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Oh, How He Loves You and Me!

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1985-1986

CHURCHES	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV
Belton	57	57	58	76	74	59	68	59	59	60		66
Bethel				107	90	95	88	88	90	101		90
Calvary Fellowship	195	187	192	249	241	190						
Cape Girardeau	57	57	49	66	67	46	41	48	40	51		
Copper Mines	72	70	69	72	67	75						
Cuba	76	72									61	74
DeSoto	175	176	169	190	194	174	177	192				
Farmington	621	636	584	753		603	578					
Flat River, First		166	148	174	169	164	150	149	146	157	138	
Grace	176	169	159	204	165	149	146	131	143	155	166	
Grant Avenue	92	96			116	82						
Hannon	70	73	77	71	72	74	72	74	85	70		83
Harmony	57	67	71	74		54	57	58	72	80		63
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Houston	72	75	88	89	80	81	74	80	87	85	81	71
Jones Creek	14	27		33		21	25	20	20			
Marshfield											38	40
Monett	168	151	164	199	156	154	171	158				
Myrtle	44	42	38	42	42	41	40	37	37	38	36	35
New Life Fellowship		96	82	102				79				
Parkview	80	90	92	92	84	78	83		82	73	76	86
Richwoods	56	50	51	66	55	51	45	56	49	65		
Rock Chapel	69	68	65	65	69	67	76	56	61	70	64	66
Thayer									127	140		139
United	94	85	100	94	93	75	89	100	80	85	95	87
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MOTELS AND PRICES FOR STATE ASSOCIATION, JUNE 8-11, 1987

THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION WILL MEET AT THE CARTHAGE CIVIC CENTER IN DOWNTOWN CARTHAGE, MISSOURI FOR THE 1987 SESSION. The dates are June 8-11. (More information will be forthcoming.)

Listed are motels in the Carthage-Joplin area. This information comes from the Indian Creek Association.

Days Inn, 417-623-0100, 3500 Rangeline, Joplin

1 Double Bed, \$40.00; 2 Double Beds, \$46.00.

Guest House Motel, 417-358-4077, 417 E. Central (96E), Carthage

1 Single Bed, \$21.00; 1 Bed - 2 Persons, \$24.00; 2 Beds - 2 Persons, \$28.00; \$4.00 Roll Away.

Send reservations as soon as possible.

Madison House Inn, 417-782-5190, 2600 Rangeline, Joplin

1 Single Bed, \$16.95; 1 Double Bed, \$19.95; 4 Persons, \$24.95.

Stratford House Inns, 1-800-336-800, 2244 Grand Avenue, Carthage

1 Single Bed, \$33.00; 1 Double Bed, \$35.00; (2 or more), \$35.00.

Editor's Note: There are many motels in the Carthage-Joplin area, especially in the Joplin area on Rangeline. These are recommended. I would suggest that reservations be made early.

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Churches, People & Events



Grace men's softball team

GRACE SOFTBALL TEAM RECEIVES TROPHY

Leaman Killian writes, the Men's Softball Team of the Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Arnold, Missouri was given the trophy for "Christian Conduct and Fellowship". This was given by the teams that comprised the Softball League and presented by the pastor Rev. Glen Rehkop to the team, preceding the Morning Worship Service.

HAZEL CREEK CHURCH PRESENTS CHECK TO HAGGARDS

Mrs. Karen Sponsler, reporter for the Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church, writes, Rev. & Mrs. Larry Haggard, newly appointed Home Missionaries by the Oklahoma State Home Missions Board, received their first check from the church. The Haggards' will be laboring in Elk City, Oklahoma. The check was presented by Don Riley, treasurer of the Hazel Creek Church.

Rev. Haggard plans to do itinerant work for approximately six months. Mrs. Haggard (the former Rose Sponsler) is a native of Kirksville, Missouri and was a member of the Hazel Creek Church. Rev. & Mrs. Haggard are graduates of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College.

Before being appointed as Home Missionaries, Rev. Haggard was assistant pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church at Newport News, Virginia. He also served as principal of the Pensicola Christian School for five years.

Rev. and Mrs. Haggard and their son, Joshua, covet the prayers of Christian friends as they take this step in serving the Lord.



Don Riley & Larry Haggard



Linda Audrain, W.A. President & McClure family

MISSIONARY ZEAL AT CUBA CHURCH

"All I can say is I continually prayed that God would enable our staff to lead the congregation to joyfully have a real heartfelt desire to support our denomination's missionary work. God has answered that prayer," states Pastor Rick Dablemont of the Cuba Free Will Baptist Church.

He continues, In addition to getting back on the Cooperative Plan of giving the church is extending its giving. The Woman's Auxiliary adopted Rev. John McClure and his family as special project missionaries for the next two years. The McClures', associate Home Missionaries to Mexico, held revival services at the church November 7 - 10. While there the church presented them with a Keyboard Piano and a generous love offering to assist in their work in Mexico. To raise funds the Woman's Auxiliary held a ten-mile Walk-A-Thon.

God blessed wonderfully in every way and a touch of real revival was experienced. There were three professions of faith and the services were well attended. The Cuba Church can make this suggestion: "Instead of having one of our itinerant missionaries for just one service, have him or his family for the whole weekend."

During 1986 the church also set a goal and made faith commitments of \$1,000 per year for the next three years in support of the Advance Celebration Project. Pastor Rick continues, Give God the glory and I praise Him for the decision of the church this year to believe His Holy Word and to claim His promises.

HAPPENINGS AT VERDELLA

On Sunday, October 12, 1986, Rev. Curt Holland was ordained as a minister of the gospel. The service was held at the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church, near Liberal, Missouri. Brother Holland and his wife, Mary, were called to serve the church in May of this year, 1986. Since moving to Verdella they are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Amber. Curt and Mary are graduates of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, Oklahoma.

On Sunday, October 19, 1986, the Verdella Church held a Ground Breaking Service. The present building is not meeting the needs of the congregation. The new building will accommodate a larger auditorium and more educational space.

The pastor, Reverend Holland continues, "The folks of the church are excited about the new building, and despite the rain the work is well under way at the new church site. Plans are to be in the new building by spring or the first of summer.



Rachel Murray

THIS IS YOUR LIFE RACHEL MURRAY

Sandra Morris, from the United Free Will Baptist Church in West Plains, writes, The United Free Will Baptist Ladies' Auxiliary of West Plains presented the program, "More Than Conquerors" (WNAC Emphasis Program), on Sunday night, October 5, 1986.

Several months of planning preceded this program as the Auxiliary also presented our President, Sister Rachel Murray, with the honor of "This Is Your Life", which was coordinated by Sister Lucille Beatty being assisted by Brother Glen Murray and several family members. Plans for this event had been in the making since early June and we, as a church, were quite proud that we had been able to keep it a secret and it was a total surprise to Sister Rachel.

Sister Rachel, our Auxiliary President and pastor's wife, has served our church the past five years with complete dedication and in a manner befitting a fine Christian. Her example is encouragement to us all. As a church, we wanted to present her with something that in a small way could show her how much we appreciate her and love her. This program seemed to be one that was beyond the price of something bought with money and would have a lasting value for years to come. Knowing the way members of other churches felt about her and Brother Glen during their pastorate with them, it was easy to come up with people from each of those churches to attend and contribute to this program.

Sister Lucille Beatty narrated the program and cleverly presented each family member and friend in sequence to Rachel's life. We were privileged to be able to have her four sons present. Her daughter spent the weekend with her Mother and left a tape with us as she and her husband had to return to Oklahoma.

Following this portion of the program, we adjourned to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments. This served as our birthday present to her also, so she was presented with a Minnie Pearl hat, purse and corsage, totalling over \$100 and a birthday cake from the Auxiliary.

