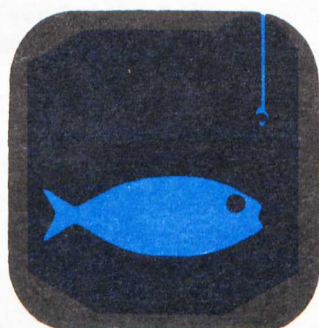


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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1986-1987

CHURCHES	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
Belton	74	59	68	59	59	60		66	77	52	54	56
Bethel	90	95	88	88	90	101	100	90	91	80	89	101
Calvary Fellowship	241	190		180	181	193	230	192	192	181		
Cape Girardeau	67	46	41	48	40	51	57	62	61		79	77
Copper Mines	67	75	73	65	71	70	71	72	71	62	72	74
Cuba	69	71	64	60	70	66	61	74	66	60	68	89
DeSoto	194	174	177	192								
Farmington		603	578							515	568	597
Flat River, First	169	164	150	149	146	157	138	142	128	120		
Grace	165	149	146	131	143	155	166	162	162		141	162
Grant Avenue	116	82										
Hannon	72	74	72	74	85	70		83	72	65	69	67
Harmony		54	57	58	72	80		63	60	52	58	86
Hartville	88	85	84	79	85	89	89	88	87	80	85	85
Houston	80	81	74	80	87	85	81	71	88	68	82	86
Jones Creek		21	25	20	20			16	18	17	24	
Marshfield	35	37	36	33	34	42	38	40				
Monett	156	154	171	158								
Myrtle	42	41	40	37	37	38	36	35	38	32	33	32
Neosho	66	75	78	79	73	61	56	56	62			
New Life Fellowship	80	74	70	62	64	83	80	75	79	74	80	79
Parkview	84	78	83		82	73	76	86	74	53	80	77
Lebanon, First	88	79	85	85	87	75	79	77	72	71	82	95
Richwoods	66	55	51	45	56	49	65	63	49	45		
Rock Chapel	69	67	76	56	61	70	64	66	69	63	64	66
Thayer					127	140		139	149	101	135	143
United, W.P.	94	93	75	89	100	80	85	95	87	88	93	92
Victory, K.C.	64	54	46	48	41	47	55	56	56	48	48	69
West Plains, First	113	97	102	100	99	122	138	115	126	102	114	123
Willow Springs					75	77			77	56	75	75
Verdella	62	67	70	63	59	72	75	69	65	58	70	78

Points for Pastors by James McAllister

In the Book of Acts, Chapter 21, the apostle Paul prepared to leave Caesarea on his way to Jerusalem where it was predicted he would be falsely accused and imprisoned. The people wept bitterly and hung on Paul's neck begging him not to leave them. In verse 13 Paul answered them in this fashion, "What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? For I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." So this congregation weeps at losing their pastor.

In verse 17 we read, "And when we were come to Jerusalem the brethren received us gladly". One church weeps at losing their pastor and another rejoices at receiving this new man of God as their leader.

With many scary thoughts and fears, with great apprehension I drove into Fresno, California. When we

drove up in front of our new home, there was a large group of people waiting for us. A big sign welcomed the McAllisters to California and the Harmony Church. There was plenty of food and soda and a lot of welcome manpower to move the weary travelers into their new home.

They were so happy to see us. They were all so excited to finally have their pastor with them. All of a sudden we felt at home. We felt needed. We felt like we belonged. Some of the hurt was soothed. Now, *these* were our people—*this* was our church.

And so it goes. God's man leaves one place where he loved and was loved. He weeps until his eyes hurt and his heart feels like it will never heal, and arrives to find another group of God's people rejoicing that he has come to love them and be loved by them. Now he realizes that this is all God's work. Whether in Farmington, Missouri or in Fresno, California, these are God's people, he is God's man, and this is all God's work. Thank God for the church and our small part in it.

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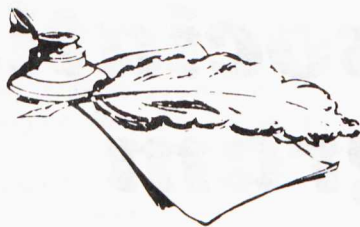
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Clarence Burton



From The Desk of The

Executive Secretary

The Seventy-Fourth Annual Session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists will meet in Carthage, Missouri. This beautiful, old, picturesque town is just off Interstate I-44, not far from Joplin. Some of the folks attending the Association may choose to use the accommodations in Joplin.

The Indian Creek District Association will be hosting this year's meeting. The host association will provide workers for registration, nursery, ushers and parking attendants as needed. Rev. Dale Underwood, pastor of the Jones Creek Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Stella, Missouri is the moderator of the District Association.

The theme for the State Association this year is "Church Learning with Growth Principles". It will be developed by three pastors and a staff member of the Sunday School and Church Training Department. They are: Rev. Darrell Strain, pastor of Royal Oak Church, Alton, MO; Rev. Jonathan Thigpen, Sunday School and Church Training Department, Nashville, TN; Rev. Ron Edgil, pastor of First Church, Flat River, MO; and Rev. Millard Sasser, pastor of Trinity Church, Bridgeton, MO. Rev. Nathan Ruble, moderator, will lead the State Association through the business sessions assisted by the assistant moderator, Rev. Greg McAllister.

On Tuesday afternoon a Tax Seminar will be held by Mr. Tom Sherwood of Christian Financial Service. This is under the direction of the Christian Education Board and will be held at the lower level of the Memorial Center in Carthage.

The Women's Auxiliary will begin on Tuesday morning at 9:00 in the main auditorium of the Memorial Center. The Missionary speaker for the Morning Worship will be appointee missionary Rev. Ron Moore. Mrs. Barbara Harwell, president, will preside at the Auxiliary Meeting, assisted by the vice president, Mrs. Rose Mertz.

A large number of delegates and friends are expected to attend the 1987 session. This is a wonderful time to fellowship with new and old friends, sing together, pray together and learn from the preaching of the Word.

May I encourage every Free Will Baptist in Missouri to attend this Seventy-Fourth Session. And, oh yes!, we are looking forward to seeing many friends from other states.

Let's trust God that this will be one of the best!

Allocations For District Associations To Raise \$6,000 To Help Host National Association Convention in 1988

As you recall, the Missouri State Association voted in 1983 to host the National Association Convention in 1988. It will meet in Kansas City, Missouri. This allocation was adopted by the General Board the following year. It has been mailed to District Clerks in 1984. This is a gentle reminder to everyone lest we forget. Two District Associations have sent in their allocation. Others may have received theirs and holding it at the local association. That's fine. But please remember that this should be at the State Office by May 1988.

Allocations:

Bootheel	\$175.00
Cave Springs	760.00
Central Western	350.00
Greater Kansas City	450.00
Greater Springfield	400.00
Indian Creek	400.00
Laclede	140.00
Liberty	400.00

Mission	800.00
Niangua	180.00
Northeast	190.00
Northwest	70.00
South Central	170.00
Southeast	400.00
St. Francois	700.00
St. Louis	650.00

This allocation was based on the number of churches and the numerical size of the churches in the District Association.

