exception of the Commencement Address. Reverend Clarence Burton, state executive secretary, delivered the address. The Presentation of Diplomas were made by Reverend and Mrs. Jerry Scott, who serve as teachers, and by Reverend Bowman.



Presentation of diplomas

HANNON CHURCH CALLS NEW PASTOR

The Hannon Free Will Baptist Church at Liberal, Missouri, has called Reverend Mike Neuman to serve as pastor. Reverend and Mrs. Neuman have moved into the parsonage and have begun their labor in the church community. The Neumans have two daughters, Olivia and Jessica.

The church looks forward to a fruitful ministry as the parsonage family leads and labors with the people of the church.

TOMMY BRASHEAR HOME WITH THE LORD

Since the last publication of the Gem, Brother Tommy Brashear experienced a severe heart attack and went home to be with the Lord. Brother Brashear called Arkansas his home, but he held revivals from Virginia to California and did a considerable amount of evangelistic work in the state of Missouri. He always preached a clear, understandable message. His aim was to exalt Christ and win souls to Him. He was well loved and appreciated. His passing will be missed by many throughout the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

MISSIONS EMPHASIS AT LEBANON VBS

The First Free Will Baptist Church at Lebanon, Missouri, held its annual Vacation Bible School the first week in August.



Vacation Bible School, Lebanon

The emphasis this year was on missions. The church felt very fortunate to have as special teachers, Jerry and Carol Pinkerton, missionaries to the Ivory Coast, Africa. Other teachers were Shirley Bowden and Clarence Burton. Those assisting the teachers were Linda Day, Ann Livingston, Pam Crocker, and Jimmy Day. The ones who were in charge of and directed the music were Lori McQuarter and Tricia Wiggins. The ones in charge of and serving refreshments were Eunice Barber, Ila Garrett and Ann Johnson. The bus drivers were Claude Barber and Clint McCormick. Fredia Jones served as the secretary and Joe Braddy, pastor, served as director.



Jerry & Carol Pinkerton

CECIL CAMPBELLS CELEBRATE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, June 16, 1985, Reverend and Mrs. Cecil Campbell observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary. The occasion was held at their home in Stella, Missouri.

Several members of the family were present for the anniversary: the daughter and family, Mr. & Mrs. Coleman Bird and Garren from Washington, D.C.; the son, Reverend Lewis Campbell, Sandy, Amy and Stephen from Conway, Arkansas; Reverend Cecil Campbell's sister, Otha Lohaman of Neosho; a brother, Donald Campbell of Oklahoma; a cousin, John and his wife, Anna Lou DeBusk of Tennessee; Mrs. Campbell's brother, Ken and his wife Jean Lewis of

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Oklahoma; and a sister, Mary Allman of Stella. There were many other relatives and a host of friends from in state and out of state.



Rev. & Mrs. Campbell, Judy, Lewis & Otha

A special note of interest at the anniversary celebration - Mrs. Campbell wore her mother's bracelet that she had worn at her wedding. The bracelet had been given to her mother from her father before their marriage. Mrs. Campbell also wore a lovely brooch that had been her grandmother's.

Mrs. Leta Munn and the daughters of her and her husband, Phillip, Jan, Paulette, and Eva served the beautiful decorated cake and the specially prepared punch.



Rev. & Mrs. Campbell

MORTGAGE BURNING AT FIRST CHURCH SPRINGFIELD

A Mortgage Burning Service was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church Springfield, Missouri, on June 30, 1985. This was in memory of the late Reverend Henry Long, who served as pastor for twenty-seven years.

Alyene Collier, church reporter, continues, the church was organized in April 1947, with ten charter members. The original building was completed the same year. The building was renovated in 1963 by adding a new kitchen, Fellowship Hall and enlarging the auditorium. The present auditorium was constructed in 1973, with the old one being used for Children's Church and Sunday School classrooms.

Sister Lola Long had the privilege of seeing the end of a vision, that had been seen several years ago, as she burned the note in memory of her late husband.

Guest speakers for the occasion were: Reverend Burt Hall from Aurora, Missouri, who founded the church and served as the first pastor; Reverend Mike Hutsell, who succeeded Brother Long; and Reverend Steve Burton, who succeeded Brother Hutsell.

The present pastor, Reverend Dale Kester, has been serving the church since June 1982. He urged the church to

do as the Apostle Paul urged the Philippian Church, "Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before." He also urged the church to "give thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Scripture selections, Philippians 3:13 and Ephesians 5:20)

MORTGAGE BURNING AT BETHEL, EL DORADO SPRINGS

On Sunday, June 30, 1985, the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, El Dorado Springs, Missouri, celebrated a very special day. The church held Homecoming Service and also Mortgage Burning. Special music was presented by the Commander Quartet from Viburnum, Missouri.

A delicious dinner and a wonderful time of fellowship was enjoyed by everyone in the lower level of the church. There was more gospel singing in the afternoon.

Reverend Cletus Nichols serves as pastor of the church.

