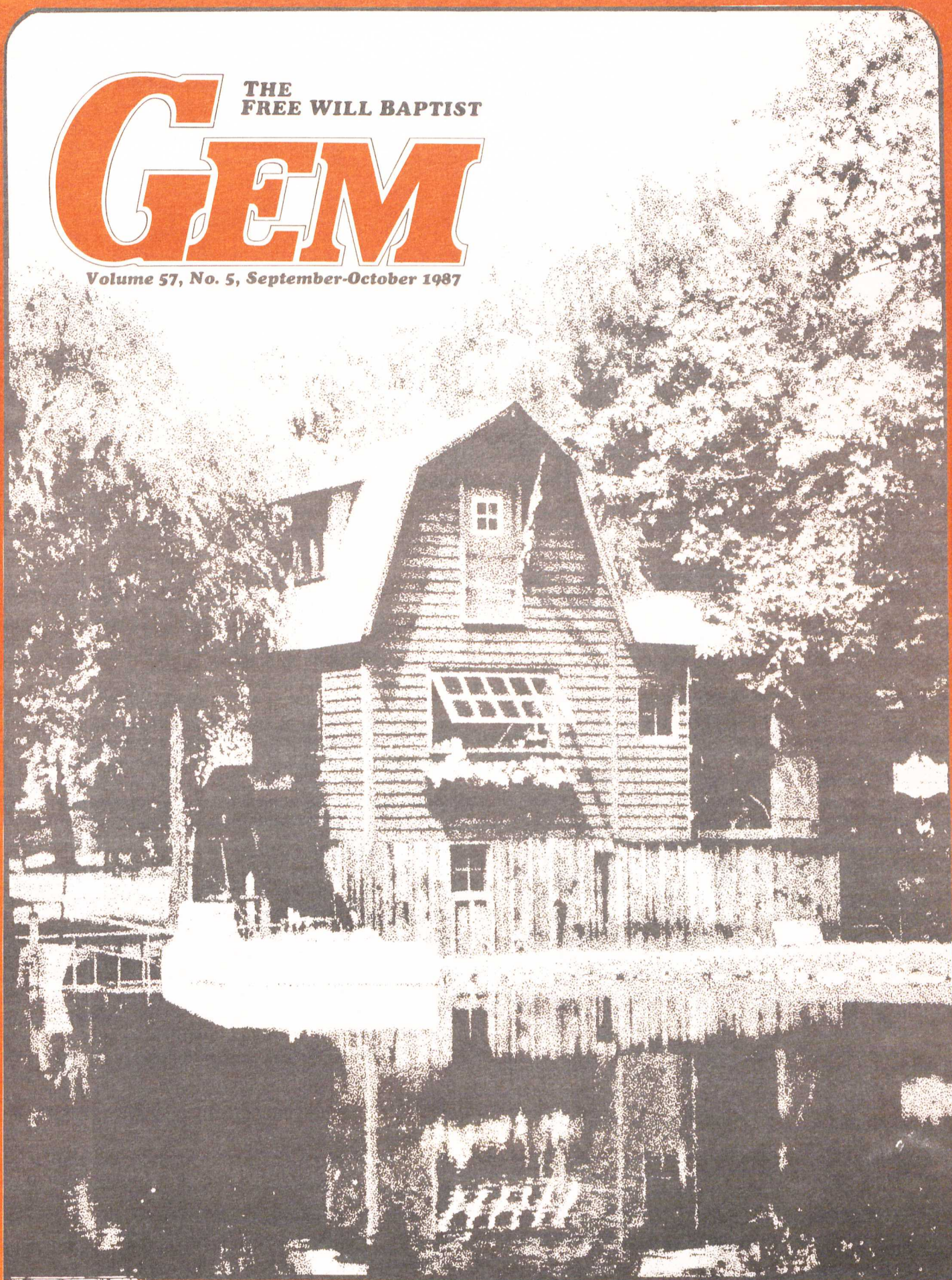


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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1986-1987

CHURCHES	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
Belton	59	60		66	77	52	54	56	59	46		39
Bethel	90	101	100	90	91	80	89	101	87	82		
Calvary Fellowship	181	193	230	192	192	181						
Cape Girardeau	40	51	57	62	61		79	77		59	56	52
Copper Mines	71	70	71	72	71	62	72	74				
Cuba	70	66	61	74	66	60	68	89	101	88	73	74
DeSoto	183	189	213	189	183	150	176	192	199	180	180	
Farmington						515	568	597				
Flat River, First	146	157	136	142	128	120		145	144		127	
Grace	143	155	166	162	162	159	141	162	158	135	142	135
Hannon	85	70		83	72	65	69	67	74	73	74	67
Harmony	72	80		63	60	52	58	86	71	67	66	60
Hartville	85	89	89	88	87	80	85	85				
Houston	87	85	81	71	88	68	82	86	81	73	85	78
Jones Creek	20			16	18	17	24	14	17	20	17	
Lebanon, First	87	75	79	77	72	71	82	95	90	81	86	88
Marshfield	34	42	38	40								
Myrtle	37	38	36	35	38	32	33	32	36	29	29	27
Neosho	73	61	56	56	62				67			
New Life Fellowship	64	83	80	75	79	74	80	79				
Parkview	82	73	76	86	74	53	80	77	93	65	76	67
Richwoods	56	49	65	63	49	45					50	
Rock Chapel	61	70	64	66	69	63	64	66	76	70	72	61
Thayer	127	140		139	149	101	135	143	142		148	133
United, W.P.	100	80	85	95	87	88	93	92	91	89	96	90
Verdella	59	72	75	69	65	58	70	78				
Victory, K.C.	41	47	55	56	56	48	48	69	65	68	67	51
West Plains, First	99	122	138	115	126	102	114	123	121	117	108	125
Willow Springs	75	77			77	56	75	75	80	81	78	