State Association Program

Carthage Memorial Center
407 South Garrison
(This is on City Route Alternate 71)

June 8 - 11, 1987

THEME: Church Learning - Growth Principles
Target 90 "II Timothy"

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Monday Afternoon, 1:00 p.m. - June 8

Place: Carthage Memorial Center
(Section of Auditorium)

Monday Evening - June 8, 1987

7:30 p.m. Congregational Singing: *Rev. Jim Williams*
Prayer: *Rev. Dale Underwood*
Welcome: *Rev. Richard Robinson*
Response: *Rev. R.E. Helsley*
Convening the Session:
Rev. Cody Freeman, Clerk
Congregational Singing
Special Music: *The Moran Family*
Worship in Giving:
Rev. Nathan Ruble, Moderator
Special Music: *Rev. Jim Williams*
Message: "The Man For Growth"
Rev. Darrel Strain

Invitation
Benediction

Tuesday Evening - June 9, 1987

Rev. Ted Davis, presiding
7:30 p.m. Congregational Singing: *Rev. Jim Williams*
Prayer
Special Music: *Pam Hudson*
Congregational Singing
Special Music: *The Keith Family*
Worship in Giving
Special in Music: *Christin Hogan*
Message: "The Method For Growth"
Rev. Jonathan Thigpen

Invitation
Benediction

Wednesday Morning - June 10, 1987

9:00 a.m. Congregational Singing: *Rev. Jim Williams*
Devotional Message: *Rev. Gene Crewse*
9:15 Credentials Committee Report
Seating of Delegates
Moderator's Message: *Rev. Nathan Ruble*
Partial General Board Report
* Report from Representatives from
National Offices, FWBBC, Hillsdale,
and California Christian College.
(These will be given at the call of the
moderator.)
11:00 Morning Worship:
Rev. Randy Bishop, presiding
Congregational Singing: *Rev. Jim Williams*
Prayer
Special Music: *The Stanley Jones Family*
Congregational Singing
Special Music: *Leonard Tallent*
Message: "The Means For Growth"
Rev. Ron Edgil

Invitation
Benediction

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30 p.m. Congregational Singing: *Rev. Jim Williams*
Devotional Message: *Rev. Bob Thebeau*
General Board Report (continued)
Executive Secretary Report
Youth Camp Board Report
Home Missions Board Report
* Report from Representatives from
National Offices
Lebanon Bible and Bookstore Report
Christian Education Board Report
Sunday School and CTS Report
Retirement Village
(Time may necessitate that some of these
reports be given on Thursday morning.)
Dismiss

Wednesday Evening: *Rev. Jeff Gaskins, presiding*
 7:30 p.m. Congregational Singing: *Rev. Jim Williams*
 Prayer
 Congregational Singing
 Special Music: *David Latimer*
 Worship in Giving
 Special Music: *Sharon Nutt*
 Message: "The Message For Growth"
Rev. Millard Sasser
 Invitation
 Benediction



Nathan Ruble

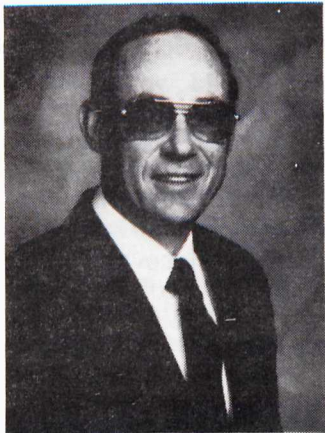
Thursday Morning - June 11, 1987

9:00 a.m. Congregational Singing: *Rev. Jim Williams*
 Devotional Message: *Rev. Rick Dabblemont*
 9:15 Reports Continued
 Resolution Committee
 Obituary Committee
 Placement Committee
 Nominating Committee
 State Association Adjourns
 Benediction

**A Word From
The State Moderator**

Vance Havner said that we are not salt cellars but saltshakers to scatter our blessings everywhere we go. The meeting of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists offers you an opportunity to share your blessings and receive some new ones. You will be blessed and a blessing as you share the fellowship of God's children, as you take part in the great singing and preaching, and as you help transact business for God's glory.

I encourage you to be a part of this great meeting of Missouri Free Will Baptists as we gather in Carthage, Missouri June 8 - 11.



Darrell Strain



Ron Edgil



Jonathan Thigpen



Millard Sasser

Missouri State Association Worship Service Speakers

Reverend E.E. Morris Home With The Lord

Edward E. Morris was born June 8, 1897 in Yell County, Arkansas. He went home to be with the Lord February 23, 1987. His 90th birthday would have been in June of this year.

Funeral services were held for Dr. Morris in the Chapel of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College with Dr. Wade Jernigan bringing the message and the service being conducted by Reverend Jerry Dudley and Reverend Lonnie DaVoult.

During his sixty plus years as a Free Will Baptist minister, Brother Morris contributed greatly to his denomination. He was instrumental in the reorganization of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and served on the committee that helped harmonize the Free Will Baptist doctrine. He served on the first Board of Education which began the initial plans for Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. He promoted the Cooperative Program of denominational support. He pushed for the development of our own Sunday School publishing department. He authored many books, pamphlets and papers defending the Free Will Baptist doctrine, and has done much towards preserving its heritage.

For these accomplishments and many others he was conferred the degree of Honorary Doctor of Divinity by Dr. Wade Jernigan while he was serving as president of California Christian College.

His survivors include seven children: Sylvia Ridge, Oklahoma City; Macon Morris, Tecumseh; Dama Peterson, Chicago; Florence Whitwell, Longview; Helen Maddalena, Shalimar; Dave Morris, Madill; and Peggy Davis of Monett, Missouri. (Peggy and her husband, Rev. Ted Davis, are serving the Purdy Free Will Baptist Church in Purdy, Missouri.)

Burial was in the Memorial Gardens in Ada, Oklahoma with military graveside rites conducted by the V.F.W. Memorial contributions are being made to the Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Oklahoma.

Editor's note: I have always admired the strong Christian character of Brother Morris and his unselfish love for our beloved denomination. He will surely be missed by all of us.

Reverend Davie Combs Home With The Lord

Reverend Davie Combs was born November 8, 1918 at Couch, Missouri and departed this life March 22, 1987 at the Ozarks Medical Center at West Plains, Missouri.

Brother Combs began his ministry in August 1944 and was ordained July 14, 1946. He pastored and held revivals in many churches in Oregon and Howell counties. At the time of his death he was the pastor of the Cave Springs and Liberty Free Will Baptist churches. He was a member of the Cave Springs Free Will Baptist church.

He was united in marriage March 15, 1940 to Claudia Huff who preceded him in death December 12, 1981. It was on December 17, 1982 that he was united in marriage to Virginia Frealy.

He is survived by his wife Virginia at their home in Alton, Missouri; two daughters Rosa Lee Reed and Evelee Lasater; three step-children, Ray Frealy, Mable Paschal and Donna White; four brothers, Ralph, Lawrence, Russell and Donald; two sisters, Viola and Vesta and grandchildren, one great-grandchild, many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

The funeral message was delivered by Reverend Harry Beatty and the obituary and prayer by Reverend Glen Murray. Reverend Beatty and Reverend Murray made many complimentary remarks of their brother-minister. Brother Murray stated, "If a person had to choose one word to describe Brother Combs, it could well be 'faithful'." Brother Beatty stated that he and Brother Combs had preached many revival meetings together, prayed together and had seen many souls come to know Jesus Christ as Saviour. Internment was at the Shiloh Cemetery near Alton, Missouri.

Editor's note: I have known Brother Combs for several years and I was impressed with his love for the gospel and his evangelistic spirit. He will surely be missed.

Brother Woodrow Montgomery Home With The Lord



Woodrow Thomas Montgomery was born January 19, 1916. He went home to be with the Lord, at St. John's Hospital, Springfield, Missouri December 20, 1986.

On March 3, 1934 he was united in marriage to Gladys Biggs. To this union one daughter, Freida, was born.

Brother Montgomery was a charter member of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon, Missouri and served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher for many years. He was a longtime employee of the Missouri Department of Revenue and was also manager of the Washington Apartments for twenty-seven years. He served as a city council member for two terms and was a past member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge.

