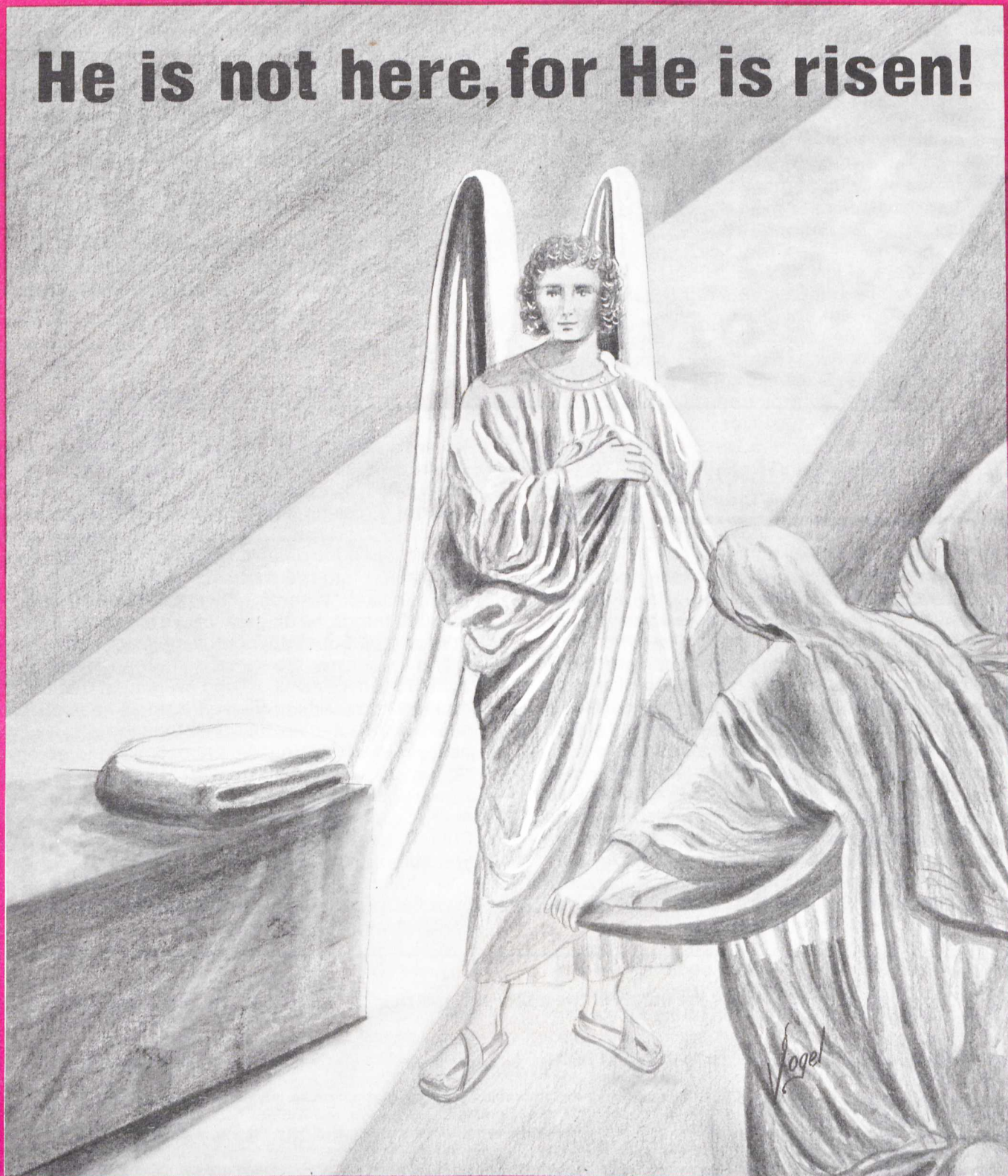


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He is not here, for He is risen!



SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1986-1987

CHURCHES	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
Belton	58	76	74	59	68	59	59	60		66	77	52
Bethel		107	90	95	88	88	90	101	100	90	91	80
Calvary Fellowship	192	249	241	190		180	181	193	230	192	192	181
Cape Girardeau	49	66	67	46	41	48	40	51			61	
Copper Mines	69	72	67	75								
Cuba									61	74		
DeSoto	169	190	194	174	177	192						
Farmington	584	753		603	578							515
Flat River, First	148	174	169	164	150	149	146	157	138	142	128	120
Grace	159	204	165	149	146	131	143	155	166	162	162	
Grant Avenue			116	82								
Hannon	77	71	72	74	72	74	85	70		83	72	65
Harmony	71	74		54	57	58	72	80		63	60	52
Houston	88	89	80	81	74	80	87	85	81	71	88	68
Jones Creek Road		33		21	25	20	20			16	18	17
Marshfield	40	41	35	37	36	33	34	42	38	40		
Monett	164	199	156	154	171	158						
Myrtle	38	42	42	41	40	37	37	38	36	35	38	32
Neosho		79	66	75	78	79	73	61	56	56	62	
New Life Fellowship	82	102				79						
Parkview	90	92	84	78	83		82	73	76	86	74	53
Richwoods	50	51	66	55	51	45	56	49	65	63	49	45
Rock Chapel	68	65	69	67	76	56	61	70	64	66	74	53
Thayer							127	140		139	149	101
United, W.P.	85	100	94	93	75	89	100	80	85	95	87	88
Victory, K.C.	45	47	64	54	46	48	41	41	47	56	56	62
West Plains, First	111	118	113	97	102	100	99	122	138	115	126	102
Willow Springs	82	97					75	77			77	56

Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God. (Heb. 6:1).

The fifth chapter of Hebrews closes with a sad picture of immature believers, while the sixth chapter opens with an exhortation to spiritual progress. In this meditation I would like to encourage each child of God not only to go on, but to go on unto perfection.

Hebrews 6:1 was drawn to my attention while reading the book **The Essentials of Prayer** by E.M. Bounds. Mr. Bounds made the following statement, "In religion we must not only go on, we must know where we are going."

Paul said, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." He started

toward a definite goal and purpose, and was a man set on fire by the Holy Spirit, who could humbly say, "I've never been disobedient to that Heavenly vision." Paul was not the same individual that answered the call to preach to the Gentiles when he sat in prison waiting to die. He had gone on unto perfection, and was ready to be ushered into the presence of a Holy God.

Peter said, "Wherefore beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless." I think he was trying to convey the same truth John states in First John 3:3 where he said, "and every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as he is pure."

As I close this meditation, I trust the desire of each believer would be that we not only want to go on, but that we take a look at where we are going. Do you know where you're going? Do you know more scripture now than you did when you were saved? Are you less pure? Should you be teaching and yet must be taught? Are you still on milk instead of strong meat?

I challenge you to go on unto perfection and be found of Him in peace, without spot and blameless.

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Missouri State Association Went Over The Top In Foreign Missions And National Home Missions!!!

THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION WENT OVER THE TOP IN FOREIGN MISSIONS AND NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS!!!

Foreign Missions — The General Director Foreign Missions Department writes - Congratulations! You are one of only eleven states to exceed your suggested quota goal for Foreign Missions in 1986. The \$213,313.51 you gave has enabled the Hannas, Pinkertons, McLains, Lyttles, Baileys, Bunches, Filkins, Reeves, Tallent, and Moores to serve as witnesses for Jesus in the respective countries in which they serve.

National Home Missions — The General Director of the National Home Missions Department writes - Missouri gave \$157,270.91 to exceed its quota of \$100,000.00

Both Brother Waddell and Brother Thomas express sincere appreciation for the support that Missouri Free Will Baptists have given to missions.



Ron & Linda Moore

Moores Approved For Missionary Service To Ivory Coast

Ron and Linda Moore were approved as Free Will Baptist Missionaries and appointed to the field of Ivory Coast, West Africa. This action was taken by the Foreign Missions Board at their meeting in December.

