



# **SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1985 - 1986**

	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEFT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
Belton	36	44	40	42	40	45	49	47	52	54	57	57
Bethel	101	121		91	85					102		
Calvary Fellowship	197	256	206	198	202	190	179	183				
Cape Girardeau	68	75	71	63	67	68	69	71	79	67	57	57
Copper Mines	60	72	81	75	71	73	79					
Cuba	68	77	78	82	71	74	70	68	77	85	76	72
Farmington	598	800	685	686	623	674	628	629	771	662	621	636
Flat River, First		192	180	182	166	141		160	173	166		166
Grace	159	217	182	169	171	170	176		207	179	176	169
Grant Avenue	88	96	112	89	95	93	90		102	98	92	
Hannon	75	74	82	70	75	77	79	79	79	78	70	73
Harmony, K.C.	76	114	90	81	73	75		68	72	69	57	67
Hartville	76	114	95	91	92	78	91					
Houston	68	69	69	65	64	54	41	61	63	61	72	75
Jones Creek			29	22	19	16	22	22	22	21	14	27
Monett	175	166				150	144	151	160	155	168	151
Myrtle	35	48	41	45	41	40		46	47	46	44	42
New Hope	47	64	74	70	73	75	80	90	115			
New Life Fellowship	53	95	77	56	62	57	48	71	77	75		
O'Fallon	110											
Parkview	67	77	79	70	70	85	75	88	85	89	80	90
Richwoods	43	53	51	53	50				00	00	00	
Rock Chapel	61	60	65	62	61	55	59	61				
Thayer			144									
United, West Plains	81	88	94	91	93	89	80	85	87	94	94	85
West Plains, First	103	102	84	103	104	101	104	123	127	111	107	98
Willow Springs	69	84	97	83	80	81	80	82	89	90	76	82

# **MISSOURI CHURCH GROWTH INSTITUTE**

#### South Fremont Free Will Baptist Church

4547 South Fremont Springfield, Missouri 65807

#### Monday and Tuesday Nights - March 31, 1986 - July 1, 1986

The main purpose of Missouri Church Growth Institute is to better prepare and equip both the ministry and the laity to do a more effective job in the building of the church and the winning of souls to a saving knowledge of Christ.

The courses offered will be both academic and practical. Classes are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday nights, beginning March 31, 1986 and ending July 1, 1986. The first class will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the second class will begin at 8:20 p.m.

The practical training will be under the supervision of the area pastors, and will involve: Personal Witnessing, Bus Visitation, Hospital Visitation, How to Conduct a Board Meeting, How to Conduct a Business Meeting, Administering the Ordinances of the Church, How to Conduct a Marriage Ceremony, Ministering to a Bereaved Family, How to Conduct a Funeral Service, etc. The principle teachers for the classes will be Nathan Ruble and Dale Skiles. However, pastors throughout the state will be used periodically to serve as guest teachers for specific lessons.

Cost of attending Missouri Church Growth Institute will be only the cost of text books and other materials used in the class room, plus a \$15.00 registration fee per semester. For additional information please contact:

Nathan Ruble - (417) 753-3846 or 738-2870 Dale Skiles - (417) 882-9402 or 887-1927

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

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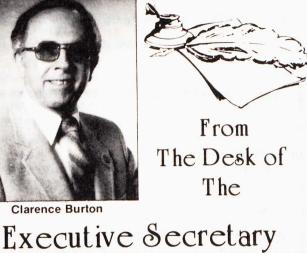
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#### I MUST SAY IT!

The state lottery began January 20. In the constitutional amendment authorizing the lottery, ten percent of the income was prescribed for the administration and advertising. Already, (this is the middle of February as I write this article) lottery officials are saying more money will be needed for these expenses. Lottery people are also warning the legislature that no money will be forthcoming during 1986 and only a modest amount during the 1987 year for the state treasury. (Even though the money borrowed from the state to initiate the lottery has been repaid, the appeal is still a need for more money to take care of administrative needs.)

The advertising is mis-leading. I have not seen any television advertisements, but we are told that one, shows a child, happy about building a great state, by playing lottery. No matter how slick the production. whoever dreamed up this ad is still dreaming. People don't and won't play lottery to build a great state. The reason those dollars are plunked down for lottery tickets is to get rich quick. This is the philosophy of the gambler - let's all put our money together and the lucky one gets the jackpot. Of course, the gambler aims to get the jackpot. Money that doesn't rightfully belong to him or her, is made his or hers, at the scratching of a number or the rolling of dice or etc. Of course, the promotion for the lottery can't be this blunt. Because a large part of the lottery bunko is to promote and cloak it in the high purpose of it's helpfulness.

A state, a nation, a family cannot gamble it's way to prosperity! Surely, we can see that the dollars spent for lottery tickets are dollars that could and should have been spent for groceries, furniture, clothing, utilities and etc.

I spoke out against the lottery before the vote, I voted against it and I am still against it. Time will tell that a great amount of the money spent for lottery tickets will come from homes that feel like they have a "bag with holes in it". The money for needed and necessary things will have disappeared and the dream of getting rich quick will have faded into the reality of real life, and the family income has gone into the "bag with holes".

Time will tell, gambling is a sin!

#### Roll Call Sunday, March 23, 1986

Roll Call Sunday is just a few weeks away! March 23 is the date (NOT March 30 as we had previously written in a letter to pastors and churches in December).

Roll Call Sunday was instituted two years ago by our National Home Missions Department's Evangelism and Church Growth Division. The reason for Roll Call Sunday is for all of our churches across America and around the world to report their attendance on that given Sunday. This helps us to locate ourselves as a denomination at least on one Sunday of the year.

Once again we are cooperating with National Home Missions and our sister churches around the world to report the number of people we had in attendance on March 23. In addition to your local church's Roll Call Sunday figure, your Missouri Sunday School/Church Training Service Board is requesting your total Sunday School attendance for the 52 Sundays of 1985, your current total church membership figure, and the total number of baptisms in 1985.

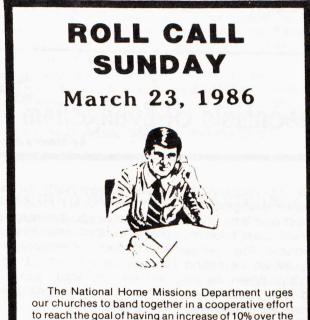
Your church will receive a form on which to report the Roll Call Sunday statistics. We trust this will make it a little easier for pastors or superintendants to report to our Roll Call Sunday contact men.