Reverend Clarence Burton delivered the funeral message and the obituary and prayer was by Reverend Gary Sheets. It was stated in the message that Brother Montgomery "loved the Lord, loved the Church, and loved his family and friends." The Church was not a secondary work for him but he gave it top priority. The apostle Paul mentioned three qualities that could well characterize the life of Brother Montgomery, "He fought a good fight — he finished his course — he kept the faith." And, as was mentioned in the obituary, his kind and gentle manner made him a favorite with family and friends.

He was survived by his wife, Gladys, of the home; one daughter, Freida and her husband Jim Hays; one grandson, Monty; and one granddaughter and her husband, Debbie and Mike Lockwood of Springfield; one brother Radney, and a number of other relatives and friends.

The internment was at Mt. Rose Memorial Park, Lebanon, Mo. Memorial contributions are being made to a Memorial Activities Building at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon, Mo.

Editor's note: I delivered the message for Brother Montgomery so the family knows my feelings. The scriptures and thoughts were so appropriate for this soldier and servant the Lord called home.



Churches, People & Events

JOPLIN CHURCH HONORS PASTOR



Richard & Betty Robinson

A St. Pat's "Wearin' O' the Green" Pastor Appreciation Time was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Joplin, at the Wednesday evening service March 18 in honor of the pastor Brother Richard Robinson.

A corned beef and cabbage dinner was enjoyed by all. The program consisted of special songs presented by Sammye Beck, scripture and special music, Karen Jones, reading "A Preacher's Dream", Dorothy Campbell, reading "Your Pastor and Mine", Deane Eaton, and a skit "Minister Shopping" by Lynda Mitchell and Sammye Beck. A special gift presentation of a suit, shirt and tie was made to Brother Robinson. The program closed with a song, "We Appreciate You", and the benediction.

Brother Robinson, his wife Betty, son Scott and daughter Melinda, came to the Joplin Church in June 1984. The church appreciates the ministry of this faithful family. The church is enjoying a time of fellowship and Christian growth in the Lord.



HOMECOMING TO "KICK-OFF" REVIVAL AT FLAT RIVER FIRST



Rev. Joe Ange

On May 24, 1987, The First Free Will Baptist Church at 300 Emerson Street in Flat River, Missouri will celebrate its 107th "birthday" with a Homecoming Service immediately followed by a fellowship dinner, and then the regular evening service. The Homecoming will be "kick-off" to their Spring revival, May 24-29, which will include a series of seven meetings.

Dr. Joe Ange from Virginia Beach, Virginia, will be the guest evangelist for these meetings.

Brother Ted Wilbanks, one of Free Will Baptist's leading musicians, will be the guest music evangelist.

Pastor Ron Edgil and congregation are eagerly anticipating a great day of Homecoming activities and a genuine spirit-filled revival "topped" with God's blessings.

Together, they invite each and everyone who can, to share in all or a part of the Homecoming celebration and the revival.

BUILDING AT VERDELLA



The pastor of the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church, Reverend Curt Holland, writes, Enclosed you will find a picture showing the East side of our new church building. God has been so good to us here at Verdella. The Lord gave us beautiful weather to pour the concrete for our foundation and has continued to bless the efforts of our people ever since. In mid-February we had great weather to put the roof on our building and then it was 70° the two days that we put the shingles on. Praise the Lord. The inside of our building is now taking shape with most of the sheetrock having been put up. As of this week, the outside is also looking good with almost one-fourth of the bricks having been laid.

God is building a beautiful place of worship for our people. We now pray and it is our heartfelt desire that with God's help we will strive to be a soul saving station in our community.

We give thanks to God that He is still on the throne and to God be all of the glory.

CROSSROADS CHURCH AT WENTZVILLE CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY

by Pastor Jim Mertz

On March 2, 1987, the Wentzville mission officially celebrated its first anniversary. There were 60 in attendance. The morning service was highlighted by a 10-minute slide presentation of the activities and events of the first year together at Crossroads. The evening service concluded with an old-fashioned communion and feet washing service.



We give thanks for the goodness of the Lord who allowed us to see eight families saved and many rededications to the Lord in and outside of our church on visitation. In our first year we averaged 45 in attendance with a high Sunday of 73. Also, we welcomed 337 first-time visitors for the year.

The following is our Praise Report to you from the Wentzville Mission for our first year:

March 2	First service
May 20	Woman's Auxiliary meet
July 27	First guest missionary-Howard Gwartney
August 22	Property purchased-5 acres
Sept. 7	First service on property
Sept. 7	First Communion-Feet Washing
Dec. 21	First Christmas program
Jan. 4	Sunday School begins

When the Wentzville Mission began a year ago, it started with a commitment to state, national and worldwide ministries of our denomination. We have set a pattern for consistent outside giving to our cooperative program and our designated gifts which totaled over \$3,900 for our first year.



One of our priorities of ministry is to our young people. We have begun a Children's Church on Sunday morning and also an active Pioneer Club ministry on Wednesday nights. We are trusting the Lord to grant us the workers so that we may expand these ministries and use them to evangelize our city and county with its many young families.

Let me also say a heartfelt Thank You and God Bless You All who have stood with us faithfully in your prayers and faithful financial support. This report would not be possible without you. On March 1, 1986, a church was born in Wentzville and continues, by God's grace, to grow for His glory. My very special thanks to the churches in our state who have given monthly and sacrificed their gifts unselfishly to get us going. Your investment is working in Wentzville. May the Lord richly bless you for your gifts.

Please place these items on your prayer list:

- 1) To win 10 new families in 1987-Wentzville.
- 2) To establish our Sunday School
- 3) To reach 1,000 homes a month for the next 3 months with attractive, evangelistic literature
- 4) To continue our present course toward self-supporting

Your prayers and concern are so needed and so appreciated. My wife, Rose, and children, Angel and Matthew are happy to be serving the Lord and representing Free Will Baptists in our growing community of Wentzville. If you would like to contact us or come by to visit our mission or know of someone we might visit for you in the area, our address is as follows:

Crossroads Free Will Baptist Church	
2349 West Pearce Blvd.	Pastor Jim Mertz
P.O. Box 178	18 Doris Drive
Wentzville, MO 63385	O'Fallon, MO 63366
Phone: (314) 327-7319	Ph. (314) 441-8970

WALK-A-THON AT HARMONY

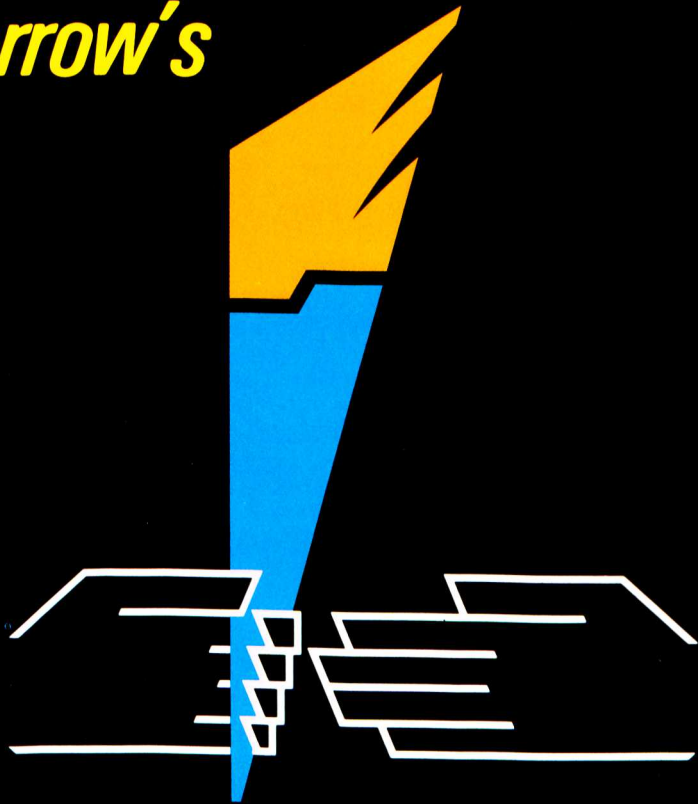
The Harmony Free Will Church near Seymour, Missouri held a Walk-A-Thon in response to the Call-A-Thon for the Youth Camp. The participants walked fifteen miles on a gravel road for pledges that totaled almost one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

The ones engaging in the Walk-A-Thon were: Edna Danels, James Townlin, Brother & Sister Joel Keys, Freddie Troy, Marie Troy, Jim Belknap, Bonnie Townlin, Matt, Ronnie, Mindy, Angie, Nicole, Christy, Debbie and Adrian.



