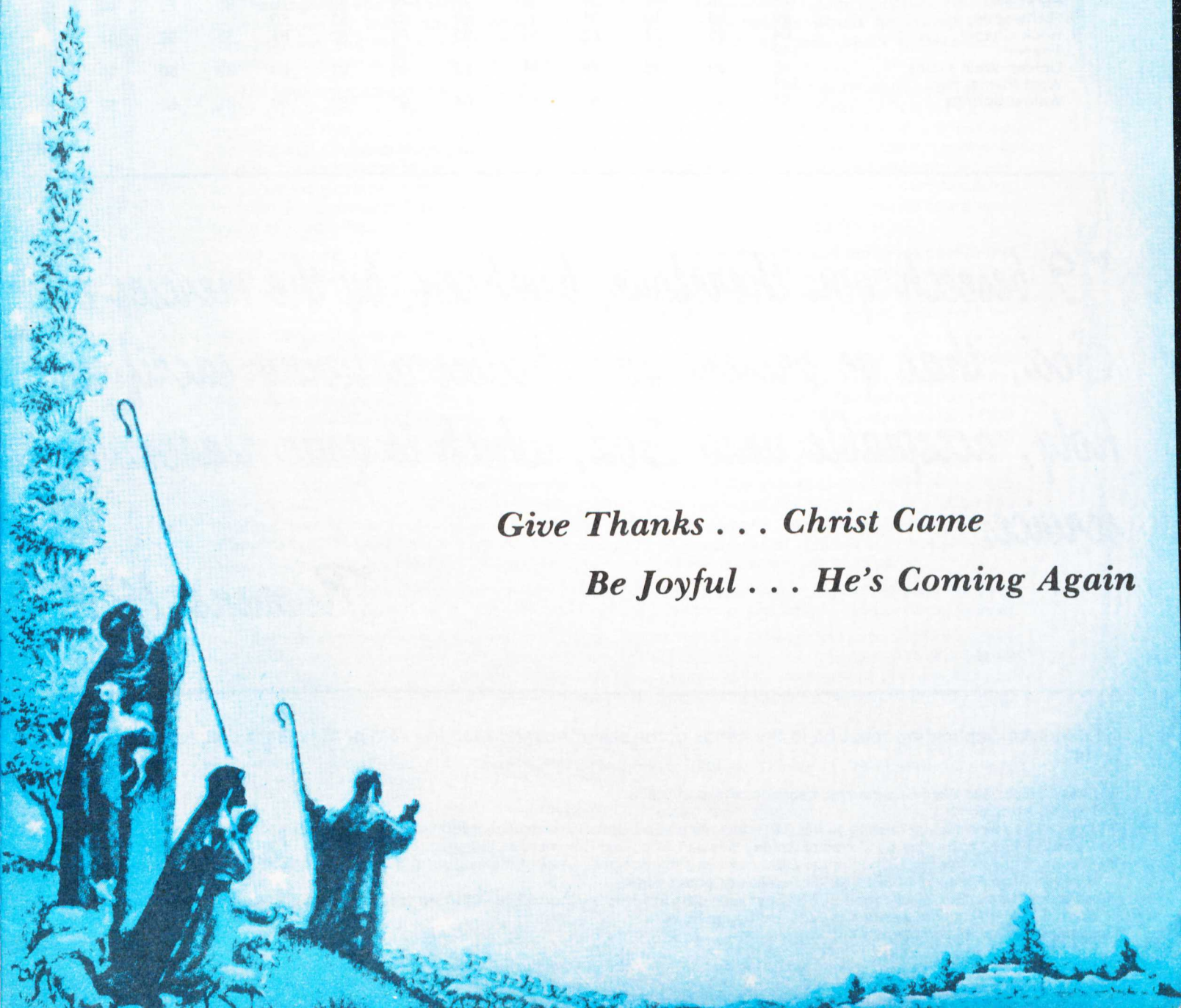


# **THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM**

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*Give Thanks . . . Christ Came*

*Be Joyful . . . He's Coming Again*





# SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1984-1985

CHURCHES	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT
Belton	52	40	38	36	36	44	40	42	40	45	49	47
Bethel	112	116	111	98	101	121		91	85			
Calvary Fellowship	229	204	191	193	197	256	206	198	202	190	179	183
Cape Girardeau	75	68	66	62	68	75	71	63	67	68	69	71
Copper Mines	69	75	83	70	60	72	81	75	71	73	79	
Cuba	59	64	75	69	68	77	78	82	71	74	70	
De Soto	204	183										
Farmington	789	657	694	545	598	800	685	686	623	674	628	629
Flat River, First	197	146	165	147		192	180	182	166	141		160
Grace	225	196	192	154	159	217	182	169	171	170	176	
Grant Avenue	93		85	64	88	96	112	89	95	93	90	
Hannon	76	73	77	62	75	74	82	70	75	77	79	79
Harmony, K.C.	70	67			76	114	90	81	73	75		68
Hartville	98	94	96	102	76	114	95	91	92	78	91	
Houston	74	77	83	74	68	69	69	65	64	54	41	61
Jones Creek							114	86	95	65	86	112
Monett	165	175	130	162	175	166						
Myrtle	49	31	45	40	35	48	41	45	41	40		46
New Life Fellowship	69	60	56	65	53	95						
O'Fallon	198	132	142	126	110							
Parkview	75	75	82	57	67	77	79	70	70	85	75	88
Richwoods	49	39	40	35	43	53	51	53	50			
Rock Chapel	64	65	64	62	61	60	65	62	61	55	59	61
Thayer	142						144					
United, West Plains	93	99	93	78	81	88	94	91	93	89	80	85
West Plains, First	142											
Willow Springs	88	89	88	66	69	84	97	83	80	81	80	82

*"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."*

*Romans 12:1*

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## Two Special Occasions

**Thanksgiving and Christmas!** Two very important special occasions for the Christian. I am not equating one of these special days with the other, for Christmas would far overshadow Thanksgiving. But this issue of *The Gem* covers the two months, November and December. Therefore, I will in a combined way refer to both of these.

The Psalmist states in Psalms 103:2, "*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.*" It should be very strange that we are not constantly and thoroughly grateful to God for all His benefits and mercies. Look how dependent we are, and see how much we have; and when we realize that it all comes from the hand of God, we ought to be thanking Him all the time. Let us thank God for life and live more abundantly. Whatever we think of our hardships and deprivations, we are far above the extreme point. A Christian once said that he felt that God had let him down, because through an accident he had lost the full use of his right hand. He felt this way until he saw a man trying to load a box onto a truck. The man loading the box had two stubs for arms.

