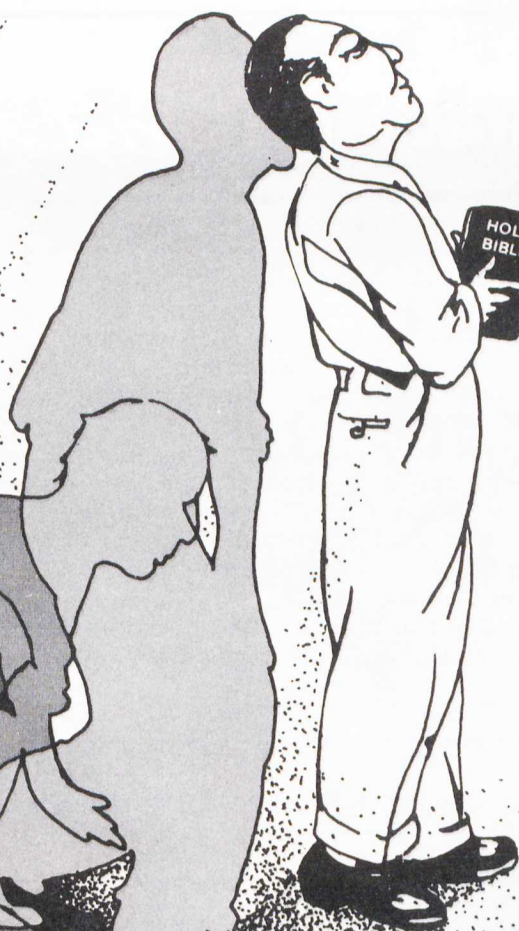
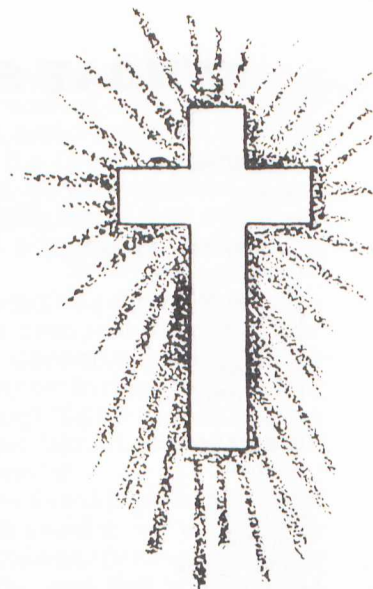


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# SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1985-1986

CHURCHES	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
Belton	49	47	52	54	57	57	58	76	74	59	68	59
Bethel								107	90	95	88	88
Calvary Fellowship	179	183	202	217	195	187	192	249	241	190		
Cape Girardeau	69	71	79	67	57	57	49	66	67	46	41	48
Copper Mines	79	73	73	70	72	70	69	72	67	75		
Cuba	70	68	77	85	76	72						
DeSoto	160	169	182	177	175	176	169	190	194	174	177	192
Farmington	628	629	771	662	621	636	584	753		603	578	
Flat River, First		160	173	166		166	148	174	169	164	150	149
Grace	176		207	179	176	169	159	204	165	149	146	131
Grant Avenue	90		102	98	92	96			116	82		
Hannon	79	79	79	78	70	73	77	71	72	74	72	74
Harmony		68	72	69	57	67	71	74		54	57	58
Hartville	91	92	90	96	93	91	89	92				
Houston	41	61	63	61	72	75	88	89	80	81	74	80
Jones Creek	22	22	22	21	14	27		33		21	25	20
Monett	144	151	160	155	168	151	164	199	156	154	171	158
Myrtle	42	46	47	46	44	42	38	42	42	41		37
Neosho								79	66	75		
New Hope	80	90	115									
New Life Fellowship	48	71	77	75		96	82	102				79
Parkview	75	88	85	89	80	90	92	102	84	78	83	
Richwoods	56	59	79	61	56	50	51	66	55	51	45	56
Rock Chapel	59	61	62	64	69	68	65	65	69	67	76	82
United	80	85	87	94	94	85	100	94	93	75	89	100
West Plains, First	104	123	127	111	107	98	111	118	113	97	102	80
Willow Springs	80	80	82	89	90	76	82	97		88		

## Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



"Better is a poor and wise child than an old and foolish king who will no more be admonished." (Ecc. 4:13). In this verse we note the contrasting spirits which seem to invade all our hearts, at one time or another. Hopefully, the attitude of a poor but wise child will prevail the majority of the time.

Wouldn't it be wonderful for saved and unsaved alike, if we were poor in spirit, wise as serpents, harmless as doves and yet had a tenderness and innocence of a child? The lost would be drawn to Christ and the saved would be delighted in Him.

However, as we view so many lives, we must shamefully say that the spirit of that old and foolish king raises his evil and ugly head far too often. Even

God, as He tries to rebuke and chasten the Christian, can't seem to penetrate the highly exalted and royal attitude. In writing to the Christians at Corinth, Paul said that God made the wisdom of this world foolish, and yet we cling to it instead of God's caring and correcting wisdom.

How glorious it would be if each time God's man approached the pulpit, he would be instructed and inspired by God. Then, and only then, can we convey to our congregations the message of God that we are to walk as dear children and not follow the course of this world.

How about you? Do you allow God to admonish you? Are you ever wrong? Do you know it all? Will you allow the man of God to tell you something? If not, you might just be 'an old foolish king, when God wants you to simply be a poor and wise child'.



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Clarence Burton



From  
The Desk of  
The

## Executive Secretary

### A Great State Association—1986

As the large crowd sang the opening congregational hymn it was evident, the Spirit of God was "in this place".

The fellowship was never sweeter, the preaching more effective, and the singing more beautiful than this year at the Missouri State Association.

The moderator, Rev. Nathan Ruble, in his message, seemed to summarize and focus in on the purpose of the Association Meeting and the goal of the State Ministries. He also, handled the business sessions as a pro.

The State Meeting actually began on Tuesday evening, but, Rev. Roger Hogan set the pattern for that service, and the ones to follow, with a strong and challenging message on Monday evening, at the Sunday School and Church Growth Service.

The preachers, Reverends Greg McAllister, Dale Skiles, Howard Gwartney and Ken Dodson did a splendid work developing the theme "Church Loyalty". After hearing the messages it seemed they must have counselled together in weaving the scriptures and thoughts, to give a specific and effective emphasis on Loyalty in "Strife", "Stewardship", "Sanctification" and "Service". The Holy Spirit was at work.

The inspiring Devotional Messages, delivered by, Reverends Mike Hutsel, Donovan Maxwell and Warren Hall were helpful and challenging. They did prepare hearts for each business session.

The music directing was shared by Rev. Tim Eaton and Rev. Howard Gwartney. The congregational music, and the special music, by Sue Cook, Central Trio, Mary Fortney, Staci Spurgeon and Howard, Patsy and the girls was spiritually uplifting and enabled the congregation to say, with the Psalmist, "I will sing with joy and gladness". The Jones Family Singers and the Durbin Family Singers blessed the hearts of the people as they were preparing for the services to begin.

