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YOUTH CAMP '86



SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1985-1986

CHURCHES	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
Belton	40	42	40	45	49	47	52	54	57	57	58	76
Bethel		91	85									107
Calvary Fellowship	206	198	202	190	179	183						
Cape Girardeau	71	63	67	68	69	71	79	67	57	57	49	66
Copper Mines	81	75	71	73	79							
Cuba	78	82	71	74	70	68	77	85	76	72		
Farmington	685	686	623	674	628	629	771	662	621	636	594	753
Flat River, First	180	182	166	141		160	173	166		166		
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Grant Avenue	112	89	95	93	90		102	98	92	96		
Hannon	82	70	75	77	79	79	79	78	70	73	77	71
Harmony, K.C.	90	81	73	75		68	72	69	57	67	71	74
Hartville	95	91	92	78	91	92	90	96	93	91	89	92
Houston	69	65	64	54	41	61	63	61	72	75	88	89
Jones Creek	29	22	19	16	22	22	22	21	14	27		33
Monett				150	144	151	160	155	168	151		
Myrtle	41	45	41	40	42	46	47	46	44	42	38	42
New Hope	74	70	73	75	80	90	115					
New Life Fellowship	77	56	62	57	48	71	77	75		96	82	102
Parkview	79	70	70	85	75	88	85	89	80	90	92	102
Richwoods	51	53	50	55	56	59	79	61	56	50	51	
Rock Chapel	65	62	61	55	59	61	62	64	69	68	65	65
Thayer	144										118	
United, West Plains	94	91	93	89	80	85	87	94	94	85	100	94
West Plains, First	84	103	104	101	104	123	127	111	107	98	111	118
Willow Springs	97	83	80	81	80	80	82	89	90	76	82	97

ADVANCE UPDATE

PRAISE

Texas Free Will Baptists completed their Advance Celebration on December 8, 1985. With 19 churches reporting, as of January 31, 1986, they had already received more than \$39,000 in cash and commitments towards their three-year goal of \$50,000.

Pastor Larry Cox reports winning several new families during the celebration.

Pastor Bill Jones reports the largest cash offering in the history of his church, plus increased interest in and a greater vision for the evangelization of the world.

Several states have their Advance Celebrations in full swing. Virginia, Arkansas, Oklahoma, **Missouri**, South Carolina, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Indiana will all be underway by March 30, 1986.

Florida, Georgia, and Alabama will be starting later in the spring and summer.

West Virginia, Kentucky, Illinois, Maryland, and North Carolina are gearing up.

Praise God for the tremendous response of our people.

PRAYER

Please pray for all the state Advance leaders as they contact their pastors and have their area meetings.

Pray also for the hundreds of pastors and local leaders who will be contacted. May each be quickened by the Holy Spirit and exercise their leadership role for the glory of God.

Pray for Janie and me as we travel to Brazil to minister there March 25 - April 20, 1986. Contact Don Robirds for any help on the Advance Celebration in my absence.

Ask God to use the Advance Celebration to help bring revival to our whole denomination!

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Chuck & Pat Miller

And Karen Parker

Called Home

To Be With The Lord



On February 22, 1986, three precious young adults were called home to be with the Lord — Charles Ray (Chuck Miller), his wife Patricia Louise Miller, and Karen Marie Parker. These were active members of the DeSoto Free Will Baptist Church.

The cause of death was an automobile accident. It was not determined if an animal had darted in the path of the automobile or an approaching vehicle was on their side of the highway. This we do know, that these who went home to be with the Lord had a clear mind, pure body, and sweet fellowship with God. Mike Parker, the husband of Karen, survived the accident.

At the request of the families, the funeral service was not draped with gloom. As Rev. Miller stated in his remarks, "We are not here to recognize this as defeat, but rather a coronation day, for these we love, whom the Lord has called home." The families reflected such a sweet submissive spirit to the will of God.

Rev. James Parker, father-in-law of Karen, stated, "God knows that we loved Karen, Chuck and Pat, and one of the many reasons why was because they loved God and enjoyed serving Him."

Rev. H. T. Dann, Karen's first pastor, said, "It only seems yesterday when Karen was a little girl in Sunday School. She along with Pat and Chuck will receive something good from the Lord that they will enjoy for eternity."

Rev. Clarence Burton delivered the message, and in his remarks he stated, "The loss of these precious young adults is shared by hundreds of people. It is amazing the number of people who have shown their concern by coming by for visitation and those long distance, by telephone. Having known these and their dedication and commitment to the cause of Christ, there is no doubt that they have finished their course, fought a good fight and kept the faith; henceforth, they will receive a crown of righteousness. These deaths seem such a tragedy, but viewed through the eye of faith, only God knows the far-reaching effect that this shall have upon the lives of hundreds of people. Some folks have already mentioned how God has already spoken to them. We don't fully understand, but we believe that all things work together for good to them that love God."

The following is concise information, but it gives a brief look at the lives of Chuck and Patricia Miller and Karen Parker.

Chuck and Pat were united in marriage on January 5, 1976. They were blessed with two daughters, Shannon Leigh and Amy Lynn. They made their home in DeSoto.

Chuck accepted Christ as Saviour while a boy, attending the Parkview Church with his parents. He attended there until his father accepted the DeSoto Church. Chuck served in various positions in the Sunday School and the Church. He served as a S.S. teacher, did special singing, filled the pulpit as a lay-speaker, at the DeSoto Church and other churches. At the time of his death he was serving as director of the Youth Choir. His public employment included work at the Chrysler Plant in Fenton, and he began working for the U.S. Postal Service in 1978.

Patricia moved with her family to DeSoto from Fenton at the age of 15. She made profession of faith in Christ and was baptized in 1975. She was an active worker in the DeSoto Church. She had served in the Sunday School and C.T.S. and worked in the Church Nursery. She was an excellent homemaker and enjoyed her work as wife and mother.

Karen Parker made profession of faith in Christ at the age of nine. She had a strong faith in God and shared this with others. She had a desire to be a missionary from an early age which gave her a "missionary heart." She had many interests. One of them was painting. At the time of her death she was attending a painting class. But the thing she enjoyed most was serving as director of the Church Nursery at the DeSoto Church. Karen loved children and enjoyed caring for them.

This poem comes from the family:

THERE IS A REASON

For every sorrow, every care,
For every pain that we must bear,
There is a reason.
For every teardrop that is shed,
For every burden, every dread
There is a reason.
But we trust God, as we should,
All things work together for our good,
For He knows the reason.

Karen is survived by her husband, Michael Parker; her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Orrick; a brother, Gary; a sister, Beth Ann; other relatives, and a host of friends.

Chuck and Patricia Miller are survived by their children, Shannon Leigh and Amy Lynn; Chuck's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Miller; a sister, Janice Faye; Patricia's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Elliot Clark; three brothers, Ron, Kenneth, and Richard; two sisters, Carol Rider and Thesa; other relatives, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at the DeSoto Free Will Baptist Church.

State Association

June 2 - 5, 1986
Nelson Community Center, Lebanon, Mo.

Program

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Monday Afternoon, 1:00 p.m. - June 2, 1986

Place: First Church, 3rd & Van Buren, Lebanon, Mo.