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

Evangelism, as anything else worthwhile, has some principles for success. Some of these principles can be found in Galatians 6:7-10. While this passage is not referring directly to evangelism, it does contain guidelines for all Christian service of which evangelism is a vital part.

Verse seven says, "... whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." This law or principle of harvest reminds us we can expect results. Even in evangelism.

Verse eight gives us the kind of results to expect based on our sowing. "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

Verse nine brings us to a logical conclusion; "... let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." When it comes to evangelism, or

any part of God's service, just keep one thing in mind. Quitters are assured of defeat. But perseverers, while we have some disappointments, are the only ones who ever have victories.

Verse ten lets us know how much we should be involved in the work of the Lord. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men . . .". As this applies to evangelism let me say, if you are a full-time evangelist, keep preaching revivals. If you are a pastor, keep hosting revivals. If you are a layman, keep witnessing. As each opportunity comes, take advantage of it. The results may be meager or many, but keep up the well doing of evangelism. Souls will make heaven because we have not fainted.

A few weeks ago, a young man walked up to me at a meeting and told me how his Dad had been saved in a revival I had preached out of state about ten years ago. I had not actually remembered any professions of faith in that revival but, it was a real joy to learn of this one. The first little while in heaven, I am sure, will reveal many souls won to Christ because you and I have used every opportunity we had to reach souls for Christ.

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Mandate For Missions

by Ron Moore

"The missionary enterprise is no human conception or undertaking, no modern scheme or invention, no mere philanthropy even of the finest kind. It did not originate in the brain or heart of any man . . . Its source was in the heart of God Himself" (R.H. Glover).

As one surveys the Scriptures, he cannot help but be impressed with its missionary emphasis. From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible reveals that God has always had a heart for all men throughout the earth. Consider the following ten-fold survey of the Scriptures:

Creation

God's command to the first couple was to "be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth" (Gen. 1:28); thus, establishing from the beginning that His plan for man included the entire earth.

The Flood

Following the Flood, the command to replenish the earth which was given to Adam and Eve was repeated to Noah (Gen. 9:1).

The Tower of Babel

One of the problems in the people building the Tower of Babel was their direct disobedience to God's revealed purpose for men to replenish the earth. In Genesis 11:4 we find that part of their motive in building was "lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the earth." God's judgement upon them carried forth His original plan.

Abraham

God's covenant with Abraham included the promise: "In thee shall all the nations of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:3). In choosing Abraham God used him as a visual aid and a means of communication to all men of His desired relationship with them.

Moses

The entire sacrificial system of worship instituted by God through Moses reflects that there is but one God, one way of salvation, and that that way is by substitutional atonement. God reveals His missionary heart when speaking to Israel through Moses in the following verses: Exodus 19:5-6, "For all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests," and Numbers 14:21, "As truly as I live all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord."

The Prophets

The choosing of the Gentile widow of Zarephath to feed Elijah during the Famine (I Kings 17), the healing of Naaman the Syrian at the hand of Elisha (II Kings 5), and other examples, is further proof of God's concern for Gentile as well as Jew. When God speaks through Isaiah, he declares, "I will also give thee a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth" (Isa. 49:6). If one compares Isaiah 45:21-25, Zechariah 9:10, and Malachi 1:11, he is left with no doubt that God's burden for all nations was revealed with one voice by His prophets. Jonah, of course, is a classic example of God reaching out to Gentiles with a missionary heart.

The Incarnation

This is the single most important event in missionology. Through the incarnation of Christ, God revealed Himself to man (cf. John 1:1-3, 14; Hebrews 1:1-3). The ultimate purpose behind Christ's incarnation was that God might provide for Himself a sacrificial

Lamb "which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

The Great Commission

Even the casual reader of the post-resurrection narratives of Christ (Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20; and Acts 1) cannot but sense His burden for the world. Such phrases as "Teach all nations," "Go ye into all the world," "Preach the gospel to every creature," "... repentance and remission of sins should be preached . . . among all nations," and "Ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth," dominate our Lord's instructions to the disciples. There can be no doubt that He considered world evangelization the most urgent of all needs and intended His church to do the same.

