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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1985-1986

CHURCHES	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Belton	40	45	49	47	52	54	57	57	58	76	74	59
Bethel	85									107	90	95
Calvary Fellowship	202	190	179	183	202	217	195	187	192	249	241	190
Cape Girardeau	67	68	69	71	79	67	57	57	49	66	67	46
Copper Mines	71	73	79	73	73	70	72	70	69	72	67	75
Cuba	71	74	70	68	77	85	76	72				
Farmington	623	674	628	629	771	662	621	636	594	753		603
Flat River, First	166	141		160	173	166		166	148	174	169	164
Grace	171	170	176		207	179	176	165	159	204	163	149
Grant Avenue	95	93	90		102	98	92	96			116	81
Hannon	75	77	79	79	79	78	70	73	77	71	72	74
Harmony, K.C.	73	75		68	72	69	57	67	71	74		54
Hartville	92	78	91	92	90	96	93	91	89	92		
Houston	64	54	41	61	63	61	72	75	88	89	80	81
Jones Creek	19	16	22	22	22	21	14	27		33		21
Monett		150	144	151	160	155	168	151				
Myrtle	41	40	42	46	47	46	44	42	38	42	42	41
New Hope	73	75	80	90	115							
New Life Fellowship	62	57	48	71	77	75		96	82	102		
Parkview	70	85	75	88	85	89	80	90	92	102	84	78
Richwoods	50	55	56	59	79	61	56	50	51			
Rock Chapel	61	55	59	61	62	64	69	68	65	65	69	67
Thayer									118			
United, West Plains	93	89	80	85	87	94	94	85	100	94	93	75
West Plains, First	104	101	104	123	127	111	107	98	111	118	113	97
Willow Springs	80	81	80	80	82	89	90	76	82	97		88



Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

Is it possible to build a large church that is loyal to the Free Will Baptist denomination? Is it possible to build a sustained growing church that supports Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, Free Will Baptist Bible College and Hillsdale College, Free Will Baptist Home Missions, and uses Free Will Baptist Sunday school literature published by Randall House?

Is it possible to build a large church that uses Free Will Baptist evangelists, reads "Contact" and "Gem" magazine and goes to Free Will Baptist Conferences instead of non-denominational and independent meetings? Is it necessary to always be putting our preachers and churches down while building up other groups? Must we kill all our heroes off with slander and innuendos?

I believe you can. There are many things wrong with our church here in Farmington, mainly because there are so many things wrong with its pastor, but God has proven that He can build a church of size and influence in a small town in Missouri (surprise), that is totally Free Will Baptist, and not ashamed of it. We support Free Will Baptists, missions, colleges, literature, and evangelists.

Some people say we're a fly by night church. Well, if we disappear today from the scene, we have averaged over 600 in Sunday school for over 4 years. We have supported our beloved denomination with thousands of dollars yearly; we have sent many of our young people to Bible colleges and supplied several churches with pastors. Missouri Free Will Baptists know they can count on Farmington Free Will Baptist Church.

We can be depended on to be Free Will Baptists, to help with every project, and to be loyal to all our denominational programs.

Yes, **Virginia**, you can build a large totally Free Will Baptist church.

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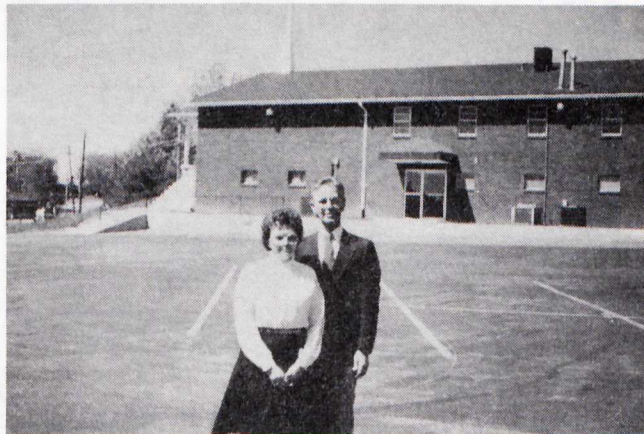
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Churches, People & Events



Front view of DeSoto Church



Rev. & Mrs. Charley Miller

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT DESOTO

On Sunday, April 27, 1986 the First Free Will Baptist Church in DeSoto, Missouri celebrated it's 20th Anniversary! The Morning Worship began a week of Revival Services with Reverend Clarence Burton serving as the evangelist.

The Afternoon Service had several specials in song by ones from the church and with special singers, The Durbin Family from Mine La Motte and the Clyde Revelle Family from Fredericktown. The special singers from the church and the special guest singers blessed hearts and filled 'the cups of gladness'. A delicious dinner was enjoyed in Fellowship Hall.

Reverend Charley Miller, the pastor, expressed heartfelt thanks to the members and friends for their presence at the service and he especially thanked the folks of the church for their faithfulness in laboring together in the spirit of love and unity. He said, "This church is not here by accident. It is here under the direction of the Holy Spirit of God. And, may God help us to work and labor toward fulfilling the task of the church, winning the lost to Jesus and establishing the Christians in the faith."

The Lord blessed with a wonderful revival that week.



Terry & Donna

WOODSTOVE RESTAURANT— A GOOD PLACE TO EAT

Most Christians enjoy a nice Christian atmosphere when and where they eat. Often times these places are few and far between. In Hillsboro, Missouri (not far from DeSoto) just across from the courthouse is an enjoyable place to eat if you like delicious food and a welcome and wholesome atmosphere.

Terry and Donna, members of the DeSoto Free Will Baptist Church, operate this restaurant. The editor of this magazine enjoyed several good meals while with the church in revival services. If you are in the area I believe that you will agree with the slogan I read somewhere, sometime ago, "The difference is worth the distance".