Two ordinances of the Church, were observed, this year, which was a first at a State Association. The Lord's Supper and Feet Washing were observed at the close of the Wednesday Evening Service. What a blessing! I don't believe there was a "dry eye" at the close of the Feet Washing Service. Several people said,

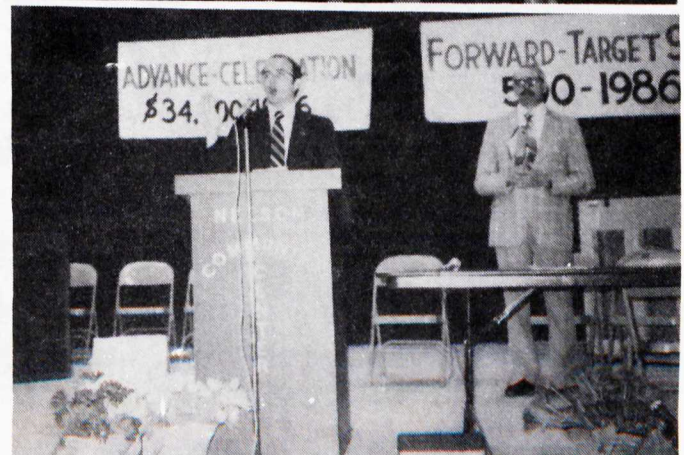
"Let's do it again!" And, maybe sometime we will.

Two important interests received our attention this year—Advance Celebration and Target 90. Both of these are in harmony with the Great Commission. I believe, by the grace of God, we will reach our goals: 500 souls won to Christ in 1986, and at least one-third of our Advance Celebration goal reached—one-third of \$100,000.

A total budget was adopted this year of over one million dollars. This includes, of course, our projection for designated giving. Our Cooperative Giving goal is \$252,000. We have confidence, in the Lord, that this goal will be reached, through faithful pastors and churches. The Lord has been faithful and we believe He shall continue. He will not fail.

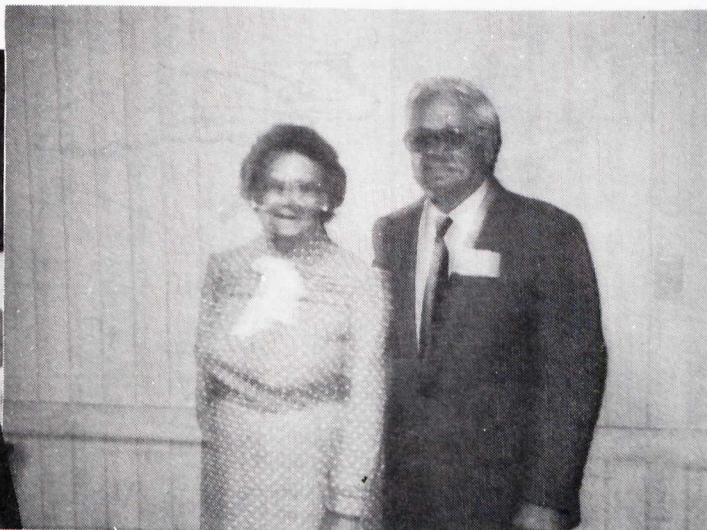
The future is just as bright as the promises of God! They are bright! A fine layman said to me, while at the State Association, "Brother Burton I believe the Lord is blessing in such a wonderful way that sometimes I stand in awe, at the work of the Lord. I believe that through His help we can do much more". I agree with him. I believe we can. And, I pray that we will not look back, but "press toward the mark" that we may see a harvest of souls won to Christ and our churches filled with mature, strong Christians. anxious to win the unsaved to Christ.

## Missouri State Association



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## What Will You Do When In The Spirit?

Revelation 1:10

The Apostle John said in Rev. 1:10, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day." The Holy Spirit is not a respecter of person, so what He did for John He will do for us. The Holy Ghost indwells every Christian in presence, but oftentimes we limit His power.

The Bible teaches us to "begin in the Spirit," (Gal. 3:3). In Gal. 5:25, "we are to live in the Spirit." Eph. 6:18 tells us to "pray in the Spirit." In John 4:24, Jesus tells us "to Worship in the Spirit", and Col. 1:8 teaches us to "love in the Spirit".

But what is being "spiritual?" What is a spiritual person? Being spiritual is not how high you can jump or how loud you can holler. John said, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day." If we are in the spirit, then we should do the same things today that John did then. Let's see what John did when he was in the Spirit.

In verse 10, John said, when he was in the Spirit, he **heard** behind him a great voice. John heard the voice of God. If we are "spiritual", then we too should hear the word of God. There are people that 'Amen' the singing, they 'Amen' the testimonies, but will not 'Amen' the preached Word of God. We should have a desire to hear the Word of God. In Psalms 119:140, "Thy word is very pure, therefore thy servant loveth it." When folks are right with God, they will love to hear the word of God preached. You cannot make a spiritual person mad. In Psalms 119:165, "Great peace have they which love thy law; and nothing shall offend them."

John said he was in the Spirit and he heard the voice of God. In verse 12, he said, "I turned". A spiritual man will also turn from sin. He turns from the old paths and lives clean. The spiritual church is a clean church. If we dress, live, act, or talk contrary to the word of God, we are not spiritual. John said, "I heard, I turned," and in verse 12 he also said he **saw**. He saw the seven golden candlesticks. Verse 20 tells us the seven golden candlesticks are the seven churches. John saw God's church. If you are spiritual, you will see the importance of the church. Many people never see the importance of the local church because they never come. Some people forsake Sunday School, Sunday night or Wednesday night services and never see the church as John did. Not only did John see the church, but he saw Jesus standing in the midst of the church, (vs. 13). We cannot see Jesus in the midst of the church if we are not present for all the services. If you say, "I'm spiritual", yet don't love the church, back the church, pray for the church and support the church with your tithes and offerings, you are **carnal** not spiritual.

In Rev. 2:1, Jesus "walketh" in the midst of the churches. The word walketh denotes action on the part of Jesus. John said, "I heard the word of God, I turned, I saw", and verse 17 says, "I **fell** at his feet as dead." In the Bible, everyone who saw the Lord fell to their face. We, too, need to show some humility. Paul said, "I die daily." We certainly need some dying out, of the flesh.

John said, "I heard, I turned, I saw, I fell," and verse 17 says, "He laid his right hand upon me." The result of being spiritual is the touch of God upon our lives. Whether a preacher or layman, we need a fresh anointing from the Spirit. Verse 17 tells us to "Fear not." A Spiritual man need not be afraid for the song

says, "Victory in Jesus, my Saviour forever." If we are spiritual like John was, we will hear, turn, see, and fall on our faces in humility and not be afraid.

*About the Writer: Rev. Danny Douglas is serving as pastor of the New Life Free Will Baptist Church, at Licking, Mo. Danny is a good preacher, is actively involved in all phases of the Lord's work, supportive of the Quarterly Meeting, State Association and National Association; and he, his wife, Myra, and daughter, Maria, are having a fruitful ministry with the New Life Church.*

## Go For The Goal—Sunday School Enlargement Campaign

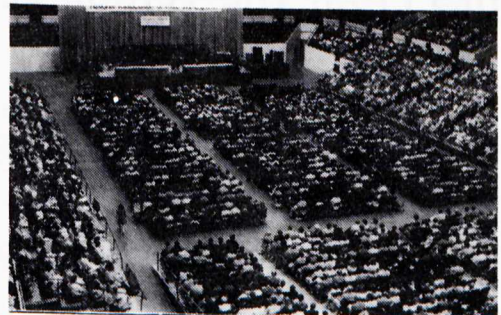
'Go For the Goal' is a different kind of enlargement campaign. It seeks to place resources and suggests training which will inform, edify, and result in motivation.