Ron has pastored three churches, prior to this appointment: Surrency Church, Surrency, GA., Hilltop and Calvary Church in South Carolina. His recent pastorate was a five year tenure with the Calvary Church in Georgetown, S.C.

Linda is the former Linda Rich, a native of Missouri, and was a member of the Pleasant Home Free Will Baptist Church near Mt. Grove, Mo. She is taking classes at Free Will Baptist Bible College this semester in preparation to going to the mission field.

Ron writes - Since I have been pastoring for several years, I believe that I could be scheduled for a variety of services. For example, I could not only be used in Mission Conferences and services, I could conduct revivals, weekend or full week, with one service for a Missions emphasis.

They will be available May 15 through the month of June. They may be contacted through the Foreign Missions in Nashville, TN.

From Pastor To Missionary

by Ron Moore

Former Pastor of Calvary FWB Church, Georgetown, S.C.

There are many questions that are typically asked of the new missionary appointee, but I suppose when an experienced pastor is appointed as a missionary to the Ivory Coast there are even more. It is not a matter of routine when such a thing happens, and asking a few questions is quite in order. Let me try to anticipate a few questions that might be asked and answer them the best I can.

First, the most logical question would be, "**Why are you leaving the pastorate for the mission field?**" I can hear the speculative comments now: "There must be some trouble in his church" or "He must be a disgruntled pastor with a bad experience", etc. Nothing could be farther from the truth, however. The past four and a half years of ministry at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church have been some of the best years of my life. I have enjoyed a good ministry in Georgetown. The Lord has given many deep and personal relationships that will last into eternity. The new pastor, Brother Eddie Baird, will have the privilege of working with some of the finest Christians I know. The ministry at Calvary is not a bad experience pushing me, but a good experience preparing me for the mission field! To answer God's call for missionary service while in the midst of a good ministry was a difficult decision to make. Yet, I knew that not to submit to His perfect will could very easily result in that which has been a blessing becoming a curse. I did not want this for the beloved friends at Calvary, or for myself!

Second, "**Why Ivory Coast?**" In simplest terms the answer to this question is the same as the first: it's God's will. I am not sure of all the reasons why the Lord chose me for the Ivory Coast rather than Japan or Brazil, or any of the other fields. I know more missionaries in Ivory Coast than any other field, and that may have something to do with it. I knew more about that field than any other, and that may have contributed as well. The idea that really gripped my heart, however, was knowing that in the Ivory Coast there is a field ripe unto harvest and the need for laborers great. From 1980 to 1985 the number of believers who worship together in the Ivorian churches has grown about 180%. The fruit is ripe unto harvest. If laborers are not sent immediately, the fruit may fall to the ground and spoil. We do not know how long the harvest season will last; God forbid that I, and maybe you, should delay in answering, "Here am I, send me."

Third, "**What will your ministry be in the Ivory Coast?**" The exact location and specific ministry will not be identified until after I am on the field. But one thing is certain, and that is that I am a preacher. God has given me a burden for proclaiming Christ to those who have yet to hear. Whatever my ultimate ministry will be, I am confident it will involve evangelism and church planting.

Fourth, "**How much will it take to send you to Ivory Coast and support you and your ministry there?**" Although exact figures are not available at this time, it is estimated that I will need about \$3,000 in monthly support and about \$35,000 in cash before Linda and I

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depart for France to do language study. Indeed this is a lot of money, but the God who has called us will provide for us!

Fifth, **"When will you depart?"** This is another question that is hard to answer at this time. I have been advised not to speculate too much about a departure date until there has been enough time pass to evaluate how well the support is coming in. I am asking the Lord for a miracle, and am trusting Him for a quick and early departure date. I will be able to be more specific after a few months of deputation.

Sixth, **"What can I do?"** I am glad you asked that question!! The first thing you can do is pray. Pray for our health, travel on deputation, support, language acquisition, and that God would use us as we speak in our churches to touch hearts with His burden for lost souls. You can also schedule us for a service in your church, Woman's Auxiliary, Master's Men, Sunday School, or other organization. Finally, you can give. If 144 individuals, churches, or any combination thereof, would support us with only \$6.00 per week, we would be able to depart almost immediately. What an answer to prayer this would be!! Regardless of whether or not you can give, please support us in prayer; this is what will ultimately send us to the field.

The Lord Jesus said, **"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."** There has been a tremendous response to the gospel by the Ivorians the past half decade. The harvest truly is plenteous. Laborers are needed. God has called us to go. **Will you pray** that the Lord of harvest might send?

Editor's Note: May I encourage the churches in Missouri to help this missionary family with prayers and support.

Delay — Defeat?

by Carol Pinkerton
Missionary, Ivory Coast, Africa

All seemed normal. Jerry left at 7 a.m., on the cycle for Appimadoum, thirty-five miles away for services. At 8 a.m. Carol rode her bike into Tanda for the Sunday School, followed with a French and English preaching service. It was 12:15 p.m. when she returned home. The Honda cycle was there, but the car was gone. A note explained that Jerry needed to make a return trip to Appimadoum since one of the young Christian girls was having problems. Her pagan parents were attempting to force her to submit to initiation rites and make sacrifices. Naomi left the village in the wee hours of the morning.

At 2 p.m. Jerry returned home unable to find Naomi. She captivated our thoughts. We were leaving for evening services in Tanda when three exhausted young men arrived. Naomi was still in the village and help was needed. Jerry, the three young men, Paul, a licensed evangelist, and Kouame Paul, an older and much respected Christian from Goumere, went to help.

I agreed that first they should obtain permission from the stepfather before taking her away. The village chief and stepfather refused. Appimadoum, a village without electricity, was dark. Loud talking groups formed. Many joined the excited people. Some threats to cut pastor's car tires and burn the church were voiced. It was a most defeated group of Christians as they walked back to the car, unable to help. Just as the group reached the darkened car, one of the local Christians whispered into pastor's ear, "We have Naomi in your car." Oh, no . . . but some of the villagers with flashlights had spotted her inside. Then came the accusation: "You were not given permission to take her, so you are stealing her!" Pastor's loud voice was heard, "I did not give anyone permission to get in my car . . . Not Naomi and not you!" The man backed away . . . and pastor had to tell Naomi that permission to take her had been refused. She would have to get out of the car. She would have to stay in the village. The Christians could do nothing more. She was assured of many prayers believing that God would answer. The sad group returned home. It was 1 a.m.

Monday brought no news. Tuesday Jerry and Paul went to Bondoukou. It was there they learned that the small, yet beautiful, split-bamboo church building at Appimadoum had been burned. Four young men were in prison. Naomi had been released from her parent's authority. A policeman just kept repeating the unbelievable, "They burned God's House. They burned God's House." Pastor Jerry assured the Appimadoum Christians that building was only a building. It could be rebuilt. They were the Church, and they were urged to remain faithful.

Another day, another trip to Bondoukou. The four young men had been released from prison (lack of evidence). Naomi had again been placed under her parent's authority. They had clearly been instructed not to force her to carry through with the rites or sacrifices. And, the entire village was blamed for burning the church. The government official gave them three days to build another one—in time for the next Sunday Service.

What had appeared earlier to be defeat was now recognized only as a delay . . . GOD DID ANSWER . . . and sorrow was turned into gladness.

A Letter From Missionary Vergel Maness

Dear Brother Burton:

Thanks for the promotion of Free Will Baptist Home Missions in the Gem. Missouri Free Will Baptists are responsible for my conversion to Christ and my ability to serve Him as a National Home Missionary.

Please tell the folks how much we appreciate all the support they give us, financially and prayer. We are seeing some victories and we pray this year that we will be able to build a church building, that will give honor to the Lord and help establish Free Will Baptists in this area.