CHURCH & SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWTH EMPHASIS

Rev. Jay Tilson, presiding

Monday Evening - June 2, 1986

7:30 p.m. Congregational Singing

Prayer

Congregational Singing

Offering

Special Music

Message: "A Growing Sunday School"

Rev. Roger Hogan

Benediction

Tuesday Morning - June 3, 1986

9:00 a.m. General Board Meets

2:00 p.m. Christian Education Board Presentation

(Auditorium, First Church)

MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION PROGRAM

Theme: "What Is Your Life" James 4:14

Tuesday, June 3, 1986

9:00 a.m. Registration: *Rose Mertz*

9:30 Congregational Singing: *Kaye Wilbanks*

Welcome: *Patsy Braddy*

Response: *Darlene Fields*

Morning Devotion: "A Time to Live in Christ"

Judy Altis

Seating of Delegates

Appointment of Committees

Skit: *State Officers*

Recess

11:30 Congregational Singing

Special Music: *Howard Gwartney*

Message: "A Time to Learn from Christ"

Steve Reeves

Benediction

1:30 p.m. Congregational Singing

Special Music: *Kaye Wilbanks*

Devotion: "A Time to Labor for Christ"

Patty Davis

Business Session

Sharing Time

Benediction

5:00 Banquet at Wyota Inn

Special Music: *Ted Wilbanks*

Devotion: "A Time to Love Like Christ"

Linda Reeves

Benediction

★ Organist - *Linda Day*

★ Pianist - *Patsy Gwartney*

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FWB

Theme: "Church Loyalty"

Tuesday Evening

7:30 p.m. Congregational Singing

Prayer: *Rev. Clarence Burton*

Welcome

Response

Congregational Singing

Convening the State Association:

Rev. Greg McAllister, Clerk

Congregational Singing

Offering: *Rev. Nathan Ruble, Moderator*

Special Music

Message: "Loyalty in Strife"

Rev. Greg McAllister

Benediction

Wednesday Morning, June 4, 1986

9:00 a.m. Congregational Singing

Devotional Message: *Rev. John Bullard*

9:15 Credentials Committee Report

Seating of Delegates

Partial General Board Report

Report from Representatives of

National Offices

Recess

11:00 Morning Worship: *Rev. Earl Ames, presiding*

Congregational Singing

Prayer

Congregational Singing

Special Music

Message: "Loyalty in Stewardship"

Rev. Dale Skiles

Benediction

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30 p.m. Congregational Singing

Devotional Message: *Rev. Donovan Maxwell*

General Board Report (continued)

Executive Secretary

Lebanon Bible and Bookstore

Christian Education Board

Home Missions Board

Retirement Village Board

Sunday School Board

Youth Camp Board

(Time may necessitate that some of these reports be given on Thursday.)

Reports from the National Offices will be given at the pleasure of the Moderator

Wednesday Evening

7:30 Worship Hour: *Rev. Roger Harwell*, presiding
 Congregational Singing
 Prayer
 Congregational Singing
 Offering
 Special Music
 Message: "Loyalty in Sanctification"

Rev. Howard Gwartney

Two Ordinances of the Church will be observed:
 The Lord's Supper and Washing of the Saints Feet
 Benediction

Thursday Morning, June 5, 1986

9:00 a.m. Congregational Singing
 Devotional Message: *Rev. Warren Hall*

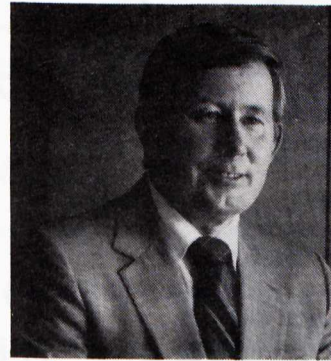
9:15 Reports continued
 Resolution Committee
 Obituary Committee
 Placement Committee
 Nominating Committee

11:00 Worship Service: *Rev. Gary Tune*, presiding
 Congregational Singing
 Prayer
 Congregational Singing
 Special Music
 Message: "Loyalty in Service"

Rev. Ken Dodson

* State Association Adjourns

* If necessary, Business Session will continue at 1:30 in the afternoon.



Rev. Nathan Ruble

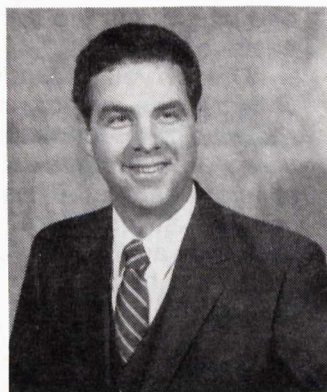
A Word From The State Moderator

Donald McGavran has stated that one of the characteristics of a growing church is that the church counts every meeting of the church important. I believe this characteristic can be applied to the meeting of the Missouri State Association. The attendance and the testimonies of the past meetings give evidence of their importance and of our growth. This meeting this year is no less important. It offers Missouri Free Will Baptists an opportunity to feast on God's Word, to fellowship with God's people and to formulate plans for the future. Also, it will give us an opportunity to show the importance of the meeting by our attendance.

When Missouri Free Will Baptists gather in Lebanon, Missouri this June 2 - 5, I trust you'll be there.



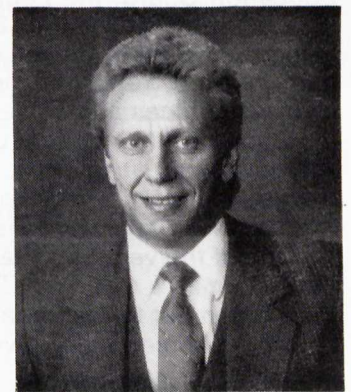
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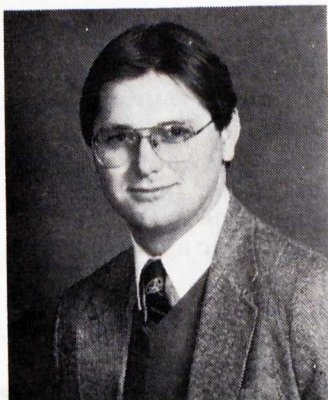
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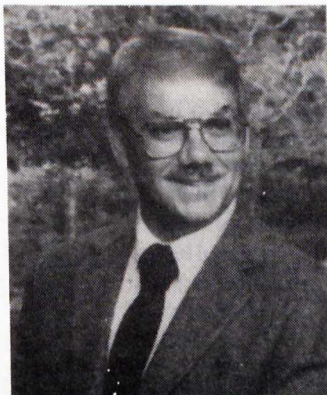
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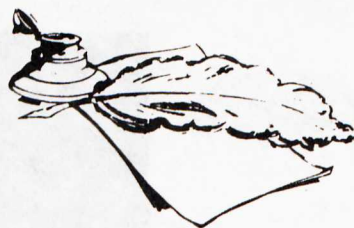
Rev. Dale Skiles



MISSOURI FREE WILL BAPTISTS GOAL



Clarence Burton



From The Desk of The

Executive Secretary

It's State Meeting Time!

The time is drawing near - June 2, for Free Will Baptists, all over the great state of Missouri, and friends outside the state to meet for the Missouri State Association and it's related activities. We will meet, in the near geographical center of Free Will Baptists, the town of Lebanon, Missouri. This beautiful town is located in the foothills of the scenic Ozark Mountains.

This is a time for sweet fellowship and a time to take care of the Lord's business. We will be hearing reports from the Youth Camp Board, the Sunday School and CTS Board, the Home Missions Board, the Christian Education Board, the Lebanon Bible and Bookstore, the Retirement Village Board and the Executive Department. Also, we will look forward to welcoming and hearing reports from representatives of the National Offices and Bible Colleges.

Some of these boards carry heavy budgets, so we will be looking at several thousand dollars in our total budget. This is important business, for the Lord, through our State Ministries.

One of the very important meetings is the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary. This is not only important to the women but to the State Association. This program is well-balanced and gives a strong emphasis to missions.

As I write this, it makes me anxious for the time to arrive. I trust that we have already begun to pray for this association meeting. Let's pray for the officers, the speakers, (preachers), the music and for each other. The Christian draws strength from the Lord and also from other Christians in the body of Christ.

May I suggest that each church help the pastor and family to attend the State Association. There is the cost of travel, food and lodging. I wish that it were possible for every pastor to attend. For those of the local church that could not attend he could carry some of the blessings back to them. Also, he could be better informed about the state and national ministries and keep the church he serves informed. The Missouri State Association is the labor of Missouri Free Will Baptists - not just a few, but it is the labor of all.

Let's attend, pray for the meeting and trust the Lord for another great State Association.

Guest Writer — Jack Williams

Pastoring is one occupation that requires a man to take his family to work with him or get fired.