PASS THE TORCH

*Light For Tomorrow's
Leaders Today*



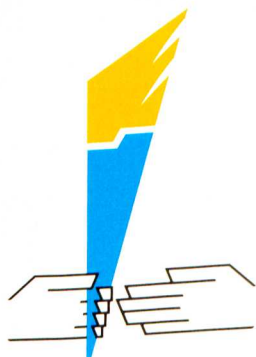
The torch has been the symbol of Free Will Baptist Bible College for 45 years. It has stood for light . . . the light of God's Word that dispels fear and ignorance, and brings men and women to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

What a thrilling ministry it has been, to take young men and women, and reveal to them the light of the Word! We have seen their lives changed and watched them become useful in the Lord's service. These 45 years have been filled with challenges and have yielded tremendous results.

Now we are looking to the future. We are preparing to pass on the torch to yet another generation of young people. A new campaign is underway to make Free Will Baptist Bible College better than ever. A new torch symbolizes this campaign, but it beams forth the same light that has always been the hallmark of Free Will Baptist Bible College!



NEW, IMPROVED PROGRAMS OF STUDY



Pass the Torch means an effort to provide new and better programs of study for this generation of Free Will Baptist young people. This campaign is designed to attract students and produce finances—both of which are essential to broaden and intensify the present programs for pastors, missionaries, church musicians and Christian day school teachers.

Students and finances are also needed to add degree programs in counseling, physical education and business—areas now being considered by the college.



"Free Will Baptist Bible College taught me enough Bible and Theology to lay the foundation for an evangelistic ministry, opened the doors of opportunity for the performance of that ministry and introduced me to friends (I married one of them!) who have supported me in that ministry through the years."

Rev. Bobby Jackson
Evangelist
Greenville, North Carolina



SCHOLARSHIPS

Pass the Torch will also mean thousands of dollars in scholarships for its students. One of the main thrusts of this drive is to broaden the base of student support by granting many new scholarships.

For example:

—The dependent children of full-time Free Will Baptist pastors will receive up to \$3,000 in tuition credit scholarships over four years of training at FWBBC.

—Young people who have maintained an outstanding academic record in high school will now be able to qualify for up to 50% discount on their freshman year's tuition.

—If more than one dependent child from the same home enrolls at FWBBC, the second child will receive a 25% tuition credit scholarship.

—When the spouse of a full-time student enrolls, he or she will receive a 50% tuition credit.

—Tuition scholarships of \$500 will be offered to winners of certain categories of the national CTS competition, Crusaders division.

—FWBBC students may participate in Army ROTC. A number of scholarships, funded by the Army, are available to ROTC participants.

—Three ministry scholarships of up to \$500 per year tuition credit will be awarded to selected students who excel in the fields of pastoral studies, missions and church music.

—Present students who bring new students to FWBBC can receive up to \$400 per year, per new student, in tuition credit scholarships.

—In addition, scholarships will be awarded to *all* students as state and denominational goals are met in the campaign.

For example, when states meet periodic goals, the students from those states will receive an additional tuition discount of \$2 per hour. Then, when denomination-wide goals are met, as much as \$5 per hour more in tuition discounts will be made. For a full-time student, these incentive benefits can total as much as \$200 per year!

These state and denomination periodic goals are available from the college and from Torch Campaign leaders in your state.

The college is exercising tremendous faith in God and its people to provide the funds for these scholarships. Your generous, sacrificial support will make it possible for the college to continue offering these scholarships during the second year of the campaign and in years to come.

For detailed information on the new scholarships, see the 1987-88 Catalog, available from the college.



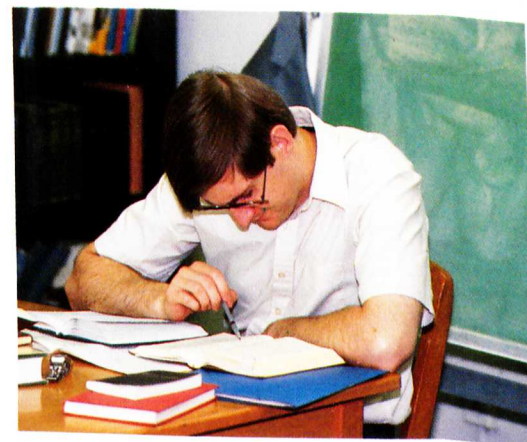
"Free Will Baptist Bible College has been a mighty instrument used of God to mold and shape my life and ministry. Its ministry in my life has been an anchor."

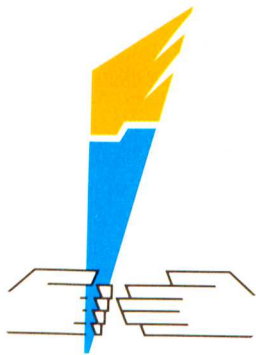
Rev. Tom Malone
Pastor
Florence, Alabama



"There has been no greater single influence in our denomination over the past 45 years than Free Will Baptist Bible College, challenging young people to dedicated living, equipping Christian workers for fruitful service and changing the course of history for Free Will Baptists."

Rev. James Puckett
Pastor
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma





GOAL: \$3,000,000 IN TWO YEARS

Pass the Torch is a challenge to Free Will Baptists, unlike any ever offered before. To meet it, the college will need to raise \$3 million in two years, March, 1987—May, 1989. This will represent the college's *total* financial need for this period, since other funds—general and development—will be combined under the Torch Campaign.

To do it, the college has built a network of Torch leaders across the denomination to take the challenge to every church in every state.

Each state is being asked to reach its own two-year goal in the Torch Campaign. Here is how each state is being challenged over the next two years:

STATE QUOTAS 1987-1989

Alabama	\$ 183,600	Nebraska	2,160
Arizona	3,240	New Mexico	216
Arkansas	108,000	North Carolina	571,320
California	21,600	Northwest Ass'n	
Colorado	2,000	(WA, OR, AK)	1,500
Florida	103,680	Ohio	52,920
Georgia	182,520	Oklahoma	86,400
Hawaii	5,000	South Carolina	178,200
Idaho	2,160	Tennessee	459,000
Illinois	74,520	Texas	43,200
Indiana	16,200	Virgin Islands	2,160
Iowa	2,000	Virginia	61,560
Kansas	3,240	West Virginia	20,520
Kentucky	38,880	Canada	1,000
Maryland Ass'n (MD, NJ, PA,		WNAC	9,720
DE and part of VA)	12,880	Other	505,444
Michigan	76,680		
Mississippi	69,120	TOTAL	\$3,000,000
Missouri	99,360		

The more we give, the less students pay!



"The vanguard for Free Will Baptists was, is and will continue to be Free Will Baptist Bible College. The emphasis for righteousness and purity remains unchanged since its inception. The influential impact upon the Free Will Baptist denomination and our entire nation can never be fully measured."