The Early Church

The book of Acts is a history of the work of the Holy Spirit in carrying out through men the missionary mandate of the Lord: Acts 2 records the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in Jerusalem; Acts 8 in Samaria; Acts 11, the multi-cultured church in Antioch—from which Paul and Barnabas were sent out "unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 13).

The Return of Christ

Although the work is not yet complete, the Lord gives a glimpse of His complete plan for all nations of the earth when He spoke through the apostle John, "The kingdoms of this world are becoming the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 11:15). The work begun at Creation will be completed at His coming. "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20).

World evangelization is the task of the church. If we are to be found faithful at His coming, we must give ourselves to that for which He have His life.

About the Writer: Ron and his wife, Linda, are missionary appointees to Ivory Coast, West Africa. Presently they are doing deputational work. The Moores hope to depart for language study early in 1988.

Youth Mission Group

by Faron Thebeau

Does God still work today? Yes. He is surely working in Fredericktown. For the past year we have had a very active Youth Club. The Club includes ages from Nursery to nineteen years and the purpose is to learn more about missions. By making certain accomplishments a badge of award may be earned. All the kids seem to enjoy the activities. They think it is fun.

But I see it as more than fun. I see it as a tool that God is using to reach kids. It gives us information about what life is like for the missionary, in a foreign country or another state. It is also used to encourage us that we need not be afraid when we take a stand for Jesus. The things we have learned about Mom and Pop Willey have done that.

The things we learn can also help prepare kids whom God has called to the ministry or to serve as a missionary. I have been called to be a missionary. The lessons I learn give me an idea of what it is like to live for God. They also help me to focus my mind on where God

wants me to go. Kids sometimes believe that God has a work for them to do, but don't know what it is. By meeting and studying together it helps to learn the will of God.

Yes, God works today and we are so thankful for it.

About the Writer: Faron is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Bob Thebeau. He is very active in the church his family serves, The Twin Oaks Free Will Baptist Church, near Fredericktown.

Greetings From Our Missionaries

Ken and Judy Bailey, Japan - Presently home on furlough
Howard and Patsy Gwartney, Arizona

Ron and Linda Moore, Appointees to Ivory Coast -
Anticipate to leave 1988

Mark and Louise Vandivort, Arizona

Steve and Linda Reeves, Spain

John and Paula McClure, Mexico

Alvis and June Paul, Arizona

Jim and Olena McLain, Japan

Bill and Glenda Fulcher, Texas

Jim and Susan Turnbough, Spain

Lonnie and Anita Sparks, Spain

Bobby and Geneva Poole, Brazil

Jerry and Carol Pinkerton, Ivory Coast - Presently home
on furlough

Sherwood and Vada Lee, Ivory Coast

Don and Ruth McDonald, Japan

Stan and Brenda Bunch, Panama

Steve and Judy Lytle, Panama - Presently home on
furlough

Lynn Midgett, Spain



As the missionaries mail out their letters, I trust that we shall remember them in our prayers and be faithful in our support of them. May the Lord bless each one and may their needs be met in Him.



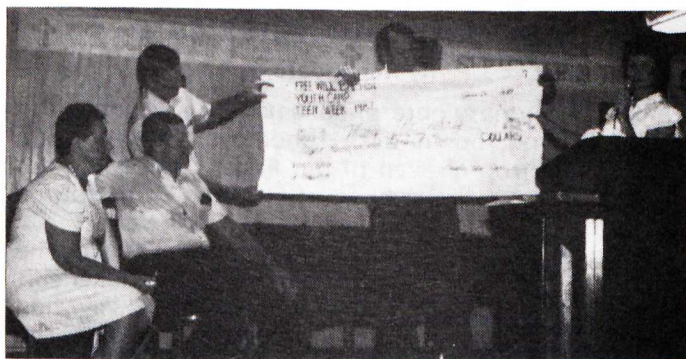
Churches, People & Events

GREAT YOUTH CAMP SESSIONS—1987

The last Youth Camp Session ended August 14, 1987. The Lord blessed with four great weeks—two in June and two in August.

The Dale McCurrys state a special thanks to the cooks, Carlee Jones and Gennie Dugger and their helpers Lisa Adney, Annie Brewington and Kellie Brewington, and to Peggy Brewington for her work in the Craft Shop.

Shirley Jackson states that a special thanks go to many teenagers who helped, especially with the Group II preteens. She listed twenty-seven names of ones that helped in the Concession Stand, Kitchen, Recreation Grounds, Swimming Pool, Craft Shop and etc. (For fear of omitting a name or names, the twenty-seven names are not listed. But as Shirley and others stated—the kids did a great job!)



Check Presentation to McCurrys

The McCurrys want to express special thanks to the Teen Group II (the campers and the workers) for the special recognition given to them. The McCurrys were presented with an offering of over \$1,300. (The photo shows Shirley Jackson with two of the Youth Camp Board members, Ken Goff and James Mertz, making the check presentation.) Shirley mentioned that everyone has been praying for Marge (Mrs. McCurry) during her illness and praying the Lord's blessings. The check is a reflection of the concern, and the prayer, that the Lord will be pleased to give Marge many more active years. Brother McCurry said that it came in the time of need and it was appreciated from the depth of their hearts.