Let us thank God for our families. When the sun sets in the evening and darkness covers the night, is there any place more wonderful than at home with the family? The first institution that God instituted and blessed, the strength of the local church, and the bulwark of our society is the Christian family. Let us thank God that in His wisdom He ordained it, and may we do that which we can to honor and preserve it.

Let us thank God for the Church Family. Fellowship within the Family of God can be, and should be, the sweetest fellowship on earth. To be sure, there are times when the devil creates strife, dissension and disruption; but when the cloud of doubt and fear has been blown away by the sweet Holy Spirit of God, it will make the bonds of Christian fellowship stronger. Surely we can thank God for the fellowship in the local church, and as it extends itself through the denomination and beyond, to give us the warmth and strength that we draw from true Christian fellowship.

Let us thank God for the Bible. The Psalmist said, "*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path*", Ps. 119:105. And he states further, "*How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea sweeter than honey to my mouth*", Ps. 119:103. The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable.

And then let us thank God for Salvation. When one thinks of salvation, he immediately thinks of Christ: His Virgin Birth, His Sinless Life, His Vicarious Suffering, and His Victorious Resurrection.

There would be no Christmas without Christ. For the believer, Christmas is a special time of the year. While the world-system is caught up in the "getting syndrome", the follower of Christ is filled with the "spirit of giving". While the world-system is caught in the madness of drunkenness and drugs, the follower of Christ is obsessed with the desire to reflect the light of Him; His holy, righteous life.

Thank God for Christmas! A time for family and friends to be together for the purpose of celebrating the birthday of the greatest Person who ever lived on this earth, the lovely Lord Jesus Christ.

From the Executive Office and *Gem* Family,  
A Merry and Joyous Christmas and a Blessed New Year,

Clarence & Vivian





# Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

Tonight was Thursday night visitation at our church. Thirty men and women attended. We met at 7:00 p.m. for coffee and cookies, paired up, received our instructions from our director, prayed, and then went out to visit in our community.

My partner was an anesthesiologist and after the first visit he was called to the hospital for surgery. I continued on alone, made three more calls and returned to church at 9 p.m. for the report time. (This is one of the most important times of visitation.)

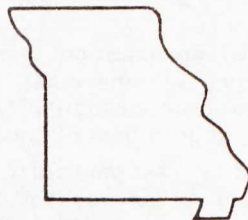
Report time was a happy time. We sat around tables drinking coffee and rejoicing. Two men reported a young

man saved; two other men reported they had 9 people promise to come to church the last Sunday of the month. I was glad that I could report four promises to attend on our big day and a really good visit with an unsaved man I had been trying to find.

Our spirits were lifted and we went home rejoicing. We know there will be two more to be baptized this Sunday and several promised to attend services.

Last week our visitation director asked the 20 persons attending visitation to each bring a partner this week. Ten people responded and brought a partner. Thirty people out on a visitation represented fifteen teams and they visited more than thirty homes. Multiply that times 52 and you have 1560 homes in a year. God honors that kind of dedication.

Do you have a visitation? Do your people respond and attend? If you're a teacher, deacon, or leader in the church and you don't attend, how will you ever be able to face God? Visitation is God's will and God's plan. Don't fight it, do it.



## From Missouri

Not all foreign missionaries can say they were born in Missouri, but several can! Missouri should be pleased, but not so much as to be content. This number must be increased. What are you doing to add to the number who have already gone to share to the Good News around the world? Are you praying, giving, and going?

Do you know the Missouri-born missionaries? Test yourself on this quiz. Use it as a reminder to pray daily for the missionary, their families, and the people among whom they serve.

Two men working in the Administrative Staff for FWB Foreign Missions were born in Missouri (Mountain Grove and Ocie). Do you know them?

Missouri has two female missionaries in Panama: one from Lamar, the other from Ironton. Who are these ladies?

A missionary in France, one in Japan and two in Spain are from St. Louis. Name them.

Have you prayed for the missionary in France, one in Japan and two in the Ivory Coast from N.E. Missouri today?

Name the missionary working in Spain from Mark Twain's town?

Which missionary in Japan is from Bonne Terre?

Ken Bailey  
Ron Callaway  
Carol Pinkerton  
Lynette Morgan  
Olena McLain  
Lynn Miley  
Steve Reeves  
Jeff Turnbough  
Judy Bailey  
Charolette Tallent  
Judy Lytle  
Brenda Bunch  
Don Robirds  
Rolla Smith

Really, it isn't where we are FROM that counts, but where we are GOING!!!

Will others walking in your footsteps find the place God has prepared for His Children?

Quiz Clue: *Old Chinese proverb say to get at top, one must begin at bottom.*

Editor's Note: This is from a missionary "from Missouri". Guess who?



## 1985: Year of Milestones in Panama

The Spanish-speaking congregation of the Betania Free Will Baptist Church in Panama City, Panama greeted the dawn of 1985 with enthusiasm and excitement for what God would do for us during the year. At a special watch-night service and prayer/fellowship vigil, we committed ourselves to the Lord and to each other to make 1985 count for Christ.

God has truly blessed our church. Vacation Bible School in February saw around 15 children and young people pray to receive Christ. A special evangelistic outreach in July resulted in over 10 decisions. A young couple who were dating received Christ less than six weeks ago; I had the privilege of joining them in marriage on August 30 in a lovely wedding at our church. In the first eight month of 1985, we saw around 40 professions of faith, and baptized 18.

Two other super special events have made this year unforgettable. First, on May 18, we celebrated our 9th anniversary of the beginning of the work under Bill Fulcher in 1976, and the same night officially organized the church with 67 charter members. Our building is barely able to seat 80 people, but that night over 250 friends, well-wishers, and members of other churches joined with us in praising God from whom all blessings flow.

On June 15 our small but aspiring congregation, after literally hours, days, and months of hard work, planning, organizing, and praying, sponsored a banquet and concert in a large banquet room at a local restaurant. Three hundred and seven attended the event, and were treated to a delicious meal and fine Christian music by several local Christian singers. In addition, through the sale of tickets to the dinner and concert, our church raised \$1,500.00 for our building fund. In less than two years, through sacrificial giving and special activities and projects, the church has raised \$8,500. We hope to have \$12,500 by the end of 1985.

We ask all Missouri Free Will Baptists to join us in praising God who has truly done great things in Panama (and our church is just **one** testimony among many that could be given), and to **pray** with us for continued growth, numerical and spiritual, and that we will be able to raise the necessary funds to purchase property and build for the glory of God.