The event was a beautiful success and our heartfelt thanks goes to everyone that helped make it so. It helped all of us realize that some of the most wonderful things we receive in this life or have the opportunity to give cannot be purchased with this world's monies but are purchased with our time and love for each other.



Rachel & Glen

HOMECOMING AT VICTORY

On Sunday, November 9, 1986, the Victory Free Will Baptist Church at 4041 N.E. Antioch Road, Kansas City, Missouri observed an anniversary and held a Homecoming Service.

Rev. Mark Braisher, pastor, gave a warm welcome to the members and friends of the church. He said, "With excitement and anticipation we have been looking forward to this day, and we extend a very warm welcome to each one." He made some appropriate remarks relative to the heritage of the Victory Church, and encouraged the church to continue in its labor for the Lord."

Rev. Clarence Burton, state executive secretary, delivered the morning and afternoon message. He stated, "It is always encouraging to see a church continue in its work and worship for the Master. Occasionally we see or hear of a church that has closed its doors and no longer functions as a church. I pray that this church shall never say 'quit' but rather determine that by the grace and strength of God the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it". Reverend Burton encouraged the church to work with the recently elected pastor and his wife in winning souls to Jesus and establishing strong Christians.

The Sincerity Singers, a gospel singing group from Independence, Missouri, provided the special music. Their singing was superb. They blessed the hearts of the people in both the Morning and Afternoon Services. The ladies provided a delicious meal that everyone enjoyed in the Fellowship Hall.



Rachel & women of the Auxiliary



The Sincerity Gospel Singers



Choir & congregation

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY AT GRANT AVENUE

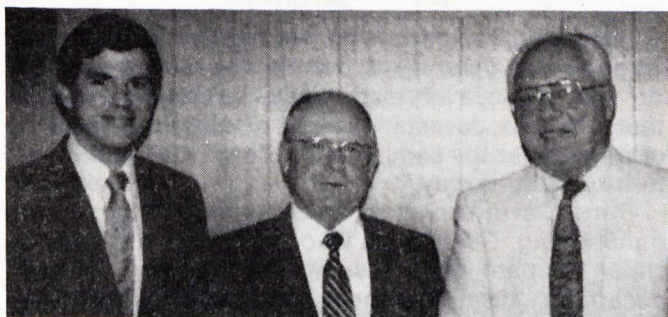
On Sunday, October 19, 1986, the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri, celebrated its Thirtieth Anniversary. Rev. Jeffrey Gaskins, writes, "We truly had a great day on our anniversary. The crowd was large, 209 for Morning Worship, the message brought by Brother Smith was great, the food was delicious, the church building was beautiful because of the decoration put up by our people, and the memories precious as we thought of what God had done for us in the last thirty years. Our anniversary also challenged us to keep working diligently for our Lord for thirty more years."

This information was supplied by the church: Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church was organized on October 16, 1956. Rev. Harry Beatty delivered the organizational message. The following ministers participated in the service: Frank Linton, Rolla Smith, O.T. Dixon, and Homer Smith. Rev. Lester Hilton was chosen as the first pastor to serve the church.

There were thirty people who joined as charter members. Of those Mrs. Delma Branson is presently a member of the church. It is noteworthy, that from the very inception of the church, it has supported a worldwide ministry through cooperative and designated giving.

The first building was built under the leadership of Rev. Lester Hilton. A basement was dug under the original building while Rev. Grover Terry was serving as pastor. The present sanctuary was built during the ministry of Rev. O.T. Dixon.

The following men have served as pastor: Lester Hilton, Grover Terry, O.T. Dixon, Chesley (Bud) Hill, Bill Adkisson, J.D. O'Donnell, Rolla Smith, Ted Wilbanks, Millard Sasser, and the present pastor, Jeffrey Gaskins.



Pastor Gaskins, Rolla Smith & Mayor Scruggs

A plaque was presented to Mrs. Delma Branson, the only remaining charter member, in appreciation for her faithful and devoted service. Mrs. Branson's son, received the plaque for his mother, inasmuch as illness prevented her from attending the service.



Kerry & Marilyn Lawson

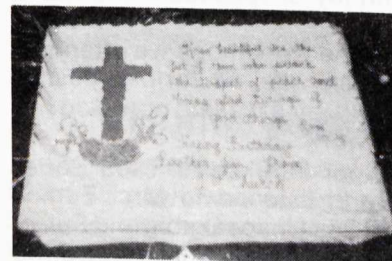
BLESSINGS FROM FLAT RIVER FIRST CHURCH

Karen Montgomery, church reporter, writes, Revival services in October with Brother Jim Williams were good. Each service was well attended. God truly spoke to our hearts through each message. Brother Williams is a dynamic speaker for the Lord and certainly gave us some things to consider.

A surprise birthday party was given in honor of Brother Williams after the Thursday evening service. A beautiful cake was carried down the church aisle as the congregation sang "Happy Birthday." Small personal gifts were brought by each family for our evangelist. Sandwiches and desserts were served in the Fellowship Hall.

Even after the final night of our revival, God continues to work in our midst. A young couple has been saved and one of our much loved "prodigal sons" rededicated his life. Pray for us at First Church that we will continue to allow God to use us as He wishes and for His glory.

Ron Edgil, pastor of First Church, began a daily five minute radio program in October. The program, "Standing in the Gap", places a Biblical emphasis on contemporary issues. "Standing in the Gap", is now in its second month, and is getting good reports. We, at First Church, feel that we have one of the finest pastors in the land, and know that he is definitely concerned about community outreach. Please pray for Brother Ron as he continues this latest endeavor.



Birthday cake for
Brother Williams



Jim & Grace



Rev. & Mrs.
Gary Sheets, Kala
& Stephanie

NEW PASTOR AT LEBANON

A short time ago the First Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon, Missouri called Reverend Gary Sheets to serve as pastor. Rev. Sheets is a native of Missouri and has lived most of his life in Lebanon. He and his wife Betty and two daughters, Kala and Stephanie live at 2040 Osage in Lebanon, Missouri. Brother Sheets states, "I am excited about serving the First Church in Lebanon. We are looking forward to an enjoyable and productive ministry".

FOURTH NATIONAL AUXILIARY RETREAT

This article is written by Jewell Spurgeon, a member of the Woman's Auxiliary, of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Mt. Grove, Missouri. (I believe that she enjoyed the trip and Retreat.)

How can I sum up five days of pure enjoyment in a few words? Oh! The joy of getting up at 3:30 a.m. and loading the Church Van for eleven women, especially when they had been instructed "**one small bag** and one hanging bag". Thanks, Joe Dowsey!

How can I explain the revival services we attended in Cookville, Tennessee our first night out?

How can a few words explain the beauty of the Great Smokey Mountains? I don't like the mountains, but I did open my eyes long enough to view the famous Loop-over Skyway of the Smokies. How can words explain smelling the pure clean air as we slept the second night at the foot of the mountain, or the squeal of some brave souls as they swam in the cold mountain stream. But I wouldn't name any names, Joan and Minnie.

Words were at a loss as we arrived in Black Mountain, N.C. and saw the beauty of God's wonder, driving up the winding road that led to Ridgecrest, N.C. for the Fourth National Auxiliary Retreat.

The Holy Spirit moved with wonder as we "Rejoiced with Joy" (our retreat theme). "Whom having not seen ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory". 1 Peter 1:8.

How can you sum up the workshops we attended, especially Donna Wade's (wife of former pastor) workshop, and rejoice in the joy of seeing how God has led her in growth of His work.

We saw Part IV of Joni Earekson's Tada Series "Healing and Heaven" and listened to Mrs. Eunice Edwards as she spoke of "Joy Unspeakable and Full of Glory". How you would have loved to have heard the wonderful music, Carol Dale.