PERSONNEL CHANGES:

Perry Brake to Hannon Free Will Baptist Church.

Gary Elder to First Free Will Baptist Church, Monett.

Johnny Postlewaite to Fordland Free Will Baptist Church.

Fred Harris to Merle's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

Gary Parker to First Free Will Baptist Church, Waynesville.

Mike Turner to Belton Free Will Baptist Church.

George Nooman to Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church.

REPORT FROM GRACE CHURCH

Leamon Killian, church reporter writes, As I begin my report for the Grace Free Will Baptist Church, I want to mention that I always enjoy the articles in the Gem from churches throughout the State of Missouri and of course the other articles, also.

We had a good revival with Brother Charles Miller serving as the evangelist. The Lord blessed with good attendance, good singing and good preaching.

The Youth Groups at the Grace Church have been very busy with various activities. Brother Joe Govreau, youth minister, states that the youth groups continue to grow numerically and spiritually. Some of the youth taught in VBS and did a good job.

The church is looking forward to our Fall Revival with Reverend Joe Grizzle serving as the evangelist. He has served here before and he is an outstanding minister of the Word. Of course all local churches are invited to attend the revival services. It will be in October.

I pray the Lord will bless all of our churches as we labor together in unity, serving the Lord Jesus Christ. I pray the Lord will bless Brother Burton and his labor and all of the pastors in our State Association.

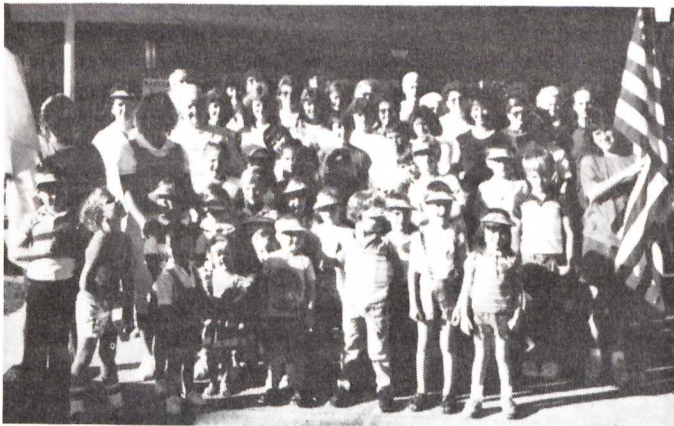
GREAT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT LEBANON

A great Vacation Bible School was enjoyed at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon, Mo. It was held Monday evening June 22 through Friday evening June 26 with the Commencement Exercise being held on Saturday evening.

The total enrollment was over sixty with several professions of faith. It is rewarding to see several in attendance, but the supreme reward is to see some of the children accept Christ as Saviour.

Mrs. Betty Sheets, the pastor's wife, served as the director. Working with her were: **Nursery** - Sandra Griffin, Eloise Pearce; **Beginners** - Karen Coffman, Judy Waterman; **Primary** - Connie Myers, Judy Jones; **Middlers** - Edith Headly, Sherry Perkins, Marie Williams; **Juniors** - Bruce Myers, Virginia Boston; **Teens** - Garry Sheets, pastor, Clarence Burton; Praise Pal - Jerry Jones; Van Drivers - Claudie Barber, Kenny Pearce; Pianist - Judy Pearce; Music Director - Eloise Pearce and Secretaries - Kayla Sheets, Debbie Fincher; Kitchen - Clara Parker, Eunice Barber, Betty Bryan, Ann Johnson and Judy Jones.

At the Commencement Exercise, Mrs. Sheets expressed thanks to everyone who helped, and presented an Appreciation Certificate. She said, "It has been such a joy to work with the helpers and the children. I believe the Lord has given us a good Vacation Bible School." A small gift was presented to Mrs. Sheets (Betty) from the helpers. Clarence Burton presented the gift on behalf of the helpers and said, "Betty, we declare you the Mrs. VBS of 1987!"



VBS Children and Workers



Kitchen Workers & Van Drivers



Jack & Freda Day with Gift

PASTOR APPRECIATION WEEK AT BLACK OAK

Pastor Appreciation Week was observed at Black Oak Free Will Baptist Church near Marshfield, Missouri, June 1-7.

June Withers, who arranged the Appreciation Week, began the planning for the special event in May. The week began for Rev. & Mrs. Jack Day, the pastor and wife, with a flower arrangement sent to them on Monday. Then a Card Shower was given all week, plus phone calls and a love offering. On Wednesday a picture of Jack and Freda appeared in the local newspaper with a Thank You note from the Black Oak Congregation. Upon arriving at the church on Sunday Morning a large banner was spread across the church reading "Pastor Appreciation for 18 years, Rev. Jack and Freda Day — We love you."

The services that day were very special with the ordinances of the church, the Lord's Supper and Washing the Saints Feet, being observed. During the Basket Lunch a special cake for the honored couple was served.