"Praise the Lord! My burden is lifted. A deficit account no longer hinders my soul-winning efforts. Call-a-thon gifts made the difference!"

- Aren't those gratifying words?
- Doesn't that exclamation make Call-a-thon a blessing to you?
- Aren't you glad you participated?

CALL-A-THON can lift the burden!

Yes, many missionaries have expressed their gratitude for past Call-a-thon efforts in just those words. So, won't you help once more this April?

Everyone can do something!

- 1) Coin folders for deficits
- 2) Special sacrificial gifts
- 3) Special Call-a-thon fund-raising projects
- 4) Sunday school offerings
- 5) Special Easter offerings or
30 Pieces of Silver offerings

Surely your church can do something special in April. Wouldn't it be great to be part of 500 or more churches lifting the deficit burden in 1987?

Whatever you do, be sure you make an effort to report it on



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Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

Life is a wonderful experience. It becomes even more precious in the face of death. Health is much desired, especially after one has been ill. And, so it is with salvation. Being saved takes on new meaning when it is understood, what we are saved from.

Heaven is the hope and expectation of the saved. But, what of those who are not saved? Heaven is what we are saved for, but, what are we saved from?

We are saved from "everlasting punishment" (Matt.

25:46). Not a temporary confinement. Not disciplinary action. But an eternal payment for rejection of Jesus Christ as Savior. We are saved from an "unquenchable fire" (Luke 3:17). This will not be a refining fire but rather a fire of torture. We are saved from the awful existence of separation from the "presence of the Lord" (II Thess. 1:9). Those who are lost will be separated from God, the source of all happiness, peace, joy, love and life itself. Everyone whose name is not found written in the "book of life" will be cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:15).

Think of it! Everyone whom you and I help to find Christ as Savior will be saved from hell! What a wonderful and important work evangelism is!



The Calvarymen Quartet

The Calvarymen Quartet was organized in September of 1985 and is made up of seven individuals who have been saved by the grace of God, and have dedicated their lives to serving Him, and following in the footsteps of our Saviour Jesus Christ. The Calvarymen Quartet are accompanied by Teresa Dixon on the piano who received her degree in music from Evangel College in Springfield, Missouri and is presently sharing her talents teaching band in the Hartville High School system. Playing the drums for the quartet is Chuck Howe, a student at Hartville High School. Playing the bass guitar and managing the sound is Roger Hughes of Hartville, Missouri. The vocals for the quartet are made up of four male voices to bring the harmonies and melodies of the traditional southern gospel music. The four part harmony is made up of Doren Keeler from Marshfield, Missouri singing the tenor part; Galen Dixon of Hartville, Missouri singing the lead part; Craig Crowe of Cabool, Missouri singing the baritone part; Jim Evans of Mansfield, Missouri singing the bass part.

The Calvarymen quartet are united in one goal, and that is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and share the peace and joy and love that can only come through Him. Each song that is sang by the Calvarymen Quartet has been selected for the message it proclaims and for their reassuring promises of God's unfailing love. It is our desire to see each individual that we can reach receive God's best and richest blessings, and for all this, to God be the glory.

The Calvarymen may be contacted by calling Jim Evans, manager, 417-741-6309 or Galen or Teresa Dixon, 417-741-6574.

Finis Barr Available For Special Song Ministry

"The Lord has been speaking to my heart about going into a Gospel Singing Solo Ministry. I want to do God's will," are the words of Finis Barr.

Finis states that he is available for a Solo Ministry at Church Revivals, Banquets, Mid-Week Services and Sunday morning and evening. He states that he has the Believer's public address system and soundtracks that he can sing with.

Brother Barr may be contacted at 314-938-5635 or Finis Barr, P.O. Box 560, Eureka, MO 63025.

Thoughts And Suggestions Concerning A Radio Ministry

by Jerry Norris

The Lord had blessed our church with eight years of sustained growth. Not a spectacular growth, but a gradual, consistent growth. Then, in mid 1986, I began to realize that we had drifted into a state of complacency. We began to lose some families, and a cloud began to settle over our congregation. I realized that we must attempt to recapture the aggressive spirit that helped spark earlier growth. Momentum can be a tremendous force, but once you lose it, it becomes very difficult to recapture. One of the ministries which I felt led to initiate was a radio ministry.

DAILY OR WEEKLY? At first, I thought we would have one program on both Saturday and Sunday with each airing on a different station. As our people began to respond, I began to envision a daily ministry which was always preferred but thought unattainable. The daily ministry would have put us in the home or automobile every day, and if you missed us today you could always get us tomorrow. I made the decision in early September to go with the daily radio ministry.

STATION SELECTION. St. Louis has several gospel stations. A couple are solid stations but are also terribly expensive. I would have preferred such a station for it would have given our ministry instant credibility. However, it was not in the Lord's will for us to do so. Other stations are filled with "crackpot" programming. To be on one of these stations would have identified us with a group of cults and/or denominations that I felt would mislead people as to where we stood doctrinally. When all factors were weighed, I contracted with KSTL for one year of programs. Even though the contract was for one year, management wrote in a special two week notice clause to enable us to launch the ministry with no great financial risk.

PROGRAM FORMAT. Our broadcast is **not** a nationwide program such as Back to the Bible, Haven of Rest, Chapel of the Air, etc. It is a local broadcast familiarizing people with the ministry of the Calvary Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church. Therefore, we use music provided by our own musicians. This can be a problem. Fortunately, the Lord has blessed us with some talented people. Finis Barr, a member of our church, had gone to Nashville and recorded an album which supplied me with ten great songs. P.D. Murdick, also a member, had just started a recording studio and Ron & Deb Scott, Doyle Fulbright, Finis Barr, and Marilyn Jones spent some time with P.D. preparing a tape which provided another nine outstanding songs. Nick Nixon, as a labor of love, tapes all our services, and we use some of this live music on the broadcast. Besides the music, I will mention birthdays, special prayer needs, special announcements from both our church and our sister FWB churches. I climax the program with a five minute challenge, thought devotion.

RECEPTION. Our people have been most encouraging. Still, it is a small segment of our church that is carrying on the bulk of the financial load. However, as a whole, the people are sensitive to let me

know they appreciate the program each morning. I get calls from various people outside of our congregation encouraging me in the ministry. Some have called to say they listen to us at breakfast every morning. One man called to say he tapes it every morning and plays it back several times during the day. However, to my knowledge, we have received no new people as a result of this ministry.

PROBLEMS? I do not have the equipment to produce the quality tapes for the broadcast. Therefore, on Monday morning I go down to the Station, which is approximately 20 miles. I record two broadcasts from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. I then move into another studio and do my Monday's broadcast live. I then return to the other studio to tape the other programs. Station personnel have been very gracious to me. When we get a new sound system (How is that for faith?) we will include some equipment for preparing these programs.

Finances are always a problem. As we faced 1987, we did not feel that we could budget any funds for radio. You will recall that I previously mentioned the loss of some families which meant that for the first time in my ministry at Calvary we would not be able to increase the budget. I can tap the advertising budget for a few dollars, but I must raise 90% of the money **outside** the church budget. This isn't good, but it is the way it must be for right now. As growth makes additional funds available, it is my desire to channel a portion of those funds into this ministry.

PURPOSE. The primary purpose of this radio ministry is to make folks aware of our church's total ministry.

About the Writer: Reverend Jerry Norris has served in various positions in the St. Louis District Association. He is presently serving on the Missouri State Christian Education Board and has been serving as pastor of the Calvary Fellowship Church in Fenton since its organization. He is actively involved in the state and national work.

Editor's Note: I asked Brother Norris to prepare this article. I believe it will be informative and helpful, especially for a pastor or church considering a radio ministry.



Churches, People & Events



Left to right: Clarence Burton, John Williams, R.E. & Rose Helsley, Danny Douglas, Arnold Day and Bruce Moore.