Be praying for each church! Set some attendance goals in your local church and let's keep growing for the cause of Christ! If you have any questions, please feel free to call the SS/CTS Board chairman or secretary.

#### Missouri SS/CTS Board

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to reach the goal of having an increase of 10% over the 208,049 in attendance last year on March 31, 1985. By working together we can have 226,000 on Roll Call Sunday, March 23, 1986. Every church will be contacted to obtain the results. Let's reach "226 in '86!" (Sponsored by the Evangelism and Church Growth Division of the Home Missions Department, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.)

#### Missouri State Association and Related Activities

Inasmuch as the program has not been finalized, and all photos not available at the time of publication, this information is concise.

PLACE: Nelson Community Center, Lebanon, Missouri

DATE: June 2 - 5, 1986

This year these District Associations will be hosting the Association: Greater Kansas City, Central Western and Northwest.

The THEME for the Missouri State Association through 1990 is: FORWARD - TARGET 90.

1986: CHURCH LOYALTY (Denominational Integrity)

1987: Church Learning (Growth Principles)

1988: Church Loving (Nurturing)

1989: Church Leading (Pastoral)

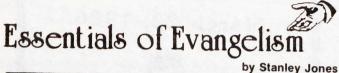
1990: Church Living (Continuous Growth)

Two Ordinances of the church, The Lord's Supper and Feetwashing, will be observed at the close of the Wednesday Evening Service. This has not been observed at the State Association in recent years. Let's pray that the Lord will make this a "special service" for everyone who participates. This can be a great worship service.

A program will be in the next issue of the Gem.

#### MOTELS AND PRICES FOR STATE ASSOCIATION, JUNE 2 - 5, 1986

Wyota Inn 417-532-6171	1 Person, \$24.00 plus tax; 2 Persons, \$30.00 plus tax; Children under 12 years, Free; Additional Person, \$4.00 plus tax.
Shepherd Hills	1 Person, \$30.00 plus tax; 2 Persons, \$33.00 plus tax; 2 Persons - 2 Beds, \$36.00 plus tax;
417-532-3133	Additional Person, \$4.00 plus tax; Children under 12 years, Free.
Econo Lodge	1 Person, \$26.50 including tax; 2 Persons, \$30.75 including tax; Additional Person, \$4.25 includ-
417-588-3226	ing tax; Children under 12 years, Free.
Brentwood 417-532-6131	1 Person, \$24.00 plux tax; 2 Persons, \$26.00 plus tax; 2 Beds - Persons, \$29.00 plus tax.
Holiday Inn	1 Person, \$38.00 plus tax; 2 Persons - 2 Beds, \$42.00 plus tax; Additional Person, \$4.00 plus tax;
417-532-7111	Children under 12 years, Free.



Is Thursday night visitation necessary for an effective evangelism program in the local church? My honest opinion is "Yes". Let me give you my reasons.

First, it has been my observation that reminders are important. When we see the altar, we are reminded to pray. When we attend services, we are reminded to worship. When we sing, we are reminded to praise God. And, I believe when the church has a pre-set time to visit, we are reminded to be witnesses.

The altar is not the only place we pray. And the public church service is not the only place we worship and praise God. Neither is the regular visitation night meant to be the only time for witnessing. Those who pray only at the altar, worship only at church, and praise only when singing in church have a shallow relationship with God. Likewise, those who witness

only on visitation night have a weak witness. The altar, public service and singing were never introduced as substitutes for an on-going prayer life or the continuing attitude of worship and praise. These rather serve as reminders. And while the regular visitation night is no substitute for an on-going witness, it is a good reminder to witness.

Second, witnessing with others through a regular visitation program serves to encourage each one involved. Witnessing on your own should be a part of every Christian's experience. But, the opportunity to witness with others helps bolster one's spirit and strengthen his commitment to witness.

Third, an organized visitation program gives a more constant witness in the community. Most things done impulsively come short of the expected goal. It is no less true in witnessing. If one witnesses only when he feels like it, there will be long periods of time wasted in between.

Must it be Thursday night? No, I suppose not. I'm not even sure it must be every week. But, an organized visitation program will encourage and remind us to keep witnessing.

- The day that the news broke of the space ship that exploded,
- Our eyes filled with tears and with fear our heart loaded.
- Slowly came the words to meet our most imagined dread,
- All the lives of the "CHALLENGER'S" honored crew is dead.
- We searched through our mind to find something to say,
- That might help relieve the hurt of this tragic day.
- As all desires seem so hopeless and our emotions give way,
- In the darkest of night there's a glimmer of a ray.
- These most powerful words echo at the time of great loss,
- The words spoken so brave from a Man on a cross.

He laid down His life for hope even today,

- That a life laiden by sin can have burdens lifted away.
- To accept the Christ of Calvary seems like such a small thing,
- But the echo shouts yet from heaven, "Oh death where is thy sting?"
- So when your heart seems so heavy you don't know what to do,
- Repeat in faith this promise . . . "Because I live, you can live too"!

Don't go down life's path in sin and unheeding, But follow the path of God and the way His Spirit is leading.

tion Hilliams

### Attack Availability Aided

The Master's Men Board voted to sell ATTACK magazine subscriptions during the December meeting. The Board believes the concepts and materials should be available to anyone. The goal of Master's Men Department is to make every man more effective in the work of the Lord.

ATTACK magazine continues to improve. Each issue packs Bible studies, Program study guides, Bible reading guides, news, ideas, activities, photos, exciting fellowship plans, policy statements . . . a potpouri of concepts for men.

Subscription price for a single issue is \$5.00. Postage is included. ATTACK magazine ... seeking to improve God's men. Four issues every year mailed to anywhere in the world.

Master's Men Director Jim Vallance spoke for the Board, "In the past many have thought Master's Men Department existed only for men who pay dues to belong. Our goal as a National Department is a commitment to help every Free Will Baptist layman and pastor." "We exist to aid our denomination in challenging every layman to be all he can be for the Lord. In order to help, we must reach a man where he lives. We cannot always expect a man to come for help. He may not know the organization exists."

"By offering ATTACK on a subscription basis, it will be easier to reach every layman. Members of Master's Men will continue to receive ATTACK as a part of their membership. Now, every man may share in the blessings of the work."

Subscriptions with complete address and zip codes may be sent to:

Master's Men Department P.O. Box 17306 Nashville, TN 37217



Luke 24:39, "Behold my hands and my feet that it is I myself; handle me and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have."