Rev. & Mrs. Robertson & John

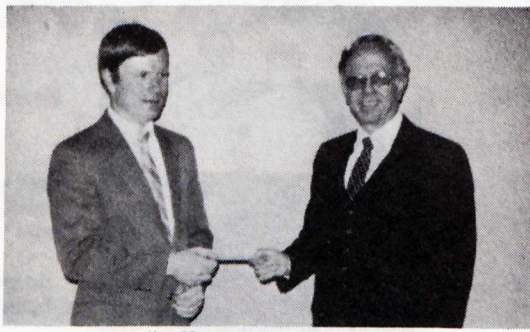
HAZEL CREEK CALLS NEW PASTOR

The Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church, near Kirksville, Mo. has called a new pastor. He is Reverend Don Robertson. He assumed his new work April 20, 1986.

Brother Robertson came to Hazel Creek from Willow Springs, Mo. where he served the First Free Will Baptist Church. He and his wife Cathy have four children: John at home; Mrs. Darrel Corbello, California; Donald Jr., St. Louis; David, Houston; and two grandsons.

Mrs. Sponsler writes, Brother Don began preaching in 1980. He started the Jones Creek Church, pastored a Southern Baptist Church for three years and the First Church in Willow Springs for one year.

Hazel Creek welcomes this man of God and hopes for him a long and rewarding ministry.



Jim Mertz & Clarence Burton

COOPERATIVE GIVING AT CROSSROADS

On Sunday, April 13, 1986, the Crossroads Mission at Wentzville gave its first Cooperative Gift to the State and National Ministries. The Missionary Pastor, Reverend Jim Mertz, said, when presenting the check to the State Executive Secretary, Rev. Clarence Burton, "With much love and a deep appreciation for our state and national work I present this check on behalf of the Crossroads Free Will Baptist Mission Church." Reverend Burton stated, "With a heart full of deep appreciation I accept this first check from the Crossroads Mission Church. This is the largest 'first check' from any Mission Church. This \$245.00 check will be used through our State Home Missions Board to help this church, other mission churches and every phase of the Lord's work in the Free Will Baptist Denomination. May the Lord continue to bless your labor as this work grows and glows for the Lord."

Reverend and Mrs. Mertz are having a very fine and productive labor with the mission church in Wentzville.

Note the phone number is 314-441-8970. It is listed in both the St. Charles and Wentzville exchange.

NEWS FROM FLAT RIVER FIRST CHURCH

Church reporter, Karen Montgomery, writes, our Woman's Auxiliary hosted their annual Senior Saints Christmas Dinner in December. This is always a special event—a time for sharing laughter and tears—a time when we "grow" a little closer to and appreciate more the dear ones in our church who have loved and served God for so many years. Each auxiliary member gave a \$5 love offering in honor of a senior saint to the Tennessee Children's Orphanage. Santa Claus (Bro. Don Barnhouse) and his helper (Bro. Floyd Pirtle) presented each guest with a flower.



Santa (Don Barnhouse) & Floyd Pirtle (on Santa's lap)

Our pastor, Ron Edgil, took charge of the testimonial part of this event. Our senior saints (consisting of ones 60 yrs. of age or older) shared some beautiful testimonies, and they love to reminisce of younger days. A delicious dinner was served. Devotion given by Bro. Joe Stone, one of our church deacons.

Since the dinner, three of these dear servants went home to be with the Lord. Bro. W.P. Stone, former deacon of the Berkeley Church and long-time servant of God; Sis. Alberta Davis, a lovely lady and one of our oldest church members; and Bro. Cleo Black, who for many years sang in various trios and quartets in our area churches. We loved each one in a special way and miss them very much.

After watching the movie "The Prodigal" our teens and sponsors enjoyed Bro. Jim Montgomery's homemade pizza. At midnight, they welcomed in the New Year by ringing the church bell.



Pastor Ron Edgil & Evangelist Mickey Kirkland

Revival with Missionary Evangelist Mickey Kirkland, Montgomery, Ala., was held in April. We had a good number in attendance for each of the five services. Many tears fell on the altar as young and old alike poured their hearts out to God. Many came for dedication, some for rededication. We are expecting great results from this revival.

Our Wednesday evening prayer meetings are a definite time of prayer these days. We gather together in different groups and pray for specific needs of our church, for faithful members and their work for God, and for members who have "grown cold" in the work of God. We have a time of praise and thanksgiving for what God has done and for what He is going to do. Please pray that we will keep the revival fires burning.

Correction:

In the last issue of the Gem, May-June, the article regarding Reverend Winford Davis inadvertently left out the word 'not' in the following sentence. "Since that time his record shows...has traveled 380,772 miles in his ministry 'not' including three missionary trips to Cuba and three trips to Israel,...".

ORDINATION SERVICE AT WEST PLAINS

On Sunday afternoon, April 20, 1986, the First Free Will Baptist Church in West Plains, Mo. held an Ordination Service. Dale Smith and Jim Walker were ordained to serve as deacons in the church.

The Ordination Service was held under the direction of the Cave Springs District Association Ordaining Council. Those present to conduct the service were Reverends Charles Hollis, chairman, Charley Gower and David Honeycutt.

Reverend Charles Hollis welcomed the friends and relatives, in the pleasantly filled sanctuary, to the service. He said, "This Ordination Service is important to the West Plains Church and also to the Cave Springs District Association. We are setting two men apart to fill one of the most important offices in the church—the office of a deacon." The special music was given by Sister Ruby Johnson, of the Thayer Church, and the West Plains Church Quartet.

Reverend Clarence Burton delivered the Ordination Message. In his remarks he stated three things that should reflect through the life of a deacon. A deacon should love God, love people and love the church. He emphasized that the electing and setting apart of the seven men in Acts 7 was to meet a need and solve a problem—deacons can do that same work as they serve the church today.

The Ordination Prayer was led by Reverend David Honeycutt and Reverend Charley Gower. A warm hand of trust and fellowship was given to the ordained and their families.



Wes & Peggy



King Wes



Smith & Walker families



Revs. Gower, Burton, Honeycutt & Hollis/Dale Smith & Jim Walker families

AWESOME AT AULSBURY

Peggy Rider writes, Everyone has been very busy at Aulsbury since the New Year began. The great folks are so good to us. In January they presented me with a huge decorated box full of individual gifts for my birthday. Then, in February they surprised Wes with a birthday party with lots of gifts and a beautiful cake. We also held an All-Church Valentine Party in February. As you will note from the photos, we had lots of skits, games and plenty of food and fellowship. Wes and I did the Bubble Gum skit.