'Go For the Goal' lends itself to the emphasis of Target 90. For competitive purposes the campaign is scheduled for four weeks in October, the 5th through the 26th. It has built into it the capability of running up to 13 weeks, if one desires.

The following regular divisions are established for fairness in competing:

Div. A over 500 average	Div. F 100 - 149 average
Div. B 400 - 500 average	Div. G 50 - 99 average
Div. C 300 - 399 average	Div. H under 49 average
Div. D 200 - 299 average	Div. I Newly Established
Div. E 150 - 199 average	

Entry blank should be in the hands of the Sunday School Department, P.O. Box 17306, Nashville, Tn. 37217, by October 4, 1986.



## Large Attendance At The National Association

A total of 6,545 registered in three concurrent conventions including 833 ministers, 139 local church delegates, 106 state delegates, 77 missionaries, 17 lay board members, 3,035 non-delegates, 1,330 for the NYC and 1,008 for the WNAC. A budget of 10.4 million was adopted for 1987. On Wednesday evening with an attendance of a bit less than 8,000 an offering of \$19,860.00 was received to be divided between National Home Missions and Foreign Missions.

However, the strong note of praise to the Lord is for the sweet fellowship, the gospel preaching and beautiful songs of praise.

A great big thanks goes to Oklahoma and the fine job in hosting the Convention.



# Essentials of Evangelism



by Stanley Jones

Which method of increasing numbers results in the greater total in the shorter period of time—addition or multiplication? By multiplying you say? That's right. Are our churches in Missouri growing by additions or by multiplying? Several I've talked to agree that our growth is at a slower pace than we would like to see. What might be one of the reasons for this slow increase?

Warren W. Wiersbe, in his book, **Be Loyal**, makes this suggestion. "In most churches, the congregation pays the pastor to preach, win the lost, and build up the saved—while the church members function as cheer leaders (if they are enthusiastic) or spectators. The "converts" are won, baptized, and given the right hand of fellowship, then they join the spectators. How much faster our churches would grow, and how much stronger and happier our church members would be, if each one were discipling another believer. The only way a local church can "be fruitful and multiply" (instead of growing by "additions") is with a systematic discipleship program. This is the responsibility of every believer, and not just a small group who have been "called to go".

As a layman in your local church why don't you approach your pastor and express your desire to be involved in winning and training disciples for Christ. Then programs such as "Revival Time" and "Target 90" can become a reality, souls will be won and nurtured, and God will be glorified. To this end I pray.

## Thanks From The Vernon Longs

Vernon and Ada Long, Home Missionaries in Jackson, Tn., write, "We appreciate so much your prayers and financial support for the work in Jackson. We enjoyed being in many of your churches and the hospitality that was extended to us. The work in Jackson, Tn. is now self-supporting and only eternity will reveal the souls you have helped to reach. Continue to call our names in prayer".

## Home Missions Department Report

The National Home Missions Department announces the approval of three new missionary couples. They are: **Rev. and Mrs. Tom Hunt** as National Home Missionaries to the Tri-Cities area of Washington (Pasco, Kennewick, and Richland), **Rev. and Mrs. Earl Hanna**, Joint Project workers to Orangeburg, South Carolina, and **Rev. and Mrs. John McClure**, Associate Missionaries to Mexico. Funds for the accounts of these missionaries may be sent to National Home Missions, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tn. 37202, or to the various state boards.

### PHOENIX ADOPTED AS "TARGET CITY FOR 1987"

The National Association of Free Will Baptists in its 50th annual session in Tulsa, Oklahoma July 20 - 24, 1986, adopted Phoenix, Arizona as a "Target City for

1987." By adopting this huge metropolitan area as a "Target City" the denomination will try to place at least five home missionary families in Phoenix to plant churches which will help host the National Association which meets there in 1990. Write the National Home Missions Department for information on this denominational effort.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Roy Thomas, General Director*

## Attention: Friends Of The Missionaries

Please read the Missionary's Letter! They are informative, challenging and give a deeper burden and broader vision of that respective field of service. **PRAY FOR THE MISSIONARIES DAILY!**

## Dear Friends,

We're glad to be home! Only the Lord knows how many tears were shed the morning of May 19 when we left Panama City on Air Panama's 11:45 a.m. flight. More than 30 of our dear people accompanied us to the airport, along with the Inscoe family. We arrived in Miami and went through customs with no problem. After a three hour layover, we flew to Charlotte, North Carolina, where our flight to Asheville, N.C. was delayed due to thunderstorms. Finally, at 11:00 p.m. we arrived at the Asheville airport. **SURPRISE! WELCOME HOME LYTLES!** Friends, relatives, pastors, and members of some of the area churches were on hand to receive one very tired but happy family.

That was two months ago. We can praise God for (1) a house in Swannanoa, N.C., (2) a car, an '84 Chevrolet Celebrity Wagon, (3) reunions with family and friends, and (4) that the work in Panama is doing well, according to telephone conversations I've had with some of our people. It was a tremendous joy also to see so many of you at the National Association in Tulsa, July 20 - 24.

We want to thank all of you who have stood with us these past 4½ years (Some for a much longer time). Recent furlough expenses have plunged our account \$6,000.00 in the red. We are counting on God's people to respond—to not only help us get out of the red, but also help us raise the needed support to return to Panama in June of 1987. We are confident that you'll do what you can. If you'd like to contact us for a service in your church, our new address and telephone number in North Carolina are: P.O. Box 694, Swannanoa, N.C. 28778 Telephone: (704) 298-0740.

In His service,  
*Steve and Judy Lytle*

*Editor's Note: WELCOME HOME - STEVE and JUDY!*



## Commissioning Service For The Reeves

The Monett Free Will Baptist Church was the site of the Commissioning Service for Steve and Linda Reeves, Saturday evening, July 19, 1986.

Rev. Steve Reeves, former pastor of the Neosho Free Will Baptist Church, and his wife, Linda, were commissioned to serve as missionaries in Spain.

The message was delivered by Rev. Lavelle Reeves, father of Steve. He stated that very few men had the pleasure of delivering the Commissioning Message for his son. He reminded Steve and Linda to never give up hope for "no life on the face of the earth is hopeless, unless he is without Christ."

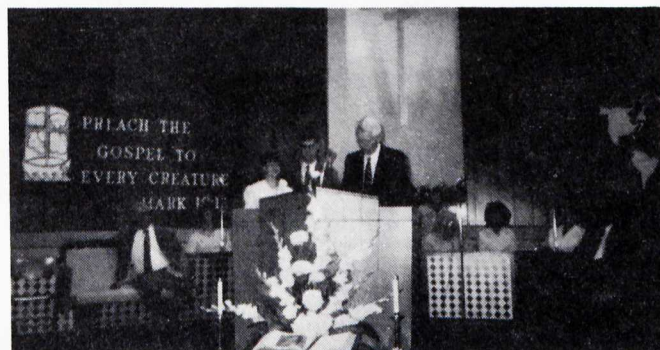
Reverend Eugene Waddell, director of the Foreign Missions Department, challenged the couple to rejoice with the unusual privileges and opportunities. He asked them to serve God with deep love and strong passion, always relying on Him. He then asked the missionary couple to face the large crowd in attendance, and stated that Steve and Linda would be depending on them to give prayer and financial support.