Sometimes in the rush of making a living, raising a family and even building a church, we may lose sight of the reasoning of it all.

I hope to convey in this Minute Meditation the challenge of taking a fresh look at the Author and Finisher of our faith. "Behold my hands and my feet," the Saviour says. "Take a look at the love I showed on the cross", He asks. The preaching of the cross is still the power of God unto salvation, to them that believe. Take a look at the wounds for our transgressions, that we might be healed. Then, take a look at our Saviour, Who bled and died so we might know the peace that passeth all understanding.

Although we remember Thomas, as the one that doubted, I believe that when he did feel the hands and feet of Jesus, he gave a confession of faith, "My Lord and my God." I trust this same confession will be ours as we look at Jesus, "My Lord and my God."

#### Children and Church Ordinances

**Teaching Children the Meaning of Church Ordinances** is the title of a new color-illustrated booklet released by Randall House Publications.

The four lesson expandable-to-eight booklet explains the meaning of the church ordinances on a child's level.

Teaching pictures, illustrations, and down-to-earth words build strong bridges of understanding from teacher to student. Carefully designed learning activities, enrichment suggestions, and field trips enable the child to grasp the significance and importance of these symbols.

Creative methods direct the teacher in a step-by-

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step approach of building attention, interest and involvement.

This helpful, visual, activity-oriented product sells for \$5.95.

January 17, 1986 Rev. Clarence Burton, Editor THE GEM P.O. Box 991 Lebanon, MO 65536

#### Dear Brother Burton:

I would like to thank the good people of Missouri for the faithful support of National Home Missions in 1985. Your state gave \$116,835.63, which was \$6,835.63 over the 1985 quota for your state of \$110,000.00. I think this is tremendous! I commend the people and churches of Missouri.

Several things were accomplished in National Home Missions in 1985:

- \* We had 58 National Home Missionary families serving.
- \* We had 8 national pastors in Mexico who received salary checks.
- \* Almost every missionary was visited on the field by a staff member.
- \* There were 15 missionaries who built new buildings, and 13 purchased property.
- \* Missionary Builder, Howard Gwartney, helped with the construction of two new buildings.
- \* Five mission churches went self supporting.
- \* A record number of missionary conferences were arranged by Associate Director, Trymon Messer.
- \* "Roll Call Sunday" on March 31, 1985 was a tremendous success.
- There were 28 evangelism conferences arranged by our Director of Evangelism, Connie Cariker.
- Total income for the year was \$1,799,406.55. Thank you for what Missouri did to help reach this.

Brother Burton, thank you for the coverage you gave Home Missions in THE GEM. We appreciate you and your work. (I am enclosing the news releases for "Roll Call Sunday, 1986" and would appreciate your printing it in your state paper.)

In His service,

, Thomas

Roy Thomas General Director

# t Points for Pastors by James McAllister

An evangelist has his reputation smeared. A pastor is humiliated by a Deacon Board. A Sunday school teacher suffers becuse of gossiping church members. A teenage girl stumbles and is embarrassed out of the church by a careless preacher's talking. A denominational leader is shamed beyond recovery.

Is it a sin to gossip? We preachers seem to want our members to treat us kindly and give us the benefit of the doubt, and show us love, but we pick our fellow preachers to pieces.

When a brother stumbles, the Bible says "restore him in love". Do we do that? No. We want to be sheriff, prosecutor, judge, jury, and executioner. We seem to think we are to be crusaders to keep all other preachers perfect. God help us. Now I realize I'll be criticized for this article by some. But, so help me, I don't know how God will ever be able to overlook the pitiful sins of preachers gossip and assassination, and not overlook the sin of the drunkard, adulterer, and liar. If adultry, drunkenness, and lying is a sin, and they most surely are, then gossiping and character assassination is equally a sin. They are sins of the spiritually blind, gossip is a sin of the spiritually sighted.

Several years ago I came to the conclusion that I had no right to touch, criticize, attack or in any way hurt one of God's annointed. A few years ago three of our best preachers died in a tragic airplane crash. We all talked about how tragic and terrible that loss was to Free Will Baptists. But that was not nearly the tragedy of backsliding preachers and their wives, God called men leaving the ministry, and men who have slipped and stumbled and then been crucified.

I wonder how many men out there ever committed adultry, repented, got saved, and answered the call to preach, and have been received by our denomination. Now, I wonder how many preachers you know who backslid, committed lesser sins than adultry, were accused, repented, and were even allowed to live it down.

Shame on us. God forgive us.

# **Record Keeping**

#### By Melvin Worthington

A study of statistical data sent to the National Association from its member bodies reveals three problems — inaccuracy, incompleteness and inadequacy.

Perhaps local church clerks, quarterly/district association clerks and state association clerks have not been aware of the need for correct and complete statistical data.

In order to measure and monitor denominational growth, good records are essential. We must reach, record and report. Serious attention must be given to the role, responsibility and requirements when clerks are elected on any level. These individuals record and report the statistical data which will be the barometer by which the National Association is measured by historians.

Record keeping is important, necessary and useful. Accurate and adequate records map the progress of an organization. They are the means whereby an organization evaluates its programs. They help establish priorities. Records are vital in the recruitment of personnel.

Improvement must take place in recording and reporting statistics on every level throughout the denomination. Part of the goal of the Target 90 growth plan is to provide accurate statistics throughout the denominational structure.

In order to achieve this, every clerk must use the coordinated forms approved and adopted by the National Association.

#### **The Recommended Forms**

During the 1984 National Association in Little Rock, Arkansas, new reporting forms for the local church, quarterly, district and state associations were adopted.

These forms are designed so that the information requested can be coordinated when statistics are recorded. The reporting forms include:

Form 501 (Blue)

Annual Free Will Baptist Church Letter to the Quarterly Meeting/District Association

Form 502 (Green)

Annual Letter from Quarterly Meeting to District Association or District Association to State Association

Form 503 (Yellow)

Annual State Association Letter to the National Association

Form 504 (White)

Free Will Baptist Church Letter to Quarterly Meeting/District Association

Each local church, quarterly meeting/district association and state association should use these forms to record and report statistics.

#### The Responsible Folks

The local church *clerk* begins the process of reporting accurate statistics. Unless the local church clerk provides accurate information, the statistical data in our organization will be faulty. Pastors should see that Form 501 (Blue) is filled out completely.