We started March off with a Cottage Prayer Meeting at the Cueton Home, then topped it off with a great revival with Brother Millard Sasser serving as the evangelist. We ended the month with a great Easter Sunday. There were twenty-one in Children's Church, and thanks to the work of Marsha Vaughn and Paula David all the kids enjoyed a super egg hunt.

On April 5th, the Mid Americans were with us for a Saturday night Gospel Singing and Spaghetti Supper. We have lots of great plans; our calendar is full. Our youth are excited about Youth Camp and we are planning a trip to Eureka Springs to see the Passion Play.

Wes and Peggy, Reverend and Mrs. Wesley Rider serve as pastor of the Aulsbury Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.



Jerry, Waynelle & students

OLIVET CHRISTIAN ACADEMY HOLDS GRADUATION SERVICE

Rev. Jerry Scott writes, Olivet Christian Academy, a ministry of Olivet Free Will Baptist Church in Marshall, Mo., held its annual Awards Banquet and Graduation Exercises on Friday evening, May 16, 1986. A program which included performances by O.C.A. students as well as students from Kiddie Kare Kampus (also a ministry of Olivet) followed the evening meal.

Awards and diplomas were presented to those students who had worked diligently throughout the school year. Graduating senior Stacy Erickson was



Stacy Erickson & Brother Bowman

given special recognition by Rev. Cliff Bowman, O.C.A. administrator, for her many hours of service to O.C.A. through decorating, serving as a reading tutor, and playing the piano for many school functions. Viola Hays, who has been a vital part of the Kiddie Kare Campus since it's beginning in 1978, was also honored. Sister Frances Bowman, Director of Kiddie Kare Campus, presented to her a gift from those who will miss her as she retires. Rev. Clarence Burton delivered the Commencement Address which included a charge to those present to develop the same giving attitude as the Good Samaritan who cared not only about his own needs, but also the needs of others.

Other, end of the year, activities included participation in (A.C.E.) Accelerated Christian Education State Competitive Activities for 7 - 12th grade students at the Lake of the Ozarks on April 22 -

25. O.C.A. students brought home five 1st place, three 2nd place, and seven 3rd place medals. A field day at Van Meter State Park for kindergarten students through 12th grade on May 9 was also enjoyed by students and several parents and other O.C.A. supporters. We thank the Lord for a good year and desire your prayers as we prepare for the next.



Vi & Sister Bowman

Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



"And when he had consulted with the people he appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness as they went out before the army, and to say Praise the Lord, for his mercy endureth forever. And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, which came up against Judah, and they were smitten." II Chronicles 20:21-22.

These two verses share something that was once typical of worship. That something is simply "Praise". Praise to God for all the blessings He has given His people. Not in empty words, but from overflowing hearts. The Worship Service was one that sent people out into the world knowing that God was fighting for them.

There is a noticeable shallowness in the praise we hear on radio and see on TV. But, there is somberness to the praise we hear and see in some of our Worship Services; a somberness that is forcing some people who are honestly looking for something sound and secure in their spiritual relationship to God, to turn away.

There is no doubt, in my mind, that Christ is worthy of our praise and should be the very essence of it. If we would worship in the beauty of His holiness, sing praises to the One Who died for us and whose mercy endureth forever, then, He would set up ambushments and smite the enemies that are keeping us from knowing victory in our churches and from winning lost souls to Christ.

Missouri Has Two Winners In Writers' Contest

In the 1986 Writers' Contest sponsored by Randall House Publications two writers from Missouri won first place.

Reverend Greg McAllister, won first place in the Book Category. His book, "A Free Will Baptist Discipleship Manual".

Mr. Lyle Hoover won first place in Play/Skits Category. He wrote, "A Heavenly Helper".

Editor's Note: Congratulations!



A Christian, What Kind?

by Ann Cochran

Right after a person is won to Christ, the young Christian is told, "Let the world know that you are a Christian". The actual truth is, that it is hard to hide. When a change takes place in a person's life, it will reflect qualities that are Christ-like. The Christian and the unbeliever will know that a born-again person belongs to Jesus. The Bible refers to us as being examples. So, what kind of example are we?

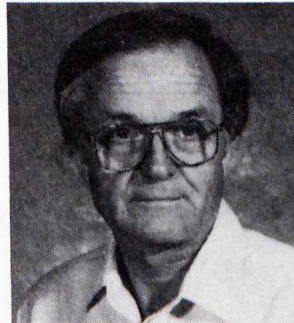
A friend of mine described his life as a basketball shoe. He explained his illustration like this.

"I, too, have eyes, which I need to keep on the Lord. Like the shoe I have a tongue, which needs to be controlled by the Spirit of Christ. Something had to die—blood had to be given—in order for a shoe to be made. Someone had to die—Someone had to shed His blood—before I could live. Although the sole is not pretty sometimes, maybe ragged and dirty, it is the main part of the shoe. I have a soul, which is my main part and it is important that this be cleaned by the blood of Jesus. That is what really matters!"

What a wonderful thought. May God help me to keep my eyes on Jesus and my tongue speaking good things for Jesus. And, may I never forget that Jesus died that I might live!

My prayer is, that others may see Jesus in me. Let's strive to be a good example; let's strive to keep our "soul" in good shape for the Lord.

About the writer: Ann is a member of the New Home Free Will Baptist Church near Competition, Mo. She is presently a student at Hillsdale and reflects a vibrant and radiant Christian life for the Lord.



Eddie Altis Home With The Lord

Reverend Eddie Altis went home to be with the Lord on April 12, 1986 at the St. John Regional Hospital in Springfield, Mo. The Funeral Service was held at the Providence Free Will Baptist Church on Tuesday, April 15 with Reverend Rolla Smith officiating.

Eddie, as he liked to be called, lived a very active life. He enjoyed the out-of-doors and his favorite hobbies were hiking, camping and gardening.

