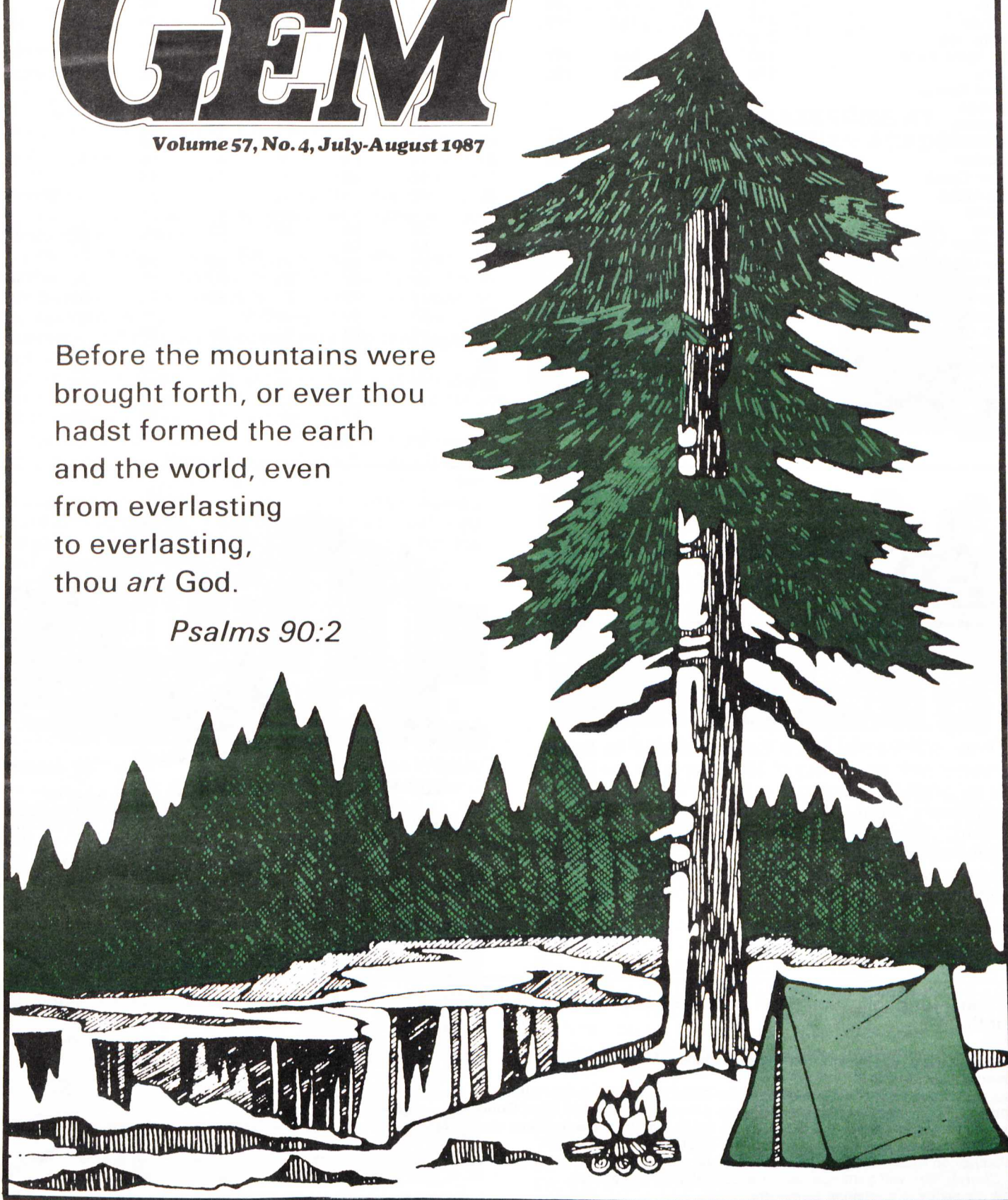


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Before the mountains were
brought forth, or ever thou
hadst formed the earth
and the world, even
from everlasting
to everlasting,
thou *art* God.

Psalms 90:2



SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1986-1987

CHURCHES	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Belton	68	59	59	60		66	77	52	54	56	59	46
Bethel	88	88	90	101	100	90	91	80	89	101	87	82
Calvary Fellowship		180	181	193	230	192	192	181				
Cape Girardeau	41	48	40	51	57	62	61		79	77		59
Copper Mines	73	65	71	70	71	72	71	62	72	74		
Cuba	64	60	70	66	61	74	66	60	68	89		
DeSoto	177	192	183	189	213	189	183	150	176	192	199	180
Farmington	578							515	568	597		
Flat River, First	150	149	146	157	138	142	128	120		145	144	
Grace	146	131	143	155	166	162	162		141	162	158	
Grant Avenue												
Hannon	72	74	85	70		83	72	65	69	67	74	73
Harmony	57	58	72	80		63	60	52	58	86	71	67
Hartville	84	79	85	89	89	88	87	80	85	85		
Houston	74	80	87	85	81	71	88	68	82	86	81	73
Jones Creek	25	20	20			16	18	17	24	14	17	
Marshfield	36	33	34	42	38	40						
Monett	171	158										
Myrtle	40	37	37	38	36	35	38	32	33	32	36	29
Neosho	78	79	73	61	56	56	62				67	
New Life Fellowship	70	62	64	83	80	75	79	74	80	79		
Parkview	83		82	73	76	86	74	53	80	77	93	65
Lebanon, First	85	85	87	75	79	77	72	71	82	95	90	81
Richwoods	51	45	56	49	65	63	49	45				
Rock Chapel	76	56	61	70	64	66	69	63	64	66		
Thayer			127	140		139	149	101	135	143	142	
United, W.P.	75	89	100	80	85	95	87	88	93	92	91	89
Victory, K.C.	46	48	41	47	55	56	56	48	48	69	65	68
West Plains, First	102	100	99	122	138	115	126	102	114	123	121	117
Willow Springs			75	77			77	56	75	75	80	81
Verdella	70	63	59	72	75	69	65	58	70	78		



Churches, People & Events

MISSOURI STUDENTS ON FWBBC DEAN'S LIST

Free Will Baptist Bible College closed its Spring Semester with the names of 78 students on the Dean's List for grades averaging B or higher for the Semester.

Students from Missouri are: Marvin Mouser - DeSoto, Senior; Donna Reeves - Farmington, Sophomore; Jeff Robertson - Stewartville, Sophomore; Barbara Warner - Fredericktown, Sophomore; and Debbie Maggart - St. Joseph, Freshman.

Editor's note: Congratulations!



First Free Will Baptist Church

107 YEARS OF SERVING THE LORD

Karen Montgomery, church reporter, writes, On May 24, 1987, Flat River First Church, the oldest Free Will Baptist Church in the Mineral Area, celebrated 107 years of serving the Lord. The church located on Emerson Street was begun by three ministers in 1880. Reverends J.H. Gulley, Jerry Wood, and John Wood,

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started out with a handful of determined Christians to organize a place to worship. The first building was located on West Main in Flat River, and was later to become property designated as the Pastorium for the Presbyterian Church.

One of the pastors, T.J. Mann, led the church board to trade off the property and relocating in the Norwine section of the city. The property was secured about 1918 near the school on Emerson Street. Eight people were present for the first service; and one of them, Mrs. Alberta Davis, continued her faithful worship until she passed away in March of 1986.