The service in the afternoon brought more surprises—unexpected musicians, and unexpected family members coming in for the special occasion. A poem read by Freda McVay entitled "Our Pastor" was very appropriate. Then Mrs. McVay gave special praises to the pastor's wife for the devoted and loving labor she had done as a helper to the pastor.

A photo was presented of a member (David) serving in the military, by his father. Then Lynn gave his personal testimony how Brother Jack had helped him and his family when they were involved in a serious accident. Several from the congregation gave their testimonies of what Jack and Freda had done for them during their ministry. Three members of the church made mention that they heard Brother Jack preach his first sermon.

As a love gift from the church, a gas B.B.Q. Grill was presented to the pastor and wife, and some money given as a love gift.

It was a special day as many folks shed many tears and enjoyed much laughter because of the precious memories of a loving couple.

Rev. and Mrs. Day have served the Black Oak church for 18 years. It is the only church Brother Day has served as pastor. When he began his ministry, the Sunday morning attendance was about 10. The high attendance is 126. The church during this time has enlarged the auditorium and added additional classroom space with several other additional accommodations.

HOMECOMING AT BETHEL CHURCH, EL DORADO SPRINGS

On Sunday, June 28, 1987, the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in El Dorado Springs, Mo. held its Homecoming Service.

At the Morning Worship the pastor welcomed the former members, special guests, friends and members of the church. He gave a warm welcome which set the tone of the Worship Service. It was very obvious that it was a happy time of reunion of friends and members of the family of God.

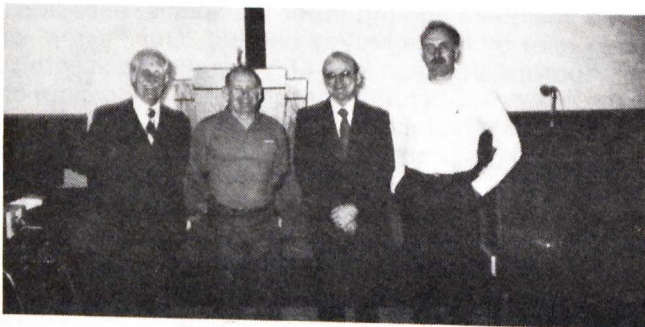
The special music was provided by Finnis Barr from Eureka, Mo., and a Youth Choir. Finnis sang some new songs and old songs. As he said he wanted to sing songs that would bring honor to God.

Rev. Clarence Burton delivered the Morning Message. He expressed appreciation to the pastor and his family for their long friendship and sweet fellowship in the Lord. In the message he encouraged the Bethel Church to be faithful in their Worship, Walk and Work for the Lord.

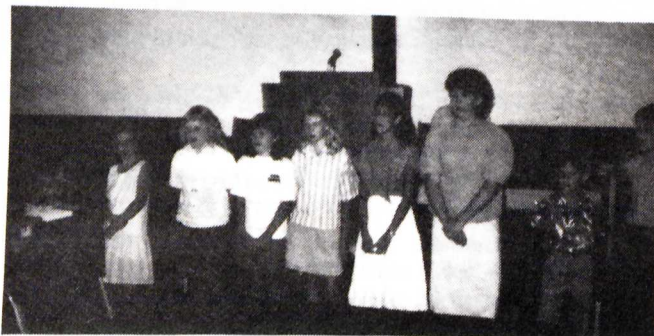
The ladies served a delicious dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Following the lunch hour a song service was held in the afternoon with Brother Barr, and special solos, and other specials from the church family.



The Pastor, Rev. Nichols



The Pastor, Finnis and the Deacons



The Youth Choir

Dear Gem Readers:

This comes as a letter of praise for our Lord, Jesus Christ! I just returned "home", not only to Him, but to the church He led me to. There is no feeling in the world like knowing you are in His will, and pleasing Him! I thank God for His patience, and His longsuffering and above all, His **love!**

It is such a confusing time when problems turn up in a church, and Satan tries to trick us into doing things our way, and makes us think we can just walk away. For over a year now, I have been faithful in another church, even a new denomination. I have tried with all my heart to fall in love with it, and although they taught the truth, and were a New Testament church, under good sound leadership, I could not find real peace.

It is truly wonderful how the Holy Spirit works, and the patience involved when it comes to His leadership. There is **no** joy like the joy found, when we have been wrong, and it appears before us, and we can confess, "there it is, and it was there all the time!" There is nothing sweeter than finding the ability to **humble** ourself before God and **repent, yield** ourself to His leadership, and most important, **drop our pride** and go home! Praise God!!

My cup runneth over today. I praise Him for being there all the time. I praise Him for His great big arms of love. I praise Him for His ability to forgive, upon repentance, no tricks, no probation period, right then. Only God can have the love to see into one's heart and know when we are sincere, and I rejoice in knowing I don't have to go through any test, and wonder if I pass; I can know right then and have the assurance that I am home.