The choir from the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church presented two songs, "I Love To Tell The Story" and "Whatever It Takes." Solos were sung by Rev. Mike Fields, brother-in-law of Mrs. Reeves and Shara Bookout, director of Music at the Free Will Baptist Church in Blackwell, Oklahoma. Rev. Clarence Burton asked the ordained in the congregation to come forward and he led in the Prayer of Dedication.

After the moving service, a reception was hosted in Fellowship Hall by the ladies of the Monett Church. At the head table the centerpiece focused on a Spanish guitar. A map of Spain adorned the wall.

As going away gifts, the Woman's Auxiliary presented a purse and blouse to Linda and a shirt and briefcase to Steve.

Lisa Thomas, church reporter, states, "The road ahead seems long and uncertain for the Reeves, but they count it as a reminder that they need to be in constant, daily contact with God. They see it as an honor to serve God as missionaries in Spain, to serve with the Foreign Missions Department."



Rev. Waddell - Steve & Linda



The Reeves & Cody Families

## Youth Camp Memories



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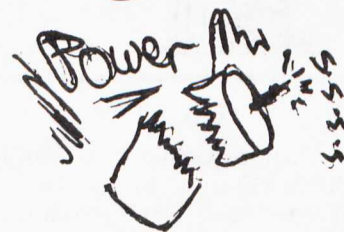
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# The Original Old Camp Ground - Camp Meeting!!

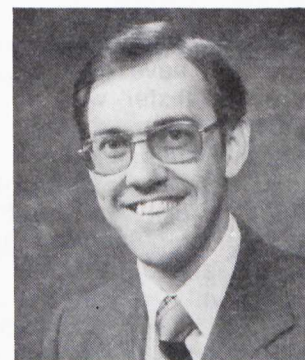
**\*\*Don't just pray about it, Don't just plan on it, But experience it\*\***  
**"THE OLD TIME, GOD GIVEN, SPIRIT MOVING, CAMP MEETING TIME"!!**  
**October 23rd, 24th, & 25th at 7:00 p.m. Nightly**



**Thursday Night**  
**Rev. Ken Dodson**



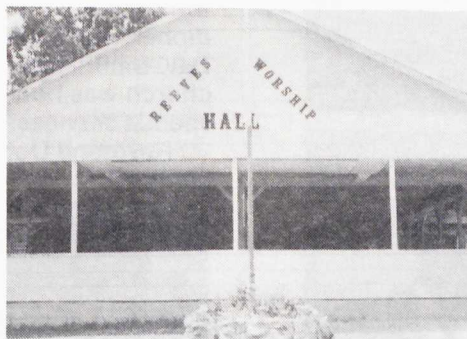
**Friday Night**  
**Rev. Jim Williams**



**Saturday Night**  
**Rev. Stanley Jones**

Featured Gospel Singers  
each night including The Terrys  
with great witness, testimony,  
and music.

Cabin space available  
at no charge to you.



Picture **YOU** here having a  
POWERFUL time in the Lord.



**The "Singing Terrys"**

The Lord will be there, The Singers will be there, The Preachers will be there,  
Now, all that's lacking is you...Will you be there too?

Prayer Time - Each evening at 6:30 with Rev. Jim Crawford

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## But Ye Shall Receive Power

Do you ever feel powerless, defeated or discouraged? Ever need an extra amount of Grace? Well, read on!! We've talked about it for years; we've prayed about it for decades, NOW let's experience it for REAL. How about a **real-life changing experience!**

Brother Dale McCurry, with the permission of the Missouri State Youth Camp Board, has accepted a challenge from the Lord to do something that has never before been attempted. A Three Night "Original Camp Ground Old Camp Meeting" will be held on the Youth Camp grounds October 23, 24, 25 at 7:00 p.m. You are invited and encouraged to attend these services. You may stay in the cabins or use your RV accommodations. However, the kitchen will be closed. The only cost is \$2.00 per person for insurance.

Great Gospel Singing as only The Terrys can do and powerful preaching under the anointing of the Spirit of God. Three great men of God have been selected to do the preaching: Rev. Ken Dodson, Thursday evening; Rev. Jim Williams, Friday evening; and Rev. Stanley Jones, Saturday evening.

A freewill offering will be received each night to help with the expenses of those traveling great distances to the services. This will be an annual event. No reservations are needed. If you need additional information, please contact Brother Dale McCurry at 417-473-6444.





# Churches, People & Events

## GREETINGS FROM GRACE

Brother Leamon Killian, the faithful reporter from Grace Church, writes, the Lord has been so good to those of us at the Grace Church. We give thanks for our pastor, Rev. Glen Rehkop and his family, as he directs us and encourages us through the Word. We are thankful for the ones that have been saved and the ones who have rededicated their lives to the Lord. Rev. Jim McAllister was our evangelist for the Spring Revival and we are thankful for all that was accomplished.

Our Sunday School attendance has been down this summer. But we look forward to the Fall and the attendance being more regular. We pray the Lord will bless our Youth Minister, Brother Govreau, as he works with the youth of the church.

Our Fall Revival is scheduled for October 26 - 31 with Rev. Joe Grizzle serving as the evangelist. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

Brother Killian continues, "We enjoyed the State Association and especially the Wednesday Evening services with the observance of two ordinances of the church, the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing. The Lord is blessing our labor for Him."



Joe Grizzle, Joe Govreau, Glen Rehkop

## GREAT VBS AT NEW LIFE, LICKING, MO.

Reverend Danny Douglas, pastor, New Life Free Will Baptist Church at Licking, Missouri states, "The Lord blessed with a great Vacation Bible School this year. The attendance was good and fourteen made profession of faith in Christ." (AMEN) Melva Lea Watson served as the director.

## REVIVAL SPIRIT CONTINUES AT BELTON CHURCH

The pastor of the Belton Free Will Baptist Church, Rev. James Gideon, writes, "Enclosed is our check for Advance Celebration in the amount of \$921.66. We are pleased to support this worthy project.

"Revival continues—we had 4 saved in our services yesterday—praise the Lord!"

## MEMBERS HONORED AT HAZEL CREEK CHURCH

Sunday, July 13, 1986 was a very special day at the Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church. This was set aside to honor Brother Boyd Filkins, senior deacon, writes Karen Sponsler, church reporter. Brother Filkins has served as a deacon since March 1, 1936. This is longer than any other deacon in the church.

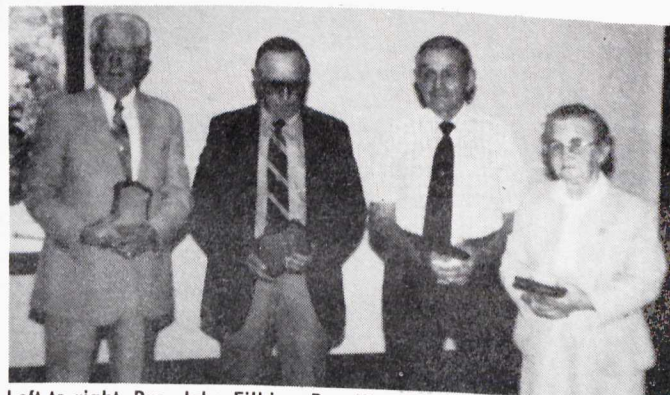
A tape was played from Boyd's daughter, Olena McLain, missionary in Japan, and his grandson, missionary David Filkins, now in language school in France, preparing to go to Africa.