A great many can remember the hardships, the struggles, and the challenge of the mining camp days. "They wouldn't allow us to ring the church bell because it would awaken the night crew," said one aging member. The Depression and Two World Wars are among the historical events which have helped to shape the minds and hearts of so many who continue to worship at First Church.

Present Pastor, Ron Edgil says, "We have a wholesome appreciation for those who have preceded us in this ministry. Our desire is to continue their dreams and aspirations that a Free Will Baptist Church should become a vital part of this community and that legacy lives on."

A day of homecoming services and a fellowship dinner were enjoyed by all. The very talented Durbin Family followed in concert at 1:30 p.m.

Revival services continued on throughout the week with Dr. Joe Ange from Virginia Beach, Va., serving as evangelist. God spoke to our hearts through the tremendous preaching of Dr. Ange. Rev. Ted Wilbanks from Farmington, Mo. served as music director as he led the congregation in some "powerful singing" for the Lord. We had a good week of revival services, and we pray that from these meetings, we will continue to "grow" and "prosper" for God's glory.

MUSIC APPRECIATION DAY

Karen Montgomery, church reporter, writes, April 26, 1987 was Music Appreciation Day at Flat River First Church. We honored our choir director: Marian Wilson, and our three musicians: Vickie Franklin, organist and pianist; Jeanie Byers, organist and pianist; and Linda Keel, pianist. These dear ladies have been faithfully serving in these positions for a total of 71 years: Marian - 30 years, Vickie - 21 years, Jeanie - 16 years, and Linda - 4 years. We do so much appreciate their faithfulness, and their willingness to be used in God's service.



Left to right: Jeanie Byers, Vickie Franklin, Marian Wilson, and Linda Keel

CONWAY CLASS GIVES GIFT TO YOUTH CAMP

A Youth Class, ages 6-12, of the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church at Conway received an offering each Wednesday evening. Almost \$50.00 was accumulated. The class bought Alarm Clocks for the Evangelist Cabin at Youth Camp and used the balance to go skating.

Mrs. Carlee Jones and Linda Legan, the teachers, write, We are very proud of our children.

GRADUATION EXERCISE AT FARMINGTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



Graduates & F.C.A Council



Graduates and Pastor & Ch. F.C.A. Council

The Farmington Christian Academy held its Commencement Exercise on Sunday evening, May 24, 1987. The ones receiving diplomas were: Frankie Eaton, Jr., Iain Beardsley, Jeffery Weddle, Richard Russell, William Fraizer and Grant Ritter.

The Invocation was given by Mr. Morris Greenhaw, chairman, Deacon Board. The presentation of Awards was given by Mr. John Hufford, chairman, F.C.A. Council. The presentation of Diplomas was made by Rev. Timothy Eaton, pastor, Farmington Church. The presentation of the Graduating Class was made by Mr. Danny Fitzgerald, principal, F.C.A. The Commencement Address was delivered by Rev. Clarence Burton, Missouri State Executive Secretary and the Benediction was given by Mr. Richard Russell.

A large crowd attended the Commencement Exercise and the Reception sponsored by the Junior Class and the F.C.A. Staff and Council.

Editor's note: It was a joy, as always, to be with the Farmington Church and the privilege to deliver the Commencement Address. My congratulations to the graduates!

TARGET 90 PILOT PROJECT AT OLIVET

Rev. Cliff Bowman and the members of the Olivet Free Will Baptist Church, with Rev. Clarence Burton, coordinator for the Missouri State Target 90 Project had a Pilot Project. This was held on Wednesday evening, April 15 through Sunday evening, April 19.

Prior to these services Brother Bowman had led the church in intensive soul-winning classes. Also, the church had spend much time in prayer and preparation.

On Wednesday evening, a good crowd assembled for the first of the Target 90 Services. Following a Soul-Winning Message by Brother Burton, the altar was filled with many committing themselves to reaching people for Christ. On Thursday evening thirty-six people gathered for visitation. The response was great!



Visitation Group

On Friday evening, the Olivet Church presented an Inspirational Play, under the direction of Sister Frances Bowman. It was a touching and moving presentation. In connection with this Sister Waynelle Scott directed a very young Children's Group in a Scripture Memorization Presentation. It was great! On Saturday morning a fine response was made for Bus and Regular visitation.



The Drama Cast with Brother & Sister Bowman



The Scripture Memorization Group

On Sunday, at the Morning and Evening services, the Lord blessed with eight souls making profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, with several rededications. As the invitation was given for both services, it seemed, as Brother Burton said, "The Lord just opened the windows of heaven and poured out His blessings."

The pastor, Brother Bowman, had planned a Believer's Water Baptism Service for Sunday evening. What a good way to close out the Weekend Services.



Baptism Service

Was the Target 90 Pilot Program a success? Yes, Thank God! This is what Target 90 is all about.

Suggestion: Pastor, will you consider a similar Target 90 Project at the church you serve? Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, ask a local Free Will Baptist pastor to work with you and the church you serve for a weekend soul-winning effort. It is surprising what the Lord can do!

FIRST CHURCH AT SPRINGFIELD WINS FIRST PLACE

In the Bringing Forth Fruit Contest, sponsored by the National Sunday School and Church Training Department, the Sunday School of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri won first place in its division. The Sunday School showed an increase from 166 to 239.

Entries were received from twenty-one states, plus Canada. The average percentage of increase of winners in the first and second place was 59.75.

Editor's note: Congratulations!

BLESSINGS AT BRANSON

The church reporter writes, The Lord is blessing the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church at Branson, Missouri. We are very proud of our new church steeple built by two men of the church, Jack Wilson and Ron Cobb. Ken Wharton used his lumber yard equipment to place the steeple on top of the church. It is a beautiful steeple with stained glass windows and a cross which can be lighted at night. Also, Mr. & Mrs. Rex Hayes donated a Water Cooler, which is located in the lower level of the church. The kitchen has been completed, thanks to Mike Ray, Bea Tyler and the pastor, Rev. Arnold.

The church enjoyed a four-day revival with Reverend

Dale Skiles. The Lord blessed with two rededications and an attendance of seventy in the Morning Worship.

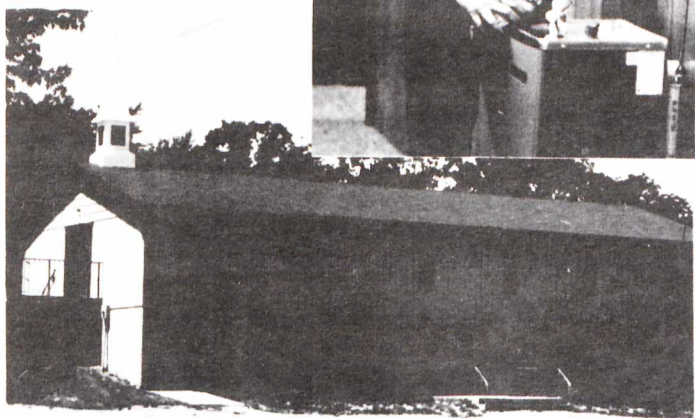
We extend an invitation to folks visiting in the Branson area to come by and see us. Two of our church families own businesses, Longview Trailer Court, phone 334-4525 and Shady Oak Motel, phone 334-0998, if you need lodging.

If you have friends or relatives who have moved in this area we would like to contact them. Please contact Pastor Arnold at 417-334-2303.