How can you sum up the Christian fellowship of the women of our local church or the joy of five days and nights with Joan Wood (wife of former pastor), or the ever-present love I have for Elaine Caskey, my sister-in-law, and two Missions Auxiliary women, Ruby Montgomery of Cabool and Wanda Keets of Hartville.

How can I express the surprise on Ruth Sheppard's face as she caught the first biscuit that was thrown to her when we ate lunch in Sikeston, Mo. on the way home. (Not one biscuit - but two. She wasn't going to catch one - she hadn't washed!)

But summing it all up was the love and joy on the faces of our pastor, Rev. Gary Fry, and his family whom we met as we crossed the railroad tracks in town, ending our journey, knowing his prayers had been answered and we were safe at home.

Thanks be to God!



The Gospel
Generation
Singers

"THANK-YOU" PARTY A SUCCESS

November 22nd, 1986, was the date of the first "Thank-You" party from Curt Barton and all the Gospel Generation Singers, of West Plains, Mo.

One-hundred and ten invited gospel-music promoters, pastors, disc-jockeys, and friends joined the GGS for an evening of fellowship, good food, and good gospel music. The gala event was held in Thayer, Mo., and was a huge success.

The Gospel Generation Singers have been singing for 15 years on a part-time basis. The group consists of Curt Barton, his wife, Linda, Randall Lovelace and the children, Andrea & Adam Barton. The group travels in a 4-state area, as well as hosts many concerts in the southern Missouri area. Their home church is United Free Will Baptist Church, in West Plains, Mo., with their pastor, Rev. Glen Murray.

The evening was centered around saying "thank-you", to so many people who have helped the group with their ministry.

"We can't ever forget the people out there who are willing to work and allow us into their churches, auditoriums, homes, and hearts", said Linda of the GGS.

The evening was such a wonderful success, the next "Thank-You" party is already being planned for next year.

"Why Do Good People Go Wrong?"

2 Samuel 11
by Jim Shepherd

Why do good people go wrong? One is life's great tragedies as seen when people of promise abandon dreams and betray relationships to pursue a course that ends in devastation and disappointment. Too often we hear the sad lament "I didn't mean for things to turn out this way."

King David serves as an example of a good man gone wrong. Despite his favor with God and man, he chose a path that resulted in adultery, shame, deception, disappointment, and murder. With the benefit of inspired imagination, let's listen to David explain why he went wrong.

I. "I failed to do my job." (verse 1) Although we may not understand the historical details of this verse, it is immediately apparent that David's responsibility as king required that he be with his armies and herein he failed to do his job. The problem with responsibility is that it can be so inconvenient. A true saying is that "Failure is the line of least persistence." Roy L. Smith has said, "The ability to accept responsibility is the measure of a man." We can do two things that will help us accept responsibility: (1) Remember that our primary responsibility is to the Lord; and, (2) Refuse to rationalize and thus justify our irresponsibility.

II. "I was in the wrong place at the right time." (verse 2) Let's meet the four players in this drama and ask a question of each. Meet Bathsheba. How innocent was she? Meet David. Why didn't he flee from temptation? Meet the devil. What was his role and what did he have to gain? Meet God. Why did He allow this dreadful disaster to occur? Some of the questions can be answered biblically, others theoretically. One thing seems certain, though, and it is that David failed in the face of temptation. Perhaps the problem was self-confidence, self-deception, or presumption upon God's goodness, but the point is that he found himself in a place of temptation and he failed to flee.

The key to facing temptation is a matter of trust. Trust God but never trust yourself or the devil. An old church-goer was beset by alcohol. His firmest resolutions and his faithful worship seemed powerless to deliver him from his curse, so he told the pastor of his vexation. The pastor asked him where he hitched his horse when he came to church. He replied, "There is a hitching post down the street in front of the saloon." The pastor responded, "You need to change your hitching post. Why not use the one that is on the other side of the church and far from the place of temptation?"

III. "I didn't say 'No' when I should have." (verse 3a) David was tempted and made the fatal mistake of making further investigation of his temptation rather than saying "No." There are times when we must simply deny ourselves in order to remain pure before the Lord.

The real problem is that sin deceives the distracted disciple by concealing its consequences. The attractiveness of sin is the only side of sin that the tempter reveals. It causes the tempted one to say "I won't get caught" or "It's nobody's business but mine." But the ensnared Christian quickly sees the dark and deathly side of sin once it is too late.

IV. "I was overwhelmed by what I thought were my needs." (verse 3b) Faithful friends tried to warn David by gently saying "This woman is married." Their implication was "And so are you." The godly David's ethic became desire rather than duty, pleasure rather than purity, and self rather than service. He failed to recognize that God would meet his true and eternal needs and he failed to remember that those needs that God refused to meet must be called sinful needs and, thus, be denied.

V. "I refused to listen to God." (verse 4) With open eyes but closed ears and heart, David steps over the line to commit the sin that was in his heart. At issue was family, fidelity, purity, and responsibility and God had spoken through his word, his Spirit, and his servants,

but David refused to hear. God has clearly revealed his will to man and that will is not altered by convenience or circumstance. Although David had sinned in his heart, great heartache could have been avoided if David had listened to God before it was too late. He, as we, must refuse the act and then reconcile the attitude.

VI. "I tried to cover my tracks." (verses 8-13) For pride or whatever reason, David did not immediately confess his sin. After his sin he did what many a good church member has done. He tried to make someone else look responsible. Perhaps we feel that our spiritual reputation would be tarnished if we did such an honest thing as confess personal sin. Perhaps we are so immature that we do not acknowledge that we have done wrong. Perhaps we feel that we are the victims of circumstance and, therefore, should not be held accountable. No matter! The only way to deal with sin is confession and repentance. "Confession of our faults is the next best thing to innocence." (Publius Syrus)

VII. "I did what I thought I could never do." (verse 15) If David had been asked, before he walked onto his veranda, "Would you ever kill a man to hide your sins?" I am sure that he would have answered loudly and confidently, "Never!" It was inconsistent with David's character. He was Saul's loyal subject and Jonathan's faithful friend. Murder would have been inconceivable to David, but he learned that desperate men do desperate things. We know that sin requires radical action. For man, sin must be confessed or covered. For God, sin meant the need for a savior and his death. When we choose sin we are untrue to ourselves as God's children and when we choose to conceal our sins we are untrue to Christ as our Savior.

How, then, do good people keep from going wrong? We must learn to accept responsibility with joy. We must avoid temptation, because we may be weaker than we think. We must say "No" before temptation becomes irreversible reality. We must be willing to let God meet our needs. We must insist on personal obedience to God. When we sin, we must confess it quickly to God. We must remember that God is powerful to deliver the tempted and gracious to forgive the sinner.

About the Writer: Reverend Jim Shepherd has held various positions of service in the Oklahoma and Missouri State Associations. At present he is a member of the National Sunday School and Church Training Board. He is serving as pastor of the Central Free Will Baptist Church in Grandview, Missouri.

Editor's Mother Home With The Lord

On Wednesday, October 29, 1986, my Mom, Mrs. Maude Burton, was called home to be with the Lord. She was waiting for this call. It had been quite difficult for her since she fell and broke her hip in May of the same year.

Mom received Christ as her personal Saviour at an early age, age nine. And, she was never embarrassed nor ashamed to witness for the Lord. She and my father (who preceded her in death) were always active in the local church. Dad served much of his life as a deacon

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and Mom spent many years serving as a teacher.

Mom was always a source of encouragement to me in the ministry. She thought there was no "calling" greater than to be 'called' to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. However, she not only encouraged her six children, she was very good at encouraging others. She was as the apostle Paul said of Phebe, "a succourer of many". For her faithful and devoted Christian life; for the proper teaching and training; for the many lives she touched for Christ. I shall always be thankful for these precious memories. These remarks I have made would be echoed by my brother and four sisters.