The clerk of the quarterly meeting/district association continues the process of reporting accurate statistical data when he completes Form 502 (Green). The quarterly meeting/district association clerk compiles Form 502 (Green) from data reported by local church clerks on Form 501 (Blue). Quarterly meeting and district association clerks should take the time and make the effort to obtain a complete report from each local church. Perseverance and patience are necessary to obtain this information.

Do not settle for less than a complete report from the local church. Call the church clerk. If you get no satisfactory response, then call the pastor and request his influence to complete the form.

The clerk of the state association continues the process of reporting accurate statistical data when he completes Form 503 (Yellow) and sends it to the clerk of the National Association. State association clerks should not be content with less than complete reports from district associations.

State association clerks should accurately compile statistical data from Form 502 (Green) from the district associations, and complete Form 503 (Yellow). No state association clerk should be satisfied until he has completed Form 503 (Yellow) accurately and sent it to the National Association clerk.

The clerk of the National Association compiles statistical data from Form 503 (Yellow) from the state associations and records it on the statistical table which is recorded in the National minutes as a historical record.

This, then, completes the recording and reporting process for the National Association.

Competent, concerned and consistent clerks hold the key to the reporting and recording process of statistical data for the National Association.

Careful attention must be given when electing clerks for local churches, quarterly meetings, district associations, state associations and the National Association. We must have clerks who care.

#### **The Requested Format**

In order to expedite this process of recording and reporting statistical data, the following procedure is suggested:

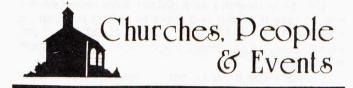
- 1. The National Association Clerk will provide Form 503 (Yellow) for each state association clerk.
- 2. Each state association clerk will provide Form 502 (Green) for each district association clerk.
- 3. Each district association clerk will provide Form 501 (Blue) and 504 (White) for each local church.

These forms may be obtained from Randall House Publications, P.O. Box 17306, Nashville, TN 37217. They are provided at no cost.

#### **The Recorded Facts**

Statistical data recorded and reported is of immeasurable value when we consider our purpose, progress, priorities, programs and personnel.

Clerks, will you help us measure, monitor and motivate National Association growth? We are counting on you!



#### MY CHURCH

- Yes, this is My Church ... You have come from a store building down town, to the beautiful sanctuary of today.
- This is my pastor and these are my brothers and sisters in Christ.

I love your steeple that points up to heaven.

- I walk thru your doors and I can feel the presence of the Holy Spirit.
- I look at the sunlight shining thru the windows on heads bowed in prayer.
- We've knelt at your altars and poured out our heart for the lost & sick.
- We've met in your Sunday School rooms to study the lessons on love and prayer.
- We've gathered in your dining hall to welcome a new Pastor or greet new friends.
- We've stood in quietness and listened to the notes of your instruments as we give unto the Lord our tithes and offerings.
- We've sat in your pews and heard the message of salvation brought forth in truth from God's Word from your pulpit.
- We've brought our babies to be dedicated to the Lord. We've brought our children to Sunday School to hear
- the stories of Jesus.
- We've watched young couples walk down your aisle to become as one.
- We've welcomed new members who entered your doors to join hands with us as God's family.
- We've sat in reverance as we took communion in rememberance of our Lord.
- We've heard shouts of praise as a dear soul found the Saviour.
- We've brought the remains of a loved one to do honor to his memory.

We've listened to your choir sing praises to the King.

We look up to your ceiling and our hearts draw closer to our Lord.

We see new Christians follow His example in baptism. Every board and nail, every piece of furniture was put

within your walls in a labor of love. Why? Because, 54 years ago your people chose whom

- they would serve and they determined in their heart
- to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all other things would be added.
- Yes, this is My Church . . . Thank you Lord for letting me be a part.

Written by Sis. Onieda Lombard and read to First Free Will Baptist Church on January 26th, 1986, in memory of the church's 54th anniversary.

#### BROTHER PAUL STONE HOME WITH THE LORD

Paul Stone, a long-time member and deacon of the

First Free Will Baptist Church at Berkeley, Missouri went to be with the Lord on January 3, 1986. At his death he and his wife Virginia were members of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Missouri. Funeral services were held at the Boyer Funeral Chapel in Desloge, Missouri with Reverend Ron Edgil, officiating and Reverend Clarence Burton assisting.

It was stated in the funeral message that Brother Stone was one who stood "approved in Christ". He was faithful to the Lord, the work of the church and to his family. He was active in community and civic activities, having served on the Berkeley School Board, Board of Alderman and Zoning Board. He worked six years with children in the Khoury League of St. Louis and coached two championship teams. He also worked with the Boy Scouts and was elected to the Order of the Arrow. But his primary interest was the work of the church. As a carpenter he gave much of his time and talent to building needed space for church accommodations. But probably the thing that he enjoyed most, was serving as Sunday School teacher of the Auditorium Adult Bible Class.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia, three daughters, Lois, Pauline, Eva, one son, Joe and six grandsons, five granddaughters, a brother Orville, a sister Eunice and a host of dear relatives and friends.

*Editor's Note:* Brother Stone was a dear friend of mine and will always be remembered as a firm, reliable, committed christian.

#### BELTON CHURCH BREAKS RECORD

Beverly Tannehill, church reporter, writes, On Sunday, December 8, 1985, the Belton Free Will Baptist Church broke its attendance record, with an attendance of eighty-eight. Reverend Ben Cotter, youth minister, enjoyed "breaking the record" over the pastor, Reverend Jim Gideon. The church enjoyed the happy occasion.

On this same date the Church Family enjoyed its annual Holiday Dinner, even amid the major remodeling of the lower level. It was a time of thanksgiving, spiritual warmth and deeper appreciation for the blessings of the Lord and the privilege of fellowshiping with brothers and sisters in the Lord. The Lord is blessing the labor of the Belton Free Will Baptist Church.



"Breaking The Record"

#### WEEKEND REVIVAL SERVICES AT BERKELEY

Linda Walls, church reporter, writes, The First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley held Revival Services, the weekend of October 25 - 26. Reverend Harvey Hill, a former pastor, was the special speaker. There were a large number of former members that attended the services.

A church dinner was enjoyed in honor of Brother and Sister Hill, following the Sunday Morning Worship. In the afternoon a special singing group presented special music. Brother Hill concluded the day's activity by showing slides that he had made of the building of the church building.

Because of bad health, Brother and Sister Hill were not able to be present for the Homecoming Services. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and the privilege of seeing Brother and Sister Hill again.