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Promotional Director
Arkansas State Association
Conway, Arkansas



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In order to continue meeting the educational needs of its students in a difficult world and to strengthen its position in the area of academic excellence, Hillsdale has set some goals for advancement for the future of the college. As a result of this planning, the "**LET'S GO!**" campaign seeks to discover \$270,000 over the next three years. The goal is to

discover new financial resources over and above our present level of income. Finances plus faculty and facility equal future leaders. The ultimate goal is to reach and train more young people.

The Challenge is threefold:

- Faculty
- Equipment
- Programs

Faculty and equipment mean programs. All these are embodied in the campaign in order to attract young men and women and provide them a quality Christian education. An opportunity and an invitation are extended to you who support quality Christian training to participate in this challenge toward advancement.

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TRENDS OF TOMORROW

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

"Christians and Politics"

by Ron Taylor

There was a time in our nation when political leaders were godly people. Speeches were filled with scripture and references to our Lord. There was a strong sense of moral values to guide the many political decisions. Obviously today, this is not at all the situation. Now men's and women's thinking is dictated by humanistic beliefs—that man is the ultimate authority and can decide what is right and wrong. This has led to all sorts of problems throughout our society.

How we came to this point really doesn't much matter. We are here, living in a nation of ungodliness and moral deprivation. Whether it can be turned around or not, I do not know, but we must ask how does a Christian live in such a society? This, of course, is a life-long study, but let us consider some highlights.

In Romans chapter 13, God has told us to be in subjection to the governing authorities, pay our taxes, obey the laws, and show respect and honor to those in government positions. In contrast, Peter and the apostles stood in opposition to the authorities in Acts chapter 5 stating that "we ought to obey God rather than men." Throughout our history there has been extremes in views of citizenship (and everything in between), on one hand of total involvement in politics where men in the ministry enter the presidency race and on the other, of no involvement whatsoever—not even to vote in elections. Consequently we have arrived at a hodge-podge of laws contrary to most of what God says is right and wrong. We have the mass murder of millions of babies (called abortion for convenience), gambling of every sort, pornography, 'no fault' divorces, rampant homosexuality, and an endless array of other legal activities. This, of course is only the beginning. Limitations on churches are becoming more prevalent, freedom means only for the humanists, and even proposals to put contraceptives in the public high schools so that our children may have "responsible sex" are in the process.

It will take some one smarter than me to figure out all of the theological positions Christians should take. But I do know that this landslide of immorality will not stop unless God's people do something about it. Why we don't is clear also. True, some people are tired and frustrated and ignorant, believing the lies of those proposing anti-Christian legislation; but basically it is the churches who are satisfied with things the way they are. We sit back in all our comfort and pretend the world is none of our concern, including many times whether people even are saved or not.

All through the scriptures are valiant examples of God's people standing for what is right, what is moral and decent. As a result, governments changed, revivals were witnessed and people turned to God. The fact is, today we'd rather watch morals be ripped down and people corrupted rather than lose our jobs or social standing or go to prison for God's sake, or give up our own lusts and worldly desires.

Make no mistake—God will judge this nation. In the meantime I believe He wants His people to take a stand for what is right. First by *living holy lives* ourselves and secondly by standing against the flow of wickedness. For us, in this nation, it is not illegal to petition, to vote, to write to our leaders, to protest, to speak out, to

demonstrate and numerous other ways of standing for God's principles. Sure, we may be driven back and ridiculed and even put to death. Don't you know we are at war? We are in a spiritual warfare—there will be casualties. Somehow, I'd rather die standing for my Lord than waste away in front of a television set. I'd rather be thought of as a fool than sit back and watch the evil onslaught overtake our children. Oh yes, love everyone, but stand against those who are committed to oppose God. Standing for God automatically puts us in opposition to them.

I'm thankful David stood against Goliath and Elijah stood against King Ahab and the prophets of Baal and Daniel stood against King Darius' decree against praying, that Moses stood against Pharaoh, even Job stood against the world philosophies of his friends! Will you stand today? "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh; (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God" (II Cor. 10:4, 5a).

Time is going by quickly. We may not have many more opportunities to speak out for God. To proclaim His holiness, moral standards and love. If we keep holding back, many around us will be in Hell someday because we wouldn't be a voice for the Lord.

Keep informed, pray for our leaders, and let them know where you stand! I don't want to be a politician, God has called me to preach the gospel, yet I don't think we promote the gospel by allowing the moral destruction of our children and society come to pass while we have opportunity to stop it. By doing and saying nothing we condone it.

"For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not yet therefore partakers with them. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." (Eph. 5:5, 6, 7, 11).

About the writer: Ron Taylor is presently serving as pastor of the Cotton Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Myrtle, Missouri. He is very interested in the youth of our denomination and has worked with and served on various youth committees. He is supportive of our denominational work.

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

One aspect of preparation for the church-wide revival that has been ignorantly and sometimes purposely overlooked is that of finances. There is nothing spiritual or pious about allowing the financial needs of a meeting to go inadequately met.

The financial needs of a church-wide revival should be considered in the early stages of revival preparation. This can be accomplished by the church as a whole but, preferably, by a committee set up for that purpose. If a committee is used, be sure it is made up of individuals

who have a realistic approach to monetary obligations.

The finance committee should consider all financial obligations that are concerned with a meeting; such as promotion, advertising, and special workers. The committee should receive and deposit all offerings, pay all bills and give a detailed report to the church following the revival.

If special workers are invited to be a part of the revival effort (such as evangelist, singers, children's workers, etc.), their financial needs should be discussed frankly with them by the finance committee. Most full-time evangelists and special workers will appreciate a church's honest concern and will be glad to share the needs of their ministry and family. An evangelist who is regarded by a church worthy to be called for a meeting is worthy of proper honorarium for his services.

Finances for a revival campaign can be raised in several ways. The method you decide to use will depend on your own situation. You might want to include an adequate amount in your church budget. Many churches receive an offering during the revival and, if necessary, add to it from the church treasury. Some churches lay aside special offerings in advance of the meeting for the revival needs. Whatever method your church uses, be sure your people are made aware of the need and feel a part of meeting that need. It is neither wise nor ethical to expect visitors to carry this financial responsibility.

Proper preparation will help alleviate the apprehensive feeling that arises from trying to raise enough funds at the last minute to cover the expense of the church-wide revival. This will enable the church and evangelist to turn their attention to more immediate needs, paving the way for a more successful revival.

Your V.B.S. Can Help 20 Mexican National Workers!

by Roy Thomas

Although it is several weeks before time for Vacation Bible School, it is not too early to begin your planning. I want to suggest a special V.B.S. Home Missions project for your pupils—Mexico!

This nation "south of the border" has a population of over 80 million people. Of these, 99% are locked in a religious system where they have never heard the gospel. Mexico is wide open to the gospel, as the people's hearts are hungry. Churches can be quickly established in almost any city.

There are now 30 Free Will Baptist churches in Mexico with 20 national workers and churches being supported by the National Home Missions Department. Of these 20 workers, 17 are pastors and 3 are teachers in the Bible Institute. The missionary account which pays 17 of these workers is in the red over \$4,000.

Since Vacation Bible School offerings have traditionally been used for **National Home Missions**, the Department would appreciate it if you would challenge your Vacation Bible School pupils to give a good offering and designate it to one or more of the national workers in Mexico. (These workers are pictured on page 3 of the March-April issue of MISSION GRAMS.) If you have another National Home Missionary you would rather designate it for, you may, of course.

The Home Missions Department will do all we can to help you with your Vacation Bible School. We have pictures and information about our 20 Mexican national workers, storytime V.B.S. lessons about Mexico, and other free materials for your V.B.S. pupils that you may order from National Home Missions, Post Office Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. Challenge your V.B.S. pupils to help take the gospel "south of the border."