He began teaching in the public school in 1951 in a one-room school and continued working in various positions in the teaching profession. Included are: Houston School and Public Library; Southwestern Missouri State; Oklahoma Bible College (now Hillsdale); he served as a teacher of Library and Science and Education; he sponsored Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and he had a very significant part and worked towards passing the State Depository Law. He testified before the Senate Committee in Jefferson City on behalf of this.

Eddie's work in the ministry included: serving as pastor of the Rock Chapel Church, New Rock Springs Church, Eastern Gate; he served as assistant pastor and/or Youth Minister to the Grant Avenue Church, South Fremont Church and served as interim pastor of the Houston Church. He served for a number of years on the CTS Board and served as editor of the Free Will Baptist **Gem**.

On May 26, 1979 he was united in marriage to Judy Shrewsbury. The Lord blessed them with a son, Daniel. Judy's education was in the field of teaching and education; consequently they were able to work together at SMS for a period of time.

Judy expressed Eddie's philosophy in one concise statement, "He enjoyed helping and serving others." Those who knew him know that his unpretentious manner reflected a genuine sincerity of giving whether in pastoral work, youth work or his labor in education.

He is survived by his wife, Judy, and one son, Daniel, at home; his parents, Vern and Hazel Altis, of Cabool; and a sister, Ethel Lou Cole, of Houston.

Editor's Note: Eddie was a very good friend. I have enjoyed my labor in the Lord with Him the past several years. I appreciate his commitment to the cause of Christ.

Youth Camp Memories



Additional Photos Forthcoming



A Review At Farmington And A Look Into The Future

by Jim McAllister

Brother Burton asked me to write a review of the past and a look into the future. I am doing this at his request and not to boast. However, if this seems like boasting, let it be boasting on Jesus and not on man.

In late May of 1974, I moved to Farmington from Monett, Missouri with my wife Helen, and our four children—Greg, Tammy, Jennie, and Staci. We had just completed four years as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Monett.

On April 9, I submitted by resignation as pastor of the Farmington Free Will Baptist Church to become president of California Christian College, and pastor of the Harmony Free Will Baptist Church, both in Fresno, California.

The ministry of the church at Farmington has been broad and yet specific and detailed. In the spirit of sharing, in order that it may motivate others, may I share some things and ways in which the Lord has blessed. Nearly 1,000 have been baptized, more than 1,400 have made altar decisions, and nearly 1,000 new members have united with the church. The Sunday School has grown from 130 to over 600 with a high of 1,350 'in house attendance'. Farmington Free Will Baptist Church is the second largest church in our denomination. Sunday night attendance has grown from 40 to 300, and the Wednesday night from 12 to 250. Farmington Free Will Baptist Church has become the largest Free Will Baptist Church in the history of Missouri Free Will Baptists. It has the largest congregation attendance of any church between Festus and Memphis.

We have been number one in cooperative giving for nearly 10 years. The bus ministry now reaches into 14 cities and 4 counties. The Sunday School has 9 departments and 56 classes. We now have 16 ordained deacons. Twenty-five young men have announced their call to the ministry and twenty of our young people have attended Free Will Baptist Colleges. Two educational buildings have been completed with 20,360 square feet and 7 floors of space. The sanctuary was enlarged and remodeled at a cost of \$170,000 in 1983 and accommodates a seating capacity of 600. Four houses have been purchased and the bus ministry has grown from two small routes to 10 routes with over 300 average riders per week.

The ministry of the church has extended itself to broadcasting on two radio stations, an extensive

counselling ministry, a pastor's school that has served over 150 ministers from 20 states, 5 foreign countries and five denominations. Nearly 1,000 people graduated from the one-on-one follow-up program discipling program of the church. The church ministers to 8 nursing homes each week. A Christian school, Farmington Christian Academy, was started in 1977 and now, in its ninth year, has 150 students. Six times the National Home Missions Department conducted Evangelism Conferences at the church, and the Missouri State Association has met with the Farmington Church.

As the church grew numerically its influence was felt in every area of the county, in several foreign countries and in many states. As I leave an era comes to an end. The ministry will no doubt change, for the better I'm sure. It can be honestly said that few churches have ever made such an influence on a community, and, in fact, on any more parts of the world, than the Farmington Free Will Baptist Church. For all of this I am eternally grateful. But this church is more than buildings, numbers, finances and statistics. It is people, and how God has wonderfully used them to build a lasting work.

It is with reluctance that I leave Farmington and Missouri. This has been my home for many years. For thirty years I have been a part of the Missouri State Association. I have made friends I shall never forget. We leave to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit. He leads to Fresno, California. There is a small college and church that God has called me to lead. We are going with the hope and dream of seeing the great work of Farmington duplicated, and, through the college, multiplied over again. We plan to build a college program that will train, teach, and thoroughly prepare young Christian men and women for Christian service. CCC is closed at present but we will reopen its doors in September. We trust the Lord will bless our efforts.

The plans are to offer, in addition to the 2 year liberal arts program already adopted, a 4 year professional training program for ministers, missionaries and other church workers. Additional information will be made available to the people of Missouri at a later date.

Brethren, pray for us. Our heart has indicted a good thing. We have a dream. Pray that God will bring that dream to fulfillment.

In closing, I thank the wonderful people of Central Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett and the great First Free Will Baptist Church of Farmington. I'll never forget any of these wonderful people. I love and appreciate Brother Burton, our great Executive Secretary, and all the other pastors of this state. I pray the Lord will continue to bless this wonderful work. Please remember the McAllisters in California. Pray that God will use us to spread revival in that great state amongst those wonderful people.

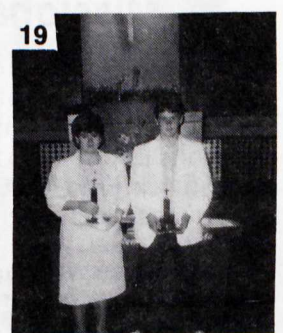
Editor's Note: We will surely miss Jim and Helen. We will miss their faithfulness in prayer, encouragement and support. Their influence will linger long in our memory and will continue to be felt in our state work. We regret to see them leave, but we shall be praying the Lord's choice and special blessings for them and their new endeavor.