25TH ANNIVERSARY FOR REV. R.E. HELSLEY

On New Year's Eve, December 31, 1986, the Wolf Creek Free Will Baptist Church held a 25th Anniversary Service for the pastor, Rev. R.E. Helsley, and his wife Rose. Brother Helsley has a very outstanding and enviable record for his 25 years in the ministry. The record reveals 4,483 messages preached, 257 revivals, 200 funerals, 37 weddings, witnessed 992 decisions for Christ and baptized 173. During the 25 years in the ministry Brother and Sister Helsley served as pastor at Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church, New Home Free Will Baptist Church and for the past nineteen years their present pastorate, Wolf Creek Free Will Baptist Church.

The service began with enthusiastic congregational singing. A warm spirit blanketed the congregation. Brother Bob Keith introduced the Cavarymen Quartet. This group blessed the hearts of the people. Rev. Clarence Burton, state executive secretary, was introduced to give a word of testimony. He commended the church for holding this service for the pastor. He stated that it is a wonderful expression of love. Brother Burton made many complimentary remarks of his "good friend, and brother minister, R.E." He said, "May you and your devoted wife, Rose, have many more years of service in the Lord's work. Only eternity will fully reveal the number of souls you have blessed and influenced for Christ". Rev. John Williams, pastor of the Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church, preached a challenging and uplifting message. Everyone enjoyed the special singing by the Keith Family, Brother Dake, Roger & Cathy, Marie Douglas, and the Ladies Trio from the church. The ladies provided delicious refreshments that were enjoyed by everyone during the time of fellowship. Brother Helsley expressed his sincere thanks to the Wolf Creek Church, for their kindness and faithfulness, to the many friends attending the service and especially to his wife, Rose, and the children, Cathy and Mark. It was a heart warming service and very appropriate for a loving pastor and church.



Mark & Shelly Braisher

ORDINATION AT VICTORY

On Saturday, December 6th, 1986, Reverend Mark Braisher, Pastor of the Victory Free Will Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri was ordained. Mark's parents, The Reverend and Mrs. Henry Braisher, his brother Tony and sister Kelly; Shelly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lewis, and her grandmother, LaVaughn Kendrick, were in attendance, along with members of the congregation and pastors from the greater Kansas City area.

Reverend Roger Harwell of the Beacon FWB Church was master of ceremonies. Reverend John Bullard of the Harmony FWB Church in Parkville opened with prayer. Mark's mother shared his life from his arrival on May 3, 1963 thru his graduation from Hillsdale in December 1984. At age 3 his daddy said he would be a FWB preacher because of his long prayers! Mark was saved at the age of 8 and has always been very active in church.

Shelly's father sang "It's My Desire To Live For Him" and Reverend Henry Braisher shared the message, "God's Looking for a Few Good Men". He listed some requirements that must be met when one answers the call to preach and stressed the seriousness of that decision. It was a special privilege for him to speak at his son's ordination.

The charge was given by Reverend Harwell referencing I Peter Chapter 5. The ordained ministers present were called for the laying on of hands and Reverend Dennis Bowman of the Berean FWB Church in Independence led the prayer. A reception followed the service.

Mark and his wife, Shelly, were both raised in Oklahoma. They moved to Kansas City so he could attend Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He will graduate this year. They joined Victory FWB Church in February of 1985. He served as Youth Director and CTS Director. Shelly taught a CTS class and is the church pianist. Reverend Braisher accepted the pastorate at Victory in September of 1986.

ORDINATION SERVICE AT JONES CHAPEL

On December 7, 1986 at the Sunday Evening Worship Service an unusual Ordination Service was held at the Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. It was unusual, in that four men were ordained to serve as deacons. Often times there may be two ordained at the same time but it is unusual for four to be ordained to serve in the same local church. The men, with their

wives are: Billy and Patricia White, Donnie and Joan Culp, Lester and Coleen Reynolds and George and Betty Kirk.

The pastor, Rev. Dale Underwood, gave a warm welcome to the members and friends of the church. He stated, "We have been looking forward to this service for quite sometime. The Jones Chapel Church is ready to ordain four good men to serve as deacons. We appreciate these men and their families and, the present deacons and I are looking forward to working with them in our labor in the church.

Rev. Clarence Burton preached the Ordination Message. He stated, "This is impressive. What a tremendous help this will be to the Jones Chapel Church. As the pastor stated, four good men, being set apart, ordained, to serve as deacons." Brother Burton further stated, "To be chosen as a deacon indicates the church has confidence in the person selected. And, it indicates on the part of the one chosen, that he has confidence in the church and is willing to work and labor with it." He challenged the ones being ordained to be 'problem solvers, (as were the first deacons in Acts chapter 6.) promoters of the gospel of Jesus Christ and personal soul-winners.'

Reverend Dale Underwood gave the charge and Rev. Richard Robinson, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Joplin, Missouri, and Executive Committee member of the District Association led in the Ordination Prayer.

Special music was given by the Church Quartet and the White Family Singers. This along with the congregational singing warmed the hearts of everyone.

Sister Nancy Underwood and the ladies of the church provided and served delicious refreshments following the service. It was a great time of Christian fellowship.



The pastor, 4 ordained deacons, Rev. Richard Robinson, Rev. Clarence Burton



Rev. Dale Underwood, pastor, Billy White, Donnie Culp, Lester Reynolds and George Kirk.



Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

While pausing briefly to glance out the parsonage window, my mind is anything but restful. I'm thinking of all the tasks that lie ahead of me for the week. Thoughts of a Woman's Auxiliary meeting, P.T.A., the kids piano lessons, school board meeting, Lynn's ball game, scheduled church services, etc. . . . all whirl in my head. To top it all off, my pastor-husband is away from home, at a police chaplain's seminar somewhere in Kansas. He'll be gone for three days. How will I get everything done?

Getting "everything done," is impossible! It is also unnecessary. And attempting to do everything is unnerving to the point of discouragement. Our family has established some priorities. We work at getting these things accomplished first. The other tasks get done as time and opportunity allows. Of course, things pertaining to home and church get top billing around our house.

Sometimes there are some conflicts in the various schedules of family time, church services and events, school activities, etc. Establishing priorities that are Christ's and family centered are essential, not only for the smooth operation of our home, but also in molding the attitudes and habits of our children's character that will carry over to their adult lives.

We make the most of our time. Each week, after I chauffeur the girls to piano lessons, I use the time during their lessons to do my grocery shopping. While waiting for Lynn to finish her practice at school two nights a week, I grade papers, or do some other school work that would otherwise have to be taken home.

As a working mother, I try to leave my work at the workplace. This can't always be done, but it is a goal. Though lots of tears and frustration, I've learned that leaving my job behind is very important for a happier family. That is not to say that I take my job lightly. I love teaching, and I'm very active professionally. Still, I never let it interfere with my church or my family . . . Well, almost never!

Housework is another area in which priority changes had to be made. The house had to be spotless. Hours were spent making sure everything was perfect. Who cares? My family wanted me more than they wanted a spotless house. So an adjustment was made. The house is always **clean**, but not always spotless.

Adjustments were also made in our church activities. Pastors and their families are often "expected" to be at every function even remotely connected with the church or one of its members. This sometimes includes baby showers, banquets, birthday parties, ball games, skating parties, etc. All these things are in addition to other obligations. This is often an unrealistic expectation that is put upon the families of many pastors.

What a joy it is when other members of the body of Christ recognize that they too are commissioned to serve. The function of the church is not altogether the

duty of its leaders alone. How sweet it is when a church member offers to arrange the Valentine Banquet, take food over to a grieving family, make a needed hospital call, or even mow the church lawn (even if it happens to be five acres).

Looking out my parsonage window, I remember that it is time to be leaving for Bible study. You had better be going too, don't you think?