*Editor's Note:* This interesting article is from Steve Lytle. He and his wife Judy, with their children are serving the Lord in Panama. Let's praise the Lord with them and pray for them and each one of our missionaries.

## Ways To Say "I CARE" To Your Missionary

When asked, "What can I do to help you?", every missionary that I know gives the same answer, "Please pray!" This may mean sending a letter so you'll know just how to pray: what problems are being faced, items of praise and thanksgiving, etc. The best kind of letters include more than a verse and signatures. Tell us about yourself, your family and your church. Can we help you through prayers? Let us know. We ask you to pray for us . . . we would like to pray for you, too.

Do you want to do more than pray? Do you wish to give over and above the amount that is being sent to the missionaries' account? Would you like to send a package? Here are some suggestions: Magazine subscriptions are an easy way to send a long-term gift with one check. You'll need to know if the man is a fisherman, car mechanic, or if the lady enjoys cooking, crafts, or decorating. Religious magazines are most welcome, even books you have already read. How about a salad dressing mix, or a package of garden or flower seeds. Something extra nice would be a tape of special music or your pastor's sermons.

Please remember the missionaries' families. Send a friendship card and get acquainted with the missionaries' parents. Ask what would please MK's living with their parents or at boarding school on the field. Don't forget the MK's who are in the States away from their parents in college, armed forces . . . Wouldn't a bit of extra spending money be a nice surprise? Or a box of chocolate chip cookies right from your oven? MK's who are married are still a part of the team . . . and Grandkids . . . wow! The list is unending. This mommie likes to think that people remember my far-away family in prayers as well as the people here on the field among whom we labor. When you help and care for my family, you are helping and caring for me!

If packages are sent, make sure they are two pounds or under in weight and have a green customs sticker from the Post Office. Packages weighing more have white stickers and missionaries will have to pay to receive them. Perhaps you should first contact your missionary and ask if they have specific requests (make sure the missionary knows if you are talking about \$5.00 or \$50.00!)

*Editor's Note:* The writer of this interesting and helpful article chooses to remain anonymous. Don't cast it aside.

## Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



"Shew me thy ways, O Lord, teach me thy paths."

Psalms 25:4

In this prayer, David is asking God to reveal to him His ways. It would do us well if we should make the same request.

But then God has shown us His ways by the example of His Son. His ways are perfect, as shown in the nature of Christ's character. His ways are righteous, as shown in the nature of Christ's kingdom. His ways are everlasting as shown in the nature of His dominion.

The second portion of this verse says, "teach me thy paths." According to Webster the definition of a path is a "trodden way". It seems that David is saying, "Lord, let me walk in the path that others have walked, and cause me to know the path that leads from earth to glory." Lord, cause me to see the plain path, the good path, the old path that begins at the foot of the cross.

## The Blessings Of A Christian Home

by Jenna Merritt

Would you like to give your children a legacy that could be passed down to their children's children and even beyond? Sound expensive? It will cost you to be sure, but not cash. The price is turning your life over to God. You can raise your child in a Christian home, and the blessings will equip that child for God's use and glory. The blessings of a Christian home are worth the effort, time, and trust expended to create one. How do you build a Christian home? Psalms 127:1 reads, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it . . ." (KJV). Only through complete trust in God can a home be richly blessed.

Some of the blessings of a Christian home are love, peace, joy, faith, and trust in God. These blessings not only make life fulfilling, but they are also necessary to bring others to Jesus Christ.

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As parents, trusting the Lord for guidance in our homes, we receive a peace that passes all understanding. Nothing can happen to us that our Heavenly Father does not know about. We are certain of His watchcare. Psalms 91:11, "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways" (KJV). Children sense this peace. If we have inner peace that flows from us into our everyday lives, they too will have the desire to be godly.

The first place children experience love is in the home. Just as we can bring anything before God and receive no condemnation (Romans 8:1) so also family members can share deep hurts or concerns with each other and know they will receive loving concern in return. A person who feels loved finds it easier to love others and to share God's love with them.

A Christian home radiates joy. Not a happiness that stems from material blessings, but a lasting joy that isn't dependent on circumstances. The poorest home can be overflowing with real joy when the parents have put their lives in God's hand.

When parents have placed their lives under God's control, their faith increases. Faith in His goodness; faith that proves Biblical principles applied to daily lives work; and faith that is unshakable when the way of the world's system beckons. A child that learns God's ways work will be less prone to try out the world's ways. The choice is there. We can help our family to make the right one.

The blessings from a Christian home inspire children to build Christian homes also — A legacy that can be passed down from generation to generation. Think about it. Because of the blessings of someone's Christian home, you are a child of God today.

*About the writer:* Jenna Merritt and her husband, Barry, are active in the Monett Free Will Baptist Church. She and Barry have two children, a boy and a girl. She wrote "Bread Cast Upon The Waters," a book recently published about Reverend Ken Turner, pioneer Foreign Missions promoter.



## Churches, People & Events

### GOOD HOMECOMING & VBS AT COPPERMINES

We have been having good services at the Coppermines Free Will Baptist Church, writes Marie Graham, church reporter.

The Lord blessed with a great Vacation Bible School, with an average of fifty-three in attendance.

The annual Homecoming Service was held in August with Brother Willard Darnell, a former pastor, as special speaker. The Joymasters, a gospel singing group, provided special music in the afternoon service. The Lord truly blessed in the Morning and Afternoon Services.

### BLESSINGS AT SEDALIA CHURCH

The Lord blessed with a very successful Vacation Bible School, writes Reverend Leonard Sanger, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Sedalia, Missouri. The high attendance was thirty-eight, with an average attendance of twenty-eight. When the Commencement Program was presented at the Sunday Evening Worship, the Lord blessed in a special way with three receiving Jesus as Saviour.

The Lord is blessing the church with some new families. We trust that we shall labor hard in winning the lost to Jesus and trying to strengthen the ones that are saved. It seems the Lord has been so good to us for so little that we are doing for Him. Remember us in your prayers.

### GREAT BAPTISMAL SERVICE AT TWIN OAKS

The Twin Oaks Free Will Baptist Church is happy to say that the Lord is blessing in a very wonderful way in all of the services, writes Madeline McFarland, church reporter.

The pastor, Reverend Bob Thebeau, has seen one of his dreams come true as the church van is loaded for each trip. Almost every service there are people at the altars of the church. The attendance (August and September) has been running between 90 and 100 for the Morning attendance, 65-75 for the Evening and approximately 60 for the Mid-Week Prayer Service.