Did you know that some churches still adjust the pastor's salary based on how much his wife earns? It's a good thing all businesses don't evaluate Daddy annually while Junior squirms on the third pew.

In case your haven't heard, there's scant demand for pastors long on enthusiasm but short on experience. It doesn't take the FBI to locate volunteers eager to keelhaul the pastor. Even members get pretty rough on him at times. But I'm here to tell you, the pastor is worth a million bucks to his community.

We whimsically lump pastors in the last-man-hired, first-man-fired category. If somebody has to leave, the pastor gets nominated. Congregations find it less threatening to close ranks against pastors than to get a handle on their problems.

Some don't see much use for the pastor until death mauls a family. Few think the pastor does enough work to leave a vacancy, until he's gone and the church flops like a headless chicken.

It gets tougher to pastor every year because our homes shatter on impact with reality. Have you tried juggling pieces of sharp glass barehanded? That's less dangerous than pastoring churches, which has been known to cut a pastor's family to ribbons.

We can't seem to make up our minds whether we want theological technicians or spiritual general practitioners who make house calls. The pastor is both a man for all seasons and all things to all men. He can't fly and he's not made of steel, but he's expected to solve tall problems in a single sermon.

Somewhere there may be an overpaid pastor but I don't know any. In my opinion, you can't pay a man enough to put up with what gurgles through the pastor's life.

Though you'll never see it printed in the **Wall Street Journal**, the pastor means more to the financial security of his community than the bank president. He's a greater crime deterrent than the men in blue. In spite of what you've heard to the contrary, the pastor's counsel saves more marriages than a shelf of sociology and psychology texts.

If you bought the pastor for what most folks thought he was worth, you'd never miss the money. But if you had to pony up the price that God places on the parson, you'd need Fort Knox as collateral.

Nobody fights a worse public relations image than your pastor. The media consistently depicts him as a whiney-voiced Father Mulcahey (M*A*S*H*) or a lecherous, money-grabbing twit (see any made-for-TV preacher). Mother Teresa may draw praise for her work among Calcutta's untouchables, but you can be sure that the local pastor attracts nothing more sanitary than the network flies.

The pastor is often unwanted until he's really wanted and then no matter how much he does it's never enough, because he wasn't called until the prodigal began wiring frantic appeals for help from the Hogpen Hilton.

Treat every child of God with respect and honor, but the pastor who dispenses truth in a world of lies is worthy of at least double honor.

Some pastors are forced to raise their children between appointments, because there's always

somebody who feels that he has a lien on the pastor's time, even at 3:00 a.m. The pastor who responds to your call when he's sleeping and he wishes you were, thinks it looks pretty shabby in the clear light of day when it's obvious you could have waited until after breakfast.

People who never consider rousing a banker at the crack of dawn to negotiate a loan or calling an insurance agent back from his vacation to discuss a policy, think nothing of casually intruding into every private moment in the pastor's family. Furthermore, they bluster if the pastor seems less than cheerful about giving up an evening with his family to make a hospital call in the next county!

If your pastor is not over-worked yet, there's a good chance he soon will be unless you do something to prevent it.

Be grateful for that big-hearted, soft-souled man with a heavenly calling and earthly ministry. A little understanding and appreciation is never so well invested as when directed toward the pastor.

He may get his orders from God, but he has to work with us.

You can count on it. One day God will pull the files on how we treated the men in whom He placed a calling and on whom He placed the yoke of pastoral duty.

The meanest man in town is the pastoral assassin. I want my pastor to know that he can turn his back on me, and when he feels my hand on his shoulder it will be to pat him, not to knife him.

Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



Can thine heart endure or can thine hands be strong in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the Lord have spoken it, and will do it. Ezekiel 22:14

In our society as well as in Ezekiel's day, there are and have been people who have acquired an attitude of self centered and unrestrained living. When confronted with the problem of sin there seems to be a boldness and even a confident reply that they are doing nothing wrong, and, even if they were, it's their own business.

There is an astounding statement in this verse. "Can thine heart endure or can thine hands be strong in the days that I shall deal with thee?" God seems to be saying, "When the time comes that you must stand before me will you be as bold then as now?" "Will the sin you refused to repent of be worth standing ashamed before a holy and righteous God?"

The Bible says we will all give an account of ourselves to God, and according to the Epistle to the Romans, Christ will be our judge. Therefore, if we have rejected all the principles of His word and have failed to produce the fruits of the spirit, what makes us think we can stand before God with boldness? John says, "My little children abide in him, that ye might have confidence and not be ashamed at his coming."

The closing thought I would like to convey is this. If we humble ourselves and bow to God's will and confess his Son, we will be able to stand boldly in judgement because Christ said, "If you confess me, I will confess you to the Father." However, if we continue to live an unrestrained life, not thinking of others, not submitting to God's will and with unforgiven sin in our lives, I ask you, can your heart endure? Can your hands be strong in the days that God will deal with you? God has spoken it and He will do it.

Last Flight

How heart breaking is this day,
How lonely is the night,
For the families of those
Who have taken their last flight.
They all were so excited
And seeming anxious to start,
Little knowing the pain
That soon would pierce the heart
Of each of those their loved one's
Who were watching them take to the air,
When suddenly their anxiety
Was turned into despair,
Words are not adequate to express
The love for those they mourned,
And a silent question plagues them
O' Why were they not forewarned?
But this life is so uncertain
And death is sure we know,
And it is not told us when or how,
That each of us will go.
I'm planning one day to take a trip,
Beyond the azure blue,
A glorious trip of no return
Not just for a week or two,
And I'll not go by space ship
With a crew of six or seven,
But on a cloud with Jesus
Who will escort me to Heaven.
He will come with a band of angels
In brilliant robes of white,
Singing hallelujah to the Lamb,
As we take off on our flight.
I can almost hear the countdown
As the days go swiftly by
And I'm watching for the Holy City
To come bursting through the sky.
The sound of Gabriel's trumpet
Can be heard, now any hour,
And we'll see the Heavens open
When the Lord ascends with power,
And every eye shall see Him
Be it morning, noon, or night,
And Christ is our one way ticket
For this one and final flight.
There'll be no mechanical failure
There'll be no fear of fall,
And on this cloud with Jesus
There is room for one and all.

Ellen Middleton
Mountain Grove, Mo.



Churches, People & Events

PRAISE REPORT FROM JONES CREEK

The church reporter from the Jones Creek Free Will Baptist Church, writes, we praise the Lord that we broke our record on Easter Sunday with an attendance of 65. The testimony of a young Christian speaks well for our church. Andy Hegger, eleven years old, states, "It is really important to be a Christian for I believe that Jesus is coming soon. It is also important to be a member of a church where you can show your love for the Lord and work for Him."

Rev. Johnny James is the pastor of the church.

REV. DAVIS MARKS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

On January 13, 1926 a young man took his stand at the pulpit of the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, near Monett, Missouri, and preached his first sermon to a filled auditorium at a Wednesday evening service. Reverend Winford was that young man. Since that time his record shows that he has preached 9,100 sermons, has seen 2,170 professions of faith, witnessed 1,385 members unite with the local church, has traveled 380,772 miles in his ministry (including three missionary trips to Cuba and three trips to Israel), baptized 871, 25 ministers ordained, 30 ministers licensed and 30 deacons ordained and 13 churches organized.

He served as secretary - treasurer of the Missouri State Association for nineteen years and he and Rev. Lem Waterman promoted and initiated the publication of the Free Will Baptist Gem. Brother Davis served as editor - manager of the Gem Printing Establishment for three and one half years. He also served as secretary - treasurer of the Foreign Missions Board and operated this out of the Gem office. Later this was moved to Nashville, Tennessee.

Brother Davis' records also reveal that he shared in the joys of officiating at 173 weddings and in the sorrows of conducting 621 funerals.

When the National Association of Free Will Baptists was re-organized in 1935, Rev. Davis served as one of the members of the Treastie Revision Committee.