GRACE CALLS YOUTH MINISTER



Rev. & Mrs. Joe Govreau and son

Leaman Killian, church reporter, writes, the Lord is continuing to pour out His blessings on our labor at the Grace Church. The regular services have been filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit, and Brother Rehkop's messages have filled the heart and soul.

Reverend and Mrs. Joe Govreau have been called by the Grace Church to serve as Youth Minister and also to work with the Bus Ministry. We have welcomed them into our hearts, and they have become very dear to all of us. Brother Joe was in charge of the VBS this year. And, the Lord blessed in a special way. We are especially thankful to the ones who served so faithfully. We are blessed at this church with so many good workers.

The Sunday School attendance has been down a little, but this is normal for the summer with many folks being away for vacation time. The church softball season will be closing soon. The men and ladies team are to be commended for their witness as they played. They played as Christians.

In closing I want to mention that Grace Church is praying for a Heaven-sent revival. We are seeing souls saved with visitors at every service, but we know there is a need for a true revival. Let us keep praying for the Lord to "Revive us again."

GREAT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT MYRTLE CHURCH

One of the most successful Vacation Bible Schools was completed July 19, 1985, at the Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church. There was an average attendance of forty-one pupils and sixteen teachers.

Each day an offering was received for the deficit accounts in the National Home Missions Department. A total of \$113.00 was received. Three other churches cooperated in the Vacation Bible School endeavor: Cotton Creek Church, Byrd Church, and The Church of God of Prophecy.

The Commencement Exercise was held on Sunday evening, July 21, 1985. Even though the electric lights went out, the service was held by candlelight to an overflow crowd. Great expectations are set for next year.

News Release

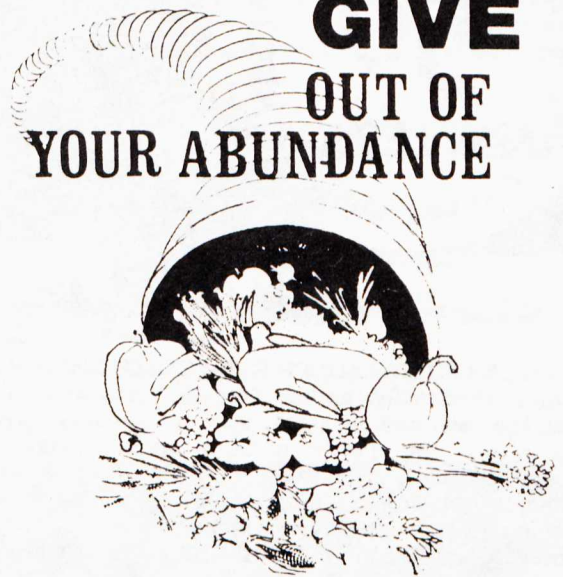
Southeastern Free Will Baptist College, Virginia Beach, Virginia, will observe "Get Acquainted Days" for junior and senior high students November 21-24. Prospective students will arrive on campus Thursday night and leave after Sunday morning services. They will attend classes and chapel on Friday, with activities planned Friday night. Saturday, they will visit bus routes, military bases, Sunday School classes and teenage soul winning, capped off by a giant youth rally Saturday night at Gateway FWB Church under the direction of Nate Ange.

New Joint Project Worker



Rev. James Mertz, pastor of Southside Free Will Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri, has been employed by the Missouri State Mission Board and the National Home Missions Board to begin a new church in Wentzville, Missouri, located about 30 miles west of St. Louis. He and his wife, Rose, have a daughter, Angela, and a son, Matthew. Brother Mertz is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, and has pastored in Alabama, Oklahoma, and Missouri.

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REPORT ON NATIONAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION



Moderator Bobby Jackson

FREE WILL BAPTISTS LAUNCH FIVE-YEAR GROWTH PLAN-

Delegates to the 49th annual Free Will Baptist National Convention adopted "Target 90," a five-year growth campaign with the specific goals of adding 50,000 new members and 100 new churches by 1990.

The vote to launch Target 90 came on Wednesday afternoon of the annual convention which met July 21-25 at Municipal Auditorium in Nashville. The Target 90 Committee, chaired by Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington and composed of denominational leaders from each national agency, presented results of their year-long study along with recommendations to the voting body.

Target 90 strategy proposes to reverse the no-growth pattern in the denomination by launching the five-year project in January 1986. Yearly growth goals in order to reach the 50,000 target in new membership are: 1986, increase of 5,000; 1987, increase of 7,500; 1988, increase of 10,000; 1989, increase of 12,500; 1990, increase of 15,000. The 100 new churches: 1986, planting 10; 1987, planting 15; 1988, planting 20; 1989, planting 25; 1990, planting 30.

The Target 90 Committee will monitor growth rate and make regular reports to the denomination.

In other action, delegates:

REGISTERED a total of 8,340 in three concurrent conventions including 800 ministers, 161 local church delegates, 103 state delegates, 92 missionaries, 8 lay board members, 4,283 non-delegates, 1,656 for the National Youth Conference and 1,237 for the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. This was 1,736 more than registered at the 1984 convention, and made the 1985 convention the largest in modern history.