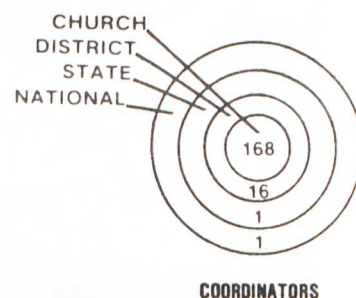
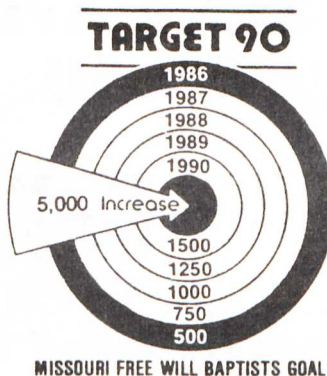
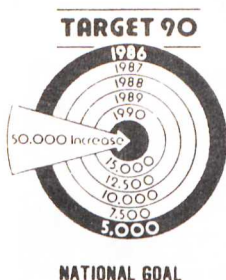
I thank Him for showing me through His word and love I had to drop my pride and go home. I know what it means to deny self and yield to His guidance. It is a wonderful feeling and real peace, and I just wanted to share it. I have learned a big lesson, and I can tell Satan with real authority, to get back behind me, and let God solve anything that pops up, his way, in His own precious time.

In Christ,

Judy Lautner

Judy Lautner

Editor's Note: May God bless you, Judy, for this letter and for following the Lord.



Target 90 Update

Last year, 1986, the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists showed 870 professions of faith in Christ in the local churches. This did not include professions made at the Youth Camp sessions. So, we can safely say that there were well over 1000 professions of faith in Christ through the labor of the local churches and State Ministries.

May God help us to keep this good work going! Let's set our goal a little higher for the remaining part of this year, 1987, and for 1988.

May I offer these **suggestions** to each local church. **Pastor**, lead the church you serve in selecting a coordinator (he or she may be appointed or elected) to work with the pastor in promoting Soulwinning and Church Growth. **Secondly**, this Coordinator, along with pastor, lead in appointing or electing a Committee to assist in the promotion of Soulwinning and Church Growth. **Thirdly**, adopt some specific goals for the local church. (Why not challenge the church to win 15 or 25 or 50 or 100 souls to the Lord.)

Then, please let me know the progress or problems you are experiencing in this effort. By sharing information we can benefit in this Great Task of winning and discipling souls for Jesus.

Clarence Burton
State Coordinator



Help Wanted

by Ann Cochran

"Help wanted." During the summer, every young person seems drawn to those two words. Those two little words are the key to a young person's ability to have new clothes when school starts, gas money or car payments to get to all those football games on Friday nights, and other "necessities." However, school has started, summer is gone, and so are summer jobs.

Could I interest you in a job that you can work at while you are in school . . . or whatever you do this fall? Let me share with you a classified ad I answered, and it is the best job available and there's room for many more employees.

Will not be turned down regardless of age, sex, or race. Universal corporation seeks motivated workers who are willing to eventually relocate. At the end of employment, salary and benefits will be paid in one large reward. More information is available in I Thessalonians 1:3.

Does it sound too good to be true? All of this plus top-notch co-workers and a "Boss" who truly cares about His employees? Interested? Great! I know two words even better than "Help wanted" . . . "You're hired!"

Report of the National Convention

A total of 6,159 registered for the three concurrent conventions, 1,417 for the NYC and 962 for the WNAC. A budget of \$10.3 million dollars was adopted with \$5.2 million designated for missions. The Wednesday Evening Missions offering was \$19,302.

The new hymnal, Rejoice; The Free Will Baptist Hymn Book, was welcomed, with Sunday December 6, 1987 designated as "Hymn Book Sunday". This marks the first hymn book produced for the denomination since 1964. It contains more than 600 selections and will sell for \$7.98 per copy.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the Ivory Coast Missionaries for their faithful and consistent labor during the controversy that resulted because of charges made by Lonnie Palmer.