What's Wrong With America?

Why is America going downhill?

Too many problems, that's how some feel.

Others seem to not even care,

Most people do whatever they dare.

Why is there so much violence and crime,

And so many people don't have even a dime?

Losing our freedom, is that your will?

How very easy this could become, so real!

So many people don't even know where they stand,

America could become like our farmers and lose all our land.

Why are there so many people who have a problem with dope,

And others that seemly have no hope?

If you took a poll, I think you would find,

A lot of people saying, "I've got a religious mind".

But Sunday morning they can't be found,

Not in church anyway, they're just not around!

Whatever makes them happy, this they do,

Compared to everyone, in church, just a few.

And if you were there, can you recall what was said,

Or was you not paying attention, or just nodding your head?

When was the last time you got on your knees to pray?

It's time we all need to hear what the preacher has to say,

Don't think, he's talking about the other person, and not me.

Look and examine your own life, that's the key!

Most think, "I will make it right someday",

But some never get another chance and pass away.

Jesus died so we could be saved.

So let's clean up our lives for the ONE HE GAVE.

It's time we all should see the light,

And with God's help, I hope we all just might.

Lives without God in them, too many no doubt,

That's how all these problems came about.

Everywhere you turn there's sin on every hand,

It's time for Christians to take a stand.

Our schools are without prayer,

Is this really fair?

Do I have an answer for all these problems, you ask?

GOD, is the only answer for this big task.

Call upon Jesus and your sins confess,

For he's the only ONE that can straighten out all this mess!

It all starts by turning to God, by you and me.

Then maybe it will spread and grow from sea to sea.

And make America a Godly nation like it started out to be!

by Ronnie Percival
Pleasant Ridge Church

"Growing Up A Preacher's Kid"

by Crystal Jones

I am so thankful 'now' that I grew up in a Christian home. I am also very proud to be known as a preacher's kid. But, that wasn't always the case . . .

"Preacher's Kid!" When I was growing up I flinched everytime I heard that phrase! Not because I wasn't proud of my dad or didn't love my family, but because of the way people, especially peers treated me . . . instant leprosy! Everyone wants to be liked, accepted, and fit in. I was no different. So, what did I do? Compromised. I had to prove I wasn't "Goody-Goody." I didn't start taking drugs, drinking alcohol, or anything drastic. It's what I didn't do. I stopped witnessing and talking about church.

I had several friends within the church, but I was home alone several weekends because I wasn't allowed to go to movies or dances. For some reason, the church members felt it was okay for their children to go to these activities, even though my dad preached against them from the pulpit. (What does that tell your children about the preacher and his message, when you allow them to do things that they have heard him preach against?)

I was different. I had to be an example. Do I sound resentful? I was! It is very unjust and unfair for a church to expect something of their pastor's kids, that they don't expect from their own children. We aren't perfect. We have problems, too, believe it or not!

I was also always the one who was supposed to make visiting teens feel welcome at church, while everyone else walked on by. It was MY JOB! I honestly don't remember volunteering or being elected to the welcoming committee! Not that I 'minded', I just resented being *expected* to do such things. You hired my dad, not me! I never minded when my dad requested I do certain things in and for the church. But, that was because he always ASKED! Try it sometime, it works! The preacher is called of God, but his wife and children aren't. We are all human. We all make

mistakes. We aren't perfect. Just like you, we don't always feel like singing in the choir, coordinating activities, helping in Junior Church, teaching Sunday School, and going on visitation. There were times when I wanted to be somewhere other than church when I was growing up, but I was always at church. Why? My dad made sure I was there! Where were your children on Sunday nights and Wednesday nights? What are *YOUR* responsibilities to the church and *YOUR* children? Do *YOUR* children have responsibilities to the church? I think so. Anything you expect from your pastor and his family, you should expect of yourself and your own family. Anything and everything within the church should be a cooperative effort. The pastor and his family can't do everything. With all the talk today about the downfall of the family, wouldn't it be wonderful to see entire families working together for the cause of Christ! What a difference we would see in our churches and communities! Help give your pastor's kids a peer group to be proud of!

But, kids need to be kids while they still can. Don't have expectations for them, that they can't live up to . . . yours or the pastor's. Don't be critical, be supportive. ASK, don't just expect. You'll be surprised at the results! Most of all, examine things under your own roof, before taking on the pastor's household! He and his family needs your love, support, and understanding—not your criticism. Pray for our preachers, missionaries, and their families. God will bless you!

Crystal Writes:

"This article is not meant to be reflective upon any particular church.

"A special thanks to those who were supportive, loving, and caring while I was growing up!

About the Writer: Crystal Jones is the daughter of Rev. Dale and Elaine Skiles, and attends S. Fremont FWB Church in Springfield, Mo with her husband, Ken, and two children, Amber Dawn, age 3, and Jacob Daniel, age 1½.

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.

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.

Ramada Inn, 417-781-0500, 3320 Rangeline, Joplin

1 Single Bed, \$38.00; 1 Double Bed \$42.00.

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.

State Competitive Activities Information

The State CTS Competition will be at the Mountain Grove 1st Free Will Baptist Church, April 24 - 25. If you have a question about lodging in the Mountain Grove area for the 24th, call either (417) 741-6474 or (417) 926-5396. Motel information is provided below.

Best Western Ranchhouse — 926-3152

\$29.00 - \$59.00; children under 12 free.

Mountain Grove Motel & Restaurant — 926-6101

\$25.00 - \$45.00; first three children under 10 free.

Learner & Adventurer musical solos will be scheduled for Friday night, April 24. First-round Tic-Tac-Toe and Bible Bowl will also be played that night. The time from 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. will be provided for arrival and orientation. Competition will begin **promptly** at 8:00 p.m. Competition will begin Saturday morning **promptly** at 9:30 a.m.

Out Of Season: Things To Remember When You Have To Preach All The Time

by Greg McAllister

James Agee was a noted author in the 1950's. One critic defined him as a writer of formidable talent who, unfortunately, had nothing to say. That would seem to be the most important thing about communicating with someone—you have to have something to say.

I am bothered by the death of small talk. When we preach we always want to have something important to say, but what about when we are just talking to people? I think a guy with something important to say will always have something to say. His words aren't wasted if they make sense. Most of us preachers don't know any other type of small talk with one another besides, "How's your church doing?" Why can't we talk about anything other than that? I'm afraid that carries over into our sermons and our newsletters. If we aren't talking about the church, we are at a loss for anything to say.

Don't you hate to be ignored? Think about it—don't you hate to go to the State Association or the National Association? Everytime you stop to talk to anyone, they are always looking over your shoulder, because they want to be talking to someone else. I used to think that they had something urgent to say to them, but when I eavesdropped on the conversations, they always began, "How's your church doing?"

I think that, a lot of times, I ignore the people I'm preaching to. I'm always aiming my sermons at the folks who ought to be there. And maybe that is why I draw mixed reactions from the congregation. Who is that sermon for, anyway?

Sermons have to do with building faith, which I am going to define as "believing that which someone else has told you is a fact." It doesn't mean that it **cannot** be proven. It means that you have confidence in the one who said it, so you don't bother proving it. In order to do that, we have to have something to say, and we have

to be sure we are conscious of who we are saying it to. Relevance will take care of itself.

Growing up in a pastor's home, I suppose I've heard thousands of sermons. I am an avid reader. The ones that grabbed me had some specific qualities, and, bathed in the Holy Spirit and pastoral concern; I think they will grab a congregation too.

1. **Be Prepared to Hand Over Your Heart.** There are two types of good communicators: tellers and talkers. Carl Henry, in his series, **God, Revelation and Authority**, is a teller. John Naisbitt, author of **Megatrends**, and Josh McDowell, author of **Evidence That Demands a Verdict**, strike me as tellers. They give documented, concise, well-grounded information. These guys, far from being superfluous, are the foundational writers upon which systems and decisions are built. They offer proof you can count on in doctrine and philosophy.