ADOPTED an \$11.1 million budget for 1986, topping the 1985 budget by \$600,000. The 1986 budget will be channeled through the following denominational agencies: Sunday School and Church Training - \$3.2 million; Foreign Missions - \$3.1 million; Free Will Baptist Bible College - \$2.2 million; Home Missions - \$1.8 million; Executive Office - \$314,000; Retirement and Insurance - \$178,000; Master's Men - \$84,000; Radio and Television Commission - \$22,000; Free Will Baptist Foundation - \$17,000.

APPROVED the Budget Committee's recommendation that gifts received through the Cooperative Plan be allocated to national ministries on the following basis: (1) Underwrite the Executive Office administrative budget above those gifts received directly; (2) Disburse the balance of undesignated funds according to these percentages - Free Will Baptist Bible College (23%), Foreign Missions (23%), Home Missions (18%), Board of Retirement (14%), Master's Men (13%), Free Will Baptist Foundation (6%), Commission for Theological Integrity (1%), Historical Commission (1%), Radio-Television Commission (1%).

GAVE a near-record Wednesday evening missionary offering of \$18,704. Undesignated funds will be divided between home and foreign missions.

RE-ELECTED Evangelist Bobby Jackson (Greenville, NC) to his ninth consecutive one-year term as moderator of the National Association and Pastor Waldo Young (Yukon, OK) to his 16th term as clerk.

APLAUDED retiring WNAC Executive Secretary-Treasurer Cleo Pursell who completed 22 years as WNAC chief executive officer. Dr. Mary Wisehart took the WNAC helm on August 1.

RESOLVED opposition to offensive television programs and instructed Clerk Waldo Young to write a letter of support to Reverend Donald Wildmon and the National Federation for Decency. The clerk was further instructed to send a copy of the television resolution to the major networks and to each house of the U.S. Congress.

REMEMBERED pastor Floyd Wolfenbarger who was scheduled to preach the Wednesday night message. Reverend Wolfenbarger, 36, died in a Little Rock, Arkansas, hospital on May 22. The speaker's honorarium was given to the Angie Wolfenbarger (Reverend Wolfenbarger's daughter) Scholarship Fund.

CHEERED two members of the Master's Men: George Brunkhorst, layman of the year, from Sacramento, California; and Texas layman Charles Denman, who coordinated convention ushering for four years.

LEARNED what it means to have standing-room-only at worship services in hotels. The Sunday morning teen and adult worship sessions at Hyatt Regency Hotel turned away numerous worshipers. The Tuesday afternoon Ole Time Camp Meetin' at Radisson Plaza Hotel faced the same happy problem - no more room in the inn.

FILLED War Memorial Auditorium for the Wednesday National Youth Conference Awards Celebration. More than 2,000 cheered as Bible competition and Music and Arts Festival winners streamed forward to accept hard-earned trophies, ribbons and plaques.

SNATCHED up copies of five books written by Free Will Baptists: **The Free Will Baptists in America, 1727-1984**, a 460-page hardcover book by Bill Davidson; **Linda's Song** by Genny Waddell; **Touching the Untouchables** by Laura Belle Barnard; **The History of Tennessee Free Will Baptists** by Robert E. Picirilli; **Sparks into Flames**, a history of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention by Mary Wisehart.

FEASTED on a musical extravaganza planned by Convention Music Coordinator Blaine Hughes. The musical package included presentations ranging from solos and chorales to mass choirs and ensembles.

STOOD in appreciation for the Tennessee State Association that hosted the 1985 National Convention.

STOOD AGAIN to embrace Foreign Missions General Director Rolla Smith who announced his retirement in 1986. Associate Director R. Eugene Waddell has been named to succeed Reverend Smith.

VOTED to accept the following convention sites: 1991 - Charleston, WV; 1992 - Indianapolis, IN; 1993 - Louisville, KY; 1994 - Little Rock, AR; 1995 - Charlotte, NC.

TOLD the Hymn Book Study Committee to proceed with plans to produce a new Free Will Baptist hymnal by 1988. Officials expect the total project to cost approximately \$100,000.

ADJOURNED two hours early to meet in Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 20-24, 1986, at the Tulsa Convention Center.

Editor's note: Inasmuch as many of our Gem readers did not have the privilege of attending the National Association, this report will supply helpful information.

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones



Effective soul-winning requires that a person have an understandable knowledge of personal evangelism.

Personal evangelism includes individuals. There is the individual Christian and the individual sinner. It should be understood that individual sinners are won to Christ by individual Christians.

Personal evangelism includes involvement. The involvement of the Christian covers areas such as, prayer for the lost, proper presentation of the Gospel, regularity in witnessing, and commitment to the task of soul-winning. The involvement of the sinner covers areas such as interest, need and submission.

Personal evangelism includes invitation. This is where personal workers fall short many times. The soul-winner must not clam-up when it comes time to ask a commitment from the unsaved person. This is the thing that distinguishes soul-winning from just visitation. Effective evangelism must include as its goal a commitment from the lost to accept Christ as Lord and Saviour. The opportunities and circumstances will determine how far to go with the effort to get a clear commitment.