Rex Hayes



New Steeple



REVEREND & MRS. MATTHEWS CELEBRATE 40TH ANNIVERSARY



Rev. & Mrs. Matthews

It was a joyous occasion as family and friends surprised Reverend and Mrs. O.D. Matthews in celebrating 40 years of marriage on Sunday, May 24, 1987, at the Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

O.D. Matthews and Stella Chapman were married in Nashville, Tennessee on May 28, 1947. They continued living in Nashville until O.D. finished college. They

moved back to Missouri and Dad started his first pastorate at the Union Light Church.

As the years continued, five children were born,



Rev. & Mrs. Matthews and children

Gloria, Dixie, Karen, Rodger, and Dennis. The family continued living in the Fredericktown area, while O.D. pastored area churches.

The family continued growing larger as the children got married and grandchildren came along.

The last few years, O.D. and Stella have enjoyed their life by filling in as interim pastor of the Bourbon and Fredericktown church. They are now attending Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church when not filling in for another pastor.

God has been good to them. Their children and grandchildren are all Christians and serving the Lord.

Perhaps they will celebrate another 40 years together.

HOMECOMING AT BETTENDORF, IOWA



Congregation at Bettendorf

The First Free Will Baptist Church at Bettendorf, Iowa held its annual Homecoming Service on Sunday, April 12, 1987.

Along with the Homecoming Service, Pastor Joe Braddy scheduled a Friday evening Evangelistic Service and an information Declaration of Trust session on Saturday morning. Rev. Clarence Burton was the guest speaker for the weekend services and the Trust Session.

Rev. Burton expressed thanks to Brother Braddy and the church for the privilege of being with them and stated that he especially appreciated the pastor leading the church in its support of the Missouri State Cooperative Program. Brother Burton recognized and expressed appreciation to Brother and Sister Harlinger, personal friends for several years and charter members of the church. In the Homecoming Message he stated

that three thoughts are usually connected with a Homecoming Service: Home with family members, Home with Christian family members and Home with God.

The ladies of the church served a delicious dinner for members and friends of the church. It was a great time of fellowship and feasting.

Editor's note: We surely do miss the Braddys (Joe and Patsy) in Missouri. It was a joy to be with them and I pray the Lord will grant them a productive and effective ministry in Iowa.



Lunch in Fellowship Hall

A Letter From Charolette Tallent

Your faithful participation in my ministry over the years has been the contributing factor in the victories for our KING in the proclamation of the message of Christ to the French. I thank you with a grateful heart for your ministry of prayer and financial gifts shared.

Through this letter, I would like to share with you my future plans. Allow me to do so through an excerpt from a letter sent to Mr. R. Eugene Waddell, General Director of the Foreign Missions Department, in April.

"Returning from France June 1986, I came home feeling physically, emotionally and spiritually fatigued longing that furlough would present time for recuperation and restoration. Since being home this fatigued feeling now has been compounded to a drained, washed-out state. Deputation this furlough has been more demanding than the precedent ones of 1977-78 and 1981-82. In reality, it has presented little time for evaluation or a breather from the pressures of performing. If I were to return to France in my present state of mind, I do believe that I would not be productive. Therefore, I am requesting a leave of absence effective July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988."

May 4-7 the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Board met for their annual meeting at which time this request was granted. I would like to underscore for you **this is only a leave** . . . time off from deputational ministry, a time of refreshment; regrouping of my thoughts so as to return to France revitalized. This is not a resignation. Therefore, I am still under missionary status with the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Board.

You may ask, "What are my plans for this next year?" and rightfully so. With a leave, I will not receive my salary from the mission board, I will, therefore, obtain employment. At least for the fall quarter, my plans are to attend Columbia Graduate School of Bible and Missions in Columbia, South Carolina taking

courses both to refresh my mind and enhance future ministry in France. Time will be given to visiting with my family with whom I and they are becoming somewhat strangers. This year will also enable me to be with my home church who through the many years has been supportive of my ministry.

If you have been giving to my account for some time or are a new supporter obtained during this year's deputational ministry, may I encourage you to continue your giving. My mission account in Nashville is still open and all gifts designated to it will be placed therein. Your continued support throughout the year would mean, I would not have to resume deputation so as to accumulate the necessary funds for returning to France.

During this year of refreshing, I request your prayers. If you have any questions concerning this leave, I would be happy to answer them. You may write or call me at the following: Charolette Tallent, 4609-A Loughborough Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri 63116. (314) 752-4767.

Thank you for your understanding hearts, prayers and continued mission financial support. May the Lord's blessings be yours today enriching you as you endeavor to serve and grow in Him.

In His Love,

Charolette Tallent



The Durbins

The Durbins are a family oriented group with the ability to minister to people of all ages, young and old alike. They are available to come to your church for homecomings, concerts, special services, revivals, and etc. They can be contacted at: **The Durbins, HCR 78, Box 397, Fredericktown, Mo. 63645**, or you can call: **314-783-7329** or **314-783-5236**.

Paul Ketteman Called Home

Reverend Paul J. Ketteman, 62, Public Relations Director of Free Will Baptist Bible College, died in Nashville May 21 following a three-year struggle with bone cancer.

The funeral service was held in the college's Memorial Auditorium on Saturday, May 23. Words of tribute were said by Dr. Charles Thigpen, Dr. Robert Picirilli, and Dr. L.C. Johnson. Reverend Garnett Reid and Reverend Chris Real also spoke.

His death came one week after he was honored by the Bible College's Board of Trustees for 25 years of service to the college. The recognition was given as part of the college Commencement Exercises, held in the Activities Building May 14, at which some 900 people stood in tribute to his work and courage.

Mr. Ketteman, the first student to arrive when the college opened in 1942, received the Bible diploma in 1945. He earned his B.A. at Columbia Bible College in 1947.

His pastorates included Mt. Elon FWB Church, Pamplico, SC; Edgemont FWB Church, Durham, NC; and First FWB Church, Columbus, MS. He served as clerk of the National Association of Free Will Baptists for four years and for nine years was a trustee of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

President Charles A. Thigpen said, "Paul Ketteman was one of the best friends this college has ever had. He was a loyal, supporting pastor for many years, he was a very effective member of the Board of Trustees and he was an outstanding representative of the college as Director of Public Relations. He made many friends for the college."

Mr. Ketteman is survived by his wife, Helen, who teaches business at the college, and by three children: Greg Ketteman, of Nashville; Mrs. Carol Reid, of Greenville SC; and Mrs. Joy Corn, of Savannah, GA.

All who knew Paul Ketteman will feel that they have lost a dear friend.

motel rooms to accommodate everyone. We had no idea that the response would be so overwhelming. We really do regret any inconvenience it might have caused."

At the present time the C.E. Board is working on scheduling another Family Life Seminar for next year.



Rev. Joe Grizzle & C.E. Board



Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

When a pastor leaves a church several things happen and it is very important to try to understand these things and how they influence and often times impede the working of the church.

The departing pastor (we'll call him pastor number one) and the new arriving pastor (we'll call him pastor number two) often find themselves in conflict with one another. Here's how it works.

Pastor number one gathered a group around him who supported his ministry and helped him build the work. They were just a little closer than others. They made themselves an intimate part of the pastor's ministry. He relied on them for strength, support and prayers. Now he resigns and these precious people who had been people of power and influence in the church find themselves without a leader. They probably hurt a little more than others hurt at the loss of the pastor. They wander in confusion through the interim period. They feel like no one can take his place. They resent his leaving them. They resent the thought of another taking his place.