Brother Boyd was presented a plaque which had engraved, "Deacon 50 Years". He also had one presented for faithful membership to the church for sixty-one years and eight months. Plaques were also presented to Brother John Filkins, member sixty-one years and six months; to Brother Wendell Swits, member fifty-six years; and to Sister Lola Filkins, a member for fifty years.

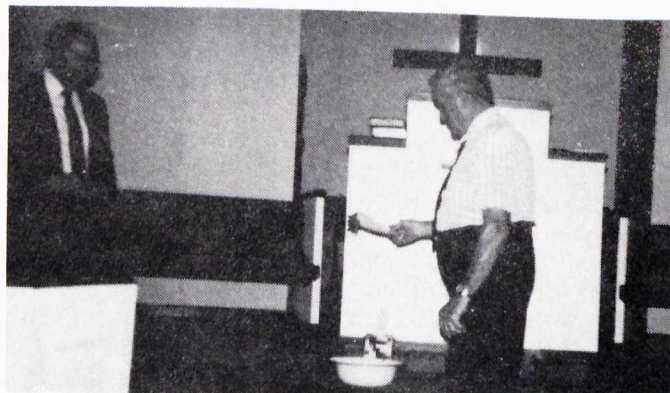
The Morning Message was delivered by Rev. Rolla Smith, former pastor. (He served the church September 1, 1949 to August 31, 1952.) One person made profession of faith.

A Note Burning Service was held at the close of the service. Brother Boyd Filkins had the honor of holding the note as it burned. Following the service a basket dinner was enjoyed in the lower level of the church. Rev. Smith, also, delivered the Evening Message. The church was honored to have this "man of God" for the special services.

Reverend Don Robertson is serving as pastor of the church.



Left to right: Bro. John Filkins, Bro. Wendell Swits, Bro. Boyd Filkins (senior deacon) and Sis. Lola Filkins holding their plaques presented to them July 13, 1986 from Hazel Creek FWB Church.



Pastor of Hazel Creek Rev. Don Robertson observing Bro. Boyd Filkins holding Note at Note Burning Ceremony July 13, 1986.



## DEDICATION SERVICE FOR FRIENDSHIP CHURCH BRANSON

On Sunday, July 27, 1986, a Dedication Service was held for the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Branson, Missouri.

The service began with the pastor, Rev. Bud Arnold, giving a warm welcome to the pleasantly filled auditorium. He recognized the visitors, and there were several, stating that "Branson is a friendly town and always makes its visitors welcome."

The pastor then recognized two former pastor families, Mrs. Jean Francis, her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Francis and Rev. & Mrs. Ted Wilbanks and their two children, present for the service.

Brother Arnold complimented the hard work that Rev. Bob Frances (now deceased), his family and the Ted Wilbanks family had done in making this event possible. Rev. Tom Owens, the first missionary pastor (who could not be present for the service), was complimented for his burden for the work and his labor towards seeing a mission work begun. Gloria Matthews Layton was given special recognition as a lay person who was willing to move to Branson, secure public work and labor towards building a mission church. The members of the church were then given 'a pat on the back' for each thing they had done in building a beautiful church building, and furnishing it with appropriate furniture.

Special music was provided by the Gloryland Trio, Bobby Francis, Jean Francis and Rev. Ted Willbanks. Rev. Clarence Burton delivered the Dedicatory Message. He stated, "It is so wonderful to have a beautiful and accommodating church building, with a group of friendly people making the membership, of a needed church in Branson. This church will probably host more visitors, in a year, than any other church in Missouri. Only God knows the ultimate good that will be accomplished as a result of this gospel witness. I predict, for this pastor and church, a glowing and growing future as the Friendship Church becomes a strong and vibrant light for the Lord Jesus Christ". The Act of Dedication was led by the pastor. A delicious dinner was enjoyed in a nice and accommodating Fellowship Area. Following the dinner and fellowship an afternoon service was enjoyed with special and congregational singing.



Rev. & Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Francis, Rev. & Mrs. Ted Wilbanks



Friendship Auditorium



Front Porch

## PERSONNEL CHANGES

Rev. Danny Douglas to New Life Church, Licking, Mo.  
 Rev. Warren Hall to First Church, Kirksville, Mo.  
 Rev. Don Robertson to Hazel Creek Church, near Kirksville, Mo.  
 Rev. Tim Eaton to First Church, Farmington, Mo.  
 Rev. Bill Eden to Merl's Chapel Church, Cassville, Mo.  
 Rev. Ronnie Blanks to First Church, West Plains, Mo.  
 Rev. Jim Shepherd to Central Church, Grandview, Mo.  
 Rev. Curt Holland to Verdella Church, near Liberal, Mo.  
 Rev. Gene Howell to First Church, Viburnum, Mo.  
 Rev. Jim Brown to First Church, Salem, Mo.  
 Rev. Randy Bishop to Victory Church, Alton, Mo.  
 Rev. Toby Jenkins, Youth Minister, to First Church, Monett, Mo.

## Virgil Wisehart Home With The Lord

On Saturday morning, July 12, 1986, Virgil Wisehart went home to be with the Lord. He was survived by his wife, Blanche Wisehart, four daughters and their husbands, Barbara and Keith Johnson, Eleanor and Henry Carroll, Donna and Terry Forrest and Jo Ann and Dick Roberts; two sisters and their husbands, Lena and Glen Harpole and Vivian and Clarence Burton; two brothers and their wives, Glen and Bessie Wisehart

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and Fred and Delphia Wisehart. He was preceeded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wisehart and a brother, Clifford Wisehart. He was also preceeded in death by Mary Alice Bryan Wisehart, September 29, 1966, his first marriage.

Brother Wisehart made profession of faith at a young age and was an active member in the Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church. He was ordained as a deacon in the church and served faithfully for the last twenty-five years of his life. He was a Veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the D.A.V. at Myrtle, Missouri. He was a retired merchant, having operated the 3 in 1 Store in Myrtle, for thirty years.

The Funeral Service was held at the Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church with the pastor, Reverend Glynn Campbell officiating and Reverend Howard Huddle, assisting. Reverend Campbell made many complimentary remarks but said, "Brother Virgil lived his sermon. He lived it everyday". He stated further, "The Lord gives peace to His children; a peace that is unsurpassed by anything the world can give. Virgil had this peace".

*Editor's Note: Virgil "Jerb" was my brother-in-law, and he was a good one. He was a very fine, dedicated, Christian gentleman and was a strong source of encouragement to Vivian and me and our labor in the Lord.*

*Blanche would like to express her heartfelt appreciation to everyone for their prayers, acts of kindness and concern. The concern was so widespread over the state of Missouri and outside the state that she wanted to express this through the Gem.*

## Finis Barr Releases Album



Finis Barr

"By Request" is the title of the Album and Cassette that has been recently released by Finis Barr. Finis has been associated with gospel singing for several years. He organized and managed the Believers Quartet. (He sang with them also). He sang with the Victory Quartet with the Lester Family Band, and has done much solo work. He grew up in the Southside Church, was a member of the Berkeley Church for eleven years and is presently a member of the Calvary Fellowship Church.