Let's put it all into a brief understandable definition. *"Personal evangelism is the activity of the individual Christian telling the Gospel to an individual sinner, with the intent to bring him to an acceptance of Christ as Lord and Saviour."*

Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



"For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works as God did from His," Hebrews 4:10.

One of the greatest feelings a person can experience in the physical realm is the opportunity to rest — to cease from all manual labor and mental strain. However, it would seem that people today don't know how to rest. They are constantly busy doing something or going somewhere, no matter how unimportant it may be. But, those times of forgetting about work, play and allowing our bodies to relax are most enjoyable and peaceful.

When we talk about the spiritual rest of God, we speak of something far more peaceful than in the physical sense. To cease from our own works and to lay them at the feet of our dear Lord Jesus and to enter into His rest is desperately needed in Christian people today.

We need to enter into a blessed union with Christ, and into a communion with God through Christ; in this state we actually have more enjoyment than we do in our works of righteousness.

In His rest we have pardon from sins, peace of mind, joy in the Holy Ghost, an abundance of grace and a constant resting place in God until we are called to rest with Him in Heaven.

In Matthew, chapter eleven, Christ beckons us to "come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest for your souls."

Sometimes, we rejoice and even depend on the works of our own hands to bring glory to God. In order to do His work, we must cease from our own works and by faith depend on the finished work of the cross. If we wish to find rest for our souls, we must meet the conditions Christ laid for us in

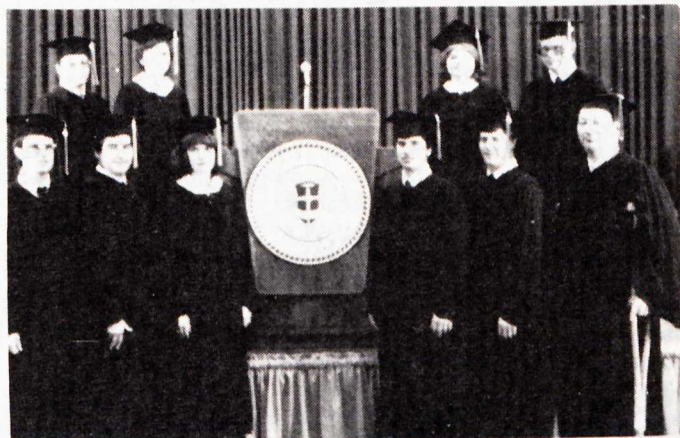
Matthew, chapter eleven. There is something for us to do; "come unto me," He said; something for us to take, "my yoke;" and something for us to find, "rest for your souls."

Every true believer has ceased from his own works and from relying on his own righteousness. No longer should he be struggling along, burdened down and spiritually worn out.

I close with verses one and three of Hebrews 4. "Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should come short of it...For we which have believed do enter into rest..."

Hillsdale Students Graduate

Commencement exercises were held May 10, 1985, on the campus of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. Sixteen students received their Bachelor of Arts in Theology degree.



They are: Dennis Tackett, Frank Cope, Kay Earnest, Mark Hess, Gary Hayes, Gary Wilson, Mike Parrott, Cynthia Reynolds, Jan Cariker and Johnny Conyers. Not pictured: Richard Bowden, Mark Braisher, Perry Brake, Harvey M. Phillips, Jr., Jerri Ann Reynolds, and Rebecca Patterson Smith.



Twenty-two students received Associate in Arts degrees. They are: Deedra Wilson, Carolyn Hatwig, Elaine Brannies, Donna Garrett, Darla Smith, Sherry Thomure, Rebecca Sanders, Keely Dawson, Darla Jacks, Sherry Housley, Larry Jenkins, Billy Seabolt, Jr., Brandon Webb, Kelly Dake, Sherrill Daniel and LaDonna Jacobs. Not pictured: Carla Cleveland, Frank Cope, Bobby Joe Morgan, Tresa Morgan, Bobby Reich and Cynthia Reynolds.

Missouri students receiving degrees are; Michael Parrott, Bachelor of Arts; Sherry Housley, Associate in Arts; Darla Jacks, Associate in Arts; Tresa Morgan, Associate in Arts; and Sherry Thomure, Associate in Arts.

THE ORDINANCES: A Portrait of the Christian Life

by Cody Freeman

Recently while making preparations for the observance of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Saint's Feet, this writer was once again reminded of the special significance they hold in the life of a Christian. Within the ordinances of the Gospel (we as Free Will Baptists recognize three: Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Washing of the Saint's Feet) we see a symbolic representation of the heart of the Christian life.

In Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus gave the Great Commission to His followers and instructed them (and us) to "... Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: ..." As we examine the gospel ordinances it should be noted how each one plays a part in the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Let us begin by pointing out that the observance of an ordinance without a proper understanding of its meaning is absolutely fruitless. If a person is baptized, believing that the act itself delivers salvation and the grace of God to his life, then he has no business being baptized. It would promote a belief in salvation by works and a false trust in ceremony similar to that of the Jews in New Testament times. The same is true concerning a misunderstanding of the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing. The ordinances are not meant as an acquisition of God's grace, but as a testimony of the grace which we have already received through faith in Christ.