Suddenly a new minister moves into the parsonage. He just isn't like pastor number one. They plan to like him. They plan to love him and work with him. While they are trying to accept this situation the new pastor begins his ministry and a new group of people who were not in the inner circle with pastor number one now come into prominence and become the inner circle with pastor number two.

What happens? Resentment builds. Maybe church war breaks out between these two groups. The new pastor and pastor number one are innocent victims. God's church suffers, and a lot of people are hurt. What to do?

First, acknowledge that these things are not right, and put the cause of Christ above personal desires.

Second, begin loving the new pastor and resolve to work with him and become a part of his ministry.

Third, don't be guilty of attacking him, putting him down, resenting him, and fighting against him. He is now your pastor. Love him and work with him in building God's church.

God will bless you and soon the church will begin growing and prospering again. You'll be surprised that pastor number two is a great man of God also.

Family Life Seminar At Stonecroft

by Steve Hale

"This is really good." "Can we have another seminar like this next year?" were typical remarks heard over the Friday night - Saturday morning family seminar held at the Stonecroft Conference Center April 3-4. The speaker, Rev. Joe Grizzle, a Free Will Baptist pastor from Oklahoma, stressed the role of the husband and wife in meeting each other's needs as the most important factor in a successful marriage. The top priority of the husband is to meet his wife's needs, and the top priority of the wife is to meet her husband's needs.

The conference attracted 88 couples from all over the state. About as many ministers and their wives attended as laymen and their wives. This seminar was underwritten and sponsored by the C.E. Board. C.E. Board member, Steve Hale, stated that the board's objective was to make the seminar affordable, informative, and enjoyable. Having the seminar at Stonecroft Conference Center, an elegantly decorated facility, also made the seminar comfortable. "The only problem encountered was when we had to go to outside

Camp Meeting Time II

This is the Second Original Old Time Camp Meeting Days at Youth Camp Grounds - Niangua, Missouri, writes Brother Dale McCurry.

The dates and schedule is: September 21, Monday night . . . Rev. Cliff Bowman; September 22, Tuesday night . . . Rev. Roger Harwell; September 23, Wednesday night . . . Rev. Gene Terry; September 24, Thursday night . . . Rev. Ken Goff; September 25, Friday night . . . Rev. Stanley Jones; September 26, Saturday Morning and Afternoon . . . Rev. Mike Hutsell. The evening services will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The special singers will be . . . New Life Quartet on the 21st and 24th; The Gloryland Quartet on the 22nd and 25th and the Singing Terrys on the 23rd and 26th.

Meals will not be served but you may use the cabins for a token fee of \$2.00 each night, to cover insurance expense.

On Saturday, EXTRA BLESSINGS ALL DAY. On this day "BIG PIG B.B.Q. Dinner with all the trimmings and ALL DAY SINGING. This will be one of the HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR for you and your family.

Brother Leon Jones will lead a nightly prayer group at 7:00. Last year was such a success that a full week is planned this year.

For further information or reservations at Youth Camp call Brother Dale McCurry, (417) 473-6444.

This Is It

by Rick Dabblemont

Luke 24:46-48 — "And (He) said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day . . . And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem, and ye are witnesses of these things".

These Scriptures are the words of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to His followers before He ascended into Heaven. He was in His Glorified Body when He spoke these words. He was giving His followers His last and final instructions before He returned back to His Father. Acts 1:3 states that He was speaking of things pertaining to the kingdom of God. Acts 1:9 states — "And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight." Luke 24:51 states — "and it came to pass while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. While Christ was in His Glorified Body some forty days upon the earth, He gave his followers, who made up the church, what is known as the Great Commission. This is recorded in Matt. 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-18, Acts 1:8, and here in Luke 24:46-50, which is our scriptural text.

I would like to consider our scriptural text with this title in mind, THIS IS IT. Many times when we use these words, This is it, we mean—it's final, it's all we have, there is nothing more to offer, Take it or leave it, for this is it. But when Christ spoke these words, of our text, He was giving them the message that the world needed in order to be saved. I want to consider the words of our title THIS IS IT, with four great truths in mind, concerning the great Salvation that Christ has given to us.

1. This is It—The Plan of Salvation
2. This is It—The Span for Salvation

3. This is It—The Man telling of Salvation

4. This is It—The time for Salvation.

1. This is It—The Plan of Salvation.

Salvation is a gift that God has given to mankind. Titus 2:11 — "For the grace of God that bringeth Salvation hath appeared to all men." This was the purpose of Christ coming to the earth. Luke 19:10 — "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." But there is a plan in our text, concerning our salvation. Verse forty-seven gives us the Plan. The Plan is Repentance. "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached." There is no salvation apart from repentance. Outside of repentance there is no way of securing salvation (pardon) for our sins. No sacrifices, nor religious ceremonies can we give or do to secure salvation. The Plan of Salvation is through Repentance—This is It, there is no other way. Christ in His glorified Body, when giving His final instruction, reminded His followers to preach repentance for the remission of sins. He made it clear, that this is it, and there is no other way. The plan is Final.

II. This is It—The Span For Salvation.

What is the span of salvation? Verse 47 teaches that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. The span is the entire world. Mark 16:15 — "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every Creature." No one is excluded. God loves all. He gave His Son for the world. No race, no age, no creed, can say, that the plan of salvation is not for them. The Span for Salvation is for all. This is it. Whosoever can have Salvation.

III. This is It—The man to proclaim it.

Not just the preacher, not just the deacon, nor the Sunday School teacher, but everyone that is born of God. Every Christian is a gospel witness for Christ. Everyone will not preach a gospel message from the pulpit. Everyone will not do visitation in person. But, everyone can live a life that the world can see Christ in one's daily walk. The life we live may be the means of carrying the gospel to someone. Christ said — "Ye are witness of these things." The only gospel some will ever hear or see, is the gospel they see in our lives. If we are saved, then we are the man—this is it, there is no other man.

IV. This is It—The Time for Salvation.

The time of Salvation is now. The time to witness is now. The time to preach repentance is now. Now is the Time. Now is the time for the church to preach and teach the plan of salvation to the world. 2 Cor. 6:2 states — "For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee, behold now is the accepted time, behold, now is the day of Salvation." The world today is in need of salvation. I believe we can say, This is it—This is the time, that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations.

I pray, I hope, that the church of today will resolve to take the words of our text, and preach the gospel of Christ to this lost and dying world while we still have the time and opportunity. Beloved, This is it. "That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations . . . And Ye are witness of these things."

About the Writer: Rev. Dabblemont is serving as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist in Cuba, MO. He has held various positions in the South Central District Association and is presently serving as General Board Member on the Missouri State General Board. He is very supportive of the State and National Ministries.



Lest We Forget?

by Ann Cochran

It was a day of remembering those killed in battle. All day long, the television blared the announcement "Lest We Forget." Two young boys sat on the couch, looking through a book about war.

"My great-grandfather died in this war," one boy explained to his friend. "He died so I might live in this country with freedom, hope, and happiness. He took all of America's lives on his shoulders and lost his life for us."

The second boy patiently listened to his friend brag about his great-grandfather's noble death, then hopped from the couch to grab a Bible. Returning to his place on the couch, he opened the Bible to a picture of Christ hanging on the cross.

"My Father put His Son on the cross to die for the whole world—not just America. He died so I might live with hope and a promise of eternal life. Because He died, I don't have to."