But foundations do not sell houses—they are just a necessary part of a house. Once a potential buyer makes sure the foundation is solid, he goes on to what sells the house—the location, the arrangement, and the beauty. Foundations are what beauty is built upon. Tellers don't seem to make good pastors to me.

On the other hand, there are the talkers. After I've read a Nero Wolfe mystery by Rex Stout, I feel like I could have a pretty good conversation with the author. He has given me a peek inside his personality. I feel the same way after listening to a tape by Chuck Swindoll or James Dobson. McDowell and Henry would intimidate

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FOURTH ANNUAL
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ROLL CALL — IT WORKS!!!

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me with a barrage of knowledge. Swindoll, Stout, and Dobson are **talkers**. They have given me facts about themselves as a matter of course, without ventilating or **spilling their guts**. They are saying, "These facts about life and God are true, and I have personal experience with them, so listen to me and **save yourself some trouble**."

Faith is built, not just by being presented with facts, but by thinking that you **understand the heart of the one presenting**.

2. Be Prepared to Preach After You Preach. Good sermons and books leave you wanting to come back for more because they answered your yearnings.

When I was in college, the creative writing class was given the assignment of describing a student at the school who was not in the class, and describe him so that the class could guess who he was. The only description correctly identified by the entire class was the one of me. My roommate told me the description: "He has a multitude of acquaintances, but few close friends." That has always bugged me. I often recall it after a sermon is preached that results in a lot of people wanting to talk to me. My tendency is to shy away from people after I've finished a sermon. One day I finally realized that these people were responding to the invitation, and I was turning them down.

After the sermon is preached, it has to turn into an inner message. It does that sometimes when people are talking to us after the service is over—to find out how much we meant of what we preached. I realize that we wear ourselves out physically in a sermon; I also understand from the example of Christ that ministering out of exhaustion is a part of the message. What are the seven sayings from the cross other than ministering out of exhaustion? How you respond to the sheep who respond a little later than you would have liked is a pretty good measurement of your status as either undershepherd or hired hand (John 10:12, 13).

In recent years, a great deal of emphasis has gone into convincing us that preachers need to show themselves as real men with real feelings and needs. I am all for that. However, we usually go off the deep end in good things; the extreme we have gone to is to believe that we stop being the preacher unless we are in the pulpit. I am always a preacher because that is God's call. I am a man, because that is God's method.

3. Be Prepared to Repeat and Repeat. Joe Ellis says you should always repeat your information at least three times; most people didn't notice the first time you said it; they didn't listen the second time you said it; and they misunderstood the third time you said it.

In **God, Revelation, and Authority**, Carl Henry took six huge volumes saying one thing: Most men will do anything to avoid facing the fact that the Bible means exactly what it says about them.

After the election in 1981, political analysts tried to figure out how Reagan won. One writer said it was because of the consistency of his message: he told you what he was going to say, he said it, and then he told you what he had said. And while we're on that subject, have you noticed when President Reagan has had political difficulty? It has not been because of unpopular programs—lots of the things he has gotten

through have been unpopular. His trouble has come when he has been persuaded that the things he wants to do are too urgent to explain fully.

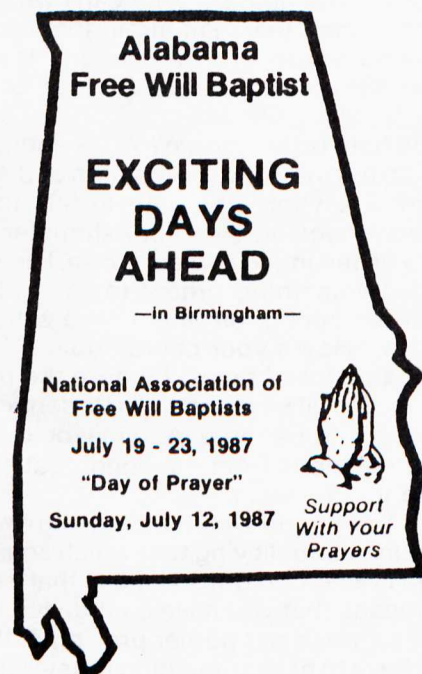
God told Isaiah in chapters 40 and 41 that He had **repeated Himself for centuries, and still people didn't listen**. It is no sin to be ignored; it is a sin to speak His Word in such a way that it isn't noticed, **to be boring**. To be noticed, God's Word comes through men who speak it consistently, frequently, and urgently.

4. Be Prepared to Live and Learn. Rich Hall says that every five years we look back at ourselves and shudder. "Man! Am I glad I'm not in high school anymore! I was so stupid!" When we graduate from college, get married, we say, "Boy! Am I glad I'm not in college anymore! I didn't know anything!" Hall goes on to say, "I guess when I'm 80, I'll probably say, 'Brother! Am I glad I'm not 75 anymore! I was such a dope!'"

I really am glad my first sermon is over with, and so are the people who heard it, if they remember it at all. You couldn't pay me to go through four years of Bible college again. The encouraging thing about being a New Testament preacher is faith that the quality of my sermons has nowhere to go but up. They are going to have to get better, if I know Christ better. My writing will have to get better if I get close to God, because I will know my subject better.

Why should we try to get better at preaching, teaching, and writing? Because we don't know when God is going to be through with us. I want to die like I've lived, so I had better live well. I had better learn well. As the 80-year-old cowboy said, "If I had known I was going to live **this** long, I'd have taken better care of myself."

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Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

When a minister leaves a church he hurts and his family hurts. This is like a death. He and his family need a lot of understanding.

But there are some other people involved here. They hurt too. They are also experiencing trauma. I'm talking about the church and congregation who is losing a much loved pastor. I want this article to help them.

First, the membership must accept the fact that God has called him away. He will send his man to the church to lead them. Don't get bitter. Don't get angry. Go ahead and cry—be hurt, but don't start blaming people. If the pastor said God was finished with him there, then accept it.

There are several reasons why God would move a man from a successful ministry. He is growing stale and needs a new challenge. The work has outgrown him, or he has outgrown the church. There may be a particular ministry in another place that he is uniquely experienced to do. These are only a few of the possible reasons God would move your pastor. But if these are available, then there are probably more. So accept it. As much as it may hurt, and as easy as it is to place blame—don't. Just accept it.

Second, feel his hurt and make the change as easy for him and family as possible. Go ahead—express your love. Cry over the pastoral family. Feel guilty about all the times you could have helped him and didn't. Now do something to make up for it. Get the guilt out and get rid of it. Now do all in your power to help him leave with a good taste in his mouth about the church and its people. Encourage him and pray for him and tell him how much he has meant to you. Tell him you'll miss him. Tell him you'll be praying for him. Assure him you'll go and help reach the dreams he had for the church.

Third, support the pulpit committee. Some people may desire this position, but most won't. It can be a lonely job—trying to select a pastor for the church to consider. Sometimes church members love the former pastor, feel guilty about how they treated him, resent the pulpit committee and its power, and vent their fury on this underserving committee of dedicated people.

Instead, support the committee. Encourage them. Pray for them. Allow them to make mistakes. Love them. Expect the best. Trust God. Never stop loving your church. God has his man for the church.

Fourth, don't make impossible demands. You won't find a man just like the one leaving. If God had wanted that He would have left the old preacher there. He probably intends to redirect the ministry of the church. Pray that God will send the right man. Trust God to answer your prayer. Then accept the man sent.

One thing in closing—don't try to pretend you have all knowledge and know more than the pulpit committee. Remember, in this situation the church must come first. You'll regret it if you do things that harm the church. Many once large and thriving churches are slowly dying because of unwise and unchristianlike conduct by members during the search for a new pastor.