Why then should a Christian be baptized? Because Christ has commanded His followers to do so as an outward testimony of that inward faith and commitment which we have placed in Him. The Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 6 that baptismal immersion represents the death and burial of our life of sin, and being raised from the water we are to "walk in newness of life."

Likewise the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing represent a spiritual truth in the life of a Christian. While baptism is only observed once (because of its symbolism of that one time spiritual birth), the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are continual observances to remind us of our relationship both to the Lord and to our brethren. What did the Lord teach us concerning the fulfillment of His commandments? He said that the most important thing to remember is to love God with every part of our being and to love our neighbor as ourself (see Matthew 22:36-40).

By observing the Lord's Supper we show our dependence upon the sacrifice of Christ's body and blood to sustain our spiritual life in the same way we depend upon food and drink to sustain our physical bodies. Christ's sacrifice is a continual atonement for those who continue in faith till death or His coming. So we continue to show our love for God through our faith in Christ's work.

The Washing of the Saint's Feet gives us a picture of another quality of the Christian life. That is a love for our neighbor and especially our Christian brethren. What better way can we show love than to be willing to humble ourselves and act as a servant? This once again is a continual observance because our relationship and responsibility to one another remains a fundamental part of fulfilling Christ's commands.

The ordinances of the Gospel have no meaning if you do not possess what they stand for, but "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." (John 13:17)

About the writer: Reverend Cody Freeman is serving as pastor of the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church. He has served as general board member while serving in the Greater Kansas City District Association and is presently serving as assistant clerk of the Missouri State Association. He is supportive of the state and national ministries.

YOUTH CAMP MEMORIES





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SNACK CENTER**



More Youth Camp Memories...





COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

June 1985

18.50%	Mo. State Home Missions	\$2,967.52
17.00%	Executive Office & Gem	2,726.91
3.50%	General Fund	561.43
10.50%	Youth Camp	1,684.27
1.75%	C. E. Board	280.71
1.75%	S.S. & CTS Board	280.71
2.50%	Retirement Village	401.02
5.00%	Mo. State Ret. Program	802.03
39.50%	Nat'l. Depts. & Hillsdale	6,336.06
	(6.00% Hillsdale)	(\$961.84)
	Executive Department	
	Foreign Missions	
	Free Will Baptist Bible College	
	National Home Missions	
	Board of Retirement & Insurance	
	Layman's Board	
	Theological Commission	

Total **\$16,040.66**

This month is low in receipts inasmuch as the month ended on Sunday. Consequently some of the churches did not have time to get their cooperative checks to the state office before the month closed. The Lord continues to bless. We are meeting our budget for the six-month period. We thank the Lord for this. We pray that concerned and faithful pastors and churches will continue to support this unified effort to carry the gospel of Christ at home and abroad.

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

July 1985

18.50%	Mo. State Home Missions	\$4,261.11
17.00%	Executive Office & Gem	3,915.62
3.50%	General Fund	806.16
10.50%	Youth Camp	2,418.47
1.75%	C. E. Board	403.08
1.75%	S.S. & CTS Board	403.08
2.50%	Retirement Village	575.83
5.00%	Mo. State Ret. Program	1,151.65
39.50%	Nat'l. Depts. & Hillsdale	9,098.04
	(6.00% Hillsdale)	1,381.97
	Foreign Missions	
	National Home Missions	
	Free Will Baptist Bible College	
	Executive Department	
	Board of Retirement & Ins.	
	Layman's Board	
	Theological Commission	

Total **\$23,033.04**

I must say this, "Praise the Lord. O give thanks unto Him, for His mercy endureth forever." The Lord has been so good, and we are blessed. Thanks to Him as He works through the faithful churches in supporting His cause throughout the world. I trust that we shall continue to give as He is so faithful in giving to us.

COOPERATIVE GIFTS

June 1985

Hartville	\$	211.12
Neosho		71.25
Merl's Chapel		123.17
Joplin		391.47

Kingsway	225.00
Kingsway	150.00
Marshfield	136.08
Berkeley	395.90
Eastern Gate	131.00
United, West Plains	279.59
El Dorado, First	5.00
New Life Fellowship	282.00
Hopewell	183.00
Number One	52.23
Belton	174.90
Parkview	278.20
Bailey Chapel	35.00
Tyrone	49.99
Cope	24.50
Mill Creek	168.12
Mine La Motte	40.00
Hurryville	128.00
Richwoods	305.00
Macedonia	20.00
Victory, Alton	200.00
Fredericktown, First	244.00
Columbia	25.00
Hazel Creek	319.06
Mt. Zion, Gower	58.52
Royal Oak	30.00
Union Grove	138.00
Pleasant Home	157.89
New Rock Springs	74.34
Pleasant Hill	55.53
Grace	921.00
De Soto	730.00
Wolf Creek	193.30
Verdella	269.11
Flat River, First	591.97
Monett	523.57
New Harmony	8.48
Gospel Light	161.00
Springfield, First	100.00
Mtn. Valley	121.83
Faith, Lemay	103.82
Mt. Pisgah	153.00
Koshkonong	90.00
Rock Chapel	208.77
Lingo	37.34
Friendship	115.23
Calvary, Conway	124.10
Calvary Chapel	189.30
Berean	16.00
Olivet	300.00
Leadington	550.00
Cabool	256.68
Seymour	148.00
Freeman Chapel	121.78
Terrill Road	132.00
Sedalia	30.98
Copper Mines	314.07
Grant Avenue	548.58
Union	60.00
Thayer	506.00
Martinstown	54.00
New Hope	182.86
Willow Springs	205.98
Twin Oak	672.80
Myrtle	119.48
Columbia	25.00
Unity	360.53
South Fremont	382.00
Lebanon, First	495.93
Cape Girardeau	553.18
Interest on account	200.13
Total	\$16,040.66