When questioned concerning his retirement he responds, "I'll continue on in the work until the Lord says it is enough." He is presently serving as pastor of the Greenfield Free Will Baptist Church.



NEW LIFE AT LICKING CALLS PASTOR

The New Life Free Will Baptist Church at Licking, Missouri called Rev. Danny Douglas to serve as pastor. Brother Douglas, his wife Myra and daughter Maria began their new work in March.



REPORT FROM WENTZVILLE

On March 2, 1986, the new Crossroads Free Will Baptist Church met for its first service. There were 91 in attendance. The service began with the congregation singing "To God be the Glory." This was followed by a welcome from Pastor Mertz. Then the entire congregation stood and joined hands for the prayer of dedication of the first services, and all the others, to the Lord Jesus Christ.

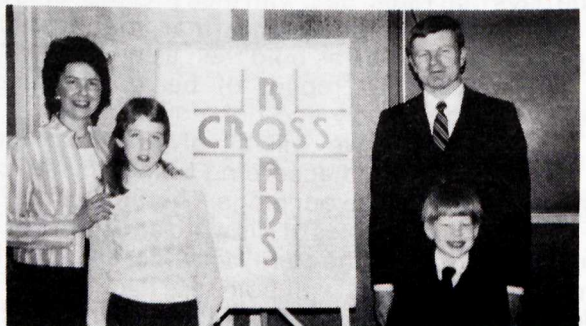
A highlight in the service came when we read the letters of greeting from various dignitaries. A letter of welcome was read from Governor John Ashcroft. This was followed by a letter of congratulations and prayer from President Ronald Reagan to the Crossroads Free Will Baptist Church.

Prior to the opening day, there were three weeks of extensive outreach and publicity in Wentzville. Special thanks to the St. Louis District Churches that participated in a city-wide outreach in February. They were: the Fourth Church - Bob and Camille Thiele; from the Trinity Church - Robert and Shirley Jackson, Linda Hackworth, and Darrel Raposo; and from the Wentzville Church - Bill and Barbara Whitaker, Jim and Rose Mertz, and Floyd and Laverne Snider.



The folks at the new Wentzville Church would like to thank the readers of the Gem for opening a door to begin the church. Thank you for your prayers and financial support which are needed now more than ever. May the Lord bless you richly for your vision and sacrifice. May God grant that we shall continue to see the Lord work here in Wentzville to build His church.

Missionary pastor Jim Mertz sent in this report.



"FORTY YEARS OF FAITHFULNESS AT FELLOWSHIP"

by Betty Reeves

March 9, 1986 will be a Day long remembered in the hearts of the people of Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church. Celebrating our 40th Anniversary became a BIG event for the folks at Fellowship Church in Flat River, MO. "400 on our 40th", with a \$5,000.00 offering, God not only equaled but exceeded our desire. From 50 people in a rented Storefront Building, in the Organizational Meeting on March 16, 1946 to the 458 people, who assembled on our Anniversary, God has blessed the efforts of His people. The offering, too, was a record breaker, with over \$6,550.00, given by a thankful people. The Pastor, Ron Edgil, and the congregation of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, MO, presented a floral Bouquet in recognition of the Church's Anniversary.

People from a wide area journeyed "back home" to be with family and friends on this special occasion. Special "surprise" guests for the service were Missouri State Representative Bob Ward, and Missouri State Senator, Danny Staples. Both of these elected officials had had the history of the Fellowship Church read into the Congressional records of their respective Houses. Each gave a personal greeting and presented a Resolution from the House of Representatives and the State Senate, recognizing and congratulating the Fellowship Congregation. A letter of greetings was read from Missouri Governor John Ashcroft. Other dignitaries, who responded with letters were President Ronald Reagan, U.S. Senators John Danforth and Thomas Eagleton, U.S. Representative Bill Emerson, who had the flag flown (March 9) over the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. in honor of our 40th Birthday celebration, which will be sent to the Church; Flat River Mayor, Ezra Bye; City Councilman, Norman Thurmond. Free Will Baptist Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington and Missouri Executive Secretary of Free Will Baptists, Clarence Burton, also sent personal greetings, as well as a number of letters from former pastors and our "kids" in Christian service. All of these letters were placed on display in the "Memories Room".

A bountiful meal was served in the Gymnasium after the Morning Service, in which Brother John Gibbs, from the Home Mission Department in Nashville, TN, presented a message from God's Word, which was climaxed with a number of decisions for Christ, both for salvation and for rededication.

Brother Gibbs blessed the hearts of the hearers, not only with God's message in Word, but in Song. He used his voice to bless our hearts as he sang in the Morning Service and presented a Gospel Concert in the afternoon.

A "40 Years of Memories" Room was prepared to allow the folks to walk down Memory Lane, where many of God's blessings were relived, old acquaintances renewed and many who have gone on to glory, once again lived in our hearts and memories, as we viewed photographs. Many were able to see themselves grow up in the series of pictures of different Church activities. The Wall panels in the Gymnasium were each decorated with pictures and

newspaper clippings of each decade that Fellowship has been in existence.

An 18 page Anniversary Booklet, highlighting the events of the day, the history of the Church, Charter Members, etc., was presented to all those in attendance, as well as an Anniversary Ribbon Bookmark, as a gift from the Church.

After 40 years, Fellowship is still an active, vibrant Church, dedicated to taking the Gospel into the community and the world, with personal witness, dedicated Christian living and our personal finances. Our prayer is that when Christ returns, He shall find us still busy about His work and faithful to Him in all ways.



COMMISSIONED TO COMMUNICATE TAUGHT AT LEADINGTON

Twenty-seven people recently completed a Bible Teachers' Course at the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church, under the direction of their pastor, Rev. Earl Ames. There was an average of 22 students throughout the six-week course. Nine students had a perfect attendance record. The course, which was open to Sunday School teachers and other interested people of the church, dealt with the importance of Bible teaching and a love for pupils in our Sunday School classes. The book, "Commissioned to Communicate," by Harrold Harrison, was used as a textbook.

There was a great range of students in the course, including the oldest member, Paul J. Clay, age 87, and the youngest, Helen Cartee, age 20. There were even three generations represented with a mother, Eva Wilfong, daughter, Ruth Cartee, and granddaughter, Helen Cartee. Certificates were presented to each student by Arthur Jenkerson, Sunday School Superintendent, during the morning worship service on February 23.

The pastor, Bro. Ames, was well pleased with the interest shown in the class and in the faithful participation of those who attended.

HILLSDALE HONOR STUDENTS FROM MISSOURI

The Hillsdale Office of Academic Affairs has released the names of students who qualified as honor students for the fall term. The President's List includes students who have maintained a perfect A average (4.0) for the semester. The Dean's List includes students who have maintained at least a B average (3.0) for the semester.

Dean's List: Todd Campbell, Ann Cochran, Craig Crowe, Curt Holland, Clarissa Murray, and Barbara Warner.

Editors Note: Congratulations

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones



According to the book, **Growth: A New Vision For The Sunday School**, Charles and Win Arn along with Donald McGavran, point out that 48.2% of the people who attend our Sunday Schools for the first time come as the result of an invitation by a friend. In the same report only 6.5% of the people who attend Sunday School for the first time come because of the pastor. On the basis of this report it becomes obvious to me that if our Sunday Schools are to reach new people and grow we must motivate more laymen to become involved.

How do we involved more laymen? Let me suggest a few ways. (1) Promote the worth of laymen involvement; (2) Include laymen in the planning for outreach; (3) Train laymen for outreach; (4) Create outreach programs that include laymen as leaders and workers; (5) Encourage laymen to express their ideas for outreach; (6) Privately and publicly compliment laymen who work in outreach ministries; (7) Pray for the involvement of laymen.

Let us not think our churches will experience any significant growth through the pastor's efforts only. It takes the pastor's leadership, the laymen's involvement, and God's blessings.