Sometime ago Mom wrote a Scriptural Letter-Poem to the children. She entitled it 'My Father's Hands'. For her writing she uses quotes and thoughts from Scripture. As a memorial to her I am using this 'Letter'.

"MY FATHER'S HANDS"

My Father's Hands of love and care,
In all my needs are always there;
When others fail to understand,
Again, He lends me a helping hand. (Ph. 4:19)

Into His hands we cast every care,
He gives us grace, our trials to bear:
I love those precious hands,
Which all my sorrows hold,
They are more dear to me, than
all silver and gold. (I Pet. 5:7)

They chasten us, that we may know,
His wondrous love, while here below;
He maketh sore and bindeth up:
He woundeth, and His hands make whole,
His tender care brings joy to our soul. (John 5:17-18)

His hands gave us His Son, to save,
us from our sin;
Jesus the Saviour is ours, if we will
let Him in:

'Tis written in the Book, every word
is true,
What He has done for others,
He can do for you. (John 3:16)

Oh, that we world could know,
How much His hands can do,
To all who trust in Him,
He'll lead them safely through. (Prov. 3:5-6)

Christmas Greetings From Our Missionaries

The Baileys in Japan: At this time of the year, as we count our blessings, we especially want to thank God for all of the friends He's given us. We appreciate each of you and hope you have a blessed holiday season. We appreciate so much your gifts to our account. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

The Bunch Family in Panama: The children are doing well. Jonathan and Alicia are in school every morning with their mother while Amanda either helps them or goes with daddy. Alicia is doing well. She still has a limp in her right leg and the right foot is quite crooked. However, what she may lack in physical

ability she makes up for in determination, Pray with us that God will give us the wisdom to know what to do in the future. Please continue to remember our work in your prayers and thanks for your gifts for the Lord's work.

The Lytle Family (in Panama) home at present on furlough: At this Christmas Season we wish you a wonderful time of peace and joy, with all your loved ones as you worship "Christ the newborn King". He is our reason for being, our purpose for living. Please continue to remember us in your prayers and thanks for your support. Our address, until we go back to Panama is, Steve and Judy Lytle, c/o Lindell Hovis, 7603 Jerome Ave., Maplewood, Mo. 63143.

Charolette Tallent (in France) home at present on furlough: At this Christmas Season I especially thank God for His Son, and for the joy of knowing Him as Saviour. Then, I thank Him for the fellowship of Christian friends who mean so much to me. It seems that year by year the fellowship grows sweeter and deeper. Thanks so much for the support you have given and please continue to remember me in your prayers.

The Reeves in Spain: We hope that everyone enjoys a wonderful Christmas. Christmas is the season of light, because it is at this time of the year that we celebrate the coming of the Light of the world, Jesus. our prayer for you is that you will be filled with the warmth and love of Him. Thanks so much for your continued prayer and financial support. You are special to us.

The Morgans in France (on the way back to Ivory Coast): We are looking forward to spending some time with fellow-missionaries during Christmas. We will miss being with the family back home. But we will have a special place reserved in our hearts for our African family, for they too will be spending some special time celebrating our Lord's birth. Thanks for your prayers and financial support.

The Hannas in India: Loving Christmas greeting to each of you. May it be a time of great joy for you and yours. So often this year we wanted to write letters of personal concern, thanking you for your prayers and support. But it has taken our energy to perform our everyday tasks. Both of us have health problems. Please continue to remember us in your prayers and thanks for everything that you have done to help.

The McDonalds in Japan: Greetings from Japan! We are in language school and we are already swamped. As one missionary stated, when coming to a new land, the new missionary is reduced to 'zero' as far as communication. We are happy to be in Japan but we miss everyone back home. Pray for us that we will make all the necessary adjustments and thanks so much for your prayers and support.

The Turnboughs in Spain: Probably the most exciting thing for us has been to see and fellowship with some recent converts. We realize, as you now do, that we are back in Spain in the middle of a spiritual battle. This is satan's territory and he will not let go of anything or anyone without a real battle. We need your continued prayer! Thanks so much for your financial support and your prayers.

The McLains in Japan: The death of a Christian in a Christian Family can be a precious experience. (Mrs. McLain's father passed away.) My mother, my two brothers and I thanked the Lord for the way He worked in all circumstances during this time. The Lord is

precious. Our account is dropping fast and we have been advised to ask for some extra help. Our regular giving has not dropped, but the weakened dollar has hurt tremendously. Missionaries become the victims of economic conflict. Thanks for all your prayers and faithful support.

Home With The Lord

Mrs. Bertha Gertrude Jones, 1209 Eugene Drive, Canon City, died October 21, 1986, following a lengthy illness. She was born March 5, 1903 in Couch, Missouri to Richard Milo and Caroline (Harder) Standley.

Mrs. Jones was a retired defense worker, housewife and a member of the Free Will Baptist Church. She had lived in Colorado since 1962, when she and her husband moved from West Des Moines, Iowa. She had lived in the Canon City community since 1971. She was a faithful wife, a devoted mother, cherished by her family.

She married Asa M. Jones on September 22, 1919 in West Plains, Mo. He preceeded her in death on April 19, 1982. She is survived by a son, Erna Jones, daughters: Mable M. Klobnak of Des Moines and Joan Guiles of National City, Calif., twelve grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren.

Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough; and he urged him, and he took it. Genesis 33:11.

These words were spoken by a man who had previously been a deceiver and a trickster. A man that would go to any length to obtain material things.

What would cause a man to make a complete turn around in his thinking and actions? What would cause Jacob to treat his brother in such a generous, loving manner? He said something that ought to be the prayer of every blood bought child of God. He said, "God hath dealt graciously with me, because I have enough." Why could Jacob make such a statement? Because, he died to self and in chapter thirty-two verse thirty he said, "For I have seen God face to face and my life is preserved."

Esau said something similar in verse nine with one noted difference. He had enough and admittedly said so, but made no mention of sharing what God had allowed him. However, Jacob urged him to take a large quantity of animals listed in chapter thirty-two verses thirteen - fifteen.

Some modern evangelists and so called prophets ought to learn from these verses that our supreme goal in life is not to gain health and wealth, but to give fervently of all the things that God has so graciously blessed us with. Incidentally, this drastic change wasn't evident only in Jacob's life, but Paul seems to have experienced just as great a change in Romans chapters seven and eight. Have you seen God face to face? Is your life preserved? Do you have enough?



Looking Out The Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

Last week my mother reminded me of a statement I had made just over fifteen years ago. I had remarked, quite emphatically, "I'll never marry a Free Will Baptist preacher." Growing up in the home of a deacon, and being the granddaughter of a pastor, I had some indication of what it would be like to be the wife of a preacher . . . too many restrictions involved. I just wanted to be a "regular" church member.

So what changed my mind? God did, assisted by a nice-looking young college preacher. When I had made that remark about not marrying a preacher, I was only thinking of what "I" wanted for my life, not what the Lord might want.

Now, having spent over fourteen years of my life as the wife of a Free Will Baptist preacher, I can hardly imagine NOT being a preacher's wife. These have been years of challenge, mingled with some frustration and much hard work. But God's enabling grace and wonderful comfort have far out-distanced the demands.

One of the more difficult aspects of being a pastor's wife involves the uprooting of the family, the leaving of friends and relatives behind, and often with many miles separating your family from these loved ones. I distinctly recall having to leave "home." Home for me was the local church that I had grown up in back in Oklahoma. It was the church my parents and grandparents attended, and also the place where my husband had pastored during the first six years of our marriage. On the Sunday my husband announced his decision to resign the church to assume another pastorate, my whole world seemed to crumble around me. I was confident that I could never be content away from "home," even though that first move was only 3 hours away from all those people I loved so much. Little did I know then that in less than three years my family would be moving again . . . This time, we would be moving 500 miles, and to a different state. Indeed that move brought new meaning to the Scripture verse written by Paul, "For I have learned, in whatsoever STATE I am, therewith to be content." (Phil. 4:11)

Our family made that move from Oklahoma to Missouri six years ago, December 27, 1980. God has blessed me and my house with the most wonderful friends anywhere. We are able to laugh or to cry together. I have a new family and a new home here in Missouri. Looking out THIS parsonage window, looks like "home-sweet-home" to me.