COOPERATIVE GIFTS

July 1985

Fredericktown, First	\$	236.00
Calvary Chapel		142.30
Harmony		488.00
Belton		257.00
Lone Star		35.00
Macedonia		20.00
El Dorado, First		5.00
Royal Oak		39.00
Mt. Zion, Gower		71.38
Tyrone		45.32
Pleasant Ridge		75.00
Fordland		673.00
Farmington		1,150.00
Rolla		246.00
Number One		54.45
Hartville		372.12
Bethel		476.00
Hannon		286.42
Terrill Road		115.00
Bailey Chapel		52.00
Victory, Alton		278.00
Union Grove		225.00
Flat River, First		667.48
Gospel Light		201.00
Rock Chapel		268.30
Calvary, Conway		93.12
Eastern Gate		145.00
Hurryville		191.00
Mt. Pisgah		152.00
New Rock Springs		98.54
DeSoto		1,170.00
United, West Plains		370.74
Hickory Grove		45.04
Olivet		300.00
Marshfield		157.00
Freeman Chapel		185.75
Faith, Lemay		158.00
Mine La Motte		45.93
Walnut Grove		115.00
Springfield, First		100.00
Seymour		155.00
Grace		1,097.00
Union Light		266.20
New Life Fellowship		516.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown		77.57
Grant Avenue		637.80
Mill Creek		185.46
New Harmony		12.58
Lingo		31.95
Parkview		341.20
Cope		30.20
Berkeley		542.90
Old Bethel		150.97
Central		1,300.00
Oak Hill - U.		177.40
Copper Mines		168.61
Thayer		263.00
Pleasant Home		177.11
Pleasant Hill		53.56
Leadington		600.00
Wilderness		322.00
Sedalia		40.11
Monett		721.96
Alton		225.00
Byrd		50.00
Tyrone		38.90
Myrtle		146.63
Cabool		291.48
Richwoods		415.00

Lone Star	31.55
Koshkonong	130.00
Verdella	164.27
Wolf Creek	294.54
Black Oak	20.00
Merl's Chapel	87.52
Neosho	71.25
Joplin	440.61
New Hope	314.24
Harmony	249.00
Willow Springs	249.58
Bethel, Festus	399.00
Viburnum	694.46
Unity	165.34
Lebanon, First	355.67
Cape Girardeau	384.07
Interest on account	137.19
Total	\$23,033.04

DESIGNATED GIFTS June/July 1985

FWBBC

Leadington	\$40.00
Monett (Don Lombard Student Loan Fund)	10.00
Total	\$50.00

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Willow Springs	\$ 40.00
Grant Avenue	18.00
Hannon	50.00
Total	\$108.00

RETIREMENT & INSURANCE

Grant Avenue	\$2.00
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CHILDREN'S HOME

Myrtle	\$10.14
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JOHN McCLURE

Monett	\$300.00
Farmington	60.00
Verdella	109.78
Bethel, Festus	30.00
Total	\$499.78

YOUTH CAMP

Farmington	Pool	\$ 40.00
Bethel, Festus		50.00
Hannon		15.00
Victory, Alton	Pool	50.00
Trinity	Pool	60.66
Lebanon, First		49.67
Mt. Pisgah		20.00
Olivet		50.00
Coon Creek		20.00
Leadington		40.00
Berkeley	Pool	50.00
Central		71.43
Thayer		20.00
Bob & Glenda Keith		20.00
Myrtle		51.00
Cuba Youth Group		30.00
Verdella		10.00
Wolf Creek		20.00
Mo. State Woman's Aux.		258.91
Sunnyview		20.00
Carthage		25.00
Bethel, El Dorado Springs		13.88
Total		\$985.55