Bible College Conference Rated One Of The Best Ever

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—Free Will Baptist Bible College's annual Bible Conference, held on campus March 9 - 13, was well attended and featured preaching that explored both the heights and the depths of God's Word.

The speakers did an outstanding job in the 15 conference services, according to Dr. Charles A. Thigpen, president.

Two speakers from outside the denomination, Dr. Howard Bickers and Dr. John Whitcomb, won the hearts of Free Will Baptists. Dr. Bickers, who spent 10 years on the mission field before joining the faculty of Mid-America Baptist Seminary in Memphis, emphasized both missions and full dedication to God. Dr. Whitcomb, an expert on Biblical creation, awed hearers as he unveiled the majesty of God as revealed in the universe.

Ralph Hampton and Robert Shockey, both members of the college's faculty, also preached with power. Among Mr. Hampton's themes was the danger of Christians substituting happiness for holiness, a message greatly needed today. Mr. Shockey preached warm-hearted evangelism, sprinkling his messages with illustrations from his own rich ministry.

The conference was held in the college's Memorial Auditorium, with two adjacent sites where viewers could participate via closed-circuit television. The auditorium was comfortably filled for several services, with a number of people using overflow areas.

Be Part Of Free Will Baptist Bible College's First Music Camp

June 23 - 29, 1986

The Bible College is hosting its first summer Music Camp ever, June 23 - 29, according to Rodney Whaley, director of the College Choir and coordinator of the camp. Free Will Baptist young people who have completed the ninth grade are invited to attend.

This is the pilot effort in what people at the college envision as a comprehensive summer camp ministry that will eventually include many other areas of interest to Christian young people.

The Music Camp will include:

- +singing in a choir with other FWB young people from across the denomination.
- +a week of intense private and group music study.
- +practice learning to direct music.
- +vocal and instrumental music lessons.
- +spiritual challenge and Bible study.
- +two great concerts at the end of the week.
- +a free Music Camp shirt.

Campers will arrive on Monday, June 23, 1 - 4 p.m., at the Bible College. The group will participate in rehearsals, group and private lessons, recreation, Bible study and devotions on Tuesday through Saturday. On Sunday, they will give a performance in a local church and conclude with a concert that evening. Participants will be free to go home either after the Sunday evening concert or on Monday morning, whichever is more convenient.

The cost is \$125. It includes room, meals, camp shirt, lessons and recreational activities. A deposit of \$10 is required when campers register. (This will be refunded if the reservation is cancelled before June 1.)

To register, send your \$10-registration fee with your name, address, telephone number and brief description of your musical ability and interest, to:

Free Will Baptist Bible College
Music Camp
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205-0117
(615) 383-1340

Rev. William Atkinson Enters Evangelism Field

I write to inform you of my availability in evangelism, writes Rev. William Atkinson. In my meetings there will be a genuine effort to reach the lost and strengthen the church. I have had twenty-nine years experience as a pastor and I think I know something about the problems a pastor faces. Over the years I have preached revival meetings in seven states.

If I may be of help to you, please contact me at Route 1, Guin, Alabama 35563 or phone (205) 468-2022.

The Lavelle Reeves Began New Mission Work in Colorado

Brother and Sister Lavelle Reeves write, In June 1985, the Lord began to speak to us about going to Grand Junction, Colorado to begin a mission work. After much prayer we felt the leadership of the Lord to resign our work in Hamburg, Arkansas. This was not an easy thing for us to do. We were working with some of the most wonderful people in the world, the church facilities were beautiful, and the salary was good.

We moved to Grand Junction in September of 1985 and began inviting folks to Prayer Meetings and Bible Study Services in our home. The Lord blessed with a wonderful Free Will Baptist family, Orval and Deana Lake. They are a real blessing to the work and to us.

We are now holding services in the American Legion Building. Our first service was held on December 29th with twelve in attendance.

The population in Grand Junction is approximately 30,000, with a great percentage being Mormons. So you can see there is a great need.

Pray for us that the Lord will convict the hearts of lost souls, that financial support will be supplied, personal needs and strength, and for Deana Lake who has a heart condition.

Radio Commision Taps Shockey, Revamps Program

NASHVILLE, TN — The Reverend Robert (Bob) Shockey, 58-year-old Christian Service Director at Free Will Baptist Bible College, agreed to be the speaker for the Victorious Faith radio broadcast, according to Commission spokesman James Vallance.

Shockey, a Kentucky native, accepted the Radio-Television Commission's invitation after their Fall 1985 meeting. He succeeds Reverend Tom Malone who asked to be replaced as speaker because of pastoral obligations.

In addition to the speaker change for the national radio broadcast, the Commission also shortened the program length from 30 to 15 minutes. The shorter format will be less expensive to aid and will allow more flexibility in finding station air time, reports Mr. Vallance.

Reverend Shockey brings more than 20 years pastoral experience and almost two decades of energetic, denomination-wide influence to the broadcast. In addition to pastoring seven churches in Kentucky, Alabama and Tennessee, Shockey has conducted hundreds of revival campaigns and evangelism conferences in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Virgin Islands.

Bob Shockey is an alumnus of FWBBC. Converted in 1954, he started preaching in 1955 and was ordained in 1956. He was soon elected to numerous local and state posts by his peers, and was named Kentucky's *Pastor of the Year* in 1964.

The Victorious Faith Program is available to any individual, church or group of churches who wish to sponsor the broadcast. The Commission does not purchase air time. For more information contact the Commission at P.O. Box 17306, Nashville, TN 37217. Please send all contributions to the same address.



Greetings From Japan

from Jim and Olena McLain

We have been busier than we have ever been since coming to Japan. The Lord is opening doors of opportunity and we sometimes wonder if we are going to be able to handle all of it. But the Lord is providing needed workers. Recently three young people from our church attended a training session at the Child Evangelism school in Tokyo. Another young lady from our church is finishing her course of study at Columbia Bible College in South Carolina and will be coming back to work full time in the church.

The second term of the Christian kindergarten program sponsored by our church is beginning with double the enrollment of last year. Ground has been purchased to begin our own Christian camp. Last year we had 150 camps. Before, we have had to use public campgrounds, and they are used by many people to have drunken all night parties and such. We also hope to start an evangelistic center in the little town near the camp grounds. This would be used for a weekly children's Bible club and other summer meetings. There is no kind of gospel witness in that area.

The people of Missouri have been faithful in their support to our account. We also ask that they be faithful in prayer for us.

Editors Note: This is the second in a series of articles from our missionaries. One of the missionaries has suggested that we have an article from each mission field. The Gem is glad to do this. We hope the missionaries will respond when asked to write. The unnamed missionary is making the request.

VBS Information

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL time is coming soon! The National Home Missions Department has FREE materials you can use to teach your VBS students about Home Missions fields where our missionaries are serving. Free STORY TIME LESSONS on Home Missions are available for either children or adults. Since VBS offerings have traditionally been used for National Home Missions, we ask you to challenge your VBS to give a good offering and designate it to either **Paul Thompson** in Arizona, **Russell Wright** in Nebraska, **Vergel Maness** in New Jersey, or any other missionary of your choice, or to the General Fund. These men are serving in isolated areas, and need your help!

Every church sending its entire VBS offering to National Home Missions will receive a FREE book for its pastor, **BIG IDEAS FOR A BETTER SUNDAY SCHOOL**, by Clarence Sexton. This book has 40 brief chapters chock-full of plans, ideas, help and inspiration to build a better Sunday School. Be sure and mark your offering so that we will know it is your VBS offering.

To order your free VBS material, write National Home Missions, Post Office Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

National Association To Meet In Tulsa

The National Association of Free Will Baptists meets at the Tulsa Convention Center July 20 - 24 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for its 50th annual session.

Five pastors will speak on the 1986 theme, "Guidelines For Growth." The pastors include J.D. Norris, Tallahassee, Florida; Carl Vallance, Huntington, West Virginia; Bob King, Cramerton, North Carolina; Frank Wiley, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Richard Cordell, Guin, Alabama.