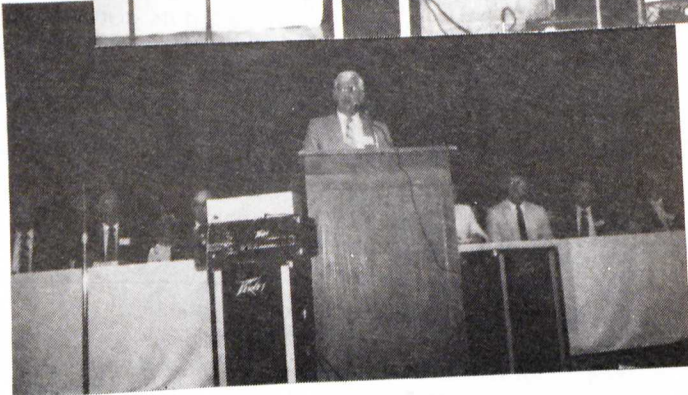
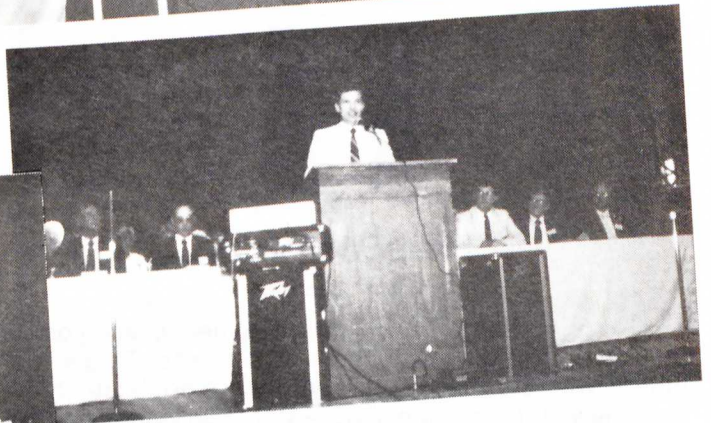
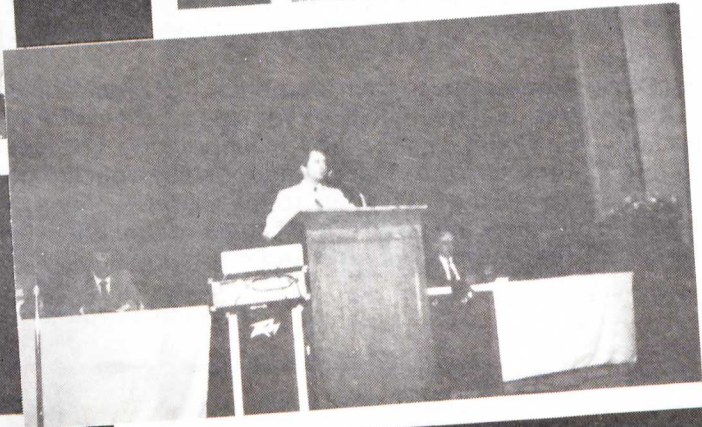
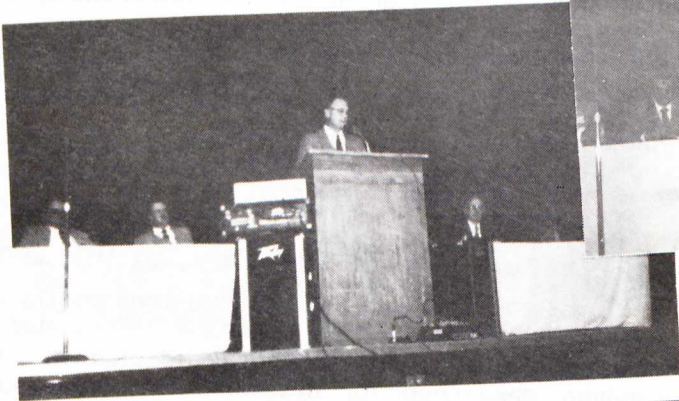
The National Convention was told that we almost reached the Target 90 goal of 5,000 membership increase in 1986. (Missouri exceeded its goal of 500 for 1986 and showed over 800 professions of faith in Christ.) The preaching and singing was excellent. Blaine Hughes was the coordinator for the Music and the convention speakers were Reverends Larry Condit, Delbert Akin, Ken Riggs, Dale Skiles and Milton Worthington.

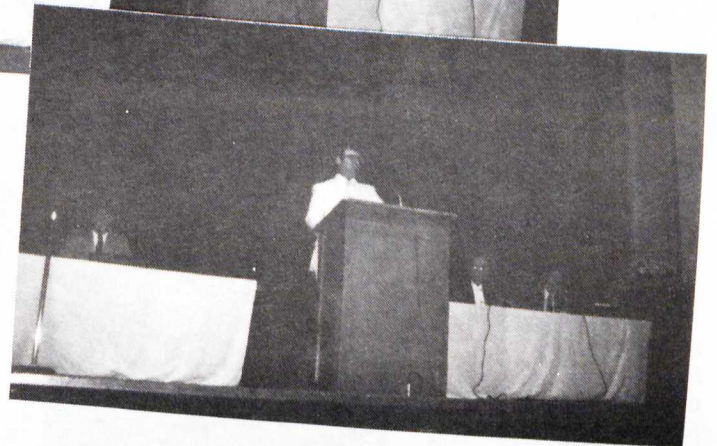
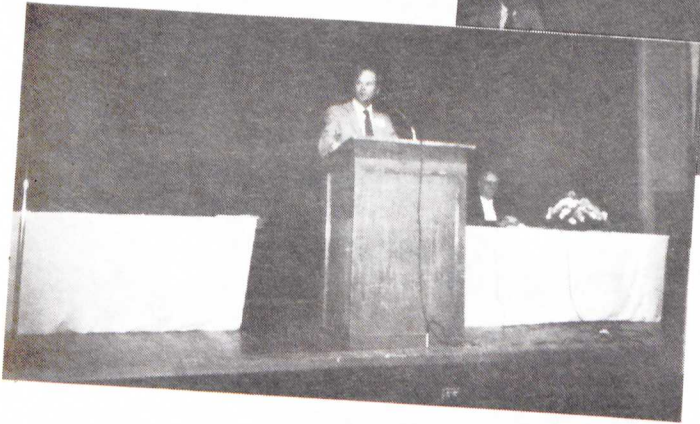
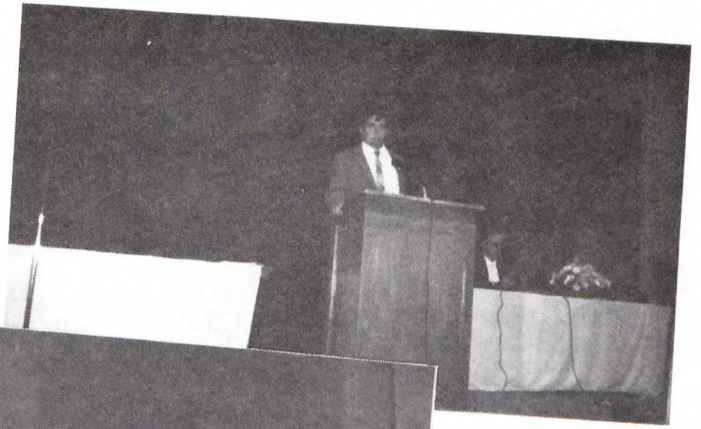
Sunday, February 7, was designated as "Integrity Sunday" in an effort to pay off the \$17,000 Benevolent Committee indebtedness resulting from the default of an insurance company. Each church is asked to receive a Special Offering on that Sunday for this purpose.