The first boy closed his war book, hoping his friend would not stop telling the wonderful story.

Isn't it easy to praise man for his earthly accomplishments and let the story of Christ's suffering for us become "old news?" For a true heroic act, open the Bible . . . lest we forget.

Editor's note: Congratulations, Ann! Ann graduated from Hillsdale College in May.

The Voice Of The Shepherd

by Jeanna Merritt

"And he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out." John 10:3.

Have you ever wondered why out of the countless varieties of animals God chose the sheep to liken His children to? Why would He parallel being called by Him to that of a shepherd calling his sheep?

The relationship that develops between a shepherd and his sheep is very much like that between ourselves and God. This relationship deepens as trust and faith in the Good Shepherd builds. The sheep do indeed know the shepherd's voice and will not follow a stranger. My sheep are familiar with my voice. They listen when I speak and can distinguish my voice from that of any other person. So is the relationship between God and His child.

John 10:27 reads, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

This scripture flows through my mind each time I call my flock in from pasture. At the sound of my voice, I have their full attention. They associate my voice with special benefits. I must admit it is amusing to watch visitors to our farm call out to the sheep. Even if they use the same phrase I do to call them in, they do not budge. They look up and stare with mild curiosity all the while ignoring the calls.

So it is with the Lord. When I became a child of His, I learned to listen and hear His voice. God speaks to all of us in different ways: through prayer, Bible study,

sermons, and quiet meditation. But no matter what method He uses His children know His voice. I know He has the best for me and I have no regrets heeding His call. I trust His voice.

A ewe of mine, Harmony, taught me a lesson about trust. After feeding grain one evening, I left a grain bucket inside the sheepfold. Later I heard bleating and a general ruckus from the fold. Harmony, eager for the last crumb in the bucket, had plunged headfirst into the container and was stuck fast. She panicked and was wild with fear. Blindly she ran crashing into feeders. Again and again she stumbled and fell.

Softly, I called her name. At the sound of my voice, she became quiet. I continued to talk to her until I was by her side. Gently, I set her free. Her absolute trust in the sound of my voice was her salvation. I was reminded that in my own life waiting in trust is infinitely better than running in fear. My Lord and Good Shepherd has set me free from fear countless times but only after I quit running and became quiet. Only then could He meet my needs.

We all have needs. So do sheep. Our Lord knew that like sheep, if we are to grow, prosper, and have peace within we needed a Good Shepherd. Think of yourself as one of God's sheep. Listen for His voice. Let your heart overflow with gratitude for His tender, loving watchcare.



Jeanna and her lamb & sheep

Essentials of Evangelism



by Stanley Jones

There is a verse of Scripture in Matthew's gospel that gives an interesting perspective on evangelism. That verse reads, "Let your light so shine before men . . ." (Matt. 5:16a). This seems to suggest two things to keep in mind as we share our faith with others.

One, a light is to be seen and it enables one to see. A light seen at a distance in a dark night provides a goal and hope for the lost traveler. A light near at hand provides illumination for the path. The light of our lives can do both for those in the darkness of sin.

Two, we are to **let** our light shine. We cannot make a light shine if we don't have one. And, if we have one, it will shine. Forcing situations for witnessing and trying to shine an artificial light will appear like cold professionalism or false religion. A light that is real and is allowed to shine naturally will provide direction for every sincere seeker.

The verse doesn't say, "**Make** a light shine". It says, "**Let your** light shine". The light we have, when allowed to shine, will bring glory to God.

Winners Of 1987 Missouri State CTS Competitive Activities

BIBLE MEMORIZATION

Grade 1 Vickie Branson
Grade 2 Latisha Potter
Grade 3 Rhonda Adamson

Grant Avenue
Southside
Rock Chapel

SWORD DRILL

Grade 4 Jeremy Raney
Grade 5 Jamie Rolandi
Grade 6 Christy Adamson

Rock Chapel
Hartville
Rock Chapel

BIBLE TIC TAC TOE

Debbie Skinner
Shelly Simpson
Jon Smith

Hartville
Hartville
Hartville

BIBLE BOWL

Gina Rolandi
Mary Vandergrift
Judy Smith

Hartville
Hartville
Hartville

MUSIC & ARTS COMPETITION

VOCAL SOLO

Learner Amber Maggard
Adventurer Jonathan Wilson
Herald Jennifer Gloyd
Crusader Tamra Ragsdale

Beacon
Beacon
Beacon
Fellowship

VOCAL ENSEMBLE—DUET

Herald Jennifer Gloyd & Nikki Williams
Crusader Tamra Ragsdale & Gary Phillips
Combination Jennider Gloyd & Craig Cook

Beacon
Fellowship
Beacon

VOCAL ENSEMBLE—TRIO

Herald South Fremont Girls Trio
Crusader Fellowship Trio
Combination The Jones Kids

South Fremont
Fellowship
Rock Chapel

VOCAL ENSEMBLE—SEXTET

Combination Sonlight Ensemble

Fellowship

CHORALE

Combination Hartville Chorale

Hartville

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO—WOODWIND

Herald Nicki Howe

Hartville

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO—STRINGED

Herald Diane Walls

Berkeley

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO—BRASS

Crusader Gary Phillips

Fellowship

KEYBOARD SOLO

Adventurer Jennifer Moore
Herald Diane Walls
Crusader Becky Jones

Fellowship
Berkeley
Rock Chapel

ORAL COMMUNICATION—DRAMATIC SELECTION

Learner Heidi MacCulloch
Herald Nikki Williams
Crusader Dana Roach

Beacon
Beacon
Grace

ORAL COMMUNICATION—POETRY

Adventurer Heather MacCulloch

Beacon

ORAL COMMUNICATION—PROSE

Adventurer Selena Simpson

Hartville

ORAL COMMUNICATION—INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE

Adventurer Stacey Epperly

Hartville

CREATIVE ARTS—PAINTING

Herald Christie Raney

Grant Avenue



These winners will represent Missouri at the National Youth Conference in Birmingham, Alabama in July.



Note: Some winners not present for presentation & photo.

Program

Preachers Seminar — All Boards Meeting

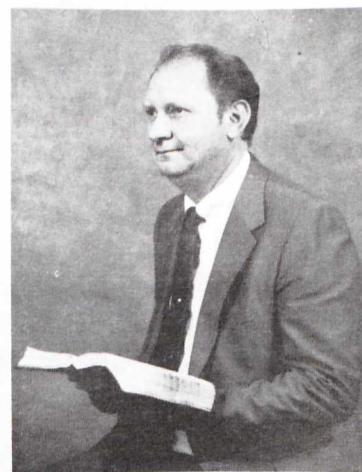
September 14 & 15



Glen Rehkop



Cliff Bowman



Ken Goff

Monday, September 14, 1987

12:00 Lunch

1:00 - 1:15

Devotional Message

Greg McAllister

1:15 - 1:45

The Church and Church Administration (Budget, Stewardship Promotion, Ordination Records, etc.)

Ken Goff

1:45 - 2:15

Bible Study - Book of Galatians

Glen Rehkop

2:15 - 2:30

Break

2:30 - 3:00

The Church Ministering To Families in Time of Death, Tragedy, Birth, etc.

Cliff Bowman

3:00 - 3:30

The Pastor - the Church Board Meetings (Advisory, Church Official, Trustee, Deacon, S.S. Teachers & Officers, Ushers and etc.)