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This report ends the year 1986! The Lord has been so good! We praise Him from Whom all blessings flow. How wonderful it is for pastors and churches to work together in reaching a goal. May the Lord continue to bless these ministries as we endeavor to be good stewards for Him.

DECEMBER 1986 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Grant Avenue	\$ 471.68
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Houston	285.62
Carthage	60.00

Pleasant Ridge	98.00
Hurryville	126.00
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Cuba	252.08
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Seymour	160.00
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Leadington	660.00
Hannon	299.92
Fordland	527.40
Mill Creek	210.58
First, Fredericktown	441.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	66.90
Pleasant Home	241.50
Marshfield	210.48
Crossroads, Wentzville	323.00
New Harmony	11.22
Terrill Road	133.00
Mine La Motte	34.60
West Plains, First	233.50
Rock Chapel	264.77
Salem	30.00
Waynesville	125.86
Hopewell	216.00
Mt. Pisgah	206.00
Lebanon, First	405.50
Flat River, First	790.18
Calvary Fellowship	574.17
Cabool	347.44
Shiloh Chapel	20.00
New Life, Licking	249.45
Parkview	322.00
Happy Home	119.00
United, West Plains	399.86
Eastern Gate	236.00
Leadington	600.00
Gospel Light	210.00
Freeman Chapel	310.40
Black Oak	10.00
Grace	1,168.00
Copper Mines	195.25
Pleasant Hill	46.87
Wolf Creek	283.74
DeSoto	900.00
Martinstown	32.00
Trinity	757.63
New Rock Springs	76.23
Lingo	54.50
Unity	212.42
Cape Girardeau	429.36
South Fremont	345.00
Total	\$21,080.71

MISSOURI STATE MISSIONS

Grant Avenue	\$ 14.00
Farmington	85.00
Myrtle	68.00
Cape Girardeau	43.37
Columbia	5.00
South Fremont	5.00
Belton	25.00
Bethel	70.00
Houston	54.04
Carthage	210.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Thayer	25.00
South Side	5.00
Unity	40.00
Hannon	166.77
Leadington	80.00
Pleasant Home	5.00
New Harmony	37.41
Joplin	15.00
Flat River, First	2.00
Calvary Fellowship	111.66
Shiloh Chapel	25.00
Central	13.00
Blue Springs	10.00
Buffalo	100.00
Norman	50.00
United, West Plains	22.25
Eastern Gate	15.00
Carl Layman	10.00
J.W. Radar	25.00
DeSoto	50.00
Trinity	72.15
Total	\$1,469.65

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Grant Avenue	\$ 291.00
Farmington	1,146.31
Myrtle	104.00

Niangua	58.00
Springfield, First	5.00
Columbia	14.95
South Fremont	95.00
Merl's Chapel	100.00
Belton	25.00
Bethel	52.50
Houston	5.00
Carthage	20.00
Pleasant Ridge	20.00
Kirksville	132.00
Thayer	43.00
Fellowship (Miss. Conference)	1,500.00
Fellowship	244.00
John Schebaum	60.00
South Side	125.00
Unity	15.00
Clifford Hoover	30.00
Brant Thompson	25.00
Hannon	374.92
Fordland	57.00
Crossroads	100.00
Parkview	50.00
Leadington	200.00
Marshfield	21.04
Union	25.00
New Harmony	74.80
Joplin	20.00
Terrill Road	45.00
Wilderness	59.00
Rock Chapel	20.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Flat River, First	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	2,967.25
Shiloh Chapel	20.00
West Plains, First	68.62
Central	30.00
Blue Springs	40.00
Grant Avenue	400.00
United, West Plains	17.25
Martinstown	145.00
Black Oak	119.91
DeSoto	250.00
Fourth	135.00
Freeman Chapel	214.00
Total	\$9,584.55

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Farmington	\$ 120.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Thayer	20.00
Hannon	50.00
Calvary Fellowship	41.66
Central	10.00
Total	\$249.66

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Grant Avenue	\$ 1.00
Farmington	670.18
Myrtle	135.00
Marshfield	157.00
Columbia	14.95
South Fremont	32.00
Merl's Chapel	51.00
Rolla	50.00
Harmony, K.C.	10.00
Bethel	39.00
Houston	5.00
Kirksville	32.00
South East District	50.00
Hannon	10.00
Thayer	109.00
Fellowship (Miss. Conference)	1,000.00
Fellowship	115.00
Unity	25.00
Clifford Hoover	5.00
Fordland	165.75
Parkview	10.00
Leadington	100.00
Pleasant Home	65.00
Crossroads, Wentzville	13.00
Union	25.00
New Harmony	183.15
Joplin	20.00
Terrill Road	60.00
Rock Chapel	226.80
Mt. Pisgah	165.00
Flat River, First	30.00
Calvary Fellowship	53.33
Central	339.00
Grant Avenue	130.00
United, W.P.	23.00
Mona Chrisman	5.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Fred Clayton	25.00
DeSoto	200.00
Trinity	35.00
Total	\$4,395.16

YOUTH CAMP

Farmington	\$ 40.00
Myrtle	23.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Bethel	25.00
Thayer	25.00
Hannon	15.00
Bethel, El Dorado	13.88
Fordland	20.00
Leadington	20.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	65.83
Central	20.00
New Life, Licking	10.00
Buffalo	50.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
DeSoto	50.00
Trinity	15.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Farmington	120.00
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Fordland	5.00
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2.50% Retirement Village	721.53
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	1,443.05
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries & Hillsdale	8,802.61
24.00% Foreign Msn.	2,112.63
19.00% Nat'l. Home Msn.	1,672.50
19.00% FWBBC	1,672.50
19.00% Hillsdale	1,672.50
14.00% Exe. Dept.	1,232.36
2.50% Layman's Board	220.06
1.50% Radio & TV Com.	132.04
.50% Theological Com.	44.01
.50% Historical Com.	44.01
9.00% State Office Bldg. Fund	2,597.49
Total	\$28,861.02

The Lord blessed with a wonderful month, in January, the first month of this year 1987! We thank and praise Him for this! We trust that this is reflective of the months to follow. If so we will meet our cooperative budget goal and our State and National Ministries will be blessed. I must say this—thank God for faithful pastors, laypeople and of course the churches. May His continued blessings be with us.

JANUARY 1987 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Terrill Road	\$ 82.00
Bethel	385.00
Myrtle	155.50
New Life Fellowship	512.00
Lone Star	33.15
Willow Springs	263.39
Thayer	416.00
Harmony	331.00
Union	60.00
New Harmony	9.29
Number One	43.20
J.W. & Chris Willoughby	1,000.00
Houston	284.23
Macedonia	20.00
Hannon	214.45
Verdella	165.21
Verdella	161.02
Berean	18.77
Grant Avenue	636.56
Monett	739.37
Monett	776.71
Hickory Grove	44.20
Royal Oak	115.00
Old Bethel	135.39
Mt. Zion, Gower	54.00
Crossroads, Wentzville	216.00
Alton	225.00
Victory, Alton	174.00
Fordland	504.00
Columbia	25.00
Springfield, First	590.11
Merl's Chapel	57.25