The church held an old fashioned Baptismal Service when approximately ninety people gathered on the creek bank and sang, preached and prayed in adoration to the Lord for His blessings. The reporter writes that it was one of the best services that she had ever attended.

The pastor and his wife, Bob and Kathy, are doing such a fine work for the Lord. They are so faithful and willing to serve in whatever way they are needed. Much of the growth of the church is surely because of their hard work.

The church hosted a good Missionary Conference on September 13-14 with a workshop on Saturday.

We are thankful the Lord has called a young man into the ministry, David Young. We pray, the reporter writes, that the Lord will continue to bless our church and every church that is serving Him.

### REVEREND DARRELL STRAIN ENTERS EVANGELISM FIELD

Reverend Darrell Strain, Alton, Missouri, has stated that the Lord has led him to devote his ministry to evangelistic services. He has good credentials in that he has served as a pastor for twelve years. During this period he started the Victory Church at Alton and directed in the building program which the church paid the note in four years. He has served as moderator of the Cave Springs Association, served on the Ordaining Council, served as clerk, served on the Church Evangelism Conference Committee and Radio Pastor. He supports the cooperative plan of support and has led the churches he served to support this world-wide ministry through Free Will Baptist ministries. He has held numerous revivals in Missouri and Arkansas.

Brother Strain is a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, with a degree in Agriculture and a Masters degree from Southwest State University in Secondary School Administration. He has taught Vocational Agriculture for twenty years, having earned the highest honorary degree awarded by the National Future Farmers of America. He has trained three State Championship Parliamentary Law teams.

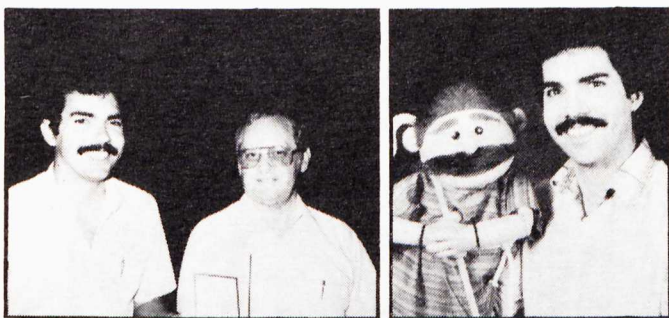
Brother Strain is married to Esther Strain and they have four children (3 girls and 1 boy), ages 25, 23, 21, and 16. He may be contacted at this address and telephone number: Route 2, Box 356, Alton, Mo. 65606; phone: 417-778-6349.

*Editor's Note:* I recommend Brother Darrell Strain as a strong Bible preacher. He has a deep desire to win souls to Jesus and to see them grounded in the Word.



Rev. Darrell Strain





Rev. Tony Borders & Rev. Jerry Fields

Rev. Tony Borders & Puppet

### TONY & THE "PUPPET APOSTLES" AT BERKELEY

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley hosted a Youth Revival, August 5-9, 1985. The evangelist, Brother Tony Borders, kept the kindergarten through teen youth (and even adults) spellbound as he used over 25 puppets, magic, skits, pantomimes, films, stories and his guitar to teach Bible truths centered around a nightly theme such as: God's Word, God's love, salvation, the resurrection and seeking Jesus.

Reverend Jerry Fields, pastor, reported a high attendance of eighty-six with six children earning a gift of a new Bible by bringing a total of ten visitors during the week.

The church is praying that the blessings of the week will be evident in the lives of the youth who attended and those who asked Jesus to come into their hearts.

Mrs. Linda Walls, church reporter, writes: If anyone would like more information about Tony and the "Puppet Apostles" please write to Tony Borders, 508 Sycamore, Jasonville, Indiana 47438.



Rev. & Mrs. Gardner

Rev. & Mrs. Anderson

### REVEREND & MRS. LEN GARDNER HONORED AT PLEASANT RIDGE

On Sunday, June 30, 1985, the Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church gave special honor to a former pastor and his wife, Reverend and Mrs. Len Gardner. Brother Gardner had served the church a total of twenty-two years.

Reverend Gardner delivered the Morning Message to a pleasantly filled auditorium. A delicious dinner was served in the fellowship area of the church during the noon hour.

Following the fellowship time, the afternoon service was convened at 1:30. Reverend Howard Anderson and Reverend Corban Stewart delivered the two messages in the afternoon.

Special singing was given in the afternoon service by the Don Day family of Fair Grove, Bud Atchley of Louisburg and Howard and Dianne Anderson of Lebanon. Several congregational songs were also enjoyed by the congregation.

The service was dismissed by everyone singing the song, "Sweet By and By", and a warm handshake. Brother and

Sister Gardner were given special thanks by the church and wished many more years of service for the Lord. Reverend and Mrs. Don Anderson are serving as pastor of the Pleasant Ridge Church.



Walk-A-Thon Participants

### CAVE SPRINGS WALK-A-THON RAISES OVER \$2,000

Five churches in the Cave Springs District Association participated in a Walk-A-Thon for the National Home Missions Department in behalf of Missionary Bill Adkisson account. The churches raised over \$2,000 in cash to erase the deficit account.

Forty-four people with an age span of 3 years old to 82 participated in the project. Following the three hour walk, the group gathered for hamburgers and cold soda. The hamburgers were furnished by Brother and Sister Caruthers of the Victory Church. The United Church furnished cooks to prepare the food.

The largest pledge was gathered by Reverend Glen Murray, pastor of the United Church. He walked in \$400.

The Smyrna Church sent in an offering of \$25 even though they were not able to participate in the Walk-A-Thon.

The following churches participated: Garfield Church, pastor: David Honeycutt; First Church, pastor: John England; Royal Church, pastor: Charles Hollis; United Church, pastor: Glen Murray; and the Victory Church, pastor: Darrell Strain.



Frances Bowman

### DEDICATION OF FRANCES BOWMAN LAUNDRY CENTER

On Friday evening, during the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Retreat, a special dedication service was held at Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. Reverend Dale Skiles led in a Dedication Service for the Laundry Center. He recognized Mrs. Frances Bowman for her effort and work in raising funds for the equipment to supply the center. Because of her tireless effort and dedication to this project, the center was named the Frances Bowman Laundry Center.



## GOOD REPORT FROM FIRST CHURCH IN FLAT RIVER

Church reporter Karen Montgomery writes: We are seeing new faces in our services. People are being saved and baptized. We are welcoming new members into our church fellowship. Please pray that God will continue to bless our work and our efforts at First Church.

The Lord truly blessed our Vacation Bible School this year. We had a great week with a good number of students and workers in attendance. Our total average was 115 with a perfect attendance of 56.