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Fredericktown, First	\$25.00
Turnbough	\$15.00
Bailey	5.00
Gen. Fund	5.00
Calvary Chapel	\$15.00
Pinkerton	\$15.00
Belton	\$50.00
Miley	\$50.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$20.00
McLain	\$10.00
Gen. Fund	10.00
Fordland	\$45.00
Combs	\$10.00
Bunch	20.00
Tallent	15.00
Farmington	\$310.58
Miley	\$225.58
Pinkerton	20.00
Bunch	35.00
Bailey	30.00
Bethel	\$90.00
Gen. Fund	\$50.00
Bailey	20.00
Tallent	20.00
Hannon	\$321.42
Bunch	\$271.42
Lytle	25.00
Pinkerton	25.00
Brent & Cindy Thompson	\$25.00
Bunch	\$25.00
Clifford Hoover	\$30.00
Bunch	\$30.00
Terrill Road	\$70.00
Pinkerton	\$70.00
South Side	\$255.00
Tallent	\$255.00
Trinity	\$153.00
Gen. Fund	\$153.00
Flat River, First	\$20.00
Bailey	\$20.00
Eastern Gate	\$20.00
Bunch	\$20.00
United, West Plains	\$44.78
Bunch	\$34.78
D. Thompson	10.00
Olivet	\$100.00
Poole	\$30.00
Inscoc	30.00
Sparks	20.00
Pinkerton	10.00
McLain	10.00
Marshfield	\$10.00
Bailey	\$10.00
Freeman Chapel	\$547.30
Pinkerton	\$547.30
Grant Avenue	\$789.00
McLain	\$40.00
Gen. Fund	52.00
Pinkerton	110.00
Bunch	10.00
Hersey	400.00
Tallent	177.00
New Harmony	\$140.04
McLain	\$70.02
Miley	70.02
Leadington	\$551.00
Cowart	\$ 5.00
Turnbough	50.00
Morgan	40.00
Pinkerton	40.00
Miley	40.00
McLain	40.00
Jamma	40.00
Bailey	40.00
Richards	40.00
Lytle	40.00
Eagleton, Sr.	40.00
Bunch	131.00
Calloway	5.00

Berkeley	\$392.00
Reeves	\$ 96.00
Bunch	35.00
Deficit Accts.	200.00
Tallent	31.00
Lytle	20.00
Cousineau	10.00
Central	\$485.50
Pinkerton	\$339.00
Gen. Fund	41.50
Filkins	15.00
Bunch	90.00
Pleasant Home	\$77.50
Lee	\$22.50
McDonald	55.00
Sedalia	\$40.00
Inscoc	\$40.00
Monett	\$999.94
Tallent	\$339.37
Dr. Eagleton	443.07
(VBS gave \$180.40 of the above total)	
Reeves	22.50
Bunch	50.00
Filkins	25.00
Miley	20.00
Bailey	40.00
Sparks	60.00
Fourth	\$145.00
Lytle	\$115.00
Tallent	30.00
Myrtle	\$211.00
Bailey	\$131.00
Tallent	80.00
Faith Chapel	\$20.00
McLain	\$20.00
Verdella	\$1,424.85
Bunch	\$1,319.85
Tallent	30.00
Turnbough	15.00
McLain	60.00
Black Oak	\$123.85
Dr. Eagleton	\$67.75
J. Aldridge	56.10
Indian Creek Ass'n.	\$577.50
Teague	\$200.00
Filkins	\$5.00
Bunch	25.75
Van Hook	20.00
Bailey	35.75
Reeves	96.00
Gen. Fund	80.00
Lee	100.00
Wode	7.50
Cousineau	7.50
Joplin	\$20.00
Gen. Fund	\$20.00
Viburnum	\$291.00
Tallent	\$ 68.00
Filkins	100.00
Bailey	48.00
Turnbough	55.00
Bunch	20.00
Columbia	\$25.00
McDonald	\$ 5.00
Tallent	20.00
Cape Girardeau	\$74.61
Bailey	\$74.61
West Plains, First	\$67.00
Bailey	\$67.00
Warren & Ann Livingston	\$20.00
Pinkerton	\$20.00
South Fremont	\$80.00
Mo. Missionaries Deficit	
Accts.	\$50.00
Bailey	10.00
Pinkerton	10.00
Richards	5.00
McLain	5.00
Thayer	\$5.00
Turnbough	\$5.00

O'Fallon	\$5.00	\$5.00
Tallent	\$5.00	
Lebanon, First		\$50.00
Tallent	\$10.00	
Bunch	10.00	
Miley	10.00	
Bailey	10.00	
Pinkerton	10.00	
Martinstown		\$100.00
Richards	\$20.00	
Miley	20.00	
Sparks	20.00	
Hanna	20.00	
McLain	20.00	
Total		\$8,866.87

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Fredericktown, First		\$85.20
Lewis	\$65.20	
Barron	10.00	
Fulcher	5.00	
Gen. Fund	5.00	
Fordland		\$32.00
Maness	\$10.00	
Dunn	6.00	
Lake	6.00	
West	10.00	
Farmington		\$275.00
Gen. Fund	\$250.00	
Vandivort	15.00	
Maness	10.00	
Rolla		\$100.00
Vandivort	\$100.00	
Bethel		\$159.02
H'way	\$ 5.00	
Gen. Fund	50.00	
Maness	50.00	
Long	54.02	
(\$34.02 from G.A.F.)		
Trinity		\$25.00
Fulcher	\$25.00	
Lebanon, First		\$150.00
O'Dell	\$150.00	
Rock Chapel		\$215.22
Lake	\$215.22	
Mt. Pisgah		\$100.00
Maness	\$50.00	
Vandivort	50.00	
Olivet		\$45.00
Maness	\$45.00	
Marshfield		\$10.00
Maness	\$10.00	