The sixth annual Convention Bible Conference begins at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 22, in the Tulsa Convention Center with four preaching sessions. The four conference speakers are pastors: Rupert Pixley, Fort Smith, Arkansas; Brian Atwood, Wabash, Indiana; Wayne Phillips, Flat River, Missouri; and Nuel Brown, Kerman, California.

Meeting simultaneously with the National Association are the National Youth Conference with an expected 2,000 registrants and the 51st annual Woman's National Auxiliary Convention with more than 1,200 women anticipated.

Howard Gwartney, pastor of Central FWB Church, Grandview, Missouri, will keynote the 1986 National Youth Conference Monday evening, July 21, when more than 1,500 teens are expected to gather in the Tulsa Assembly Center. This year's theme, "Treasures of the Heart" is taken from Matthew 6:21. Youth competitive activities will conclude on Wednesday of the three-day conference.

The one-day Woman's National Auxiliary Convention meets Tuesday, July 22 in the Tulsa Assembly Center. Missionary to Ivory Coast, West Africa, Sherwood Lee will deliver the 11:00 a.m. message. Mrs. Cleo Pursell, former WNAC executive secretary-treasurer, will address the WNAC Fellowship Dinner at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday.

Dear State Leader:

The National Association will be meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma this July. As chairman of the Prayer Committee, I would like to enlist your help.

As a leader in your state, you know the value of prayer. Please pray with the Steering Committee for the National.

I also would encourage you to promote prayer throughout your state at District and Quarterly Meetings. Please put a note in your state paper encouraging your people to pray for God's blessing on the speakers, business sessions, Bible Conference, Women's Auxiliary, Youth Activities, etc.

I trust God is blessing you in your work. We will look forward to seeing you in July.

In Him,

Glen T. Hood

Music! And More Music!

The 1986 National Convention of Free Will Baptists will convene in the great state of Oklahoma - Tulsa to be exact. Along with outstanding preaching will be music and more music!

Free Will Baptists from just about everywhere will harmonize spirit and voice as the great songs of the faith resound in the beautiful Tulsa Convention Center.

Wouldn't you like to be a participant in this great event? YOU CAN BE!

For gentlemen and ladies: Mass Choir (scheduled to sing Monday and Tuesday evenings)

For gentlemen: Men's Chorale (scheduled to sing Wednesday evening)

Music may be obtained in advance from the National Executive Office or if you would rather, at the first Mass Choir/Men's Chorale rehearsal.

See you in Tulsa!

Blaine Hughes

CONVENTION MUSIC COORDINATOR



Map Locations

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Radisson Excelsior | 4. Executive Inn |
| 2. Westin Hotel — Williams Center | 5. Darby Lane |
| 3. Holiday Inn Convention Center | 6. Tulsa Convention Center |

PLEASE USE THIS ADDRESSED FORM FOR YOUR HOUSING RESERVATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS

The Housing Bureau will handle all housing requests on a first-come, first-served basis until the reservation DEADLINE of JULY 1, 1986.

When your room request has been processed and assigned, you will receive a confirmation direct from the hotel. After your reservation is confirmed, ALL changes, cancellations and deposit refunds must be handled directly with the hotel assigned. To receive a deposit return, you must cancel at least 78 hours prior to your arrival date.

The Housing Bureau will not take phone reservations. For information & inquiries ONLY, call (918) 582-1230.

This form must be accompanied by an advance deposit of \$60 for each room requested with a check or money order payable to the HOUSING BUREAU.

OR, if you wish to guarantee by a major credit card, please complete the following:

Credit Card Name _____

Account Number _____

Expiration Date _____

HOTELS (Hotels will not take phone reservations direct)

Hotels	1 Bed 1 person	1 Bed 2 persons	2 Beds 2 persons	2 Beds 3 persons	2 Beds 4 persons	Rollaway
1. RADISSON EXCELSIOR (Convention & WNAC Headquarters) Parking—\$4.50 per day Children under 18 free	\$57	\$57	\$57	\$67	\$67	\$10
2. WESTIN HOTEL—WILLIAMS CENTER (NYC Headquarters) Parking—\$4.00 per day Children under 18 free	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$65	\$65	\$10
3. HOLIDAY INN—CONVENTION CENTER Parking—free Children under 12 free	\$46	\$46	\$46	\$50	\$50	\$5
4. EXECUTIVE INN Parking—free Children under 12 free	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$36	\$36	\$5
5. DARBY LANE Parking—free	\$36	\$36	\$36	\$36	\$36	N/A

*The above rates do not include tax.

An advance deposit of \$60 must be enclosed with this form for each room requested.

HOTEL PREFERENCE: If you fail to list a 2nd, 3rd or 4th choice and your first choice is full, we will assign you to the best possible facility available.

1st Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____

2nd Choice _____ 4th Choice _____

ACCOMMODATIONS DESIRED:

Number of Rooms Requested _____
Room Type _____

Name of Occupant(s) (No more than five to a room)
Please Print: _____

_____ 1 person, 1 bed _____
 _____ 2 persons, 1 bed _____
 _____ 2 persons, 2 beds _____
 _____ 3 persons, 2 beds _____
 _____ 4 persons, 2 beds _____
 _____ TOTAL ROOMS REQUESTED _____
 _____ Rollaways requested _____

Do you have special needs? _____

ARRIVAL date and time _____ DEPARTURE date and time _____

Confirm to _____

Address _____ Phone () _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DEPOSIT AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ (Staple check to this form.)

FOR HOUSING BUREAU USE ONLY—Reservation Follow-Thru—Date & Initial
 Received at Housing Bureau _____ Processed to Hotel/Motel _____ Received at Hotel/Motel _____ Confirmed to Guest/Confirmation # _____ Returned to Housing Bureau _____

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS FEBRUARY 1986

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions.....	\$4,696.53
17.00% Executive Dept. and Gem.....	4,315.73
3.50% General Fund.....	888.54
10.50% Youth Camp.....	2,665.60
1.75% C.E. Board.....	444.27
1.75% SS & CTS Board.....	444.27
2.50% Retirement Village.....	634.67
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program.....	1,269.33
39.50% Nat'l. Assoc. & Hillsdale.....	10,027.73
(Hillsdale 6%.....\$1,523.20)	
Executive Office	
Free Will Baptist Bible College	
National Home Missions	
Foreign Missions	
Board of Retirement & Insurance	
Layman's Board	
Theological Commission	
Historical Committee	
Radio and T.V. Commission	

Total.....\$25,386.67

The Lord has surely blessed in the month of February! We are eternally grateful for this. May this faithful support, for this world-wide cause of Christ, continue throughout the year. Again and again, we thank God for the faithfulness of the pastors, and the laypeople who support this unified plan of giving. May the Lord bless you for this.