He writes, "I suppose my gospel singing all began as a twelve year old boy traveling around the midwest, playing and singing gospel music with the Lester Family Gospel Singing Band. A boyhood dream came true about six years later. Barney Barrow (Mr. Bass

Singer) invited me to sing tenor with the Victory Quartet from Granite City, Ill. Through the years and hundreds of church services, homecomings, all-night singings, singing conventions, banquets and etc. several relatives and friends have asked me to make a long playing recording. Here is a collection of songs you have requested. I trust they will be real blessings to you. I am thankful to the good Lord for the opportunity to sing the gospel in song. Also, I am thankful for the many friends I have had the privilege to meet through the years".

There are ten songs, of which some are, "I Saw Heaven In A Vision Last Night", "Hallelujah Square", "The Lights Of Home", "He'll Hold To My Hand", "Wait For Me At Jesus Feet" and five more.

The cost is \$7.00 plus \$1.00 for handling and postage. These may be ordered at this address: W. Finis Barr, P.O. Box 560, Eureka, Mo. 63025.

## Children's Programs That Work

by Jay and VeeAnn Tilson

What are we going to do with those kids??? This question is commonly asked by children's church workers. Like many of our local churches, our church has lay people working with the children's church. Our workers are not preachers, simply people who love kids, and who desire to have a positive influence for Christ upon them.

Three years ago our children's church staff decided to create a special day for the kids. Our church had special days for mothers, fathers, the pastor, and Sunday School teachers, so why not have a special day to honor our kids. This was the birth of our CHILDREN'S DAY.

On "Children's Day," everything we do involves the children. They take part in each phase of the service. September has worked well as a time for the occasion. School has begun, and most families have settled back into routine, following the busy summer months of youth camps, vacations, etc. It's an excellent way to get the fall started off with a blast. It provides a golden opportunity to reach the parents of bus kids, and also to make some new contacts with the children of the community. With some encouragement, the children of the church will bring a number of new contacts with them for this special day. This helps involve them in personal evangelism with their friends and neighbors.

Listed below is an outline of the way we organize our Children's Day:

- I. **Set the Date for "Children's Day."** Challenge the adults to bring more visitors than the kids do. (This seems to really help motivate the children even more, as well as involve the adults.)
- II. **Have the Children's Church Staff Select a Suitable Program.** (Be certain that you have the pastor's approval.) Musicals have worked very good for us. We try to limit the program to the same time given to a regular church service. There are several good musical programs available through the local bookstores. Our church has used "Bible Walk," "Down By the Creek Bank," and "Music Machine."



Each of these programs share a good Bible message, and the children enjoy learning and singing the songs. These three particular programs have an accompaniment tape with them.

- III. **Practice for the Program** can be incorporated into the regular Sunday services, rather than having numerous extra nights set aside for practicing.
- IV. **Involve Others in the Planning.** We involve several of the teens at our church in helping with the props and artwork. The ladies of our church help serve the dinner that follows the service. We allow the kids to help plan the menu. The first couple of years they decided upon pizza. This year they had hot dogs.
- V. **Select a Guest Speaker,** who feels comfortable preaching to small children, and who is able to do so effectively. One year "Jonah" paid us a visit during the service. The kids loved it...So did the adults.
- VI. **Be Sure That the Service is Advertised.** Have it announced as frequently as possible from the pulpit, in the church bulletin and newsletter. Many small town local newspapers will advertise it for you free of charge under area church news...Send out personal letters to church members and to parents and other relatives of the children involved in the program. Be sure it gets a lot of publicity for at least a month prior to the program.

Any local church with children can have a "Children's Day." You can vary the program to suit the needs of your local church. Remember to make this day special for the kids. Make them feel special. At the Oak Hill Church, Children's Day is a day looked forward to by young and old alike.

*About the Writers: Rev. & Mrs. Tilson live near St. Clair, Mo. Jay Tilson is serving as pastor of the Oak Hill Free Will Baptist Church. Along with their ministry to the church they have had a unique ministry with the children. VeeAnn is employed as a teacher with the Lonedell Public School System and works specifically with Remedial Reading.*

## News Release

Beginning this fall semester, Southeastern Free Will Baptist College will be offering a major in Sacred Music. Rev. Randall E. Sawyer, chairman of the Music Department, believes that the addition of this major to Southeastern's program will greatly benefit Free Will Baptist Churches by filling a great and growing need for qualified music personnel.

To assist Brother Sawyer in this program, Mrs. Terri Siebert has been employed as a full-time faculty member. She had been working as a part-time professor. Her 29 years of experience as pianist of Gateway Free Will Baptist Church, 26 years as a private piano teacher and seven years teaching music in Gateway Christian School will be a tremendous asset in giving Southeastern students the training they need to do an effective work for the Lord in the area of music.

She will be teaching Music Theory, Sight Singing and Ear Training, Evangelistic Hymn Playing as well as private piano lessons.

## 15 Attend FWBBC Graduate Course

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—Fifteen Free Will Baptist preachers came to Free Will Baptist Bible College for a week of graduate study May 19 - 23, according to Ralph Hampton, Dean of the Graduate School.

The course was entitled "Preaching The New Testament," and concentrated on the book of Ephesians. During the week of study, the preachers delved into the book, discovered its central truths and blocked out a series of messages to take home to their congregations.

This was the second course in the Bible College's new Master of Ministry program, designed to help preachers who cannot leave the pastorate, but who want additional training.

The next three courses planned for the program are:

PASTORAL CARE — Aug. 4 - 8, 1986

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP — Dec. 29, 1986 - Jan. 2, 1987

PASTORAL COUNSELING — May 25 - 29, 1987

For more information on the Master of Ministry program, write or call:

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

3606 West End Avenue

Nashville, Tennessee 37205

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## Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

He's an usher and he enjoys it. No shame here. He likes serving his church, congregation, pastor and Lord. He likes being an usher. His position is important to him and he does it for the Lord.

Every Sunday morning he comes to church early so he can take his place as an usher. He always looks nice, he's serving the Lord. He wears a suit, and a big smile. As the busses roll in he always stands out on the porch of the church and acts like he's leading the singing and the kids sing at the top of their voice for their friend—the usher.

He has a bulletin for every person who enters his door. He offers a big smile, a joke, a warm greeting, and a strong handshake. It's no wonder people like to come to "his" door. He makes them feel welcome. He's a door keeper in the house of the Lord.

He's done about everything for the Lord. In our Free Will Baptist Church he led the singing. In another he sang in a church quartette. He's sung in the choir, taught a class, tithed, visited, and prayed. He's always been counted faithful.

But now he's an usher, and he's glad. His wife is glad. She is proud of her husband, the usher. His pastor is glad. He is proud of this great man who serves the Lord as an usher. He's still a good singer and good enough to sing in the choir, but he's an usher.

God bless the usher who looks good, smiles big, loves people, serves the Lord, prays for the pastor, supports the church, and is faithful. May he always have this sweet Christlike spirit of servanthood.



## COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

JUNE 1986

18.50%	Mo. State Home Missions	\$4,550.57
17.00%	Executive Department and Gem	4,181.61
3.50%	General Fund	860.92
10.50%	Youth Camp	2,582.76
1.75%	C.E. Board	430.46
1.75%	SS & CTS Board	430.46
2.50%	Retirement Village	614.94
5.00%	Mo. State Ret. Program	1,229.89
39.50%	Nat'l. Assoc. & Hillsdale	9,716.09
	(Hillsdale 6%...\$1,475.86)	
	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	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$24,597.70</b>

What a fine month the Lord has given to us! We are always so mindful of His blessings! May He continue to bless every pastor and church that supports this unified plan of support, that spread the Gospel of Christ and establishes the Christians

## JUNE 1986 RECEIPTS

### COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Willow Springs	\$ 214.23
Lone Star	33.85
Victory, Alton	190.00
Belton	310.57
Mill Creek	152.79
Mine La Motte	38.76
Mt. Zion, Gower	73.50
Thayer	384.00
Bailey Chapel	43.00
Macedonia	20.00
Berkeley	330.90
Hannon	238.00
Seymour	102.00
Merl's Chapel	55.52
Waynesville	344.51
Springfield, First	594.54
Columbia	25.00
Grant Avenue	544.03
Pleasant Ridge	70.00
Royal Oak	40.00
Union Grove	170.35
Cope	26.91
Hartville	193.78
Gospel Light	224.00
Leadington	500.00
Hurryville	138.00
Kingsway	818.00
Tyrone	36.50
Eastern Gate	176.00
Mt. Pisgah	143.00
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
United	287.77
Liberty	220.00
Hazel Creek	310.41
Happy Home	116.62
Flat River, First	751.53
Trinity	661.70
Fredericktown, First	250.00
Verdella	172.08
Wolf Creek	224.47
New Harmony	11.47
Marshfield	143.40
Black Oak	10.00
Friendship	160.30
Parkview	580.36
Freeman Chapel	139.05
Calvary Fellowship	574.17
DeSoto	850.00
Central	3,900.00
Lingo	32.32
Olivet	300.00
Rock Chapel	246.21
Crossroad, Wentzville	165.00
Pleasant Home	207.06
Grace	828.00
Copper Mines	209.98
Monett	618.40
Pleasant Hill	46.03
Carthage	70.00

Salem	30.00
Martinstown	52.80
Twin Oak	353.72
Cabool	250.33
Grant Avenue	488.85
Hickory Grove	44.50
Calvary, Conway	320.80
Fred Harris	24.38
Neosho	213.75
Joplin	287.40
Jones Chapel	271.00
Farmington	1,350.00
Myrtle	292.05
New Rock Springs	70.71
New Hope	345.29
Columbia	25.00
Willow Springs	197.25
Hartville	287.21
Lebanon, First	414.25
Unity	460.62
Cape Girardeau	495.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,597.70</b>

### YOUTH CAMP

Willow Springs	\$ 20.00
Unity	358.01
Victory, Alton	25.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	250.00
Thayer	25.00
Berkeley	25.00
Hannon	15.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Leadington	185.00
Trinity	15.00
Bethel, El Dorado	13.88
Verdella	10.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	65.83
DeSoto	50.00
Central	70.84
Pleasant Grove	20.00
Buffalo	50.00
Lebanon, First	25.00
Farmington	40.00
Myrtle	30.50
New Rock Springs	10.00
Olivet	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,344.96</b>

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Union	\$ 25.00
Lebanon, First	60.00
Unity	538.37
Belton	25.00
Thayer	38.00
Niangua	39.78
Berkeley	135.00
Hannon	238.00
Clifford Hoover	30.00
Merl's Chapel	100.00
Columbia	93.09
Grant Avenue	384.00
Pleasant Ridge	20.00
South Side	110.00
West Plains, First	45.00
Leadington	225.00
Liberty, Phillipsburg	100.00
Flat River, First	10.00
United	33.10
Verdella	473.73
New Harmony	77.02
Marshfield	14.34
Black Oak	118.41
Wilderness	72.54
Kirksville	45.00
Freeman Chapel	365.85
Calvary Fellowship	825.65
DeSoto	250.00
Central	210.00
Olivet	50.00
Faith Chapel	10.00
Rock Chapel	20.00
Pleasant Home	23.00
Monett	1,746.95
Martinstown	120.00
New Hope	54.53
Eastern Gate	10.00
Neosho	528.00
Farmington	660.91
Myrtle	69.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,994.27</b>

### MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Unity	\$ 189.45
Cape Girardeau	39.16
Belton	25.00
Thayer	32.00
Berkeley	70.00

Hannon	124.00
Grant Avenue	27.00
Columbia	10.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
South Side	5.00
Leadington	95.00
Eastern Gate	15.00
Liberty Phillipsburg	120.00
Flat River, First	24.00
United	38.10
Trinity	109.00
New Harmony	38.51
Carl Layman	10.00
Kirksville	29.00
Calvary Fellowship	111.66
DeSoto	50.00
Central	170.00
Pleasant Home	5.00
Monett	105.92
Carthage	70.00
Neosho	40.00
Farmington	85.00
Myrtle	90.50
Willow Springs	43.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,781.60</b>

### FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 20.00
Leadington	20.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
DeSoto	35.00
Farmington	120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$278.33</b>

### HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Willow Springs	\$ 40.00
Thayer	20.00
Hannon	50.00
Grant Avenue	16.00
Calvary Fellowship	41.66
Neosho	25.00
Farmington	120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$312.66</b>

### CHILDREN'S HOME

DeSoto	\$50.00
Myrtle	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>

### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Union	\$ 25.00
Lebanon, First	50.00
Thayer	35.00
Berkeley	250.00
Columbia	78.08
West Plains, First	30.00
Leadington	115.00
Southeast Dist.	50.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
United	20.00
Trinity	10.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Bob Keith	10.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
Calvary Fellowship	48.33
DeSoto	200.00
Central	70.00
Rock Chapel	155.12
Pleasant Home	125.00
Myrtle	30.00
Monett	70.00
Grant Avenue	1.00
Neosho	20.00
Farmington	135.00
Myrtle	150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,762.53</b>

### JOHN McCCLURE

Unity Woman's Auxiliary	\$ 25.00
Monett	154.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$179.00</b>

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

Grant Avenue	\$1.00
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## COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

JULY 1986

18.50%	Mo. State Home Missions	\$4,454.19
17.00%	Executive Dept. & Gem	4,093.03
3.50%	General Fund	842.68
10.50%	Youth Camp	2,528.05
1.75%	C.E. Board	421.34
1.75%	SS & CTS Board	421.34
2.50%	Retirement Village	601.92
5.00%	Mo. State Ret. Program	1,203.83
39.50%	Nat'l. Assoc. & Hillsdale	9,510.29
	(Hillsdale 6.00%...\$1,444.60)	
	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** ..... **\$24,076.67**

As the Psalmist said, "In thee O Lord do I put my trust". We trust the Lord for His continued blessings and He continues to give from His great storehouse. We shall never cease to praise Him for His blessings, as He blesses through faithful churches and pastors.