**Reverend And Mrs. Harvey Hill** 

#### SENIOR CITIZENS REPORT FROM FARMINGTON CHURCH ....

First Free Will Baptist Church of Farmington, Missouri Senior Citizens recently celebrated their fifth year of monthly meetings. The attendance averaged 50 each third Saturday night of the month.

The name of our group is WFR (Worship, Fellowship and Refreshments), each adequately exercised during all the meetings.

Our pastor, Rev. McAllister, with the executive committee chooses a theme for each month coordinating devotion, fellowship, entertainment and refreshments - all resulting in most enjoyable evenings enjoyed by everyone present. Activities include: group retreats, banquets, tours, interesting speakers and weekly visitation.

We are very fortunate having Rev. Don Richmann, a very dedicated leader and sponsor for our group. He is blessed with an abundance of patience.

Our motto is "A joyful heart is good medicine" Prov. 17:22.

One of our most memorable trips was this fall to Branson, Mo. during the National Festival of Arts and Crafts. The presence of God was evident during the entire trip. There was a sweet spirit among everyone. Singing, praying, devotions and testimonies were enjoyed by all.

Another year is dawning. We are prayerfully trusting, serving, obeying, and witnessing. We are looking forward to the new year 1986 and planning exciting events including visiting National Headquarters, the college and other places of interest in Nashville.

#### PROJECTED GROWTH PATTERN FOR NEW HOPE, FREDERICKTOWN

Reverend Gary Tune, pastor of the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church, near Fredericktown, Missouri gives this information that the church board and he submitted to the church for consideration. It was adopted by the church at a business meeting of January 8.

The Goal is, an average attendance of 160, 60 conversions and 60 baptisms by December 1986. Six programs will be involved in accomplishing this: (1) Sunday School Education Program, (2) Special Days and Activities, (3) Music and Worship Service, (4) Physical Plant, (5) People Development, and (6) Record Keeping.

Brother Tune has added adequate 'meat' under each of these six programs. This can be developed to accommodate the need and growth pattern of any local church.

#### SUCCESS AT SEDALIA

The pastor of the Sedalia Free Will Baptist Church, Reverend Leonard Sanger, writes, The Lord is blessing and blessing the work of the church.

In January we had a record breaking attendance for Morning Worship and Sunday School. Also, and more importantly, we had three souls saved at the Sunday evening service on January 12th. To bless in another way the Lord gave a record offering. It is amazing what the Lord can do and is doing.

Please remember us in your prayers that we will be faithful to Him. Enclosed is our monthly cooperative and designated giving.

#### INVESTMENT CAPITAL NEEDED

Our church is needing to refinance: First mortgage - \$35,000 investment - interest rate negotiable - property worth over \$175,000. For details call or write *Berean Free Will Baptist Church*, c/o Pastor Dennis Bowman, 1109 E. 24 Hwy., Independence, Missouri 64050, phone (816) 836-1005 or (816) 257-5470.

#### BAPTISM SERVICE AT CARTHAGE

Reverend Jim Williams, missionary pastor at Carthage, Missouri writes, On Sunday, October 27, seven followed the Lord in the ordinance of Water Baptism. The Sunday morning attendance was sixtythree. The Lord is blessing the labor of the church, for which we are so thankful. But we are still in need of faithful prayer and financial support to build a solid, self-supporting church in Carthage.



**Carthage Congregation** 



**Baptismal Service** 

#### WENTZVILLE MISSION NAMED CROSSROADS

At a recent Home Missions Board meeting in Wentzville, Missouri, Reverend Jim Mertz, missionary pastor, announced that the name of the new mission work in Wentzville, Missouri, is Crossroads Free Will Baptist Mission Church.

The new work will hold its first service on Sunday, March 2, 1986. The beginning services will be held at the Sheraton Hotel located in Wentzville. The hotel is offering adequate accommodations for a nominal cost. The pastor, Brother Mertz, states, "We are so thankful for the convenient and adequate accommodations the Lord has provided for us. It is easily located, adequate in space, and will be so useful in the initial phase of the mission work." Jim and Rose wish to express their thanks for the financial and prayer support. We will continue to need this faithful support, for, this is just the beginning. Please make this labor for the Lord a daily prayer, and pray the Lord will give us a lighthouse beaming out the truth of God in this crossroads of America.

*Editor's Note:* By the time you receive this Gem the new mission work will have begun. Let us continue to remember this in our prayers.

#### SIX MISSOURI STUDENTS MAKE DEAN'S LIST

Ninety-eight students at Free Will Baptist Bible College finished the fall semester with grades of "B" or higher, according to Dr. Robert Picirilli, dean of the college.

On the Dean's List for the Honor Roll from Missouri are: Travis Harrison, Flat River; Melanie Harvey, St. Louis; Marvin Mouser, DeSoto; Allen Pointer, Springfield; Julie Ritter, Farmington and Donna Reeves, Farmington.

Editor's Note: Congratulations!

#### NEW CHRISTIAN SERVICE VAN GIVEN TO FWBBC

A 1985 Ford Econoline Club Wagon van was given to Free Will Baptist Bible College by Reverend Dewey Bernard and the churches of the Northern Quarterly Conference of the Union Association in East Tennessee, according to Reverend Bob Shockey, Christian Service Director.

The new \$14,000 van will be used to transport students to and from their weekly Christian Service assignments. Brother Shockey stated, "The van will be used to reach people for Christ."

#### **McDONALDS RETIRE**

Reverend E. B. and Katherine McDonald, after nearly 59 years of combined service to Free Will Baptist Bible College, retired from the staff on December 31, 1985. Mr. & Mrs. "Mac" plan to travel next summer and eventually build a country home near Ashland City, Tennessee.

Brother McDonald joined the college staff in June 1953 and served the school as treasurer for 32½ years. Mrs. McDonald supervised the college dining hall for 26 years.

On December 6th, the college recognized them by designating the day as McDonald Appreciation Day. A special chapel service and reception were held in their honor. Chapel speakers included one of their four sons, Tim, Dr. L. C. Johnson, Dr. Robert Picirilli, Reverend Garnett Reid, and President Charles Thigpen brought the closing remarks.

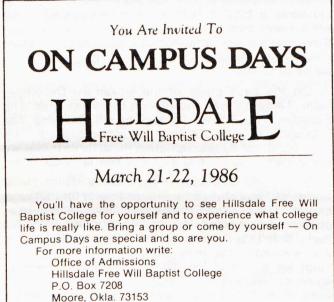
The college will miss these faithful servants; and for all of the students and former students we would join in unison with a "Great Big Thanks to Brother Mac and Sister McDonald!"