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Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

Looking out my parsonage window, I see a special need for Christian parents to spend time reading with their children. Parents, as first teachers, have the opportunity to build a good attitude in their children about learning. They need to begin this process long before public education enters into the picture. While their children are still babies, parents should begin reading aloud to them. They should provide an atmosphere rich in positive role models for reading.

Rather than trying to teach your child to read, encourage his curiosity by reading printed signs and messages to him. Enrich his background knowledge by taking the time to give a brief and simple answer to all those "How come," and "Why," questions. Have books, magazines, writing tablets, crayons, etc. readily

available for your child. These can be helpful learning tools for your son or daughter.

Learning is best when it is fun, and when it is built into daily routines and family activities. Once the child enters school, some parents are somewhat reluctant to get involved in their child's reading development. This attitude can deeply affect your child's educational growth. Reading can be likened to playing the piano, i.e., it takes practice, encouragement, and determination. Your child looks to you for all three.

Encourage small steps of progress . . . "I see you're trying hard" . . . or, "Good job," are examples of encouraging remarks that can help your child develop a good self-concept. Your personal interest and approval will also build a strong sense of security and promote a readiness for trust. A good feeling of self grows from being accepted and loved, and is intertwined with security and trust.

It is important that your child come to enjoy school and to trust his teachers, and to show respect for the other authorities associated with his education. Don't make negative remarks about teachers or educators in front of your child. This can damage your child's confidence in and cooperation with his teachers.

How important is reading? I'm reminded of a little boy in one of my classes, that, given a test he could not read, simply said, "Mrs. Tilson, this is ALL written in Spanish!" Wouldn't it be a shame for an English-speaking child to go through life with everything written in "Spanish?" Most importantly, Christian parents should have a primary reason for wanting their children to learn to read—so they can grow up reading the Bible.

National Association To Meet In Birmingham

The National Association of Free Will Baptists meets at Boutwell Municipal Auditorium July 19-23 in Birmingham, Alabama, for its 51st annual session. Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington says he expects more than 7,000 delegates and visitors from 40 states for the five-day meeting.

For the second time in 30 years, the national convention will be hosted by the 21,000 members and 186 churches of the Alabama State Association. The convention last met in Birmingham in 1957.

Five ministers will speak on the 1987 theme, "Grow Toward The Goal". They include Pastor Larry Condit (Sacramento, Calif.), Pastor Delbert Akin (Shawnee, Okla.), FWBBC Professor Ken Riggs (Nashville, Tenn.), Pastor Dale Skiles (Springfield, Mo.), Pastor Milton Worthington (Royal Oak, Mich.).

The seventh annual Convention Bible Conference begins at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 21, in the Birmingham/Jefferson Civic Center with two preaching sessions. Both conference speakers are pastors: Johnny Pike (Charlotte, N.C.) and Fred Hall (Bowling Green, Ky.). Tuesday afternoon two workshops are scheduled at the Hyatt Birmingham Hotel. The workshops include "Media Ministries" sponsored by the Radio & TV Commission, and "Theological Trends" sponsored by the Commission for Theological Integrity.

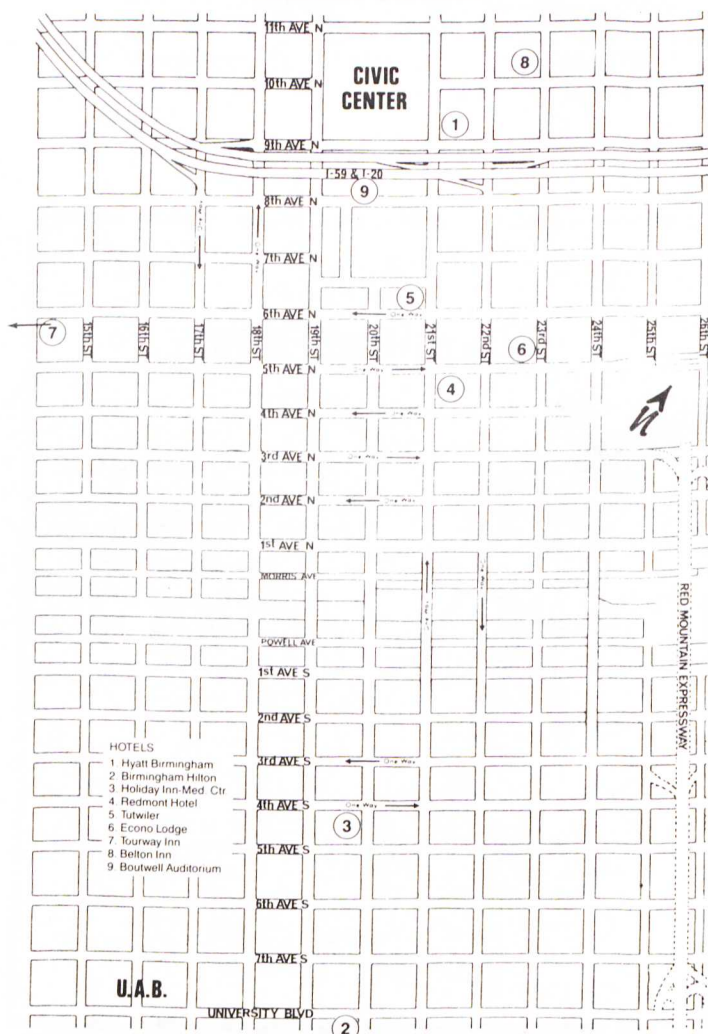
Meeting simultaneously with the National Association are the National Youth Conference with an expected 2,000 registrants and the 52nd annual Woman's National Auxiliary Convention with more than 1,200 women anticipated.

Delegates are expected to approve denominational budgets which will exceed \$11 million. Moderator Bobby Jackson will gavel the voting body through electing more than 33 board and commission members. Each national agency and commission will submit an annual report to delegates.

Neil Gilliland, missionary to Ivory Coast, West Africa, will keynote the 1987 National Youth Conference missionary service Wednesday evening, July 22, when more than 2,000 teens are expected to gather in Birmingham/Jefferson Civic Center. This year's theme, "Life Quest: Directions for the Journey" is taken from Proverbs 3:5-6. Youth competitive activities conclude on Wednesday of the four-day conference.

The two-day Woman's National Auxiliary Convention meets July 20-21 in Boutwell Municipal Auditorium. Missionary to Ivory Coast, West Africa, Robert Bryan will deliver the 11:00 a.m. message Tuesday. Mrs. Verla Pettit, director of the Memphis Union Mission (Tenn.), will address the WNAC Fellowship Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

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COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS FEBRUARY 1987

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 4,149.10
17.00% Executive Department and Gem	3,812.69
3.50% General Fund	784.96
10.50% Youth Camp	2,354.89
1.75% C.E. Board	392.48
1.75% SS & CTS Board	392.48
2.50% Retirement Village	560.70
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	1,121.38
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries & Hillsdale	6,840.41
24.00% Foreign Msn.	1,641.70
19.00% Nat'l. Home Msn.	1,299.68
19.00% FWBBC	1,299.68
19.00% Hillsdale	1,299.68
14.00% Executive Office	957.66
2.50% Layman's Board	171.01
1.50% Radio and TV Com.	102.60
.50% Theological Com.	34.20
.50% Historical Com.	34.20
9.00% State Office Bldg. Fund	2,018.48
Total	\$22,427.57

The Lord hath done and is doing great things for us, whereof we are very thankful. We are eternally grateful for the continued blessings of the Lord. May His bountiful blessings be showered on the faithful pastors and churches that are supporting every ministry of Free Will Baptists through the unified plan of cooperative giving.