Our Woman's Auxiliary and our teens sponsored a project through Majestic Photos. We sold 114 family portraits, 16 x 20 settings, at \$7.95 each, for a bonus of \$1165.00 from the photo company. \$750.00 of this amount was divided evenly among the five missionaries that spoke at First Church during the Missionary Conference. Through prayer, faith, and continued effort, our goal of 100 family settings was met and surpassed.

On September 22 we had a Special Youth Service. Brother Gene Howell, our youth pastor, and our young people were in charge of the evening service. We thank God for our young people, and for their willingness to use their talents and abilities for the Glory of God.

Joel Robertson, from the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, was guest speaker for this special service. He gave a very informative presentation on "The Danger of Rock Music." The church was packed with people of all ages, all eager to hear what this young man had to say. A fellowship snack supper was held after the service. Reverend Ron Edgil is church pastor.



Rev. & Mrs. Jerry Fields

## BERKELEY CHURCH HONORS PASTOR & WIFE

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley set aside September 15 as Pastor and Wife Appreciation Sunday. Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Fields were given a boutonniere and corsage and a check as they were thanked by Brother Milton Hovis, chairman of the church board, for giving of themselves so freely in the work of the Lord. The music and thoughts were centered around thankfulness to the Lord for blessing the church with a wonderful pastor and wife.

After the morning worship service, everyone enjoyed a big church dinner in Fellowship Hall. A cake in the shape of an open Bible was decorated for the occasion and the walls of Fellowship Hall bore big letters stating, "Bro. and Sis. Fields, you are special, you are appreciated, you are loved." Each Sunday School class presented the pastor and wife with a card which contained individual notes as to why they were appreciated.

## Another Glance at the State Association

### Partial Report of the Resolutions Committee

(The Missouri State Association requested that this report be included in the Gem.)

1. Whereas the citizens of the State of Missouri have voted a lottery in our State, and,

Whereas the Blue Laws have been repealed in almost every area of the State;

Be is resolved that our preachers continue to preach and teach against gambling;

Be it further resolved that we adhere to the scripture: "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy", by refraining from unnecessary buying and selling on the Lord's Day.









# "The Summons From Heaven"

## Revelation 22:17

by Ron Edgil

"And the Spirit and the Bride say Come. And let him that heareth say Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." If there is any book in all the world that captures one central theme, then that book is the Bible. From Genesis 3:9 wherein God called out, "Adam, where art thou?" until the last closing summons to man in Revelation 22:17, the Lord has been dealing with sinful mankind to restore that lost fellowship. Man's communion with God was broken because of sinful rebellion and disobedience. That reason should serve as grounds for consideration in viewing how God deals with us today. **First, we find the reference to those who are guilty.** The prophet Isaiah made the plea for man to come to God and "reason with the Lord." We may say that "religion has the basis for making use of common-sense." Even though man has sinned and come short of the glory of God, there is yet room for the Heavenly Father to demonstrate love and compassion. Christ died "for ungodly sinners" while we were yet still in our sins. The Apostle Paul stated that "He who knew no sin became sin for us" and we must conclude that the Innocent became the burden-bearer for the guilty that a ransom could be paid and the guilty be set free. The case of the adulterous woman as found in John 8:1-11 reveals three things about our guilt as well as God's desire to forgive us. **One**, there shall always be someone ready to accuse you and lay the burden of guilt at your feet. **Two**, every man in the world must honestly face his own guilt problem before God. Then ask forgiveness and allow God to remove that burden and penalty. **Three**, God did not send Jesus Christ into the world to condemn, but rather to save from condemnation. Therefore, carefully consider the summons from Heaven to "Come and reason" with God about your standing before Him.

**The second summons from the Lord is found in Matthew 11:28-30 and offers to the weary a means of rest.** To those who are laboring under stress about spiritual things; to the heavy laden who are not refreshed by the lifestyle they experience nor the master whom they serve. Sin offers drudgery and depression after it is finished; it brings forth death. Christ offers a yoke that is lighter to bear, and equitable to share, for He bears the greater portion of all the Christian's life. So here we find a summons from Heaven to "Come and rest" from guilt and affliction from sin. Without a place called Calvary, and a Person called Jesus, we could never know peace. There had to be a source and a Saviour to make the transfer of guilt possible. That need was made complete by Jesus Christ.

**The third summons we find is addressed to the thirsty.** John 7:37 "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink." We all understand what thirst is and how that a man could die if not satisfied in the need of water. The physical body cries out in need of nourishment and the replenishing of the lost supply of liquid. Even so, the soul and heart of man lost the source of satisfaction and contentment when by transgression and sin he fell from favor with God. That lack of contentment is shown today by many situations such as broken homes and multiple marriages, alcohol addiction and use, the sexual permissiveness of unrestrained and immoral behavior among men. The appetite for drugs and any other means or method that may provide a temporary lift and quenching of the desire that cries from within the heart of man is again proof that the thirst exists and is very real. This is the age of counseling and therapy sessions and these methods surely have a purpose and a place but, many of the problems we face are there because we refuse to allow Jesus to satisfy the longing of our soul. We face the same burdens, bear the same consequences, and experience recurrent defeat, unless Jesus is given the opportunity to fulfill our needs. And after such awhile many will come to the place

they should have come much sooner, as God summons man to Himself. There is a story of a little boy who was thirsty after bedtime. He let it be known several times until his father became very irritated. The man threatened to spank the child if he did not hush. The boy could stand it no longer so he said, "Dad, when you get up to spank me, would you please bring me a drink of water?" Oh dear friend, why do we make the Lord go to such extremes to gain our love and devotion? Why not allow Jesus Christ now to satisfy the thirst and longing of your heart?

**The fourth and final consideration is the summons to those who are distant and as Peter who followed afar off.** Jesus invited him to "come and dine." Here we consider those who are saved and have known what Christian service is all about. Then somehow they may fall back and remain distant to the Lord. Distant discipleship certainly may be one of the greatest hindrances to the local church today. Lack of faithfulness to attendance to Christian duties, and the failure to practice stewardship that pleases the Lord may also be an indication of your distance from the will of God. The first thing the Prodigal Son did upon his return home was ask the father's forgiveness and consideration to allow him to be once again part of the family. Is it possible that you might have seen yourself mirrored and represented by one of these illustrations of Scripture? Has the Lord graciously summoned you to consider His love and your relationship to Him? Do that which is right and pleasing in the sight of the Lord Jesus Christ. Whatever you must do you should do right now, or else your greatest regret in eternity will be that you failed to answer the summons.