Missouri State CTS Competition Winners

PHOTO #	CATEGORY	CONTESTANT (S)	CHURCH
1	Bible Memorization/Grade 1	Brooke Gwartney	Central
	Grade 2	Annette Henderson	Hartville
	Grade 3	Holley Helsley	Rock Chapel
2	Sword Drill/Grade 4	Jamie Roland	Hartville
	Grade 5	Amy Henderson	Hartville
	Grade 6	Steven Moore	Rock Chapel
3	Tic Tac Toe		Hartville
4	Bible Bowl		Hartville
5	Vocal Solo/Learner	Aaron Bates	Farmington
	Adventurer	Janiece Hedrick	Central
	Herald	Amy McKinney	Grant Ave.
	Crusader	Suzanne Norris	Calvary Fellowship
	Ambassador	Mary Ball	Monett
	Vocal Duet		
6	2 - 1 Herald	Jeff & Kenny Myers	Houston
7	2 - 1 Crusader	Suzanne & Stephanie Norris	Calvary Fellowship
	Vocal Trio		
8	2 - 2 Crusader	Farmington Trio	Farmington
9	2 - 2 Ambassador	Grant Ave. Trio	Grant Ave.
10	2 - 2 Any Comb.	Fellowship Trio	Fellowship
	Vocal Quintet		
11	2 - 4 Any Comb.	Fellowship Girls Ensemble	Fellowship
	Vocal Chorale		
12	3 - 1 Learn. & Adv.	Central Chorale	Central
13	3 - 2 Her. & Crus.	Teen Chorale	Farmington
14	Any Comb.	Sonlight Chorale	Fellowship
	Instrumental Chorale		
15	Any Comb.	Fellowship Inst. Chor.	Fellowship
	Keyboard Solo		
16	6 Herald	Allison Wilfong	Farmington
	6 Crusader	Rebecca Jones	Rock Chapel
	6 Ambassador	Michelle Brown	Grant Ave.
	Oral Communication		
17	7 Adventurer	Nikki Williams	Beacon
	7 Herald	Debbie Skinner	Hartville
	7 Crusader	Dawn Dodson	Monett
	Arts		
18	8 Learner	Brian Holst	Central
	8 Learner	Annette Henderson	Hartville
19	8 Adventurer	Amy Henderson	Hartville
	8 Herald	Mike Moore	Rock Chapel
	8 Crusader (no photo)	Teresa Vandivort	Houston

Categories not receiving A1 rating but competing at NYC (photos not made at Competitive Activities)

CATEGORY	CONTESTANT (S)	CHURCH
Vocal Quartet		
2 - 3 Any Comb.	Fellowship Boys Quartet	Fellowship
Vocal Sextet		
2 - 5 Any Comb.	Beacon Rainbows	Beacon
Instrumental Solo		
4 Adventurer	Bobby Morrison	Central
4 Herald	Nicki Howe	Hartville
4 Crusader	Gary Phillips	Fellowship
Instrumental Duet		
5 - 1 Any Comb.	Gary & Mark Phillips	Fellowship
Keyboard Solo		
6 Learner	Jenifer Moore	Fellowship
6 Adventurer	Felicia Sasser	Trinity



Essentials of Evangelism

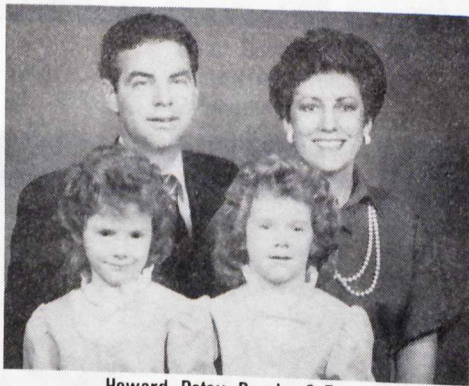
by Stanley Jones

Awards are passed out for all types of accomplishments in the church. There are pins for attendance, stars for Bible verses learned, Bibles for visitors brought and even recognition for the most souls won to the Lord. While faithful service should be acknowledged, I often wonder if the whole story is being told by the presenting of a certificate. Especially in the area of soul winning.

Recently in our church an older couple came to know the Lord and followed the Lord in baptism. They have lived in our community for seventeen years. The one who was present as this couple prayed the sinners' prayer may be considered the soul winner. But how many people contributed to their salvation? I know of faithful people who regularly prayed for this couple. Others who witnessed to them. Still others who were kind and loving toward them. There's just no way of knowing how many Christians touched their lives and brought them to the place of decision for Christ.

Why, even pentecost with Peter's great sermon might have had different results, if it hadn't been for the ground work done by others before. Even the ministry of Christ was surely a major factor in the 3000 saved that day.

Let's continue to honor faithful service in the church with the appropriate certificate or award; but let's not forget, not any one of us succeeds all by himself.



Howard, Patsy, Brooke & Fawn

Missouri Pastor Hired As Missionary To Arizona

Rev. Howard Gwartney, pastor of Central Free Will Baptist Church, Grandview, Missouri for the past six years, has been employed by the National Home Missions Board to go to the isolated area of Arizona to build a new Free Will Baptist church. Howard is the son of Missionary Builders, Howard and Nelda Gwartney from Locust Grove, Oklahoma. He graduated from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in 1977, served four years as a second man in Oklahoma churches, and pastored in Denver, Colorado for two years before coming to Central Church in Grandview.

Howard's wife, Patsy, is the daughter of Roy and Pat Thomas, and has a background in Home Missions, growing up in Denver, Colorado where her parents established the First Free Will Baptist Church as home missionaries. The Gwartneys are the parents of two daughters, Brooke and Fawn.

The Gwartneys must do itinerate work until \$10,000 cash has been raised for their account, plus a good base of monthly faith promise commitments. Please send gifts for the Gwartney/Arizona account to the Missouri State Office, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, Missouri 65536.