FEBRUARY 1987 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Springfield, First	\$ 571.29
Mt. Zion, Gower	45.60
Friendship	305.91
Parkview	274.00
Lebanon, First	350.70
Bailey Cnapel	32.00
Central	1,300.00
Willow Springs	173.71
Grant Avenue	650.93
Merl's Chapel	45.06
New Life Fellowship	370.00
Eastern Gate	244.00
Hartville	144.47
West Plains, First	227.00
Seymour	71.00
Riverview, Bettendorf, IA	181.00
Pleasant Home	302.65
Tyrone	30.31
Belton	219.11
Victory, Alton	167.00
Farmington	1,350.00
Faith & Hope	63.85
Joplin	774.56
Neosho	213.75
Purdy	394.80
Leadington	450.00
Fiat River, First	529.19
Cope	15.00
Thayer	333.00
Happy Home	111.86
Fourth	103.17
Royal Oak	76.00
Macedonia	20.00
Mine La Motte	33.45
Mountain Grove, First	768.86
Union Grove	130.00
Pleasant Ridge	75.00
United, W.P.	268.73
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Columbia	25.00
Fred & Beverly Harris	37.87
Calvary Fellowship	574.17
Marshfield	163.00
Rock Chapel	250.45
Monett	688.07
New Life, Licking	181.75
Fredericktown, First	309.00
Hopewell	187.00
Waynesville	138.84
Freeman Chapel	233.04
Cabool	256.37
Cuba	277.12
Copper Mines	230.68
Liberty, Phillipsburg	350.00
Hurryville	309.00
Black Oak	10.00

Wolf Creek	303.26
Calvary, Conway	111.03
Pleasant Hill	34.04
DeSoto	660.00
Beacon	463.08
Verdella	190.79
Lingo	32.79
Mt. Pisgah	131.00
Carthage	80.00
Crossroads, Wentzville	200.00
Myrtle	128.01
Cope	36.61
Number One	48.95
New Rock Springs	86.86
Grace	852.00
Houston	255.85
Lone Star	33.60
Hannon	221.12
Mill Creek	170.24
Willow Springs	216.74
New Life, Fellowship	531.00
Kirksville	70.91
Hartville	236.77
Harmony, K.C.	347.00
Cape Girardeau	421.47
South Fremont	557.00
Unity	364.13
Total	\$22,427.57

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Unity	\$ 15.00
Central	888.50
Grant Avenue	11.00
Merl's Chapel	81.00
Fellowship	80.00
Pleasant Home	71.40
Union	35.00
South East District	50.00
Joplin	17.00
United, W.P.	28.00
Columbia	25.73
Terrill Road	10.00
Parkview	20.00
Farmington	323.37
Indian Creek Ass'n.	140.14
Leadington	155.00
Fiat River	25.00
Mountain Grove	30.00
Marshfield	15.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
Rock Chapel	145.68
Monett	96.00
Mona Chrisman	5.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Fred Clayton	10.00
Liberty	450.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
DeSoto	200.00
Beacon	75.00
Verdella	20.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Carthage	10.00
Crossroads, Wentzville	16.00
Myrtle	116.00
South Fremont	67.00
Houston	25.00
Hannon	5.00
C. Hoover	5.00
Kirksville	35.00
Harmony	10.00
Thayer	197.00
Total	\$3,702.15

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Lebanon	\$ 50.00
Unity	15.00
Central	75.00
Grant Avenue	526.00
Merl's Chapel	100.00
Eastern Gate	5.00
West Plains, First	118.11
Fellowship	231.00
Pleasant Home	35.00
Union	35.00
South Side	95.00
Belton	25.00
Joplin	50.00
Farmington	350.00
Niangua	60.00
Indian Creek Ass'n.	680.29
Leadington	225.00

Parkview	90.00
Thayer	162.27
Pleasant Ridge	20.00
United, West Plains	15.75
Mountain Grove, First	220.50
Columbia	35.74
Rock Chapel	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	799.64
Monett	935.27
Mona Chrisman	5.00
Freeman Chapel	300.60
Black Oak	132.09
Carl Layman	10.00
DeSoto	250.00
Beacon	397.65
Verdella	432.20
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Carthage	15.00
Crossroads, Wentzville	5.00
Myrtle	60.00
South Fremont	125.00
Houston	5.00
Hannon	246.12
B. Thompson	25.00
C. Hoover	30.00
Kirksville	30.00
New Hope	30.00
Total	\$7,073.23

YOUTH CAMP

Central	\$ 28.00
Willow Springs	20.00
Hartville	20.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Leadington	20.00
Thayer	30.00
Mountain Grove, First	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	62.50
Ken Turner, Monett	50.00
New Life, Licking	10.00
Bethel	15.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
DeSoto	50.00
Verdella	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Myrtle	21.50
New Rock Springs	10.00
Hannon	15.00
Total	\$467.00

CHILDREN'S HOME

DeSoto	\$50.00
Myrtle	3.54
Total	\$53.54

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Central	\$ 20.00
Willow Springs	40.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Farmington	120.00
Thayer	25.00
Calvary Fellowship	41.66
Beacon	75.00
Hannon	50.00
Total	\$379.66

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Farmington	\$120.00
Leadington	20.00
Parkview	5.00
Thayer	25.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
DeSoto	35.00
Beacon	75.00
Total	\$363.33

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS MARCH 1987

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 3,642.79
17.00% Executive Department and Gem	3,347.43
3.50% General Fund	689.17
10.50% Youth Camp	2,067.53
1.75% C.E. Board	344.59
1.75% SS & CTS Board	344.59
2.50% Retirement Village	492.26
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	984.54
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries & Hillsdale	6,005.68
24.00% Foreign Msn.	1,441.36
19.00% Nat'l. Home Msn.	1,141.08
19.00% FWBBC	1,141.08
19.00% Hillsdale	1,141.08
14.00% Executive Office	840.79
2.50% Layman's Board	150.15
1.50% Radio & TV Com.	90.08
.50% Theological Com.	30.03
.50% Historical Com.	30.03
9.00% State Office Bldg. Fund	1,772.17
Total	\$19,690.75

How great to know that day by day we are guided by the personal and providential care of a loving Father. How assuring to know that as we trust Him He will supply all our needs. We thank and praise Him for His blessings on the faithful pastors and churches in our State Association.

MARCH 1987 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Victory, Alton	\$ 202.00
Joplin	351.47
Faith & Hope	26.51
Neosho	71.25
Springfield, First	589.83
Thayer	441.00
Eastern Gate	177.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	54.90
Columbia	25.00
Cuba	177.53
Merl's Chapel	52.12
Bethel	441.00
Grant Avenue	535.34
Parkview	298.00
Fordland	411.00
Olivet	350.00
Terrill Road	125.00
Bailey Chapel	46.00
Macedonia	20.00
Victory, K.C.	64.91
Calvary Fellowship	574.17
United, W.P.	359.24
Berean	23.26
Seymour	109.00
Royal Oak	103.00
Union Grove	137.50
Mine La Motte	37.60
Tyrone	34.87
Leadington	550.00
Gospel Light	125.00
Farmington	1,400.00
Oskaloosa	108.02
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Hazel Creek	343.51
Fiat River, First	697.13
Fourth	106.72
DeSoto	690.00
Fredericktown, First	353.00
Monett	644.06
Rock Chapel	310.29
New Harmony	8.24
Belton	323.08
Grace	845.00
Mountain Grove, First	764.80
Marshfield	181.76
Hurryville	150.00
West Plains, First	200.00
Lebanon, First	373.90
Lingo	53.31
Byrd	20.00
Happy Home	121.00
Mt. Pisgah	161.00
Waynesville	145.62
Copper Mines	177.38
Pleasant Home	209.14
Riverview, Bettendorf, IA	213.50
Hopewell	170.00
Pleasant Ridge	75.00
Cabool	222.48
Beacon	521.80
Koshkonong	300.00
Wolf Creek	172.00
Freeman Chapel	249.97
Salem	60.00
Twin Oak	689.04
New Home	83.52
Verdella	143.18
Myrtle	160.32
Carthage	70.00
Union Light	160.60
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	127.68
Gospel Light	125.00
New Rock Springs	102.15
Number One	55.89
Union Grove	137.50
Unity	419.51
Cape Girardeau	526.15
Total	\$19,690.75