*About the writer:* Ron Edgil is serving as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Missouri. He has served in various capacities in the local association. At present he is serving as Assistant Moderator. He is supportive of the state and national ministries.

## 13 Bible College Seniors Selected for "Who's Who"

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE - The Free Will Baptist Bible College faculty has nominated 13 seniors for the 1986 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges", according to Dr. Robert Picirilli, dean. The associate director of "Who's Who" has confirmed that all 13 nominees have been included in this year's volume.

The "Who's Who" seniors from Missouri are:

Allen Pointer, Springfield  
Julia Ritter, Farmington

Outstanding students from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states and several foreign countries will be included in this year's volume. Criteria for their selection include academic achievement, leadership potential, extracurricular activities and potential for future service.

The college is pleased to have 13 of its finest students receive this honor.

## Bible College To Hold Welcome Days For Prospective Students

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE - Free Will Baptist Bible College will host its fall Welcome Days for prospective students November 21-23, according to Dr. Charles E. Hampton, coordinator.



Welcome Days will give young people a chance to sample the college by attending classes, spending two nights in the dormitories and fellowshiping with students and teachers. The college always plans special events for their visitors, including music and drama programs and sports activities. Teachers and administrators will be available to answer questions about the college and its programs.

Should the fall dates not be convenient, the college also hosts Welcome Days in the spring. This year's spring dates are April 3-5.

Last year 558 young people and their sponsors attended Welcome Days. We hope that you will bring a group from your church this year.

For more information, please write:

WELCOME DAYS  
c/o Free Will Baptist Bible College  
3606 West End Avenue  
Nashville, Tennessee 37205-2498  
(615) 383-1340

## Dear Brother Pastor:

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! I awoke this morning so thankful for another opportunity to serve the Lord. I wish I could thank each of you personally for your prayers on my behalf. That is impossible, so by way of this letter, *To everyone a great big thanks!*

Psalms 45:1 "My heart is inditing a good matter..." Let me tell you about it. Several years ago I sponsored a money raising project for a washer and a dryer to be used at Youth Camp. Many across the state supported this effort. Now there is another need for additional washers and dryers. So here I am again, asking folks for help, to support this new project.

The approximate cost for the washers and dryers is \$2,000.00. This equipment will be bought in Marshfield, Missouri, for \$900.00 a set. They will be coin operated and also be serviced by the people in Marshfield. We also need a soap dispenser.

If each church would take up a special offering or send a check for \$50.00 (or more), this would take care of the project. I am sure that every lady that goes to camp will say, Amen.

Please send the check to Frances Bowman, 625 N. O'Dell, Marshall, MO 65340. I will keep you informed through *The Gem* about this project. Please don't lay this letter aside until you have taken some action.

Yours for the cause of Christ,  
*Frances Bowman*



Waiting to Eat

## Missouri Woman's Auxiliary Retreat

August 23-24, 1985, will be days that the women who attended the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary retreat will not soon forget. Hearts were challenged as they heard women from across our state speak in workshops about working with those in the jails, those who are hurting and lonely, dealing with those who have lost loved ones through death, and loving the unborn and those who have aborted those unborn babies. The special speaker was Mrs. Mabel "Mom" Willey. She took the theme "Loving Enough to Care" and drew the ladies to the work in Cuba, Panama, and China, and to the throne of God.



Waiting in Prayer

The Friday evening worship and Saturday morning worship services were especially challenging. Want to find out why? Ask someone from your church, and then make plans to attend next year. This year we had a total registration of 201.

*Submitted by Shirley Bowden, Secretary.*

## Youth Camp Memories











## Financial Information

### COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS August 1985

18.50%	Mo. State Home Missions	\$3,741.50
17.00%	Executive Dept. & Gem	3,438.13
3.50%	General Fund	707.85
10.50%	Youth Camp	2,123.55
1.75%	C. E. Board	353.92
1.75%	SS & CTS Board	353.92
2.50%	Retirement Village	505.61
5.00%	Mo. State Ret. Program	1,011.22
39.50%	Nat'l. Depts. & Hillsdale	7,988.60
	(Hillsdale 6.00% ... \$1,213.45)	
	Foreign Missions	
	National Home Missions	
	Free Will Baptist Bible College	
	Executive Department	
	Board of Retirement & Insurance	
	Layman's Board	
	Theological Commission	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$20,224.30</b>

The apostle said to the Christians at Philippi in reference to their money gift, "I desire fruit that may abound to your account." As the gifts for cooperative giving comes from the local church to spread the gospel of Christ, surely we can say that there will be fruit to the account of that church. As we honor the Lord with the tithe and offering, God has promised to bless, Malachi 3:10, and I believe He will!

### AUGUST 1985 GIVING COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED (\* More than one check)

Fredericktown, First	\$ 227.00
Terrill Road *2	207.00
Cope	33.65
Monett	565.55
Fordland	440.00
Oskaloosa	46.23
Number One	48.20
Unity	316.54
Columbia	25.00
New Life Fellowship	219.00
Royal Oak	31.00
Hartville	174.67
DeSoto	680.00
Mill Creek	158.62
Macedonia	20.00
Victory, Alton	194.00
Seymour	157.00
New Rock Springs	89.55
Pleasant Ridge	55.00
Hannon	240.85
Freeman Chapel	135.51
Leadington	500.00
Parkview	224.50
Gospel Light	151.00
Belton	221.57
Jones Creek	267.59
Hopewell	394.00
Farmington	1,150.00
Hurryville	122.00
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	58.60
Mine La Motte	32.85

Joplin *	368.00
West Plains, First	70.52
Union Grove	129.00
Faith, Lemay	116.00
Wolf Creek	222.83
Copper Mines	262.48
Rock Chapel	217.80
Marshfield	138.22
Grant Avenue	577.85
Pleasant Home	159.88
Jones Chapel	571.69
Berkeley	357.85
Springfield, First	100.00
Eastern Gate	148.30
Pleasant Hill	44.42
Mt. Pisgah	108.00
Flat River, First	630.67
Olivet	300.00
New Harmony	9.16
Lingo	32.72
Grace	828.00
Salem	90.00
Sedalia	21.03
Oak Hill, Union	118.11
Black Oak	10.00
Neosho *2	142.50
Bailey Chapel	38.00
Purdy	465.19
Calvary Chapel	240.00
Joplin *2	668.41
Merl's Chapel	69.77
Cabool	275.50
Mtn. Grove, First *4	2,297.39
New Home, Falcon	88.42
St. Francois Association	19.50
Lone Star	31.80
Cope	36.70