Editor's Note: We will miss Howard and Patsy in Missouri. Their varied and many talents have been used to bless the hearts of many. We pray for them a wonderful ministry in this new missions endeavor.



Rev. Charles Hollis Home With The Lord

On May 15, 1986, Reverend Charles Hollis went home to be with the Lord. He was at the Ozark Medical Center in West Plains, Missouri.

Brother Hollis was born November 17, 1929 at Alton, Missouri. He was united in marriage March 27, 1948 at Hardy, Arkansas to Mary Louise Watson.

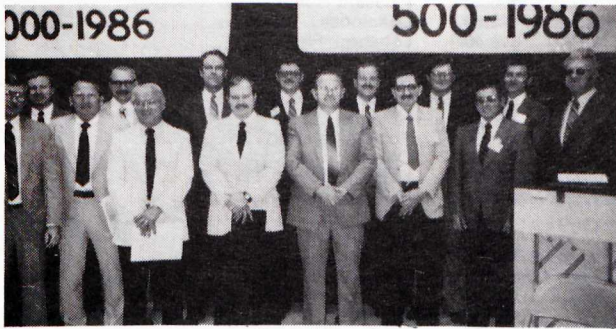
The Lord blessed their marriage with four daughters: Gerri Ann, Joann, Janet and Jeanette. He is survived by the daughters, one brother, Norman, and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister.

At the time of his death Brother Hollis was serving as pastor of the Royal Oak Free Will Baptist Church near Alton, Missouri. He also was serving as chairman of the Ordaining Council of the Cave Springs District Association, at the time of his death. He had served in various positions in the Cave Springs Quarterly Meeting and was considered one of the 'strong pillars' in the association.

The Obituary was given by Brother Harry Yeakey, deacon of the New Life Free Will Baptist Church at O'Fallon, Missouri and long time close friend of Brother Hollis. Brother Harry made some very appropriate and complimentary remarks concerning the life and ministry of his friend. Reverend Johnny D. Hollis, missionary pastor and relative of Brother Hollis, delivered the message. He spoke out of a heart of love and admiration for his 'uncle'. He especially challenged the family to keep 'the spirit of their loved one alive in their lives as they endeavored to live for the Lord'. The ones that gave the songs were Tracy Jo Swift and Carl Watson.

Editor's Note: Brother Charles Hollis was a good and dear friend of mine. I shall always remember his love and dedication to the preaching of the Word and the ministry.

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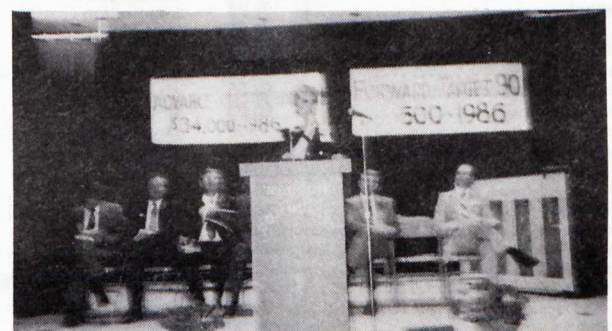
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The Jones Family Singers



The Durbin Family Singers

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COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

APRIL 1986

18.50%	Mo. State Home Missions	\$4,321.42
17.00%	Executive Department and Gem	3,971.04
3.50%	General Fund	817.56
10.50%	Youth Camp	2,452.70
1.75%	C.E. Board	408.78
1.75%	SS & CTS Board	408.78
2.50%	Retirement Village	583.97
5.00%	Mo. State Ret. Program	1,167.94
39.50%	Nat'l. Assoc. & Hillsdale	9,226.80
	(Hillsdale ... \$1,401.54)	
	Executive Department	
	Free Will Baptist Bible College	
	National Home Missions	
	Foreign Missions	
	Nat'l Board Retirement Insurance	
	Layman's Board	
	Theological Commission	
	Radio & T.V. Commission	
Total		\$23,358.99

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

APRIL 1986 RECEIPTS

COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Old Bethel	\$ 138.94
Cope	43.65
Hartville	264.37
Bailey Chapel	56.00
Oak Hill, Fredricktown	92.55
Mt. Zion, Gower	66.50
Seymour	126.00
Carthage	80.00
South Fremont	410.00
Bethel	486.00
New Harmony	18.25
Trinity	818.75
Fordland	642.00
Happy Home	125.00
Leadington	600.00
Byrd	20.00
Columbia	25.00
Martinstown	28.00
Olivet	300.00
Union Light	253.20
Pleasant Ridge	95.00
Tyrone	45.80
Berkeley	449.18
DeSoto	845.00
Flat River, First	821.00
Thayer	426.00
Farmington	1,400.00
Royal Oak	45.00
Waynesville	210.57
West Plains, First	97.75
Hopewell	225.00
Mt. Pisgah	208.00
Union Grove	156.85
Mill Creek	179.61
Mine La Motte	43.26
Springfield, First	834.02
Richwoods	445.00
Hurryville	157.00
Hannon	322.56
Terrill Road	141.00
Friendship	124.84
Freeman Chapel	168.00
New Rock Springs	92.68
Belton	435.96
United	529.84
Gospel Light	306.00
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Fredericktown, First	387.00
Eastern Gate	135.70
Calvary Fellowship	574.17
Marshfield	176.51
Pleasant Home	293.60
Oskaloosa	25.69
Kingsway	248.00
Hickory Grove	49.65
Cabool	366.58
Copper Mines	170.08
Black Oak	10.00

Crossroads, Wentzville	245.00
Grace	1,177.00
Joplin	286.22
Neosho	142.50
Parkview	318.40
Verdella	221.75
Beacon	767.82
Beacon	750.00
Calvary, Conway	128.30
Pleasant Hill	81.64
Houston	310.00
Wolf Creek	220.36
Rock Chapel	310.84
Salem	30.00
Number One	41.80
Myrtle	115.50
New Harmony	7.99
New Hope	468.87
Calvary Chapel	170.30
Oak Hill, Union	144.62
Harmony	315.00
Willow Springs	207.51
St. Francois District	21.00
Carthage	75.00
Unity	337.33
Lebanon, First	254.42
Cape Girardeau	439.21
Total	\$23,358.99