FEBRUARY 1986 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Royal Oak.....	\$ 31.00
Number One.....	41.40
Hannon.....	185.60
Columbia.....	25.00
St. Francois District.....	19.50
Willow Springs.....	216.76
West Plains, First.....	74.00
Bethel.....	360.00
Mt. Zion, Gower.....	61.80
Calvary Fellowship.....	574.17
New Rock Springs.....	65.97
Mine La Motte.....	25.00
Happy Home.....	115.00
Mill Creek.....	152.49
Leadington.....	500.00
Waynesville.....	123.36
Union Grove.....	140.00
Victory, Alton.....	182.00
Pleasant Ridge.....	56.00
Bailey Chapel.....	45.00
Thayer.....	306.00
Parkview.....	246.00
Oak Hill, Union.....	169.40
Trinity.....	678.99
Macedonia.....	20.00
Seymour.....	93.00
Marshfield.....	142.01
Liberty.....	500.00
Victory, K.C.....	165.00
Freeman Chapel.....	127.48
Eastern Gate.....	277.60
Springfield, First.....	100.00
Pleasant Home.....	135.02
Berean.....	22.69
Belton.....	235.12
Farmington.....	1,250.00
Joplin.....	334.78
Merl's Chapel.....	62.55
Neosho.....	71.25
Olivet.....	300.00
Faith, Lemay.....	172.00
Hurryville.....	133.00
Aulsbury Chapel.....	189.60
Terrill Road.....	93.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	98.00
Fredericktown, First.....	251.00
Rock Chapel.....	239.77
Sedalia.....	31.80
Gospel Light.....	181.00
Viburnum.....	108.00
Viburnum.....	131.00
Viburnum.....	111.68
El Dorado Springs.....	5.00
United, West Plains.....	317.93
Beacon.....	494.90
Lingo.....	35.10
DeSoto.....	685.00
Kingsway.....	577.00

Koshkonong.....	170.00
Black Oak.....	10.00
Carl & Laura Layman.....	10.00
Copper Mines.....	182.49
Purdy.....	454.50
Calvary Chapel.....	170.50
Mtn. Grove, First.....	589.31
Mtn. Grove, First.....	1,191.80
Mtn. Grove, First.....	647.42
Mtn. Grove, First.....	606.59
Mtn. Grove, First.....	485.07
Cabool.....	689.77
Tyrone.....	289.33
Grace.....	39.97
Flat River, First.....	821.00
Byrd.....	536.58
Byrd.....	30.00
Byrd.....	10.00
Wolf Creek.....	17.50
Oskaloosa.....	208.29
Pleasant Hill.....	41.50
New Hope.....	43.50
New Rock Springs.....	337.23
Willow Springs.....	61.98
Myrtle.....	219.19
Salem.....	159.08
Grant Avenue.....	30.00
Harmony.....	471.33
Lone Star.....	335.00
Houston.....	40.60
Cope.....	230.00
West Plains, First.....	27.35
Jones Creek.....	73.00
New Life, Fellowship.....	225.34
Number One.....	410.00
Bethel.....	37.24
Thayer.....	337.00
Trinity.....	350.00
Fordland.....	670.05
Cape Girardeau.....	463.00
Lebanon, First.....	363.25
Unity.....	413.35
South Fremont.....	246.84
Total.....	\$25,386.67

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Calvary Fellowship.....	\$ 83.33
Farmington.....	120.00
Leadington.....	20.00
DeSoto.....	20.00
Grant Avenue.....	35.00
Thayer.....	317.75
Total.....	\$596.08

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Clifford Hoover.....	\$ 30.00
Hannon.....	219.42
Columbia.....	28.50
St. Francois District.....	107.53
Bethel.....	70.00
Calvary Fellowship.....	866.65
Martinstown.....	10.00
Leadington.....	220.00
Fourth.....	135.00
South Side.....	100.00
Pleasant Ridge.....	20.00
Niangua.....	39.31
Olivet.....	50.00
Aulsbury Chapel.....	25.00
Rock Chapel.....	30.00
Sedalia.....	20.00
Viburnum.....	237.00
United.....	19.15
Beacon.....	359.17
West Plains, First.....	96.00
Central.....	573.00
DeSoto.....	250.00
Black Oak.....	98.05
Lebanon, First.....	50.00
Flat River.....	10.00
Thayer.....	19.85
Trinity.....	206.35
Marshfield.....	5.00
Liberty.....	160.00
Freeman Chapel.....	231.83
Eastern Gate.....	10.00
North East District.....	1,262.68
South Fremont.....	705.00
Pleasant Home.....	19.00
Belton.....	25.00
Farmington.....	450.10
Merl's Chapel.....	100.00
Neosho.....	125.00
Faith Chapel.....	10.00
Mtn. Grove, First.....	1,782.15
Oskaloosa.....	108.19
Myrtle.....	91.00

Houston.....	5.00
Thayer.....	35.00
Fordland.....	30.00
Trinity.....	30.00
Grant Avenue.....	434.25
Total.....	\$9,509.18

NATIONAL BOARD OF RET. & INS.

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

DeSoto.....	\$50.00
Myrtle.....	3.25
Total.....	\$53.25

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Viburnum.....	\$ 168.00
West Plains.....	25.00
Central.....	245.00
DeSoto.....	200.00
Mtn. Grove, First.....	500.15
Wolf Creek.....	10.00
Myrtle.....	85.00
Grant Avenue.....	1.00
Harmony.....	25.00
Thayer.....	101.00
Trinity.....	10.00
Fordland.....	15.00
Marshfield.....	5.00
Rolla.....	150.00
South Fremont.....	4.00
Columbia.....	28.50
Lebanon, First.....	50.00
Bethel.....	139.00
Calvary Fellowship.....	33.33
South East District.....	50.00
Leadington.....	115.00
Pleasant Home.....	80.00
Farmington.....	180.00
Neosho.....	5.00
Olivet.....	20.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	50.00
Rock Chapel.....	150.37
United.....	10.00
Total.....	\$2,455.35

YOUTH CAMP

Lebanon, First.....	\$ 25.00
Hannon.....	15.00
Bethel.....	50.00
Calvary Fellowship.....	65.83
Victory, Alton.....	25.00
Thayer.....	35.00
Fordland.....	40.00
Farmington.....	40.00
Olivet.....	25.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	10.00
Leadington.....	20.00
Central.....	153.26
DeSoto.....	50.00
El Dorado Springs.....	13.88
Buffalo.....	50.00
Mtn. Grove.....	80.00
Wolf Creek.....	10.00
Oskaloosa.....	20.00
New Rock Springs.....	10.00
Myrtle.....	23.00
Trinity.....	30.00
Total.....	\$790.97

JOHN McCLURE

Farmington.....	\$10.00
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COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS MARCH 1986

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions.....	\$3,568.50
17.00% Executive Dept. & Gem.....	3,279.16
3.50% General Fund.....	675.12
10.50% Youth Camp.....	2,025.36
1.75% C.E. Board.....	337.56
1.75% SS & CTS Board.....	337.56
2.50% Retirement Village.....	482.23
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program.....	964.46
39.50% Nat'l. Assoc. & Hillsdale.....	7,619.22
(Hillsdale 6%.....\$1,157.35)	
Executive Department	
Free Will Baptist Bible College	
National Home Missions	
Foreign Missions	
Nat'l. Board of Retirement & Ins.	
Layman's Board	
Theological Commission	
Radio and T.V. Commission	
Total.....	\$19,289.17

We are reminded again of the faithfulness of God's people. As these monies go to the various departments, may each penny be reproduced in winning the lost to Christ and establishing churches.

MARCH 1986 GIVING COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Carthage	\$ 80.00
Hazel Creek	255.68
Mill Creek	150.65
Pleasant Ridge	69.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	55.78
Faith, Lemay	91.50
Macedonia	20.00
Columbia	25.00
De Soto	680.00
Merl's Chapel	78.85
Mine La Motte	25.61
Parkview	287.40
Seymour	81.00
Calvary Fellowship	574.17
Monett	625.26
Victory, Alton	178.00
Berkeley	350.79
Bailey Chapel	42.00
Terrill Road	61.00
Marshfield	136.13
Belton	332.94
Springfield, First	100.00
Leadington	450.00
Waynesville	137.14
Royal Oak	33.00
Hannon	245.64
Freeman Chapel	131.65
Farmington	1,350.00
Olivet	300.00
Calvary, Conway	118.00
Calvary, Conway	123.74
Hurryville	134.00
Flat River, First	630.95
Berean	17.50
El Dorado, First	5.00
Wolf Creek	226.09
Eastern Gate	159.00
Liberty	350.00
Victory, K.C.	165.00
Fredericktown, First	287.00
Verdella	323.89
Lingo	49.64
Oskaloosa	18.46
Tyrone	38.40
Salem	30.00
Mt. Pisgah	129.00
Grace	833.00
Hopewell	191.00
Oak Hill	147.00
Gospel Light	181.00
Happy Home	107.65
Hartville	228.18
United	318.57
Pleasant Home	165.14
Rock Chapel	279.82
Houston	232.00
Pleasant Hill	45.05
Cabool	275.32
Union Grove	138.00
Copper Mines	210.00
Black Oak	10.00
Koshkonong	120.00
Sedalia	66.85
Grant Avenue	513.40
O'Fallon	110.00
New Hope	349.19
Twin Oak	524.89
Monett	637.36
Union	60.00
Harmony	446.00
Number One	52.75
New Life Fellowship	586.00
Myrtle	165.43
Macedonia	20.00
Victory, Alton	205.00
Alton	225.00
Lone Star	56.47
Merl's Chapel	66.12
Willow Springs	251.20
Unity	414.28
South Fremont	379.00
Cape Girardeau	535.95
Lebanon, First	388.26
Total	\$19,289.17