## JULY 1986 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Waynesville	\$ 223.33
Macedonia	20.00
Shiloh Chapel	25.50
Merl's Chapel	61.83
Bethel	752.00
Pleasant Ridge	90.00
Springfield, First	721.63
Terrill Road	101.00
Harmony	383.00
Houston	279.42
Tyrone	45.37
Union Grove	157.00
Victory, Alton	266.00
Number One	50.38
Monett	794.67
Fordland	538.00
Lone Star	40.00
Royal Oak	38.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	81.30
Trinity	836.57
Flat River, First	792.00
Old Bethel	135.34
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	140.00
Mill Creek	183.59
Happy Home	128.46
New Life, Licking	188.07
DeSoto	1,050.00
New Life Fellowship	455.00
Thayer	465.00
Pleasant Home	269.17
Seymour	134.00
El Dorado, First	5.00
Jones Creek	274.39
Hopewell	226.00
Hopewell	193.00
Wilderness	297.24
Alton	225.00
Byrd	30.00
Richwoods	426.35
Hannon	288.65
Marshfield	165.44
West Plains, First	138.00
Leadington	600.00
Fredericktown	359.00
Belton	424.82
Eastern Gate	194.00
Hurryville	116.00
Bailey Chapel	46.00
Black Oak	10.00
Koshkonong	155.00
Mine La Motte	50.00
Olivet	300.00
United	393.78
Crossroads, Wentzville	300.00
Copper Mines	189.59
Union Light	253.20
Cope	39.51
New Life, Licking	315.25
Rock Chapel	345.73
Parkview	319.30
Parkview	311.80
Berkeley	346.62
Mt. Pisgah	176.00
Freeman Chapel	137.35
New Harmony	10.41
Central	1,300.00
Cabool	290.03
Calvary Fellowship	574.17
Berean	25.25
Fred Harris	32.00
Lingo	41.92
Salem	30.00
Pleasant Hill	60.16
Verdella	195.65
Calvary, Conway	130.20
Grace	1,026.00
Gospel Light	201.00
Wolf Creek	254.98
New Rock Springs	65.00

Lone Star	32.54
Bailey Chapel	35.00
Harmony	273.00
New Life Fellowship	388.00
Myrtle	152.02
Number One	41.15
Cape Girardeau	391.37
South Fremont	1,045.00
Lebanon, First	192.43
Unity	182.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,076.67</b>

## NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Union	\$ 50.00
Bethel	80.00
Harmony	45.00
Houston	70.00
Monett	139.00
South Fremont	49.00
Trinity	10.00
DeSoto	200.00
Thayer	49.00
Pleasant Home	102.00
Leadington	115.00
Marshfield	5.00
Fredericktown	62.35
Rock Chapel	332.44
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Central	348.00
Calvary Fellowship	93.33
Lebanon, First	50.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Bob Keith	10.00
Crossroads, Wentzville	300.00
Myrtle	171.00
Berkeley	185.00
Joplin	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,536.12</b>

## MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Shiloh Chapel	\$ 25.00
Bethel	85.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Joplin	75.00
Harmony	35.00
Blue Springs	10.00
Houston	34.00
Monett	112.23
Fordland	10.00
South Fremont	15.00
Trinity	94.00
Flat River, First	2.00
South Side	14.00
DeSoto	50.00
Thayer	165.27
Pleasant Home	5.00
Leadington	100.00
Hannon	154.33
Marshfield	21.54
Belton	25.00
Eastern Gate	45.00
Carl Layman	10.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
United	77.46
New Harmony	34.70
Central	53.00
Calvary Fellowship	101.66
Cape Girardeau	57.93
Myrtle	62.00
Berkeley	60.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,569.12</b>

## YOUTH CAMP

Merl's Chapel	\$ 50.00
Bethel	25.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Fordland	20.00
Trinity	15.00
DeSoto	50.00
Thayer	25.00
Leadington	20.00
Hannon	15.00
Olivet	25.00
Buffalo	50.00
New Life, Licking	20.00
Bethel, El Dorado Springs	13.88
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Central	55.18
Calvary Fellowship	65.83
Verdella	10.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Myrtle	22.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Berkeley	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$561.89</b>

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

Lebanon, First	\$ 10.00
Union	50.00

Shiloh Chapel	20.00
Bethel	45.00
Pleasant Ridge	20.00
Joplin	125.00
Merl's Chapel	100.00
Harmony	79.40
Blue Springs	40.00
Houston	94.00
Indian Creek Association	8,788.67
Monett	1,263.29
Fordland	39.00
Trinity	90.00
South Fremont	345.00
Flat River, First	10.00
Fourth	135.00
South Side	200.00
Niangua	59.10
DeSoto	250.00
Thayer	61.00
Leadington	240.00
Hannon	338.65
Clifford Hoover	30.00
Brent Thompson	50.00
Marshfield	5.00
Freeman Chapel	247.65
Belton	25.00
Black Oak	102.00
Olivet	50.00
United	77.46
West Plains, First	45.00
Rock Chapel	30.00
Faith Chapel	10.00
New Harmony	69.38
Central	90.00
Calvary Fellowship	722.65
Verdella	515.44
Myrtle	70.00
Berkeley	130.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,672.69</b>

## CHILDREN'S HOME

DeSoto	\$50.00
Myrtle	6.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$56.00</b>

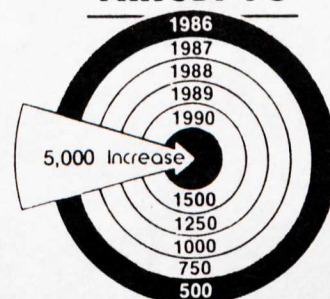
## FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Houston	\$ 30.00
Monett	136.09
Fordland	300.00
DeSoto	35.00
Thayer	20.00
Leadington	20.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
Myrtle	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$674.42</b>

## HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 20.00
Hannon	50.00
Calvary Fellowship	41.66
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$111.66</b>

## TARGET '90



MISSOURI FREE WILL BAPTISTS GOAL



## Advance Update—August, 1986

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

Ten states have now completed the 13-week ADVANCE Program and are in or entering the follow-up stages: Michigan, Missouri, Texas, Ohio, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Virginia, and Indiana.

Three states are over half-way through the preparation period leading to the public celebration in the churches: West Virginia, Georgia, and Florida.

Three states are set to begin the 13-week celebration: Alabama, South Carolina, and Maryland.

Area leaders will be trained next month in California; Illinois leaders in October.

North Carolina will have its celebration in 1987.

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We have received, as of 7/31/86, \$70,417.54 for the ADVANCE. PRAISE THE LORD!

ADVANCE has already paid for the entire cost of the Ivory Coast Bible Institute building at Bouna...\$20,911.00. PRAISE THE LORD!

ADVANCE made the down payment of \$30,000 on property for the Uruguay Bible Institute in Montevideo, Uruguay. It is located on the main thoroughfare in the heart of the city, just one block from the central bus station. PRAISE THE LORD!

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Pray especially for your fellow workers in each of the above mentioned states, especially those in West Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, South Carolina, and Maryland.

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Keep the ADVANCE goals before your people. Let them know where you are in meeting your goal. Let them know the money is already at work in two countries of the world—Ivory Coast and Uruguay.

## Allocations For District Associations To Raise \$6,000.00 To Host National Association In 1986

Bootheel	\$175.00
Cave Springs	\$760.00
Central Western	\$300.00
Greater K.C.	\$450.00
Greater Springfield	\$400.00
Indian Creek	\$400.00
Laclede	\$150.00
Liberty	\$450.00
Mission	\$800.00
Niangua	\$190.00
North East	\$230.00
North West	\$ 80.00
South Central	\$190.00
South East	\$350.00
St. Francois	\$700.00
St. Louis	\$650.00
Total	\$6,275.00

### REMINDER — To all District Associations:

As the Quarterly Meeting needs help from the local churches in hosting the Quarterly Meetings and/or District Associations, even so the National Association Convention needs help in supporting this annual meeting. If you haven't begun to raise this allocation for your Association, it would be well to do so now. This needs to be mailed to the State Office by May 1988! It is a privilege to have the National Convention meet in Missouri, but it is also a responsibility.

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