YOUTH CAMP

Victory, Alton	\$ 25.00
Thayer	30.00
Bethel	25.00
Fordland	20.00
Olivet	25.00
Central	26.59

Calvary Fellowship	62.50
Leadington	20.00
Oskaloosa	40.00
DeSoto	50.00
Mountain Grove	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Bethel, El Dorado Springs	15.00
Cedar Ridge	50.00
Merl's Chapel	55.02
Merl's Chapel Auxiliary	10.00
Lone Star	240.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Royal Oak	225.00
Happy Home	346.00
New Harmony	72.50
Verdella	10.00
Myrtle	17.50
Old Liberty	83.80
New Rock Springs	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Total	\$1,538.91

CHILDREN'S HOME

DeSoto	\$50.00
Myrtle	3.00
Total	\$53.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Union	\$ 25.00
South Side	105.00
Niangua	59.00
Faith & Hope	79.50
Neosho	140.00
Springfield, First	10.00
Thayer	53.00
Columbia	34.00
Bethel	30.00
Grant Avenue	130.00
Fordland	37.00
Olivet	50.00
Central	30.00
Terrill Road	22.50
Victory	15.00
Calvary Fellowship	504.99
United, W.P.	13.80
Trinity	55.00
Leadington	220.00
Farmington	240.00
Oskaloosa	228.00
Fourth	135.00
Parkview	40.00
DeSoto	250.00
Monett	892.65
Rock Chapel	20.00
New Harmony	54.94
Belton	25.00
West Plains, First	191.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Mountain Grove	119.50
Lebanon, First	50.00
Fellowship	212.00
Pleasant Home	61.95
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Hickory Grove	86.30
Beacon	413.96
Freeman Chapel	300.60
Blue Springs	80.00
Verdella	495.30
Myrtle	97.00
Carthage	20.00
Marshfield	58.25
Merl's Chapel	100.00
Total	\$5,825.24

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Grant Avenue	\$ 8.00
Calvary Fellowship	41.66
Farmington	120.00
Thayer	25.00
Total	\$194.66

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Union	\$ 20.00
Faith & Hope	97.50
Neosho	10.00
Thayer	111.00
Southeast District	50.00
Columbia	34.00
Merl's Chapel	52.00
Bethel	87.00
Grant Avenue	12.00
Fordland	20.00
Bob & Glenda Keith	10.00
Olivet	35.00
Terrill Road	52.50

Calvary Fellowship	33.33
Victory, K.C.	91.23
Central	318.00
United, W.P.	38.00
Trinity	95.00
Leadington	470.00
Farmington	326.68
Oskaloosa	158.00
Fiat River, First	21.00
Parkview	20.00
DeSoto	204.73
Monett	231.00
Rock Chapel	188.07
Mountain Grove	122.26
Marshfield	20.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Fellowship	82.00
Buffalo, Fred Clayton	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Pleasant Home	35.00
Rolla	50.00
Beacon	45.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Shannons, Unity	5.00
Verdella	30.00
Myrtle	105.00
Carthage	20.00
Marshfield	35.00
W. & A. Livingston	30.00
Total	3,485.30

FWBBC

Thayer	\$ 25.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
Leadington	20.00
Farmington	120.00
Parkview	5.00
DeSoto	35.00
Total	\$288.33

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1986

Beacon	\$ 115.00
Belton	75.00
Berean	15.00
Bethel	230.00
Central	57.00
Columbia	40.00
Cooperative Receipts	13,392.25
Mt. Zion	25.00
DeSoto	150.00
Eastern Gate	65.00
Farmington	305.00
Fiat River, First	23.00
Grace	80.00
Grant Avenue	63.00
A.C. Kennedy	20.00
Hannon	426.86
Houston	34.00
Indian Creek Ass'n.	967.12
Fellowship	10.00
Leadington	405.00
Liberty, Phillipsburg	400.00
Marshfield	17.93
Mill Creek	40.00
Monett	308.78
Mountain Grove, First	193.00
Myrtle	171.00
Calvary Fellowship	314.98
New Harmony	144.82
Oak Hill	111.00
O'Fallon	15.00
Pleasant Home	53.00
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
South Fremont	10.00
Thayer	164.00
Trinity	238.00
United, West Plains	38.05
Royal Oak	60.00
South Side	19.00
Harmony	10.00
Cape Girardeau	131.59
Unity	10.00
Blue Springs	30.00
Terrill Road	550.94
Joplin	120.00
Victory, K.C.	260.00
United	30.00
Neosho	60.00
Carl Layman	30.00
J.W. Radar	75.00
Crossroads	1,650.00
Verdella	5.00
Carthage	340.00
Unity	10.00
Total	\$22,139.32

Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



And the Lord said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill thine horn with oil and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. I Samuel 16:1.

It is my opinion that many of the problems which confront the church occur when we live in the past. I would like to suggest a solution to some of these problems.

In I Samuel 16:1, God is telling Samuel something important he would like to tell us, if we would only listen. He said, "Samuel, why are you wasting your time on something that has already been settled?" "I have rejected Saul from being king because of his disobedience, now get on with the business at hand." "Fill thine horn with oil and go!"

Whenever we speak of oil in Biblical terms, we are referring to the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of God and Jesus Christ. In essence, God told Samuel to "fill thine horn with God and go." Why won't people allow Christ to have His control in lives that are filled by past heartaches, past failures or some past defeat, which are the results of the work of Satan?

How often do we hear the phrase, "don't cry over spilled milk?" Many hang-ups, in going forward for God, are causing people to mourn over things that have already been settled. We won't let things die that God and time have slain.

God has something else for us to do if we'll just do it. He told Samuel to stop mourning for Saul, stop living in the past because he had a new plan, and the task at hand was for him to start living in the present and anoint David as king.

The solution to our problems is the same as it was for Samuel. "How long wilt thou mourn, fill thine horn and go, for I have provided something else for you to do."

Advance Celebration Fact Sheet

Here is an update on giving by states. Please take note of where you are. This is as of 1/31/87.

STATE	GOAL	TOTAL INCOME
Alabama	75,000	7,963.25
Arkansas	75,000	15,443.88
California	??	632.42
Florida	50,000	10,784.62
Georgia	75,000	7,966.36
Illinois	30,000	53.00
Indiana	10,000	4,644.46
Kansas	??	100.00
Kentucky	50,000	202.46
Maryland	??	3,834.65
Michigan	50,000	4,450.14
Mississippi	30,000	9,344.00
Missouri	100,000	15,569.69
Ohio	??	8,420.01
Oklahoma	200,000	19,264.03
N. Carolina	??	11,406.50
S. Carolina	75,000	4,858.02
Tennessee	200,000	24,542.42
Texas	50,000	18,209.85
Virginia	240,000	6,943.48
W. Virginia	60,000	1,117.00

Here is a list of projects already funded:

Ivory Coast Bible Institute	\$20,911
Uruguay Bible Institute	30,000
Projector (220 volt)	741
VCR/Camera - I.C. Bible Inst.	1,911
Total:	\$53,563

In addition, we have made commitments to five new missionaries, and 10 others are looking to us for help.

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