Editor's Note: "Looking Out The Parsonage Window" is a new feture for the Gem. I believe the Gem readers will like it. The writer is Ve Ann Tilson, a wife, mother, homemaker, and professionally a school teacher, with a major in remedial reading. (She directs this program for the Lonedell School District.) But equally important she is a dedicated Christian, married to a fine pastor, Jay Tilson.

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Discussion times will be included in the various sessions.

Who should attend? Every husband and wife who would like to enrich their relationship . . . those who would like to take an opportunity to get aside from the burden of day to day tasks . . . anyone who feels there is room for growth and expansion of their love for one another.

Recommendation from Pastor Glen Rehkop:

I would recommend Rev. Joe Grizzle as a very capable instructor on marriage and family life seminars and also revival. We have had him the past two years here at Grace Church, and we plan to have him back again this year. Our attendance was the best of any revival services we have ever had here at Grace Church, and his ministry was used of the Lord to up-lift, challenge and revive the church.

We sincerely believe that anyone who would take part in a seminar under the ministry of Rev. Grizzle would be greatly blessed and benefited.

For More Information Call or Write Rev. Steve Hale (Chairman of Christian Education Bd.) Rt. 4, Box 173, Moberly, Mo. 65270 816-263-0608

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Name _____ Home Phone (____) _____
Address _____ Work Phone (____) _____
Church _____

Please enclose \$10.00 pre-registration fee. Balance of \$20.00 to be paid on arrival.

Return prior to March 16th to assure reservation. Registrations after this date will be accepted only as space is available.

**Mail registration form to Mo. Christian Education Board,
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California Christian College: A New Beginning

On a beautiful Friday night, October 24, 1986, 175 California pastors, wives and laymen met in the newly redecorated Activities Building of California Christian College in Fresno for the 1986 Fall Banquet. The theme was "A New Beginning". These dedicated Californians donated \$8,000 to the CCC Dormitory Redecorating Fund.

Filet mignon, baked potatoes, salad, dinner rolls, cake, coffee and punch was enjoyed by all at this \$50 per plate dinner. The steaks were prepared by California Executive Secretary, Rev. Nuel Brown and his associates. The building was decorated by ladies of the Harmony Church under the direction of Deanna Wilbanks.

The new president, Rev. Jim McAllister, was the master of ceremonies. CCC board chairman, John Smith, pastor of Ceres FWB Church, opened the service in prayer. Pastor Larry Condit of Sacramento brought the message. The special music was presented by Joe Cutler of El Sobrante and the CCC Ensemble. Bruce Wood played dinner music on the electric piano. Rev. J.L. McAlister, CCC board member and pastor of Farmersville FWB Church, dismissed in prayer.

It is anticipated that by fall 1987 five of the nine buildings will have been completely renovated inside and out. Student prospects for 1987 continue to increase and there is a very positive spirit in the state of California concerning the college.

Points for Pastors by James McAllister

How do you leave a pastorate? It isn't easy. In fact, it's possibly one of the most difficult chores any preacher ever does.

In the last article I tried to express my own trauma. Words can't do it, at least with my limited vocabulary. As pastor, I hurt—as a man, I suffered. As a son, leaving my mother behind was awful. As a father, driving away from children and grandchildren was heartbreaking. I hurt when I told old friends good-bye. I went through melancholy experiences when I drove away from the church buildings I had led in consistently, and looked at the pulpit that God had given me for twelve years.

But I wasn't the only one hurting—my wife was hurting also. She had to leave her home, her children, her friends, her church—I even sold her car. There wasn't room on the truck so we sold some of the furniture and gave other old furniture pieces away. And she hurt—she cried. She suffered. God hadn't

called her to California. The pastoral burden in Fresno was not weighing on her heart. She is my wife and she goes where I go because she loves me. Her burden is to follow her husband.

She made it. With a pretty smile on her face she told everyone good-bye and left the house that had been her home. She hugged the kids, cried over the grandchildren, and then she got in my car and drove 1900 miles to Fresno and a new group of friends, problems, and hurts.

She is a preacher's wife and the best one I've ever known. She's been lied about, slurred, insulted and abused. She's seen her children cry and her husband angry because of injustices. She endured it all and never hurt the cause of Christ, never got out of her place, never retaliated, never sought revenge.

Now she makes the biggest move in her life, and she does it like the Godly woman she is. I knew she would. I expected it. That is the kind of woman she is. She is God's woman doing her thing just like I am God's man doing mine.

An Update On The Gwartneys

(This came in today's mail) Their new address is 6549 East Inglewood Street, Mesa, Arizona 85205. The name and address of the Mission Church is East Valley Free Will Baptist Church, P.O. Box 7523, Mesa, Arizona 85206. The letter states that "they are excited about moving to Arizona and beginning the new work. (They will be there by the time this publication is printed.) We have some topnotch families moving to Arizona to help us win people to Jesus. Please remember us in your prayers."



Executive
Vice President
Andy W. Lay

World Literature Crusade Appoints Executive Vice President

World Literature Crusade, with headquarters in Chatsworth, California, has announced the appointment of ANDY W. LAY as Executive Vice President.

Mr. Lay, former Editor of the FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM, joined World Literature Crusade in 1979, after pastoring Free Will Baptist Churches for a total of seventeen years in Webb City, Missouri, Kirksville, Missouri, Joplin, Missouri, and Pleasant View, Tennessee.

World Literature Crusade is a forty-year-old interdenominational missionary organization which currently sponsors Every Home Crusades (EHC) in 53 countries worldwide.

The Every Home Crusades are a cooperative effort of Bible-believing churches and mission organizations that systematically delivers two pieces of gospel literature to every home in a nation.

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Each gospel message points the way to salvation in Jesus Christ and contains a response card which can be returned to the EHC office in that country. Each person who responds to a gospel message is sent a four-part Bible Correspondence Course lesson and a Bible or New Testament. Once they have completed the Course and made a decision for Christ, they are channeled into local churches. In remote areas where churches do not exist, new believers are organized into "Christ Groups", or infant churches. More than 14 MILLION written responses have been received in EHC offices worldwide and over 10,000 Christ Groups have been formed in India alone since 1964.

When Mr. Lay joined the WLC staff in 1979, he worked as a field representative in the Trust Services Department, assisting WLC supporters with their estate planning needs. In 1982, he was appointed the Director of the Trust Services Department and the Treasurer of World Literature Crusade.

Mr. Lay will now function as the administrative head of World Literature Crusade's U.S. operations. He travels extensively throughout the United States as a guest speaker and represents WLC in Missions Conferences and Fund-raising events. His overseas travels during the past year have taken him to Europe and the Caribbean island of Grenada.

Mr. Lay resides in Simi Valley, California with his wife, Kathy Jo and their fourteen-year-old son, Jamie.

Teacher of the Year Award

(See Article in Previous Gem)



Pastor Tune & Norma Tripp

Get Acquainted Days At Southeastern

Southeastern Free Will Baptist College hosted its annual fall session of Get Acquainted Days, November 20-22 with 109 prospective students and their sponsors attending. This was the largest group ever attending our Get Acquainted Days.

There were five states represented with the largest group coming from North Carolina. Churches in North Carolina sent a total of 47 prospective students.