YOUTH CAMP

South Fremont	\$ 48.00
Bethel, Festus	25.00
Trinity	15.00
Olivet	25.00
Berkeley	25.00
DeSoto	50.00
Thayer	25.00
Farmington	40.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Leadington	20.00
Hannon	15.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	65.83
Oskaloosa	10.00
Buffalo	50.00
Merl's Chapel Auxiliary	10.00
Verdella	10.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Myrtle	25.00
Bethel, El Dorado	13.88
Willow Springs	10.00
Total	\$512.71

CHILDREN'S HOME

DeSoto	\$ 50.00
Myrtle	4.40
Total	\$54.40

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Bethel	\$ 99.55
Trinity	10.00
Fordland	20.00
Leadington	120.00
Columbia	27.23
Berkeley	180.00
DeSoto	200.00
Thayer	49.00
Farmington	339.94
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
United	15.00
Calvary Fellowship	48.33
Marshfield	5.00
Pleasant Home	55.00
Indian Creek	510.00
Neosho	25.00
Bob & Glenda Keith	10.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Rock Chapel	189.66
Myrtle	80.00
Harmony	25.00
Total	\$2,068.71

FOREIGN MISSIONS

South Fremont	\$ 60.00
Bethel	65.00
New Harmony	174.82
South Side	95.00
Trinity	57.00
Fordland	25.00
Leadington	230.00
Columbia	27.24
Martinstown	100.00
Flat River, First	10.00
West Plains, First	36.00
Fourth	135.00
Calvary Fellowship	899.65
Clifford Hoover	30.00
Brent & Cindy Thompson	25.00

Faith Chapel	10.00
Marshfield	5.00
Pleasant Home	15.00
Oskaloosa	51.50
Lebanon, First	163.00
Black Oak	80.07
Neosho	480.00
Verdella	507.83
Houston	5.00
Rock Chapel	10.00
Olivet	50.00
Kathryn Cooke	15.00
Pleasant Ridge	20.00
Berkeley	160.00
DeSoto	250.00
Thayer	35.00
Farmington	365.00
Niangua	40.32
Hannon	417.56
Freeman Chapel	308.35
United	16.88
Belton	25.00
Beacon	1,831.90
Myrtle	82.00
Harmony	5.00
Total	\$6,919.12

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

South Fremont	\$ 5.00
Bethel	100.00
New Harmony	87.42
South Side	5.00
Trinity	95.00
Leadington	90.00
Columbia	5.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Berkeley	61.00
DeSoto	50.00
Flat River, First	2.00
Thayer	30.00
Farmington	328.68
St. Francois District	764.90
Hannon	176.28
Cape Girardeau	89.93
United	23.87
Belton	25.00
Eastern Gate	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	146.66
Marshfield	5.00
Pleasant Home	5.00
J.W. Rader, Black Oak	25.00
Carl Layman, Black Oak	10.00
Neosho	40.00
Verdella	5.00
Beacon	300.00
Myrtle	70.00
Hershel Griffen	20.00
Harmony	15.00
Carthage	35.00
Total	\$2,725.74

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

DeSoto	\$ 35.00
Thayer	20.00
Farmington	120.00
Leadington	20.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
Beacon	100.00
Total	\$378.33

HILLSDALE

Thayer	\$ 20.00
Farmington	120.00
Hannon	50.00
Calvary Fellowship	41.66
Beacon	142.00
Willow Springs	20.00
Total	\$393.66

JOHN McCCLURE

Farmington	\$10.00
Bethel, Festus	10.00
Total	\$20.00

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

MAY 1986

18.50%	Mo. State Home Missions	\$5,159.26
17.00%	Executive Dept. and Gem	4,740.94
3.50%	General Fund	976.08
10.50%	Youth Camp	2,928.23
1.75%	C.E. Board	488.04
1.75%	SS & CTS Board	488.04
2.50%	Retirement Village	697.19
5.00%	Mo. State Ret. Program	1,394.39
39.50%	Nat'l. Assoc. & Hillsdale	11,015.70
	(Hillsdale 6% ... \$1,673.27)	
	Executive Department	
	Free Will Baptist Bible College	
	National Home Missions	

Foreign Missions
 Nat'l. Board of Retirement & Ins.
 Layman's Board
 Theological Commission
 Radio & T.V. Commission

Total\$27,887.87

We are very grateful to the Lord for this good month of May. As the grass and flowers blossom and grow may our love for Him grow as we give through this unified plan to carry the gospel of Christ throughout the world.

May the Lord bless the faithfulness of His people.

MAY 1986 RECEIPTS

COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Bethel	\$ 401.00
Monett	831.61
Twin Oak	276.49
Lingo	45.00
Macedonia	20.00
Grant Avenue	638.87
Thayer	335.00
Fordland	460.00
New Life, Fellowship	492.00
Bailey Chapel	46.00
Columbia	25.00
Springfield, First	553.14
Hartville	220.13
Rolla	104.00
Farmington	1,350.00
New Rock Springs	70.88
Cope	27.70
Royal Oak	49.00
Merl's Chapel	47.20
Terrill Road	90.00
Victory, Alton	196.00
Olivet	300.00
Mine La Motte	25.27
Lone Star	35.92
United	310.15
Pleasant Ridge	65.00
Seymour	92.00
Sedalia	30.70
Berkeley	317.61
Belton	369.47
Waynesville	168.72
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Tyrone	49.72
South Fremont	448.00
Happy Home	170.10
Calvary Fellowship	574.17
Joplin	732.62
Neosho	71.25
Eastern Gate	115.50
Mill Creek	135.32
Mt. Zion, Gower	44.30
Union Grove	178.00
Hurryville	152.00
Marshfield	112.71
New Home	118.36
Mt. Pisgah	152.00
Copper Mines	166.84
Rock Chapel	308.50
Fredericktown, First	313.00
Pleasant Home	208.12
Purdy	506.95
Trinity	581.44
Koshkonong	155.00
Leadington	550.00
Flat River, First	586.54
Gospel Light	174.00
Hannon	244.50
Verdella	149.24
Friendship	103.90
Freeman Chapel	144.18
DeSoto	765.00
Parkview	288.60
Rolla	110.00
Lingo	33.00
Victory, K.C.	145.00
Wolf Creek	280.00
Cabool	258.89
Black Oak	10.00
Oak Hill, Union	191.55
Pleasant Hill	37.85
Monett	598.72
Mountain Grove, First	604.93
Mountain Grove, First	765.48
Mountain Grove, First	632.54
Mountain Grove, First	1,054.73
Farmington	1,350.00
New Life Fellowship	371.00
Salem	30.00
Crossroads, Wentzville	219.00
Myrtle	135.90