Hartville	210.85
Kirksville	68.77
Union Light	233.13
Carthage	75.00
Richwoods	430.00
Tyrone	35.12
Belton	340.89
Lebanon, First	412.48
Mill Creek	182.43
Mtn. Grove, First	910.65
Olivet	350.00
Berkeley	983.17
Pleasant Ridge	73.00
Cope	53.00
United, W.P.	269.95
Happy Home	148.86
Hurricane	106.00
Freeman Chapel	311.59
Twin Oak	767.50
Mine La Motte	38.91
Marshfield	150.84
Union Grove	150.00
Bailey Chapel	34.00
Mt. Pisgah	159.00
Leadington	500.00
Parkview	244.00
Trinity	594.00
Farmington	1,350.00
Flat River, First	622.24
Hopewell	250.00
Salem	30.00
Wilderness	334.00
Fourth	162.31
West Plains, First	178.00
Byrd	22.00
Byrd	12.00
Pleasant Home	292.44
Lingo	43.06
Fredericktown, First	353.00
Grace	793.00
Calvary Fellowship	574.17
Shiloh Chapel	20.00
Seymour	110.00
Calvary, Conway	114.80
First, El Dorado Springs	5.00
Cuba	199.61
DeSoto	665.00
Mountain Valley	235.31
Cabool	258.13
Waynesville	186.04
Copper Mines	173.80
Rock Chapel	273.81
New Rock Springs	49.10
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	132.02
Pleasant Hill	42.97
Gospel Light	204.00
Beacon	714.86
New Life, Licking	210.41
Houston	183.78
St. Francois Ass'n.	21.00
Myrtle	142.30
Mill Creek	148.11
Wolf Creek	195.24
New Harmony	5.64
Lone Star	26.90
Number One	40.50
Kirksville	63.97
Harmony, K.C.	272.00
Terrill Road	177.00
Carthage	80.00
Hannon	183.74
Fordland	413.50
Bethel	394.00
Unity	472.51
Cape Girardeau	471.30
South Fremont	612.00
Total	\$28,861.02

CHILDREN'S HOME

DeSoto	\$50.00
Myrtle	10.92
Total	\$60.92

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Bethel	\$ 155.00
Myrtle	124.50
Thayer	39.50
Harmony	15.00
New Harmony	49.70
Houston	56.50
Hannon	217.60
Cape Girardeau	50.43
Grant Avenue	12.00
Monett	206.81
Unity	10.00
Columbia	5.00
Carthage	95.00
Belton	25.00

Joplin	37.00
Mountain Grove	36.50
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
United	23.75
Leadington	130.00
Trinity	45.00
Farmington	60.00
Flat River, First	29.87
Pleasant Home	5.00
Calvary Fellowship	151.66
Shiloh Chapel	25.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
DeSoto	50.00
South Fremont	10.00
Blue Springs	10.00
Berkeley	80.00
Total	\$1,790.32

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Willow Springs	\$ 20.00
Thayer	20.00
Hannon	50.00
Grant Avenue	10.00
Farmington	120.00
Calvary Fellowship	41.66
Beacon	200.00
Total	\$511.66

YOUTH CAMP

Bethel	\$ 50.00
Myrtle	49.50
Willow Springs	10.00
Thayer	25.00
Union	30.00
Hannon	30.00
Verdella	20.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Fordland	40.00
Hartville	10.00
Mountain Grove	10.00
Olivet	25.00
Berkeley	75.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Trinity	15.00
Farmington	40.00
Calvary Fellowship	65.83
Leadington	20.00
DeSoto	50.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Buffalo	50.00
New Life, Licking	10.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
St. Louis Dist. Ass'n.	87.22
Total	\$767.55

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Terrill Road	\$ 55.00
Bethel	60.00
Myrtle	156.00
Parkview	40.00
Thayer	48.00
New Harmony	99.38
Niangua	66.00
Houston	10.00
Clifford Hoover	60.00
Brent Thompson	25.00
Hannon	448.19
Verdella	2,112.49
Mona Chrisman	5.00
Springfield, First	10.00
Grant Avenue	381.00
Davis Family, Monett	2,140.00
Monett	2,600.94
Fellowship	167.00
Fordland	104.00
Columbia	20.50
Merl's Chapel	100.00
Kirksville	40.00
Carthage	40.00
Belton	25.00
Lebanon, First	25.00
Union	25.00
South Side	95.00
Joplin	20.00
Mountain Grove	223.50
United, W.P.	23.75
Olivet	50.00
Pleasant Ridge	20.00
Freeman Chapel	352.50
Marshfield	15.08
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Leadington	255.00
Trinity	55.00
Farmington	416.00
Flat River	30.00
West Plains, First	39.00
Pleasant Home	54.00
Mona Chrisman	5.00

Calvary Fellowship	911.85
Shiloh Chapel	20.00
Carl Layman	10.00
DeSoto	250.00
South Fremont	125.00
Rock Chapel	20.00
Blue Springs	40.00
Beacon	2,756.14
Fourth	135.00
Berkeley	500.00
Total	\$15,295.32

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Terrill Road	\$ 35.20
Bethel	160.75
Myrtle	222.00
Parkview	20.00
Thayer	99.00
Houston	35.00
Clifford Hoover	10.00
Hannon	220.00
Verdella	300.97
Mona Chrisman	10.00
Monett	1,121.25
Unity	5.00
South East District	50.00
Crossroads, Wentzville	3.00
Fellowship	87.00
Fordland	35.00
Columbia	65.50
Merl's Chapel	67.00
Kirksville	20.00
Carthage	10.00
Union	25.00
Joplin	10.00
Mountain Grove	155.72
Olivet	70.00
United, W.P.	28.00
Marshfield	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Leadington	195.00
Trinity	184.00
Pleasant Home	75.00
Farmington	526.28
Flat River, First	48.37
Calvary Fellowship	58.33
DeSoto	200.00
South Fremont	259.00
Rock Chapel	218.41
Bob & Glenda Keith	10.00
Rolla	50.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Harmony	20.00
Berkeley	663.00
Total	\$5,442.78

FWBBC

Parkview	\$ 5.00
Thayer	20.00
Farmington	120.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
Leadington	20.00
DeSoto	35.00
Beacon	200.00
Total	\$483.33

ADVANCE CELEBRATION GIVING BY CHURCHES THROUGH STATE OFFICE JANUARY - DECEMBER 1986

Fordland	\$ 563.31
Trinity	903.85
Farmington	100.00
South Fremont	9.00
Mt. Pisgah	330.00
Eastern Gate	360.07
Marshfield	28.92
Belton	921.66
Union Grove	86.50
Rock Chapel	2,464.06
Harmony, K.C.	172.00
Greater Springfield District	40.35
A.C. Chuck Kennedy	78.00
Sikeston	17.95
Victory, K.C.	262.51
Number One	201.25
Olivet	100.00
Pleasant Home	670.00
Wolf Creek	983.15
Union	383.00
Tyrone	246.00
Cabool	1,701.84
New Hope, Fredericktown	204.52
Unity	2,069.88
Grant Avenue	222.72
Total	\$13,120.54

Calendar Of Events

CALL A THON FOR YOUTH CAMP

Sunday, March 22.

ROLL CALL SUNDAY

March 29.

FAMILY LIFE SEMINAR WITH JOE GRIZZLE

Stonecroft Conference Center, April 3 & 4
(See article in Jan. - Feb. Gem)

HILLSDALE RETREAT

Youth Camp, April 10 & 11.

MISSOURI STATE COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

First Church, Mountain Grove, April 24 & 25.

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

Woman's Auxiliary State Convention
Civic Center, Carthage, Mo. June 8 - 11.

NOTE: THE MAY-JUNE ISSUE GEM WILL INCLUDE STATE PROGRAM AND PHOTOS

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, WNAC, NYC

Birmingham, Alabama, July 19-23.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY STATE RETREAT

Stonecroft Conference Center, Branson, Mo.,
Aug. 21 & 22.

ALL BOARDS MEETING & PREACHER'S SEMINAR

Youth Camp, Niangua, Sept. 14 & 15.



General George Washington in Prayer at Valley Forge
United States Sub-Treasury Building, New York, New York

May 7, 1987

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

On our National Day of Prayer, then, we join together as people of many faiths to petition God to show us His mercy and His love, to heal our weariness and uphold our hope, that we might live ever mindful of His justice and thankful for His blessing.

President Ronald Reagan
1987 National Day of Prayer
Proclamation

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