Grant Avenue		\$11.00
Maness	\$ 5.00	
Mexico	4.00	
Vandivort	2.00	
Victory, Alton		\$680.50
Gen. Fund	\$680.50	
Columbia		\$20.00
Vandivort	\$20.00	
Leadington		\$250.00
Wright	\$30.00	
O'Dell	40.00	
Maness	50.00	
Long	40.00	
Fulcher	40.00	
Vandivort	50.00	
Berkeley		\$406.00
Deficit Acct.	\$100.00	
Fulcher	136.00	
Fulcher Van	150.00	
Maness	20.00	
Central		\$244.50
Gen. Fund	\$164.50	
Maness	15.00	
H'way	25.00	
B. Thomas	40.00	
Thayer		\$100.00
Maness	\$15.00	
H'way	80.00	
Lake	5.00	
Pleasant Home		\$15.00
Maness	\$15.00	
Bob & Glenda Keith		\$20.00
Vandivort	\$20.00	
Monett		\$175.00
H'way	\$60.00	
Lake	75.00	
Lewis	20.00	
Maness	20.00	
Wolf Creek		\$20.00
Vandivort	\$20.00	
Indian Creek Ass'n.		\$45.00
Lake	\$5.00	
Maness	40.00	
Viburnum		\$204.00
E. Turnbough	\$ 22.00	
Wright	112.00	
Maness	30.00	
Vandivort	40.00	
Mo. State Woman's Auxiliary		\$20.00
Gen. Fund	\$20.00	
Myrtle		\$467.00
Maness	\$113.00	
H'way	241.00	
Deficit Accts.	113.00	

South Fremont	\$52.00
Maness	\$52.00
South East District	\$100.00
Miner	\$100.00
United, West Plains	\$10.00
Thompson	\$10.00
Total	\$4,036.44

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BD. April/May/June 1985

Mo. State Woman's Auxiliary	\$ 63.00
O'Fallon	5.00
Union Light	18.00
Houston	165.31
Pleasant Ridge	40.00
New Harmony	80.74
Indian Creek Ass'n.	551.12
Hannon	483.31
Farmington	160.00
Trinity	50.00
Columbia	15.00
South Fremont	20.00
Eastern Gate	5.00
Belton	75.00
Berkeley	183.00
United, West Plains	106.17
Marshfield	29.17
Leadington	195.00
Rock Chapel	30.00
Grant Avenue	12.00
Sedalia	50.00
Thayer	13.00
Cooperative Receipts	11,591.37
Mill Creek	30.00
Grace	65.00
Berean	5.00
DeSoto	100.00
Oak Hill	8.00
Bethel	90.00
Myrtle	111.50
Beacon	165.00
Flat River, First	8.00
Central	3.00
Monett	317.60
Mountain Grove, First	51.00
Liberty, Kirksville	43.00
Wayne Williams	10.00
Jones Chapel	85.00
Olivet	100.00
Liberty, Phillipsburg	100.00
Total	\$15,233.29

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Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

In the last article I began by saying that we had started something recently in our church. I then proceeded to explain about the organization of our deacon, trustee, and general board.

This month I want to tell you about our deacon and trustees' yearly dinner. Right after our yearly election all the deacons and trustees and their wives, along with all staff members and wives, are invited to a dinner. We had ours in the church fellowship hall.

After a time of food and fellowship, our meeting started. First we sang a chorus, then one of our deacons gave a devotion; then I handed out job descriptions for our deacons and trustees, explained our various responsibilities, announced important dates in the near future, and made them aware of some short term goals we had already set.

Next, we handed out blank sheets of paper and asked each man to express himself as to his goals for our church; the things he disliked about the church; the things he liked; and what he thought would help our church. These were unsigned, gathered up, and read out loud.

Finally, the chairman of the deacon board, trustee board, and general board each were asked to express themselves concerning the next year. Everyone seemed to enjoy this meeting. Another is planned for next year.

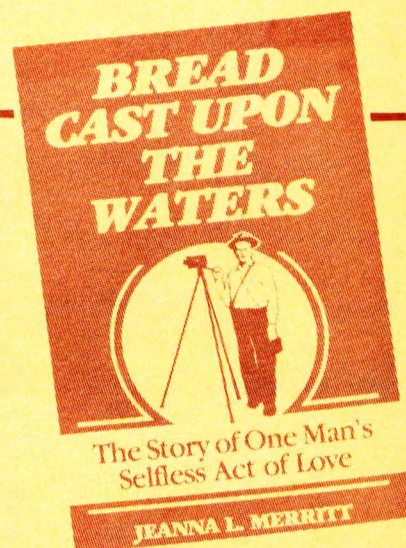
Honor Students

Sixteen Hillsdale students maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the Spring semester. In recognition of their academic accomplishment they are listed on the President's List. Listed on the President's List from Missouri is Curt Holland.

Forty Hillsdale students maintained grade point averages of at least 3.0 for the Spring term. In recognition of their accomplishments, they are listed on the Dean's List. Students from Missouri making the Dean's List are Craig Crow, Sherry Housley, Clarissa Murray, Mike Parrott, and Patrick Weddle.

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