Myrtle	146.43
Thayer	398.00
Willow Springs	203.18
Verdella	143.60
Trinity	370.29
Cape Girardeau	380.33
South Fremont	596.00
Lebanon, First	318.64
United, West Plains	301.10
Interest on Account	169.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,224.30</b>

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Faith Chapel	\$ 10.00
Fredericktown, First	15.00
Terrill Road	15.00
Monett	696.37
Fordland	45.00
Oskaloosa	89.90
Columbia	41.50
Pleasant Ridge	20.00
Cindy Thompson	25.00
Clifford Hoover	30.00
Freeman Chapel	264.51
Hannon	272.59
Leadington	274.00
Belton	25.00
Farmington	1,355.00
Houston	144.20
West Plains, First	79.00
Marshfield	5.00
Grant Avenue	306.00
Berkeley	116.50
Eastern Gate	10.00
Flat River, First	10.00
Indian Creek Association	276.50
Mission Quarterly Meeting	300.00
Olivet	50.00
New Harmony	59.46
Sedalia	20.00
Black Oak	96.26
Joplin	5.00
Mtn. Grove, First	577.00
Myrtle	100.00
Thayer	19.50
Trinity	287.06
South Fremont	595.00
Lebanon, First	50.00
St. Francois Association	984.45
Pleasant Home	154.61
O'Fallon	10.00
Fourth	60.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,494.41</b>

#### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Monett	\$ 305.00
Fordland	20.00
Columbia	41.50
Leadington	115.00
Farmington	130.00
Cave Springs Association	2,102.75
Wolf Creek	10.00
Rock Chapel	214.31
Marshfield	5.00
Grant Avenue	18.00
Berkeley	132.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Olivet	20.00
Joplin	10.00
Mtn. Grove, First	469.29
Myrtle	110.00
Thayer	22.00
South Fremont	52.00
Lebanon, First	50.00
South East Dist. Meeting	50.00
Indian Creek Association	42.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,968.85</b>

#### NAT'L. BOARD OF RETIREMENT & INS.

Grant Avenue	\$1.00
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#### CHILDREN'S HOME

Myrtle	\$3.00
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#### RADIO & TV MINISTRIES

Indian Creek (Monett)	\$50.00
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#### STATE OFFICE BLDG. FUND

Flat River, First	\$45.05
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#### HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Willow Springs	\$ 20.00
Hannon	50.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Mtn. Grove	160.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$238.00</b>

#### MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Rock Chapel	\$ 10.00
Marshfield	5.00
Berkeley	52.00
Flat River, First	9.00
Indian Creek Association	107.50
New Harmony	29.75
Sedalia	25.00
Joplin	65.00
Mtn. Grove, First	138.00
Myrtle	35.50
Thayer	10.00
Verdella	20.00
Trinity	15.00
South Fremont	5.00
Fredericktown, First	5.00
Terrill Road	5.00
Monett	90.00
Columbia	5.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Hannon	120.42
Leadington	65.00
Belton	25.00
Farmington	40.00
West Plains, First	55.00
O'Fallon	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$957.17</b>

#### MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP

Oskaloosa	\$ 20.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Hannon	15.00
Leadington	20.00
Farmington	40.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Berkeley	25.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Olivet	25.00
Mtn. Grove, First	50.00
Myrtle	29.50
Thayer	119.62
Verdella	10.00
Trinity	60.66
Coon Creek	10.00
Bethel, El Dorado Springs	27.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$497.54</b>

#### FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Leadington	\$ 20.00
Grant Avenue	50.00
Calvary Chapel	35.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$105.86</b>

#### COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

##### September 1985

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions	\$3,689.88
17.00% Executive Department	3,390.70
3.50% General Fund	698.09
10.50% Youth Camp	2,094.26
1.75% Christian Education Bd.	349.04
1.75% SS & CTS Board	349.04
2.50% Retirement Village	498.63
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	997.27
39.50% Nat'l. Assoc. & Hillsdale	7,878.39
(Hillsdale 6.00% ...)	\$1,196.72)
Foreign Missions	

Free Will Baptist Bible College  
National Home Missions  
Executive Office  
Board of Retirement & Insurance  
Layman's Board  
Theological Commission

**Total** ..... **\$19,945.30**

With praise and adoration we lift our hearts to the One who is the giver of every good and perfect gift. We truly thank God for the response that is being made to the cooperative plan of support. Every soul that is saved and every Christian that is edified is a reflection of the love of God's people who give because they love.

#### SEPTEMBER 1985 GIVING COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

(\* More than one check)

United, West Plains	\$ 276.15
West Plains, First	71.00
Columbia	25.00
Mill Creek	161.40
Victory, Alton	195.00
Seymour	121.00
Macedonia *	40.00
Springfield, First	100.00
Bethel, Festus	350.00
Hazel Creek	259.10
Royal Oak	38.00
Fredericktown	247.00
Calvary Chapel	178.36
Hartville	236.66
Bailey Chapel	44.00
Pleasant Ridge	78.00
Fordland	564.00
New Rock Springs	71.93
Mt. Zion, Gower	52.51
Farmington *	2,300.00
Number One	56.70
Freeman Chapel	84.40
Kingsway	225.00
Hopewell	190.00
Mt. Pisgah	132.00
Faith, Lemay	111.00
Belton	166.86
Leadington	500.00
Hannon	254.40
South Fremont	398.00
Gospel Light	140.00
Parkview	240.41
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Tyrone *	96.03
Union Grove	146.00
New Life, O'Fallon	322.00
Hurryville	113.00
Eastern Gate	173.00
Liberty	500.00
Oak Hill, Union	114.55
Lingo	31.69
Marshfield	163.70
Mtn. Valley	185.44
Flat River, First	604.29
New Hope *	654.64
Berkeley	399.46
New Harmony	8.40
Mine La Motte	45.00
Carthage	60.00
Pleasant Home	175.12
Wolf Creek	216.08
DeSoto	680.00
Lebanon, First	459.40
Unity	296.62
Cape Girardeau	415.28
Joplin	267.95
Merl's Chapel	58.31
Neosho	71.25
Calvary, Conway *	257.81
Koshkonong	160.00
Sedalia	15.00
Black Oak	10.00
Cabool	263.39