Ken Goff

3:30 - 4:00

Bible Study - Book of Galatians

Glen Rehkop

4:00 - 4:10

Break

4:10 - 5:00

The Computer and The Local Church

Philip Munn

5:00 - 5:45

Evening Meal

5:45 - 6:15

A Glance Backward and a Look Forward

Nathan Ruble

6:15 -

All Boards Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 1987

8:00 Breakfast

8:45 - 9:15

Bible Study - Galatians

Glen Rehkop

9:15 - 9:45

The Pastor - Church Growth, Spiritual and Numerical

Ken Goff

9:45 - 10:15

The Church Ministering to - New Converts, New People in Community, Ones Considering Retirement, and etc.

Cliff Bowman

10:15 - 10:30

Break

10:30 - 11:30

Coordinate State Activities

Chairman of each Board will be given time to share dates, projects, projected projects and Board emphasis activities.

The All Boards Meeting in the Evening is for the five Standing Boards of the State Association. (The General Board and the Executive Board will **not** meet.

The Seminar is for every preacher and yes layman.

There is no cost for the seminar. (The Executive Department will bear the expense for the seminar, food and insurance, and etc.)

Every Standing Board Member is expected to attend. Hopefully many others will take advantage of the Seminar.

In Order That We May Know Two Things—
Please fill out this form and mail to: **Executive Office,**
P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536.
Please check one or both.

☐ I am interested in the Computer Class, and plan to attend.

☐ I plan to attend the Seminar.



Krista Lynne Eaton Home With The Lord

Krista Lynne Eaton was born June 3, 1970. She was called home to be with the Lord May 18, 1987. She was killed in an automobile accident between Farmington and Flat River, Missouri.

Krista was saved and baptized at the age of five. She became a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church at Farmington, Missouri. She always seemed to have a closeness to God and a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. She enrolled in the Farmington Christian Academy when it opened and was a junior at the time of her death.

She was involved in school and church activities. Krista was president of her class; Was on the Varsity Volley Ball Team, and had won the Most Valuable Player; Was on the Cheerleading Squad; Had leading roles in very successful Drama Presentations and was a member of the Student Council. Krista was involved in most "fund-raising" projects, and did quite well. A Memorial Fund at F.C.A. has been established in her memory.

Her church activities included teaching a Children's Class, working in VBS and singing with a Girls Chorale. (The Girls Chorale won first place last year at the Youth Conference.) A thrill for her each year was attending Youth Camp. One year she was elected the "Girl Of The Week".

On May 2, this year Krista was asked to be in the Miss Farmington Contest. She accepted and was sponsored by her employer, McDonalds. In the city contest she was named Miss Congeniality. Because the Lord had blessed her with a beautiful voice she sang "My Father's Eyes". Her testimony radiated for Christ in the community as well as at church.

Krista is survived by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Eaton (Frank and Katie), one sister, Eron and one brother, Frankie, Jr.

A beautiful reflection of her life is reflected in a statement made by some of the young people in the community. When hearing of the death of Krista, they said, "Oh, that's the girl that no one can say anything bad about".

As her mom, Katie stated, "Krista lived to make Heaven her home, and that is where she is".

Editor's note: I knew Krista as a dear Christian friend. She was a sweet, vibrant, personable young lady. Her life will no doubt, motivate many to live for the Lord.

Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted."

This verse, the second Beatitude, has been spoken and written about many times. However, in the past few weeks it has been made very real to me. So many times I see people hung up on the pleasures and profits of the world and I wonder where are the mourners? Where are the tears for our sins. It seems that some are laughing their way to Hell, with seemingly no sense of direction or values.

The Gospel of Luke states this verse from the negative side. It simply says "Woe unto you that laugh now for ye shall weep and mourn." In the Gospel of John 16:20 it states that "the disciples would weep and mourn while the world rejoiced, but that their sorrow would turn to joy."

There must be true sorrow before there is true joy, and there must be true conviction before there is true conversion.

Where are the mourners? If we want comfort by the Spirit of God, we must learn to weep with Christ as we look at the sins of the world.

Are you laughing with the world? Woe unto you for ye shall weep and mourn.



Financial Information



COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS APRIL 1987

18.50%	Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 4,851.25
17.00%	Executive Department and Gem	4,457.91
3.50%	General Fund	917.80
10.50%	Youth Camp	2,753.41
1.75%	Christian Board of Education	458.90
1.75%	SS & CTS Board	458.90
2.50%	Retirement Village	655.57
5.00%	Mo. State Ret. Program	1,311.15
30.50%	Nat'l. Ministries & Hillsdale	7,998.03
24.00%	Foreign Msn.	1,919.52
19.00%	Nat'l. Home Msn.	1,519.63
19.00%	FWBBC	1,519.63
19.00%	Hillsdale	1,519.63

14.00%	Executive Office	1,119.72
2.50%	Layman's Board	199.95
1.50%	Radio and TV Com.	119.97
50%	Theological Com.	39.99
50%	Historical Com.	39.99
9.00%	State Office Bldg. Fund	2,360.07
Total		\$26,222.99

We continue our praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for His bountiful blessings. April has been a fine month for cooperative and designated receipts, for which we are thankful.

As faithful churches and pastors continue to serve the Lord in giving that souls will be saved and Christians established in the faith—we pray for a harvest of souls being born into the Kingdom of God.

APRIL 1987 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Houston	\$ 324.71
Cope	35.45
Merl's Chapel	66.25
Happy Home	111.33
Hartville	283.55
Kirksville	60.65
Martinstown	25.00
Willow Springs	267.69
Harmony, K.C.	980.00
Columbia	25.00
New Life, Licking	208.91
Macedonia	20.00
Pleasant Ridge	98.00
Springfield, First	754.25

Bailey Chapel	71.00
Walnut Grove	127.50
Alton	225.00
Bethel	581.00
Monett	740.43
Leadington	500.00
Mt. Pisgah	218.00
Old Bethel	155.21
Hurricaneville	181.00
Fredericktown, First	429.00
Central	1,300.00
Cuba	278.80
Royal Oak	164.00
New Life Fellowship	615.00
Hannon	216.47
Belton	370.40
Fordland	567.84
Grant Avenue	472.44
Mine La Motte	31.98
Hope Well	150.00
Shiloh Chapel	37.80
Mill Creek	204.17
Calvary Fellowship	574.17
Union	60.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	69.50
Waynesville	185.87
Lone Star	41.73
Marshfield	283.60
Byrd	20.00
Richwoods	374.00
Crossroads	245.00
Eastern Gate	192.50
Thayer	701.00
Tyrone	41.66
Victory, Alton	242.00
Joplin	428.29
Black Oak	10.00
Mountain Grove, First	806.83
West Plains, First	200.00
Oskaloosa	29.23
New Harmony	10.62
Parkview	359.00
Liberty	150.00
United, W.P.	364.79
Seymour	148.00
Lingo	58.36
Lebanon, First	490.74
Olivet	350.00
DeSoto	1,070.00
Flat River, First	841.18
Pleasant Home	264.67
Copper Mines	172.11
Rock Chapel	341.47
Grace	996.00
Wolf Creek	274.20
Cabool	258.89
Calvary, Conway	250.00
Hickory Grove	41.85
Fourth	123.35
Gospel Light	180.00
Waynesville	3.50
Willow Springs	227.82
Myrtle	130.58
Houston	260.50
Harmony, K.C.	374.00
Verdella	207.86
Riverview, Bettendorf, IA	253.80
New Rock Spring	70.99
Terrill Road	137.00
Salem	30.00
Pleasant Hill	54.44
Freeman Chapel	297.83
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Bethel	709.00
Number One	44.70
Unity	197.98
South Fremont	629.00
Cape Girardeau	440.85
Total	\$26,222.99