Number One	42.60
Fordland	470.00
Fred Harris	61.11
New Hope	365.03
New Rock Springs	47.43
Houston	255.98
Terrill Road	135.00
Harmony	354.00
Bethel	387.00
Rolla	112.41
Oskaloosa	45.75
West Plains, First	139.50
Houston	258.00
Carthage	60.00
Grace	856.00
Unity	381.74
Cape Girardeau	391.56
Lebanon, First	402.45
Total	\$27,887.87

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Monett	\$ 50.00
Thayer	20.00
Farmington	240.00
Leadington	20.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
DeSoto	35.00
Fordland	5.00
Total	\$453.33

CHILDREN'S HOME

Myrtle	\$ 2.50
DeSoto	50.00
Total	\$52.50

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Monett	\$ 2,511.76
Bethel	70.00
Kirksville	62.00
Grant Avenue	373.00
South Side	100.00
Thayer	163.22
Fordland	60.00
Columbia	21.04
Fourth	245.00
Farmington	1,037.93
Joplin	105.00
Merl's Chapel	100.00
Leadington	225.00
Terrill Road	203.00
Olivet	50.00
United	27.63
Pleasant Ridge	20.00
Sedalia	20.00
Berkeley	160.00
Union	25.00
Belton	25.00
Niangua	46.41
South Fremont	180.00
Calvary Fellowship	701.65
Neosho	208.00
Eastern Gate	20.00
Marshfield	5.00
New Harmony	187.00
Rock Chapel	20.00
Martinstown	25.00
Pleasant Home	24.00
Trinity	78.00
Flat River, First	10.00
Clifford Hoover	30.00
Brent & Cindy Thompson	25.00
Faith Chapel	10.00
Hannon	530.50
Verdella	534.49
DeSoto	250.00
West Plains, First	70.00
New Hope	471.31
Black Oak	119.41
Myrtle	88.00
Harmony	11.00
Oskaloosa	202.25
Houston	35.00
Lebanon, First	50.00
Freeman Chapel	326.21
Mountain Grove, First	696.18
Total	\$10,558.99

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

South Fremont	\$ 9.00
Lebanon, First	50.00
Bethel	138.55
Monett	75.00
Grant Avenue	3.00
Thayer	47.00
Fordland	15.00
Columbia	21.03
Rolla	50.00
Farmington	305.00

Joplin	10.00
South East District	100.00
Leadington	120.00
Berkeley	170.00
Calvary Fellowship	53.33
Neosho	10.00
Marshfield	5.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Rock Chapel	159.85
Pleasant Home	40.00
Trinity	10.00
DeSoto	200.00
West Plains, First	15.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
Monett	25.00
Mountain Grove, First	295.92
Myrtle	113.00
Harmony	35.00
Total	\$2,160.68

YOUTH CAMP

Bethel	\$ 50.00
Monett	120.00
Thayer	25.00
Farmington	80.00
New Rock Springs	20.00
Leadington	20.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Olivet	25.00
Berkeley	25.00
Calvary Fellowship	65.83
Eastern Gate	14.08
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Buffalo	50.00
Lebanon, First	25.00
Trinity	15.00
Hannon	15.00
Verdella	10.00
DeSoto	50.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Bethel, El Dorado	13.88
Mountain Grove, First	30.00
Myrtle	19.00
Fordland	20.00
Oskaloosa	20.00
Total	\$757.79

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

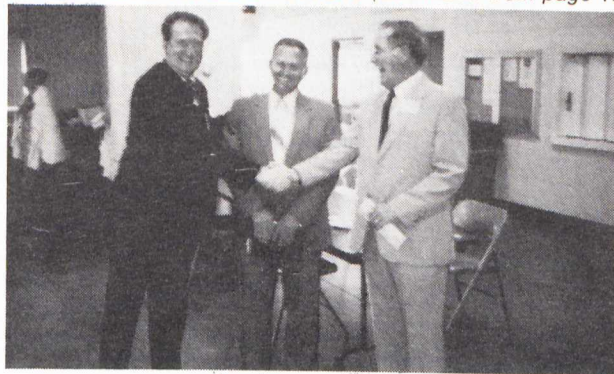
Fordland	\$ 5.00
Bethel	185.00
Monett	119.58
Grant Avenue	19.00
South Side	5.00
Thayer	47.00
Fordland	5.00
Columbia	5.00
Farmington	195.00
Joplin	85.00
Leadington	90.00
Cape Girardeau	43.92
Sedalia	25.00
Berkeley	85.00
Myrtle	49.00
Belton	25.00
Aulsbury Chapel	5.00
South Fremont	5.00
Calvary Fellowship	136.66
Neosho	20.00
Eastern Gate	40.00
Marshfield	5.00
Pleasant Home	5.00
Trinity	75.00
United	32.62
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Flat River, First	6.00
Hannon	127.25
Verdella	5.00
DeSoto	50.00
Carl Layman	10.00
Monett	120.44
Mountain Grove, First	96.50
Carthage	50.00
Total	\$1,787.97

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Grant Avenue	\$ 10.00
Thayer	20.00
Farmington	240.00
Calvary Fellowship	41.66
Hannon	50.00
Total	\$361.66

JOHN MCCLURE

Monett	\$303.00
Farmington	30.00
Merl's Chapel	52.00
Total	\$385.00



Jim, James and Glenn



Howard & Patsy



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