#### FWBBC MASTER'S COURSE VERY SUCCESSFUL

The Free Will Baptist Bible College announced that twenty-five preachers from ten states enrolled in the first course of it's new Master of Ministry program.

The course was Church Growth and Evangelism. Teachers for the course were Rev. Jim McAllister, pastor of the Farmington Church in Farmington, Missouri and Rev. Bob Shockey, campus pastor and a veteran church planter. Also, Dr. Steve Wilkes, a teacher at Mid-America Baptist Seminary in Memphis, Tennessee. The pastors that attended praised the course as "... being better than expected .... exactly what we need .... instructors were great ...."

The next course in the Master of Ministry program will be offered May 19 - 23.



Or call: (405) 794-6661

#### HILLSDALE TEEN RETREAT

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College will be host for the Missouri Teen Retreat at Camp Niangua, April 18 & 19, 1986. All high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors are invited for a great time of fun and fellowship. Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 18. The cost is \$4.00 to cover the cost of food and lodging. Be sure to bring your own bedding and personal items. Bring a group or come by yourself. We will be looking for you!

#### NOTICE OF CHANGE

Spring "Get Acquainted Days" at Southeastern Free Will Baptist College will be April 10 - 12, 1986. They had previously been scheduled for April 17 - 19. Pastors, principals and youth workers need to take particular note of this change as they plan their spring activities.



Reverend Rolla Smith

#### THANKS TO BROTHER SMITH

Reverend Rolla Smith retires as Foreign Missions Director was the headline caption on the News Report at the National Association last summer. As most folks know this became effective December 31, 1985. Surely every person who is interested in the Foreign Missions program of Free Will Baptists extends a deep appreciation of gratitude to Brother Rolla and his devoted wife, Agnes, for their dedicated service to the Lord and to our denomination.

Brother Smith, a native of Missouri, began his pastoral work with the Hazel Creek Church in the Northeast District Association. Following that pastorate he accepted the call to serve the Fellowship Church in Flat River, Missouri. While serving as a pastor in Missouri, he filled various places of leadership. He served on the Missouri State Executive Committee, which at that time also functioned as Home Mission Board; served as moderator of the Southeast District Association (which is now composed of three district associations); moderator of the St. Francois Quarterly Meeting and was very active in the State Youth Camp activities.

On January 1, 1960, while serving as pastor of the Third Church in St. Louis, he was elected and called to succeed Reverend Raymond Riggs, as Foreign Missions General Director-Treasurer. He served in that position until his resignation on February 1, 1962. Brother Smith stated, "I told the Foreign Missions Board that I was not comfortable making a long-term commitment. At the same time I expressed a willingness to serve, should the Lord lead. There was no doubt in my mind that the Lord led me to fill the gap created by Brother Riggs' Resignation. And when I resigned effective February 1, 1962, I was equally convinced the time had come to name my successor."

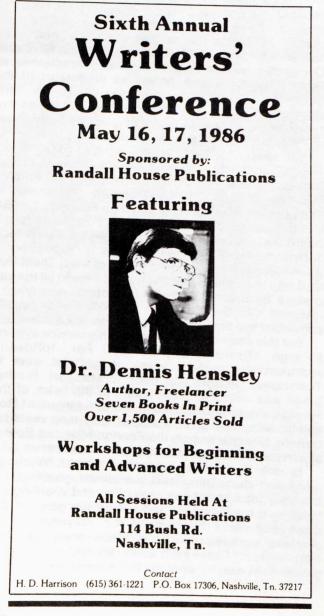
But this was not to be the end of his service with the Foreign Missions Department. For, following approximately thirteen years of pastoral work in Tennessee, Georgia and back to Missouri, Brother Smith was called to serve again, at the helm, of the Foreign Missions Department. So this servant of God and his wife, have given a total of forty-nine years (as General Director and on the Foreign Missions Board) of service to Foreign Missions and missionaries.

Brother Smith states regarding his labor, "Although tiring and demanding and sometimes grueling, my overseas trips have been rewarding and challenging. Sensing the excitement and seeing the glow on the faces of believers (black, white, red and yellow) in our overseas congregations has made every sacrifice worthwhile ... I have seen abundant evidence that the gospel does exactly what the Bible says it will do when

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people anywhere around the world receive it. Realizing that most of the national converts had never heard the gospel until our missionaries arrived gave me added impetus to carry on in spite of criticism, fatigue and discouragement and other opposing forces.

"A highlight of every trip was the visits in the homes of the missionary families. They were most hospitable ... Being Uncle Smith or Uncle Rolla to a hundred or so MK's has been worth all the energy expended, sleep lost, heat or cold endured and every other physical inconvenience experienced. I have also appreciated the opportunities afforded me to speak in stateside local churches, denominational meetings and especially Commissioning Services. I had the privilege to conduct thirty-four commissioning services the past ten years. I have confidence that the years to come will mark continued spiritual and numerical growth. This is God's work involving 112 adult missionaries, a dedicated home staff, thousands of supporters who pray earnestly, and who give liberally for this great work.'





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MISSOURI FREE WILL BAPTISTS GOAL

COORDINATORS

#### **Believe and Belong**

by Clarence Burton

**500 Conversions and 500 Additions to the local churches in 1986!** This is our goal for this year, 1986. We not only want to win souls to Jesus; we want to see these that are won unite with a local Free Will Baptist Church and labor with the church to promote the cause of Christ.

On the back cover of the November-December Gem, Target 90 was shown with three thoughts: The Purpose, The Power, to accomplish this and The Provision, by which it shall be accomplished. I am convinced that by appropriating these three things we can do what God has laid on our hearts to do.

By the time this issue of the Gem is mailed I trust that every local church has a coordinator for that local church. The District Coordinators have already been appointed or elected. By each coordinator doing his part (I didn't say if, because I believe every child of God that is asked to help in this soul-winning endeavor will help) we will hear the glorious report of new-born souls, somewhere in our state, every week. The Lord will give us these souls as we pray, work and witness in faith believing that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, to everyone that believeth.