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Willow Springs	\$ 40.00
Thayer	25.00
Calvary Fellowship	41.66
Grant Avenue	8.00
Hannon	50.00
Total	\$164.66

FWBBC

Leadington	\$ 20.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
Thayer	25.00
Parkview	5.00
DeSoto	35.00
Faith & Hope	11.00
Total	\$179.33

CHILDREN'S HOME

DeSoto	\$50.00
Myrtle	2.00

Total	\$52.00
NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS	
Houston	\$ 45.00
Merl's Chapel	56.00
Kirksville	20.00
Harmony	10.00
Columbia	23.00
Bethel	191.51
Monett	145.00
Leadington	190.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Central	390.00
Clifford Hoover	5.00
Fordland	5.00
Judy Pierce	15.00
Grant Avenue	16.00
Calvary Fellowship	43.33
Unity	140.00
Union	25.00
Fellowship	127.00
Marshfield	35.00
Crossroads	8.00
Thayer	121.00
Joplin	12.00
Mountain Grove	197.00
Parkview	20.00
South Fremont	212.00
Trinity	50.00
Liberty	450.00
United, W.P.	38.00
Bob & Glenda Keith	10.00
Aulsbury Chapel	60.52
DeSoto	200.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Fred Clayton	10.00
South East District	100.00
Martinstown	10.00
Kenneth Lewis	50.00
Pleasant Home	35.00
Flat River, First	55.00
Rock Chapel	249.06
Wolf Creek	10.00
Myrtle	125.00
Verdella	100.00
Terrill Road	55.00
Total	\$3,759.42

YOUTH CAMP

Lebanon, First	\$ 177.00
Happy Home	43.00
Merl's Chapel	20.00
Hartville	10.00
Willow Springs	61.00
New Life, Licking	10.00
Bethel	50.00
Mt. Pisgah	85.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Central	37.45
Hannon	15.00
Fordland	20.00
Leadington	20.00
Wolf Creek	110.00
Calvary Fellowship	62.50
Unity	70.00
Union	30.00
Joplin	120.00
Marshfield	50.00
Eastern Gate	50.00
Thayer	30.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Mountain Grove	10.00
Oskaloosa	81.00
South Fremont	143.00
Trinity	45.00
Cope	50.00
Olivet	50.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Myrtle	21.50
Verdella	10.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Total	\$1,606.45

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Houston	\$ 10.00
Merl's Chapel	100.00
Niangua	97.00
Kirksville	65.00
Martinstown	130.00
South Side	105.00
Columbia	23.00
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Bethel	60.00
Monett	956.47
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Leadington	225.00
Overland Ladies Class	79.45
Central	30.00
Brent & Cindy Thompson	25.00
Clifford Hoover	30.00

Hannon	734.87
Belton	25.00
Fordland	52.00
Grant Avenue	125.00
Calvary Fellowship	588.32
Unity	140.00
Union	25.00
Joplin	25.00
Fellowship	215.00
Marshfield	42.00
Thayer	45.00
Black Oak	224.60
C. Layman	10.00
Mountain Grove	252.01
West Plains, First	235.00
Oskaloosa	61.25
New Harmony	70.72
Parkview	40.00
South Fremont	95.00
Trinity	12.00
United, W.P.	22.50
Aulsbury Chapel	76.60
Fourth	483.00
Lebanon, First	50.00
Olivet	50.00
DeSoto	250.00
Pleasant Home	66.00
Rock Chapel	30.00
John Schebaum	60.00
C. Layman	10.00
Myrtle	71.00
Verdella	684.07
New Hope	84.50
Terrill Road	35.00
Beacon	386.00
Freeman Chapel	318.17
Shiloh Chapel	20.00
Total	\$7,691.63

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS MAY 1987

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 3,978.63
17.00% Executive Office and Gem	3,656.04
3.50% General Fund	752.71
10.50% Youth Camp	2,258.14
1.75% Christian Board of Education	376.36
1.75% SS & CTS Board	376.36
2.50% Retirement Village	537.65
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	1,075.31
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries & Hillsdale	6,559.38
24.00% Foreign Msn.	1,574.25
19.00% Nat'l. Home Msn.	1,246.28
19.00% FWBBC	1,246.28
19.00% Hillsdale College	1,246.28
14.00% Executive Office	918.32
2.50% Layman's Board	163.98
1.50% Radio and TV Com.	98.39
50% Theological Com.	32.80
50% Historical Com.	32.80
9.00% State Office Bldg. Fund	1,935.55
Total	\$21,506.13

What a joy to disburse the cooperative receipts to our State and National Ministries. It is satisfying to know that every phase of the Lord's work in the Free Will Baptist Denomination benefits as a result of this giving from the local churches. May the Lord continue to bless each pastor and church.

MAY 1987 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Beacon	\$ 670.30
New Life, Licking	252.73
Fredericktown, First	404.00
New Harmony	9.39
Thayer	411.00
Joplin	361.74
Columbia	25.00
Carthage	80.00
St. Francois District Ass'n.	22.50
Hartville	223.75
Mt. Zion, Gower	59.75
Macedonia	20.00
Fordland	417.88
Riverview, IA	220.65
Merl's Chapel	61.10
Kirksville	53.80
Bailey Chapel	44.00
Springfield, First	551.02
Royal Oak	128.00
Mine La Motte	32.05
Cope	30.63
Neosho	50.00
United, W.P.	343.98
Mill Creek	164.13
Victory, Alton	170.00
Grant Avenue	647.49
Pleasant Ridge	79.00

Lone Star	35.50
Belton	258.32
Mountain Grove	938.14
Hurricane	173.00
Lebanon, First	414.41
Trinity	250.00
Happy Home	165.08
Purdy	454.05
Terrill Road	178.00
Pleasant Home	212.25
Parkview	316.00
Monett	552.48
Waynesville	175.66
Seymour	124.00
Union Grove	116.38
Rock Chapel	275.52
Lingo	38.52
Tyrone	41.03
Leadington	400.00
Hannon	269.75
Calvary Fellowship	574.17
Fourth	128.00
DeSoto	840.00
Farmington	1,000.00
El Dorado, First	5.00
Marshfield	167.78
New Life, Licking	190.26
Cuba	269.93
Mt. Pisgah	195.00
Flat River, First	715.39
Calvary, Conway	138.81
Verdella	183.08
Pleasant Hill	68.72
Freeman Chapel	256.36
Central	1,300.00
New Life, Fellowship	390.00
Hope Well	174.00
Wolf Creek	246.30
Copper Mines	174.92
Grace	915.00
Black Oak	10.00
Gospel Light	215.00
Olivet	700.00
Berean	52.00
Willow Springs	209.70
New Rock Springs	111.28
Salem	30.00
South Fremont	635.00
Unity	275.39
Cape Girardeau	412.97
Total	\$21,506.13