Victor Bowman Home With The Lord

Victor Bowman, father of Rev. Cliff Bowman, went home to be with the Lord, October 17, 1986. Brother Victor Bowman was born August 30, 1903 in Kentucky and died in Idaho, where he had spent much of his active life.

Brother Bowman made his profession of faith in Christ at the age of seventy-three. At this time he was living in Marshall, Missouri and attending the church his son was serving as pastor, the Olivet Free Will Baptist Church. Following his profession of faith and his uniting with the Olivet Church he served as an usher. His commitment to the Lord was very strong and this was reflected through his relationship to the church.

The Memorial Service was held at the Olivet Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Cliff Bowman delivered the memorial message. He made many complimentary remarks regarding his father. Perhaps the most touching one was "Dad was not only a good father, he was my friend". He was assisted in the Memorial Service by his son, Rev. Dennis Bowman.

Editor's Note: I knew Brother Victor Bowman. I was with him in many services, both revival and Sunday. His life reflected his love for the Lord.

Bible College To Host "Target 90" Conference

Free Will Baptist Bible College will host a **Target 90 Conference**, February 16-18, 1987, for preachers, teachers and other Christian workers. The emphasis of the conference will be the development of leadership for church growth and evangelism.

The conference will feature 35 preaching/teaching sessions with 19 speakers.

The college's annual Christian Schools Conference has been combined with the **Target 90 Conference** in order to offer a more comprehensive program for workers in every area of Christian ministry.

The conference is designed to help preachers, teachers and other lay workers implement the denomination's Target 90 plan of church growth and soulwinning.

Bible College Announces Bible Conference Speakers

Four preachers will be featured at Free Will Baptist Bible College's spring Bible Conference, March 8-12, 1987, according to President Charles Thigpen.

This year's speakers are: **Dr. Ben McGrew** — Professor of Bible, Theology and Greek at Baptist Bible College, Clark's Summit, Penn., **Rev. Rue Dell Smith** — Pastor, Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church, Van Buren, Ark., **Rev. Howard Munsey** — Pastor and church planter in Morristown, Tenn., **Dr. Charles Hampton** — Registrar, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.



Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

At the writing of this article, Christmas has not yet arrived. In fact, all the shopping hasn't been completed. While thinking of gifts for family and friends, I was overwhelmed with the realization that money would be limited this year. "Oh, if only I could give those on my heart the presents I'd like to," I thought. But a second thought seemed to override the first, "I can give them what I have."

And so, mentally I began listing what I could give those dearest to me. I could give my love for God to them. And my excitement for the Christmas season could be given. My children could be given my respect and love for their mother. My attention and time could be given my family. My friends could be given a sincere interest in their welfare. In short, I could give "me" and all I am.

In Acts 3:6, Peter took this approach toward a man who asked for help. Peter realized some things he

could not give. But instead of dwelling on his limitations, he simply gave what he had. His determination was, "such as I have give I thee".

Have you ever felt the frustration of trying to share your faith by using means and methods that required abilities you didn't have? You may have noticed someone using the "gift of gab" in sharing their faith and thought, "Now, that's evangelism". You may have envied those who can go "house to house" and win souls. Or the preacher in the pulpit giving an invitation may be your idea of reaching men with the gospel. But when you try some of these methods, while they work fine for others, you feel like a square peg in a round hole.

Instead of dwelling on methods you're uncomfortable with or means that you don't have, why not take an honest look at your own abilities and opportunities for sharing your faith? God doesn't want you to be and do as someone else. He wants you to be you and share your faith as He has enabled you to do so.

As you find opportunities to share your faith, "such as (you) have give (them)".

Spring Enlargement dates Set

March into March, 1987 determined to bring forth fruit! Your opportunity to get involved in the Spring 1987 Sunday School Enlargement Campaign eagerly awaits. Take advantage of this year's theme, **BRINGING FORTH FRUIT**, written by Randall House Publication's own Jonathan Thigpen.

This campaign is based on John 15:5, where Jesus challenges us to be fruitful. He does not merely give us a task to perform, though. He gives us the key to accomplishing it " . . . He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

March is Spring Enlargement Campaign time for the Sunday School. During the five week campaign,

Sunday Schools will be arranged in accordance with the following table for competitive purposes.

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

The Spring Enlargement Campaign will begin on Sunday, March 1, and continue through Sunday, March 29, 1987. Sunday Schools in each division that experience the greatest percentage of gain over the thirteen weeks' average attendance for September-October-November, 1986 will be declared winners and awarded appropriate trophies denoting first and second place.



Financial Information



COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS OCTOBER 1986

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions.....	\$ 5,069.47
17.00% Executive Department and Gem ..	4,658.43
3.50% General Fund	959.09
10.50% Youth Camp	2,877.27
1.75% C.E. Board	479.54
1.75% SS & CTS Board	479.54
2.50% Retirement Village	685.06
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	1,370.13
39.50% Nat'l. Assoc. & Hillsdale	10,824.00
(Hillsdale 6.00%...\$1,644.15)	
Executive Department	
Free Will Baptist Bible College	
National Home Missions	
Foreign Missions	
National Board of Retirement & Ins.	
Layman's Board	
Theological Commission	
Radio & TV Commission	
Total	\$27,402.53

OCTOBER 1986 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Union	\$ 120.00
Number One	42.85

Myrtle	330.33
Martinstown	31.00
Merl's Chapel	52.02
Union Grove	187.00
Lone Star	37.01
Bethel	429.00
Hartville	184.90
Salem	30.00
Union Light	273.34
Columbia	25.00
Willow Springs	253.76
Cope	38.22
Macedonia	20.00
New Life Fellowship	416.00
Trinity	684.86
Calvary Fellowship	574.17
Marshfield	172.78
Rock Chapel	270.86
Old Bethel	189.76
Happy Home	123.00
Mine La Motte	41.21
Mt. Pisgah	156.00
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Bailey Chapel	49.00
Central	1,300.00
Hurryville	166.00
Fordland	486.70
Victory, Alton	184.00
Flat River, First	601.76
Terrill Road	98.00

Mill Creek	169.61
Seymour	121.00
Springfield, First	690.50
Thayer	431.00
Harmony	316.00
Olivet	300.00
Houston	231.36
Farmington	1,350.00
Royal Oak	105.00
Pleasant Ridge	75.00
Carthage	40.00
Mountain Valley	202.67
Belton	320.57
Beacon	941.60
Verdella	180.67
New Harmony	7.56
Eastern Gate	158.00
Pleasant Home	193.49
Waynesville	173.02
Wilderness	412.38
Jones Creek	54.63
Freeman Chapel	124.55
Hannon	233.63
Friendship	119.41
Cabool	244.98
United, W.P.	297.73
Hopewell	128.00
DeSoto	600.00
Copper Mines	157.66
Parkview	247.90

New Life, Licking	187.52
Kirkville	69.14
Leadington	450.00
Gospel Light	150.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	66.90
Mountain Grove, First	709.94
Crossroads, Wentzville	273.00
West Plains, First	139.50
Richwoods	347.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	141.10
Cuba	223.50
Cuba	217.11
Lebanon, First	284.68
Fredericktown, First	286.00
Lingo	45.00
Grace	919.00
Pleasant Hill	34.48
Hickory Grove	46.20
New Rock Springs	97.46
Wolf Creek	252.50
Oskaloosa	22.00
Hartville	211.64
Myrtle	226.28
New Life Fellowship	441.00
New Hope	324.41
Number One	46.03
St. Francois District	21.00
Salem	30.00
Olivet	300.00
Terrill Road	178.00
Columbia	25.00
Willow Springs	205.53
Lone Star	33.10
Jones Creek	43.49
New Harmony	7.40
Houston	258.31
Monett	611.54
Monett	656.10
Bailey Chapel	50.00
Grant Avenue	511.49
Fordland	467.00
South Fremont	805.00
Unity	258.24
Cape Girardeau	527.99
Total	\$27,402.53