The thrill and excitement of soul-winning is spreading! A church treasurer brought the weekly cooperative check by this morning and said, "Eleven people united with the church Sunday evening." The church had recently experienced several making profession of faith in Christ. Just recently there was a profession of faith and two united with the church, in the church where I have my membership. A pastor in one of the urban areas said to me, I believe that this year will be our best in soul-winning and additions. One of the District Associations is presently preparing a united service to give this soul-winning endeavor a thrust in that association. Prior to the World Series there were those who said we have the 'World Series Fever'; prior to the Super Bowl there were those who said we have the 'Super Bowl Fever'. In this same vein of thought I want every Free Will Baptist to get the 'Soul-Winning Fever'!

Jesus said, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (John 4:35) Let's make this year 1986 one of the most productive years that we have every experienced in winning souls to Christ.

# Why Not Have a Sunday School Revival?

# A Weekend of Challenge with Dr. Roger C. Reeds.

#### What is a Sunday School Revival?

It is what the name implies. Dr. Reeds will share with your church the burden of his heart for your Sunday school. He is concerned that your Sunday school grow. He will show you how this can be done. He is concerned that your Sunday school increase and improve its teaching staff. He will show you how this can be done. He is concerned that your Sunday school reach the lost. He will show you how this can be done. He is concerned that your Sunday school reach the lost. He will show you how this can be done. He is concerned that your Sunday school teach the saved. He will show you how this can be done.

#### What Kind Of Services Should Be Scheduled?

Services should be scheduled for Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday morning. In addition, Dr. Reeds will be available for any workshops that may need to be conducted on Saturday. He can also teach a Sunday school session on Sunday during the Sunday school hour.

#### What Will Such A Meeting Cost?

Naturally, you would be expected to pay travel expenses as well as housing during Dr. Reeds stay for the revival. An honorarium is acceptable in addition to travel expenses.

#### What Do I Need To Do To Schedule Such A Weekend Revival?

You may write or call. You can write to Dr. Roger C. Reeds, Box 17306, Nashville, Tennessee 37217 or call him at 1-800-251-5762. If you live in Tennessee you will need to call 615-361-1221. Bookings for these meetings will be scheduled as time is available.



Dr. Roger C. Reeds has been in the ministry for over thirty years. He had several years of successful pastorates before he came to direct the Sunday School and Church Training Department twenty years ago. He has led that department in growth. During his years in the ministry he has conducted many successful revivals. Your church can benefit from a blend of these years of service and experience.



Financial Information Composed

#### COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS JANUARY 1986

18.50%	Mo. State Home Missions \$5,048.68
17.00%	Executive Dept. & Gem 4,639.34
3.50%	General Fund 955.16
10.50%	Youth Camp2,865.47
	C.E. Board 477.58
	SS & CTS Board 477.58
	Retirement Village 682.25
	Mo. State Ret. Program 1,364.51
39.50%	Nat'l. Assoc. & Hillsdale 10,779.62
	(Hillsdale 6% \$1,637.41)
	Executive Office
	Free Will Baptist Bible College
	National Home Missions
	Foreign Missions
	Nat'l. Board of Retirement & Ins.
	Laymen's Board
	Theological Commission
	Radio & T.V. Commission
Total	\$27,290.19

This begins our New Year, 1986. The receipts were a little low in December, and consequently a little high in January. We are so thankful for the consistency and faithfulness of the many pastors and churches that respond to this unified plan of support. We trust that it shall increase, and as it does we will be mindful of God's faithfulness. We thank Him for what He is doing.

#### JANUARY 1986 GIVING COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

(\* More than one check)

Cope *								•						\$ 67.62
Harmony	* .													 741.00
Waynesvil	le					•	•			•				 177.64
Willow Sp	rin	g	5											 243.00
Myrtle *														
Union Gro	ove													 163.50
Hopewell.														 433.00

Number One	30.32
Union Light	162.25
Hartville	270.46
Black Oak *	20.00
Alton	225.00
Bethel	448.00
Trinity	418.98
Rolla	99.84
Farmington 1	,150.00
Calvary, Conway	122.00
New Hope *	685.95
South Fremont *	574.00
Purdy	472.29
Gospel Light	168.00
Rock Chapel	362.09
Marshfield	190.87
Happy Home	110.14
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
New Home	99.20
Beacon * 1	,665.70
Belton	271.50
Mine La Motte	45.58

Tyrone	
	52.31
Victory, Alton	
West Plains, First	. 87.00
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Mill Creek	181.87
Oak Hill, St. Clair	165 63
Calvary Chapel	178.80
Pleasant Ridge	76.00
Lone Star	38.85
Leadington	650.00
Deskala	
Berkeley	446.28
Faith, Lemay	124.00
Darluis	
Parkview	281.00
Old Bethel	171.02
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	212.46
Hurryville	154.00
Royal Oak	44.00
United, West Plains	398.34
Hannon	258.32
Twin Oak	569.79
Olivet	
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Terrill Road	118.00
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#### HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Willow Springs		
Hannen	\$20.00	
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Houston	20.00	
D. Coffman \$10.00		
Gen. Fund 10.00		
Total	\$90.00	

#### FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Leadington	\$ 20.00
Grant Avenue	
Houston	10.00
DeSoto	
Total	\$115.00

#### CHILDREN'S HOME TENNESSEE

Myrtle																				\$ 13.42
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#### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Harmony\$ 54.35	
Myrtle 160.00	
Bethel	
Trinity	
Rolla 100.00	
Farmington	
South Fremont	
Rock Chapel 440.74	
Marshfield	
West Plains, First	
Lebanon, First	
Leadington	
Berkeley	
Olivet	
Joplin	
Thayer	
Fordland	
Columbia	
Mt. Pisgah	
Neosho	
South East Dist	
Pleasant Home	
Grant Avenue1.00	
Wolf Creek 10.00	
DeSoto 200.00	
Monett	
Bob & Glenda Keith 10.00	
Total \$2,010.60	

#### YOUTH CAMP

Murtio to 57.00
Myrtle \$ 57.00
Bethel
Trinity
Farmington 40.00
Cuba
Bethel El Dorado
Bethel, El Dorado 13.88
Victory, Alton
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Leadington
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Wolf Creek
Buffalo
Buffalo
Verdella 10.00
Lebanon, First
DeSoto
St. Louis District
Total
S829.70

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Olivet
Thaver
Fordland
Fourth 170.00
Columbia
Wilderness
New Harmony
Flat River, First
Calvary Fellowship
Neosho
Merl's Chapel 100.00
Faith Chapel
Freeman Chapel
Houston
Pleasant Home
Grant Avenue
Pleasant Ridge
Verdella
DeSoto
United West Plains
Lebanon, First
Monett
Sedalia
Total\$14,159.72