MISSOURI STATE MISSIONS

Beacon	\$ 55.00
St. Louis District	500.00
New Harmony	31.28
Thayer	30.00
Joplin	25.00
Columbia	5.00
Carthage	150.00
United, W.P.	34.00
Grant Avenue	34.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Blue Springs	10.00
Belton	25.00
Mountain Grove	12.50
Trinity	45.00
Monett	85.62
Leadington	105.00
Hannon	134.88
Calvary Fellowship	88.33
DeSoto	50.00
Unity	20.00
Farmington	80.00
Marshfield	16.77
Flat River, First	3.00
Central	10.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
South Fremont	10.00
Total	\$1,595.38

FOREIGN MISSIONS

United, W.P.	\$ 34.00
Grant Avenue	186.00
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Union	25.00
Blue Springs	40.00
Belton	25.00
Lebanon, First	50.00
Mountain Grove	222.50
Trinity	20.00
Terrill Road	30.00
Pleasant Home	96.15
Rock Chapel	20.00
Beacon	502.89
New Harmony	462.54
Thayer	61.00
South Side	937.31
Joplin	20.00

Columbia	16.50
Carthage	130.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	55.00
Willow Springs, First	50.00
Fordland	42.00
Merl's Chapel	284.50
Kirksville	135.00
Springfield	45.00
Niangua	57.00
Parkview	40.00
Verdella	685.00
Freeman Chapel	358.01
West Plains, First	142.00
Central	30.00
Black Oak	144.36
Olivet	100.00
South Fremont	165.00
Monett	751.66
Leadington	225.00
Fellowship	322.00
Hannon	524.75
Calvary Fellowship	513.32
DeSoto	250.00
Farmington	190.00
New Life, Fellowship	60.00
Mt. Pisgah	60.00
Total	\$8,138.49

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Lebanon, First	\$ 10.00
Bob & Glenda Keith	10.00
Beacon	58.00
Thayer	95.00
Joplin	37.00
Columbia	16.50
Carthage	15.00
Fordland	15.00
Merl's Chapel	238.50
Kirksville	50.00
United, W.P.	28.00
Grant Avenue	26.00
Union	25.00
Blue Springs	10.00
South East District	50.00
Rolla	50.00
Mountain Grove	153.54
Trinity	50.00
Terrill Road	25.00
Pleasant Home	35.00
Monett	464.00
Leadington	155.00
Rock Chapel	212.01
Fellowship	162.00
Hannon	15.00
Calvary Fellowship	63.33
DeSoto	206.07
Unity	10.00
Farmington	189.00
Marshfield	69.75
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Parkview	20.00
Flat River, First	35.00
Fred Clayton	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Verdella	50.00
Central	390.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Olivet	50.00
South Fremont	144.00
Total	\$3,352.70

YOUTH CAMP

St. Louis District	\$ 50.00
New Life, Licking	10.00
Thayer	30.00
Hartville	10.00
Fordland	20.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Mountain Grove	10.00
Trinity	15.00
Monett	120.00
Leadington	20.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Hannon	15.00
Calvary Fellowship	62.50
DeSoto	50.00
New Life, Licking	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Verdella	10.00
Central	37.45
Olivet	50.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Total	\$639.95

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 25.00
Grant Avenue	10.00
Hannon	50.00

Calvary Fellowship	41.66
Farmington	120.00
Willow Springs	20.00
South Fremont	150.00
Total	\$416.66

FWBBC

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

CHILDREN'S HOME

DeSoto	\$50.00
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MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS JANUARY - APRIL 1987

Beacon	\$ 1,059.00
Belton	100.00
Berean	20.00
Bethel	290.00
Central	49.00
Columbia	15.00
Cooperative Receipts	17,031.11
Calvary Fellowship	439.98
DeSoto	150.00
Eastern Gate	15.00
Farmington	333.00
Flat River, First	35.87
Grace	195.00
Grant Avenue	58.00
Hannon	500.93
Houston	157.83
Indian Creek Ass'n	120.14
Marshfield	34.47
Monett	356.21
Mountain Grove, First	76.50
Myrtle	321.50
New Harmony	114.60
Oak Hill	119.00
Olivet	140.00
Pleasant Home	10.00
Pleasant Ridge	40.00
Sedalia (Shiloh Chapel)	55.00
South Fremont	15.00
Thayer	244.00
Trinity	237.05
Union Light	36.00
United, West Plains	43.00
Southside	5.00
Harmony	15.00
Cape Girardeau	93.80
Unity	70.00
Blue Springs	40.00
Joplin	117.00
Victory, K.C.	110.00
United	23.75
Carl Layman	10.00
J.W. Radar	75.00
Crossroads	1,350.00
Carthage	480.00
Myrtle	321.50
Buffalo	100.00
Norman	50.00
Hubert Long	200.00
Berkeley	80.00
Faith & Hope	25.00
Shannons (Unity)	10.00
Total	\$25,846.74

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Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

Today, while looking out my parsonage window, I am fondly remembering a number of the people that helped make each pastorate special. The majority of these people were not great teachers, gifted singers or musicians, nor did they have any of the other more "seemly" gifts. They were people who loved the Lord, and also loved their pastor and his family. They were willing to give of themselves, and in doing so, blessed many people along the way.

At our first pastorate, our Sister "Phebe" was a grandmother in her late 70's. No matter if we were cleaning up used brick, so they could be used for the new church building, cutting grass, or taking the youth on a trip, she was there. Not only was she there, she was full of life, and was encouraging and motivating others around her, both in word and deed. If the pastor said something needed to be done, her response was, "Let's do it!" She never missed a service. She was on the same pew week after week, year after year. That dear Christian lady made a deep impression on a young 18 year old pastor's wife. Those first six years with her regular encouragement, and her sweet Christian spirit, helped prepare me for the years I would spend as a pastor's wife."

At our second pastorate, I again found a Sister "Phebe." This lady (and her family), adopted us as her own. This was the first time that I had been away from "home." She loved and took care of us as my own mother would have. She baby sat for our two daughters,

often had us over for meals, cared for us if we were sick, and became my second "Mom." This family had the gift of hospitality . . . a gift they used as God would have them. No, no one in this family played the piano, sang, or taught a Sunday School class, but they did something few seem to do today. They blessed those around them with their faithful, hospitable ways. They certainly made those first years away from home much easier for me. They too helped prepare me for the next step in our ministry. A step that would take us 500 miles away from home.

At our present pastorate we have several Sister "Phebe's". Each one doing a job that takes a load off the pastor and his family, and more than that, contributes to the ministry of the church. God has given me a church family that is as close as my immediate family is to me. They offer friendship, motivation, comfort, & encouragement.

One particular "Phebe" in our church arranges most of the church dinners and fellowship functions. She also visits the sick, makes needed phone calls, and sends cards or letters of warmth and kindness to many in need. Prayer is a stronghold in her life. She is most always enthusiastic about whatever she is called upon to do. She is excited about her church, and generates more enthusiasm in me and in the other ladies of the church. It is hard to be discouraged when around her. What she has seems to be catching. She takes such a load off the pastor's family with all the little tasks she **tackles**. By the way, she even **volunteers**, and gladly.

Wouldn't it be nice to have more Sister "Phebe's" in our churches. We could have. You might be a potential candidate yourself. It isn't necessary for all of us to have a charismatic personality, or some "up-front" ability. Just begin looking for some of the little things you can do, that when mixed with faith and prayer and gladness of heart, bless the work of Christ.

Looking out my parsonage window, I see a mighty potential for thriving, growing churches, as God makes use of both the more "seemly" and "unseemly" gifts among us. Romans 16:1-2.

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