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Leadington	\$ 20.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
Thayer	20.00
Farmington	120.00
Parkview	5.00
DeSoto	35.00
Total	\$283.33

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Carthage	\$ 210.00
Belton	25.00
Beacon	115.00
Joplin	50.00
Verdella	5.00
New Harmony	49.89
Pleasant Home	43.00
Hannon	129.81
United, W.P.	23.67
Carl Layman	10.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
DeSoto	50.00
Blue Springs	10.00
Mountain Grove, First	39.50
Myrtle	106.00
Cape Girardeau	46.87
Bethel	65.00
Columbia	10.00
Leadington	130.00
Trinity	60.00
Calvary Fellowship	106.66
Central	44.00
Flat River, First	8.00
Terrill Road	45.94
South Side	5.00
South Fremont	10.00
Houston	73.33
Farmington	65.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Monett	209.39
Joplin	30.00
Grant Avenue	19.00
Total	\$1,890.06

YOUTH CAMP

Union	\$ 60.00
Myrtle	56.00
Bethel	25.00
Willow Springs	20.00
Leadington	20.00
Trinity	15.00
Calvary Fellowship	65.83
Mt. Pisgah	10.00

Central, SS	58.84
Fordland	40.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Thayer	25.00
Olivet	50.00
Farmington	40.00
Verdella	10.00
Hannon	15.00
DeSoto	50.00
New Life, Licking	10.00
Bethel, El Dorado	13.88
Buffalo	50.00
Mountain Grove	10.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Oskaloosa	10.00
St. Louis District Association	88.00
Total	\$787.55

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Myrtle	\$ 162.00
Martinstown	120.00
Merl's Chapel	350.00
Bethel	25.00
Niangua	67.90
Columbia	54.68
Leadington	225.00
Calvary Fellowship	859.65
Marshfield	10.00
Rock Chapel	10.00
Union	25.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Central	325.00
Fordland	117.00
Flat River	20.00
Terrill Road	85.00
South Side	100.00
Thayer	51.50
South Fremont	470.00
Olivet	100.00
Houston	10.00
Belton	25.00
Freeman Chapel	311.04
Farmington	270.00
Pleasant Ridge	20.00
Beacon	2,518.00
Joplin	50.00
Verdella	460.63
New Harmony	99.74
Hannon	258.63
Clifford Hoover	30.00
Brent & Cindy Thompson	25.00
United, W.W.	18.68
Crossroads, Wentzville	213.00
Parkview	50.00
Blue Springs	40.00
DeSoto	250.00
Faith Chapel	10.00
West Plains, First	77.00
Kirkville	55.00
Mountain Grove, First	170.50
Fourth	95.00
Victory Hill	41.13
Coon Creek	50.00
Oskaloosa	54.03
Hartville	80.00
New Hope	57.44
St. Louis District	68.00
Terrill Road	25.00
Monett	2,386.37
Grant Avenue	961.95
Total	\$11,968.87

CHILDREN'S HOME

DeSoto	\$50.00
Myrtle	6.49
Total	\$56.49

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Myrtle	\$ 394.00
Merl's Chapel	832.00
Bethel	51.00
Columbia	54.66
South East District	50.00
Leadington	195.00
Trinity	69.00
Calvary Fellowship	33.33
Marshfield	7.27
Rock Chapel	159.83
Union	25.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Central	1,002.09
Fordland	20.00
Crossroads, Wentzville	30.00
Charity Mackley	5.00
Flat River, First	45.00
Thayer	128.90
Harmony, K.C.	35.03
South Fremont	67.00

Houston	20.00
Farmington	212.14
Rolla	100.00
Joplin	20.00
Grant Avenue	1.00
Verdella	20.00
Pleasant Home	85.00
Hannon	30.00
Clifford Hoover	10.00
United, W.P.	23.00
Parkview	10.00
DeSoto	200.00
Kirkville	10.00
Mountain Grove, First	132.00
Bob & Glenda Keith	10.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Beacon	427.00
Terrill Road	10.00
Monett	347.50
South Fremont	30.00
Total	\$4,961.72

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Willow Springs	\$ 40.00
Calvary Fellowship	41.66
Central	30.00
Thayer	20.00
Farmington	120.00
Beacon	5.00
Hannon	50.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Total	\$314.66

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS NOVEMBER 1986

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 3,345.89
17.00% Executive Department and Gem	3,074.60
3.50% General Fund	633.00
10.50% Youth Camp	1,899.02
1.75% C.E. Board	316.50
1.75% SS & CTS Board	316.50
2.50% Retirement Village	452.15
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	904.29
39.50% Nat'l. Assoc. & Hillsdale (Hillsdale 6.00%...\$1,085.15)	7,143.92
Executive Department	
Free Will Baptist Bible College	
National Home Missions	
Foreign Missions	
National Board of Retirement & Ins.	
Layman's Board	
Theological Commission	
Radio & TV Commission	
Total	\$18,085.87

The Lord has given another wonderful month. We are a little ahead of our projected goal for the year, with only one more month to go. I pray the Lord will bless, that the annual goal shall be met. This shall be done through His faithful pastors and churches.

NOVEMBER 1986 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Farmington	\$ 1,350.00
Waynesville	184.78
Pleasant Home	198.39
Mine La Motte	31.77
Mill Creek	183.36
Kirkville, First	69.62
Pleasant Ridge	87.00
Calvary Fellowship	574.17
Harmony	150.00
Lebanon, First	350.10
Thayer	476.00
Bethel	353.00
Marshfield	159.05
Victory, Alton	209.00
Cope	38.97
Fred & Beverly Harris	20.85
Springfield, First	617.57
Shiloh Chapel	23.00
Macedonia	20.00
Seymour	130.00
Merl's Chapel	49.78
Oskaloosa	26.70
Berean	27.35
Mt. Zion, Gower	53.10
Freeman Chapel	238.60
Happy Home	227.50
Union Grove	175.00
Leadington	500.00

Olivet	300.00
Hannon	227.25
Royal Oak	98.00
Eastern Gate	181.00
El Dorado, First	5.00
Hurryville	125.00
Crossroads	280.00
Flat River, First	666.99
Belton	40.38
Fredericktown, First	314.00
Carthage	90.00
Tyrone	76.65
Rock Chapel	253.10
Trinity	632.65
Parkview	283.00
DeSoto	750.00
New Life, Licking	206.00
West Plains, First	169.00
Mt. Pisgah	160.00
United, W.P.	310.52
Purdy	412.01
Wolf Creek	220.72
Liberty	400.00
Byrd	20.00
Mountain Grove, First	769.32
Joplin	1,025.89
Neosho	142.50
Jones Chapel	289.45
Cabool	287.92
Gospel Light	145.00
Verdella	153.68
Black Oak	10.00
Pleasant Hill	50.05
Copper Mines	211.27
Grace	970.00
Lingo	45.00
Calvary, Conway	126.00
Calvary, Conway	110.00
Salem	30.00
New Home	54.93
New Rock Springs	93.40
Willow Springs	219.99
Total	\$18,085.87

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Farmington	\$ 680.72
Pleasant Ridge	20.00
Calvary Fellowship	656.65
Fellowship	822.00
Thayer	40.00
South Side	100.00
Bethel	62.27
Niangua	54.55
Marshfield	15.90
Shiloh Chapel	20.00
Oskaloosa	59.50
Freeman Chapel	300.00
Leadington	230.00
Olivet	50.00
Union	25.00
Brent & Cindy Thompson	25.00
Clifford Hoover	30.00
Hannon	252.25
Flat River, First	10.00
Belton	25.00
Central	20.00
Carthage	35.00
Beacon	709.69
Trinity	54.68
Blue Springs	40.00
Unity	15.00
DeSoto	250.00
West Plains, First	76.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
United, W.P.	14.38
Liberty	300.00
Mountain Grove, First	147.50
Neosho	355.00
Indian Creek Association	1,824.23
Verdella	527.45
Martinstown	50.00
Fourth	135.00
Hickory Grove	21.00
Total	\$8,063.77