Waynesville	164.00
Royal Oak	30.00
Rolla	300.00
Grace	863.00
Grant Avenue	514.15
Houston	178.00
Rock Chapel	233.24
Copper Mines	170.75
Pleasant Hill	51.31
Union	60.00
Monett	593.90
Salem	30.00
Martinstown	46.00
Twin Oak	607.43
Cope	46.80
Willow Springs	190.05
Myrtle	173.94
Harmony, K.C.	395.00
Alton	225.00
Interest Paid on Account	198.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,945.30</b>

#### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

United, West Plains	\$ 82.00
West Plains, First	35.00
Columbia	23.70
Bethel, Festus	65.00
Fordland	20.00
Farmington	365.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Leadington	115.00
South Fremont	50.00
South East District	50.00
Marshfield	5.00
Berkeley	245.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Lebanon, First	50.00
Indian Creek Ass'n.	5.00
Calvary, Conway	75.00
Bob & Glenda Keith	10.00
Rolla	100.00
Grant Avenue	3.00
Rock Chapel	92.74
Monett	238.00
Myrtle	122.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,811.44</b>

#### CHILDREN'S HOME

Myrtle	\$6.50
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#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

United, West Plains	\$ 26.15
West Plains, First	60.00
Columbia	23.70
Bethel, Festus	45.00
South Side	164.36
Pleasant Ridge	20.00
Farmington	357.41
Freeman Chapel	317.25
Verdella	390.73
Belton	25.00
Hannon	254.40
Leadington	272.00
Brent & Cindy Thompson	25.00
Clifford Hoover	30.00
South Fremont	40.00
Eastern Gate	10.00
Liberty	250.00
Marshfield	5.00
Flat River, First	120.30
Berkeley	150.00
New Harmony	54.62
Pleasant Home	2.00
Lebanon, First	50.00
Faith Chapel	10.00
Indian Creek Ass'n.	195.00
Sedalia	20.00
Black Oak	66.76
Bob & Glenda Keith	5.00
Grant Avenue	306.00
Fourth	110.00
Houston	9.80
Rock Chapel	10.00
Monett	1,316.85

O'Fallon	5.00
Beacon	1,368.50
Martinstown	100.00
Myrtle	84.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,483.10</b>

#### HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Hannon	\$50.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Willow Springs	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$78.00</b>

#### FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Grant Avenue	\$50.00
Leadington	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>

#### MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

United, West Plains	\$ 50.15
Columbia	5.00
Bethel, Festus	30.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Farmington	80.00
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Belton	25.00
Leadington	65.00
Hannon	127.20
South Fremont	80.00
Liberty	250.00
Marshfield	5.00
Flat River, First	4.00
Berkeley	60.00
New Harmony	27.30
Indian Creek Ass'n.	35.00
Sedalia	25.00
Grant Avenue	2.00
Rock Chapel	10.00
Monett	109.70
O'Fallon	5.00
Beacon	229.00
Myrtle	40.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,299.85</b>

#### MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP

Victory, Alton	\$ 25.00
Bethel, Festus	25.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Farmington	80.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Leadington	20.00
Hannon	15.00
Coon Creek	10.00
Berkeley	25.00
Bethel, El Dorado Spgs.	13.88
Wolf Creek	10.00
Lebanon, First	16.33
Myrtle	35.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$295.71</b>

#### RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Farmington	\$100.00
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#### NEW STATE OFFICE BLDG. FUND

Flat River, First	\$43.16
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#### NAT'L. BOARD OF RETIREMENT & INS.

Grant Avenue	\$1.00
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#### MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BD. July/August/September 1985

Belton	\$ 75.00
Berean	10.00
Bethel	65.00
Central	6.00
Columbia	15.00
Cooperative Receipts	10,970.13
Berkeley	162.00
DeSoto	200.00

Farmington	80.00
Flat River, First	31.00
Grace	155.00
Grant Avenue	4.00
Fredericktown	10.00
Hannon	263.63
Houston	98.07
Indian Creek Association	742.50
Jones Chapel	179.00
Joplin	110.00
Leadington	195.00
Marshfield	15.00
Mill Creek	30.00
Monett	358.28
Mtn. Grove, First	138.00
Myrtle	96.50
Mo. State Association	350.00
New Harmony	99.78
Oak Hill	21.55
O'Fallon	15.00
Olivet	150.00
Pleasant Ridge	20.00
Sedalia	30.00
South Fremont	10.00
Thayer	10.00
Trinity	34.00
Union Light	33.00
United, West Plains	48.78
Wayne Williams	15.00
West Plains, First	55.00
Tyrone	94.47
Verdella	45.00
Myrtle Auxiliary	7.50
Thayer Auxiliary	25.00
Terrill Road	5.00
Oak Grove	4.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,082.19</b>

Roger Harwell, Secretary/Treasurer  
Mo. State Home Missions



## Ninth Annual Writers' Contest

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| 1—Exegesis/Sermon | 4—Tract     |
| 2—Short Story     | 5—Play/Skit |
| 3—Poetry          | 6—Book      |

**Entry Deadline**—March 15,  
1986

**Registration Fee**—\$10.00

### Awards

#### Write For Rules Of Entry To:

Rev. Harrold D. Harrison, Writers'  
Contest Director, P.O. Box 17306  
Nashville, Tennessee 37217



# Essentials of Evangelism



by Stanley Jones

According to the *Church Growth Report* published by the National Home Missions Department, our Free Will Baptist Churches have been in a decline in attendance for the last three years. The growing concern over this decline is evidenced by the adoption of "Target 90" by the National Association of Free Will Baptists during our July 1985

meeting. The goal of "Target 90" is to reach 50,000 people with the Gospel by the year 1990.

This is a commendable goal and a possible one. But, its success lies within the membership of each local church. Only as local congregations allow God to show them ways to reach the people in their communities will the vision of "Target 90" become reality.

I am excited when I think of all our churches working towards this one common goal. It is not a new idea. It only has a new name. Reaching people with the Gospel was God's original plan for the church. Now, "Target 90" is an opportunity to generate renewed excitement in God's age-old command: "...go and make disciples..." (Matt. 28:19, NIV).

## Free Will Baptists Growing for God's Glory



**The Purpose of Target 90** Growth; souls saved-membership-new churches

**The Power for Target 90** "I (WE) can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me (US)." Phil. 4:13

**The Provision for Target 90** "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19

The National Association of Free Will Baptists adopted this project in its recent session, July 1985, Nashville, Tennessee. We helped adopt this, now we want to work with it!

Missouri Free Will Baptists are asking God for and will be working towards winning 500 souls to Jesus Christ in 1986! By the help and grace of God we can do it. Let us work and pray for a harvest of souls!

Much, much more will be said about this in the weeks and months to come. You are urged to begin praying, NOW, for this.

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