#### JOHN MCCLURE ACCOUNT

Farmington \$ 1	0.00
Bethel	0.00
Monett 25	0.00
Total \$27	0.00
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#### CHILDREN'S HOME ALABAMA

Flat River, Firs	· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	\$5.00
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#### \*\*\* COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS DECEMBER 1985

18 50%	Mo. State Home Missions \$2,419.21
17.00%	Executive Office and Gem . 2,223.06
	General Fund 457.69
3.50%	Youth Camp 1,373.06
10.50%	Youth Camp
1.75%	Christian Education Bd 228.84
1.75%	SS & CTS Board 228.84
2.50%	Retirement Village 326.92
5.00%	Mo State Ret. Program 053.05
39.50%	Nat'l. Assoc. & Hillsdale 5,165.33
00.00.0	(Hillsdale \$784.61)
	Foreign Missions
	Free Will Baptist Bible College
	National Home Missions
	Executive Office
	Board of Retirement & Insurance
	Board of Retifement & mourance
	Layman's Board
	Theological Commission
	Radio and T.V. Commission
Total	\$13,076.80

\*\*\* Praise the Lord! We exceeded our projected goal of \$245,000.00 this year for **cooperative giving.** This month's receipts are low, but this is normal for December. We closed out the books on the 28th in order that we might get a full 12 month receipts at the Executive Office in Nashville, Tennessee. We do this each year. If we waited until the 31st, our December check would not reflect in the 1985 receipts from the Executive Office in Nashville.

Nashville. May I express my very deepest appreciation to every pastor and church that has helped to reach and exceed this goal. May the Lord bless you for your faithfulness in winning souls to Jesus and establishing them in the faith. The Lord has been good to us!

#### DECEMBER 1985 GIVING COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Willow Springs									\$			230.36
Columbia												25.00
Parkview												226.80
Victory, Alton .												207.00
Mine La Motte .										•	•	20.00

Macedonia
Monett
Pleasant Ridge55.00
West Plains, First74.00
Bailey Chapel
Eastern Gate 165.75
Seymour
El Dorado Springs
Belton 245.35
Springfield, First 100.00
Gospel Light 171.00
Houston 249.00
Flat River, First
Berkeley
Thayer
Jones Creek
Officed, West Flame Fitter
Verdella
Royal Oak
Mt. Zion, Gower
Freeman Chapel
Marshfield
Oskaloosa
Faith, Lemay 148.00
Wolf Creek
Fredericktown, First 257.00
Oak Hill, Union 114.93
Hurryville
Ticasant Home
Deoloto
Joplin 616.85
Neosho71.25
Merl's Chapel 130.26
Cabool 278.46
Rock Chapel 235.19
Salem
Copper Mines 187.52
Mt. Pisgah 131.00
Grant Avenue
Terrill Road
Leadington
Sedalia
New Harmony
Lingo
Martinstown
Carthage
Mtn. Valley 225.12
Pleasant Hill
Jones Chapel 200.00
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Koshkonong	•								•			• •	70.00
Hickory Grove													39.83
Monett								•	•	•		•	. 512.76
Unity								•	•		•	• •	. 217.43
Lebanon, First								•	•	•		•	. 373.74
Cape Girardeau .													. 465.06
Interest							•	•			•		. 149.78
Total											\$	1	3,076.80

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Columbia\$	15.43
Niangua	37.60
Monett	2,465.85
Pleasant Ridge	20.00
West Plains, First	89.25
Eastern Gate	10.00
Joplin	5.00
Belton	25.00
South Side	90.00
Houston	5.00
Flat River, First	10.00
Berkeley	. 145.00
Thayer	10.00
Verdella	1,107.12
Freeman Chapel	. 179.75
Marshfield	5.00
Oskaloosa	. 105.00
Leadington	. 270.00
Calvary Fellowship	. 279.00
Indian Creek Assoc	1,737.60
Lebanon, First	50.00
Rock Chapel	20.00
Faith Chapel	10.00
Grant Avenue	. 642.00
Springfield, First	. 100.00
Sedalia	20.00
New Harmony	60.18
Martinstown	. 100.00
Hickory Grove	
Total	

#### YOUTH CAMP

Victory, Alton \$ 25.00	
Bob & Glenda Keith 10.00	
Berkeley	
Thayer	
Verdella	
Bethel, El Dorado 13.88	
Lebanon, First	

Leadington													20.00
Mt. Pisgah													10.00
Buffalo, Fir	st												50.00
Wolf Creek													10.00
Oskaloosa.										•			20.00
Total													\$238.88

#### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Columbia\$ 15.42
Monett 275.00
Lebanon, First
Joplin 10.00
Bob & Glenda Keith 10.00
Berkeley 170.00
Thayer
Verdella
Mt. Zion, Gower
Marshfield 5.00
Wolf Creek
Pleasant Home 269.00
Leadington 115.00
Indian Creek Assoc
Rock Chapel 214.14
Mt. Pisgah
Grant Avenue
Terrill Road
South East District
Total\$1,521.56

#### FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Grant Avenue											\$ 50.00
Leadington											
Calvary Chape											
Total											

#### HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Grant Avenue .											\$ 8.00
Willow Springs											20.00
Total									•	•	\$28.00

#### JOHN MCCLURE ACCOUNT

Monett														\$180.00

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# **Calendar Of Events**

ROLL CALL SUNDAY, March 23, 1986

#### ENTRIES FOR STATE COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES, April 15, 1986, deadline

ENTRIES FOR NOMINATIONS, TEACHER AND SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR, April 15, 1986, deadline

ADVANCE CELEBRATION: Victory Sunday, April 27, 1986

MISSOURI STATE COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES will be held at the Monett Free Will Baptist Church, Saturday, May 3, 1986.

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES, June 2 - June 5, 1986. Woman's Auxiliary and Church Growth Services Place: Nelson Community Center, Bland Road, Lebanon, Missouri

#### YOUTH CAMP:

Teens Group I June 15 - 20 Group II June 22 - 27

**Pre-Teens** 

Group I August 3 - 8 Group II August 10 - 15

Cost: Same as last year. Adult worker - \$15.00; Camper - \$25.00.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES, July 20 - 24. Place: Tulsa, Oklahoma

ALL BOARDS MEETING, One day, Monday, September 22; Time: 10:00 a.m.; Place: Youth Camp, Niangua

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