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Farmington	\$216.95
Pleasant Home	75.00
Kirksville	73.00
Calvary Fellowship	143.33
Harmony	10.00
Fellowship	55.00
Thayer	121.00
Bethel	45.00
Merl's Chapel	47.00
Leadington	200.00
Freeman Chapel	625.00
Union	25.00
South East District	50.00

Crossroads	13.00
Flat River, First	67.00
Central	309.00
Rock Chapel	200.69
Trinity	210.00
Greater K.C. District	200.00
Unity	10.00
Victory, K.C.	196.00
DeSoto	200.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
United, W.P.	48.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Mountain Grove, First	40.08
Neosho	104.18
Indian Creek Association	837.12
Monett	838.50
Verdella	35.00
Black Oak	114.30
Lone Star	50.00
Bob & Glenda Keith	10.00
Columbia	40.00
Total	\$5,269.15

YOUTH CAMP

Farmington	\$ 40.00
Calvary Fellowship	65.83
Thayer	25.00
Bethel	25.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Oskaloosa	10.00
Leadington	20.00
Olivet	25.00
Hannon	15.00
Central	24.00
Trinity	15.00
Greater K.C. District	200.00
DeSoto	50.00
New Life, Licking	10.00
Mr. Pisgah	10.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Mountain Grove	10.00
Buffalo	50.00
Verdella	10.00
Bethel, El Dorado Springs	13.88
New Rock Springs	10.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Total	\$673.71

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Farmington	160.00
Pleasant Home	5.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	106.66
Fellowship	12.00
Thayer	91.00
South Side	7.00
Bethel	85.00
Shiloh Chapel	25.00
Leadington	135.00
Hannon	123.63
Eastern Gate	15.00
Flat River, First	13.00
Belton	25.00
Central	13.00
Carthage	130.00
Trinity	75.00
Blue Springs	10.00
Unity	10.00
Victory, K.C.	80.00
DeSoto	50.00
United, W.P.	14.38
Liberty	200.00
Mountain Grove, First	12.50
Neosho	40.00
Indian Creek Association	967.12
Carl Layman	10.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
Total	\$2,450.29

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Farmington	\$120.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
Thayer	20.00
Leadington	20.00
Earnest & Bernice Thomea	50.00
DeSoto	35.00
Total	\$328.33

CHILDREN'S HOME

DeSoto	\$50.00
Pleasant Home	17.60
Total	\$67.60

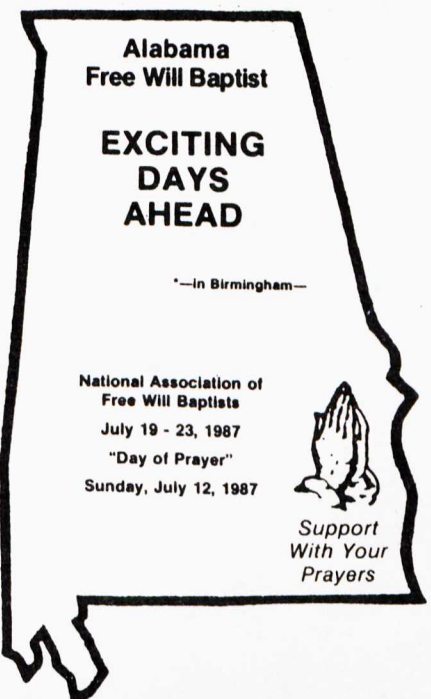
HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Farmington	\$120.00
Calvary Fellowship	41.66
Thayer	20.00
Hannon	50.00
Willow Springs	20.00
Total	\$251.66

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Belton	\$ 75.00
Berean	20.00
Bethel	209.00
Central	223.00
Columbia	15.00
Cooperative Receipts	12,695.92
Berkeley	146.00
DeSoto	150.00
Eastern Gate	85.00
Farmington	160.00
Flat River, First	29.50
Grace	145.00
Grant Avenue	90.00
Kirksville	29.00
Hannon	401.34
Houston	69.40
Grant Avenue	90.00
Leadington	300.00
Liberty, Phillipsburg	120.00
Marshfield	40.54
Mill Creek	30.00
Monett	389.83
Myrtle	152.50
Neosho	40.00
New Harmony	93.21
Oak Hill	55.00
O'Fallon	43.00
Olivet	210.00
Pleasant Home	15.00
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
South Fremont	20.00
Thayer	222.87
Trinity	258.00
Union Light	18.00
United, West Plains	139.24
Clarence Burton	60.00
Unity	289.45
Cape Girardeau	97.09
Southside	19.00
Carl Layman	30.00
Calvary Fellowship	319.98
Carthage	270.00
Willow Springs	43.30
Shiloh Chapel	25.00
Joplin	75.00
Harmony	35.00
Blue Springs	20.00
Fordland	15.00
J.W. Rader	50.00
Royal Oak	40.00
Terrill Road	103.43
Pre-Teen Youth Camp	109.62
A.C. Kennedy	10.00
Total	\$18,422.22



Students Make Deans List

Following mid-term exams the following students from Missouri made the Dean's List at Free Will Baptist Bible College: **Mike Pointer**, Sophomore, Springfield; **Debbie Maggart**, Freshman, St. Joseph; **Stephanie Norris**, Freshman, Arnold; **Suzanne Norris**, Freshman, Arnold.

Editor's Note: Congratulations!

Calendar Of Events

TARGET 90 CONFERENCE

Free Will Baptist Bible College, February 16-18.

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE CONFERENCE

March 8-12

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONARIES CONFERENCE

March 2-3.

CALL A THON FOR YOUTH CAMP

Sunday, March 29.

FAMILY LIFE SEMINAR WITH JOE GRIZZLE

Stonecroft Conference Center, Branson, Mo. April 3-4.

MISSOURI STATE COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

First Free Will Baptist Church, Mt. Grove, April 24-25.

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

Civic Center, Carthage, Mo., June 8-11.

YOUTH CAMP:

Teens: June 14-19, Group I; June 21-26, Group II.

Pre-Teens: Aug. 2-7, Group I; Aug. 9-14, Group II.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Birmingham, Alabama, July 19-23.

A Testimony

by Ann Cochran

A testimony . . . every Christian should be one and every Christian has one.

Half of Webster's definition of "testimony" deals with how a Christian should be in relationship to others. It says "any form of evidence; proof." Let's concentrate more on the spoken testimony.

Webster says, in the other half of his definition, that a testimony is "a statement made under oath to establish a fact; any declaration." I **love** to tell people what the Lord's done for me, but I can never forget the misconception I had about testimonies, and I've since learned that many young people share my past misunderstanding about a testimony.

Everyone's testimony is different—God has done different things in everyone's lives. One thing He's done in every Christian's life is, He saved us all from sin. Regardless of how good or bad we lived, we were all bound for an eternity of misery and torment in Hell and he gave us hope of a better eternal home.

I used to think that since I didn't have a colorful story to tell about the terrible life of sin God brought me from, my testimony wasn't worth telling. How wrong I was!

God brought me out of sin—we all live in sin until saved. Isn't it wonderful to hear how God changed an alcoholic? But it's just as wonderful to hear of someone who's never battled such an awful habit but is still as much a sinner saved by grace. Young people, let me challenge you, especially to begin building a wonderful testimony and begin sharing it. God's done wonderful things in your life—begin telling about it now and God will give you more wonderful things to tell about.



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