YOUTH CAMP

DeSoto	\$ 50.00
Calvary Fellowship	65.83
Victory, Alton	50.00
Berkeley	25.00
Hannon	15.00
Farmington	40.00
Olivet	25.00
Leadington	20.00
South Fremont	140.00

Wolf Creek	10.00
Verdella	20.00
Oskaloosa	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Bob & Glenda Keith	10.00
Buffalo	50.00
Bethel, El Dorado	13.88
Union	30.00
Lebanon, First	25.00
Myrtle	28.00
Total	\$637.71

CHILDREN'S HOME

DeSoto	\$50.00
Myrtle	12
Total	\$50.12

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Fourth	\$ 135.00
Pleasant Ridge	20.00
Columbia	27.55
DeSoto	250.00
Merl's Chapel	200.00
West Plains, First	37.00
Calvary Fellowship	855.65
Monett	2,146.86
Berkeley	190.00
Marshfield	5.00
Belton	25.00
Leadington	230.00
Clifford Hoover	30.00
Hannon - Children's Church & Hi Teens	319.22
Freeman Chapel	376.00
Niangua	50.00
Farmington	443.78
South Side	110.00
Olivet	50.00
Joplin	100.00
Flat River, First	10.00
Eastern Gate	10.00
South Fremont	90.00
Liberty	300.00
Victory, K.C.	50.00
Wilderness	25.00
Oskaloosa	72.20
Verdella	1,570.92
Faith Chapel	10.00
Blue Springs	85.00
United	32.93
Pleasant Home	17.14
Rock Chapel	20.00
Houston	5.00
Black Oak	116.91
Sedalia	20.00
Harmony	33.14
Grant Avenue	323.00
Lebanon, First	50.00
Myrtle	84.00
Total	\$8,526.30

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

DeSoto	\$ 35.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
Farmington	120.00
Leadington	20.00
Total	\$258.33

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Calvary Fellowship	\$ 41.66
Hannon	50.00
Farmington	120.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Willow Springs	20.00
Total	\$239.66

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Lebanon, First	\$ 50.00
South East District	50.00
Columbia	27.55
DeSoto	200.00
West Plains, First	40.00
Calvary Fellowship	58.33
Berkeley	180.00
Marshfield	5.00
Leadington	115.00
Farmington	195.00
Joplin	50.00
South Fremont	2.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Rolla	50.00
United	5.00
Pleasant Home	65.00
Rock Chapel	111.45
Monett	250.00
Bob & Glenda Keith	10.00
Harmony	35.00
Grant Avenue	3.00
Myrtle	85.00
Total	\$1,647.33

NATIONAL BOARD OF RET. & INS.

Grant Avenue	\$1.00
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MO. STATE HOME MISSIONS REPORT

JANUARY - MARCH 1986

Beacon	\$ 80.00
Belton	75.00
Berean	20.00
Bethel	305.00
Central	270.25
Columbia	15.00
Cooperative Receipts	12,164.42
Berkeley	207.00
DeSoto	325.00
Eastern Gate	65.00
Farmington	120.00
Flat River, First	27.00
Grace	155.00
Grant Avenue	286.00
Joplin	165.00
Hannon	241.96
Houston	879.60
Indian Creek Association	1,431.59
Jones Chapel	148.90
Leamon Killian	30.00
Leadington	235.00
Liberty, Phillipsburg	310.26
Marshfield	10.00
Mill Creek	225.00
Monett	646.17
Mountain Grove, First	496.69
Myrtle	306.00
National Home Missions	5.00
New Harmony	89.51
Oak Hill	113.18
O'Fallon	70.00
Olivet	70.00
Pleasant Home	25.00
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Sedalia	75.00
South Fremont	15.00
Thayer	427.24
Trinity	638.00
Union Light	18.00
United, West Plains	83.13
Franklin Monroe	20.00
Verdella	47.50
Oskaloosa	76.50
Smyrna	153.00
Norman	69.00
Lingo	75.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	35.00
United, Lemay	10.00
Joe Braddy	10.75
Royal Oak	80.00
New Life, O'Fallon	291.00
Calvary Fellowship	335.23
West Plains, First	5.00
Southside	134.26
Overland	25.00
Patricia Light	11.00
Sandra Sisco	9.00
Keith P. Meyers	5.00
Fordland	15.00
Mt. Pisgah	5.00
Black Oak	205.51
Cuba	46.00
Lead Hill	70.00
Niangua	57.58
Springfield, First	270.00
St. Louis District	88.86
Harmony	60.00
Bruce Meyers	20.00
Hershel Griffin	20.00
Cotton Creek	300.00
So. Marion, Ind.	49.25
First, Wabash, Ind.	83.55
Rolla	110.00
Rock Chapel	5.00
First, Pocahontas, Ark.	35.00
Shiloh	50.00
Alton, First	30.00
Victory	50.00
Viburnum	31.15
New Hope	80.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Frank Giunta	25.00
Helen Lindsey	2.00
Cape Girardeau	119.53
East Prairie	10.00
Sikeston	50.00
N.E. Mo. Dist. Ass'n.	69.50
Neosho	20.00
Copper Mines	100.00
Union Light & Old Bethel	220.50
Mine La Motte	347.00
Total	\$24,962.57

Calendar Of Events

MISSOURI STATE COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

Date: May 3, 1986. Place: Monett Free Will Baptist Church

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

June 2 - 5, 1986. Woman's Auxiliary and Church Growth Services (See inside magazine for detailed program) Place: Nelson Community Center, Lebanon, MO

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. Camper \$25.00, Adult worker \$15.00

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Woman's Auxiliary and Youth Activities.
Date: July 20 - 24. Place: Tulsa, Oklahoma (See inside magazine for additional information.)

ALL BOARDS MEETING, A One Day Meeting. Date and Time: September 22, 10:00 a.m. Place: Youth Camp, Niangua

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Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

It seems to be a favorite game among many Christians to get in a cold backslidden condition, pity themselves, feel sorry for themselves, get a bad attitude toward the pastor, get down on the church, become Pharisaic, drop out of church duties, get mad, and quit serving the Lord, and all the time pretend, or maybe tell ourselves a lie, saying, "I do well to be angry."

I know of men and women who go into a shell, withdraw, become critical, lose their burden, and become miserable people. People who once were soul-winners, singing the praise of God and his church, lose their fire, become critics and spend their life unhappy, and a dried up example of the backslider.

Is anything worth that? Can anyone be so sure they are right about everything, and the preacher, church, deacon, or teacher so wrong, that they should develop this bad attitude?

I think not. Surely no one would trade the peace, the excitement, the joy, the thrill of soul-winning, and a growing church for empty pews, empty altars, dry eyes, and cold hearts.

Across the country once thriving churches are now empty and dead. Someone had a gripe. They made it a cause. Then began a crusade to purge the church, change the direction, and have their way. But, alas, instead they killed the spirit of the church, they stopped the preacher. They destroyed the altar services, broke the church financially, the preacher did leave, and for years that dear disgruntled saint sat in an empty church, proud of what he did, and blaming others for the death of the church.

Surely, that is not what our Lord intended when he told us to fight the fight of faith. Preserve the church, the spirit, and the unity. It's priceless.

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