The Convention adjourned to **meet in Kansas City, Missouri, July 17-21, 1988 at the Municipal Auditorium.**

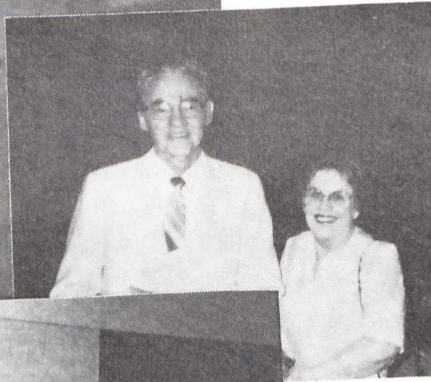
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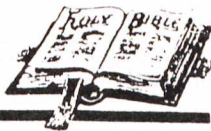


Special Singers



Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



"Another parable put he forth unto them saying, the kingdom of Heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown it is the greatest among herbs and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof." Matthew 13:31-32.

I want to use the phrase "but when it is grown" to relate God's desire for his kingdom to grow. Growth in the church is a process involving people who are possessed by the love of God, purchased by the Son of God and propelled by the Spirit of God.

Someone has said, "a flower that does not grow, a light that does not shine, a spring that does not flow is an anomaly. In other words, a contradiction or an abnormality. So is a Christian or a church that does not further Christ's church.

I want to share an acronym using the word GROWTH. If it were an organization it would be entitled Godly Reapers Occupied Working Today's Harvest.

Godliness is the spiritual purity that precedes growth. God wants a pure people with pure minds and pure motives.

Reapers are the special people that promote growth. They are the 'called out ones' or the 'compassionate ones' that go out and gather in.

Occupied is the staying power that promises growth. It is a biblical principle that always works and is illustrated in the parable of the pounds.

Working is the strenuous process that prerequisites growth. There must be contributions of labor and construction of lives if the church is to grow.

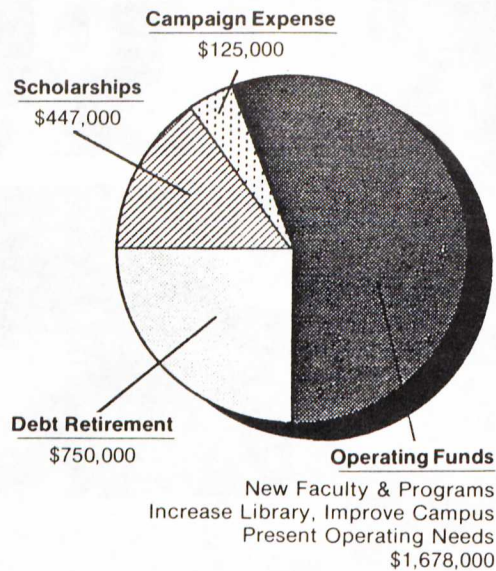
Today is the specific period that prompts growth. We need a definite concern for time and a consideration of the consequences of delay.

Harvest is the supreme purpose that provides growth. It is God's command that we grow, and it should be the church's concern that we grow.

The harvest is plenteous but the laborers are few. The proverb says, "He that gathereth in summer is a wise son, but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame." G. Campbell Morgan says, "Help us be in the work of the Lord, not watching, not criticizing, not applauding, but in it." Are you involved in the harvest which provides growth?

Free Will Baptist Bible College Pass The Torch Campaign Where Does Your Money Go?

When you give to the Pass The Torch Campaign, your gifts are distributed as follows:



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are still working hard to build our network. Every FWB church should have a local leader to help relay special announcements directly to the people. Find out who that leader is in your church. If no one is serving, help us secure someone through your pastor.
- Several of you are receiving special letters from us including more detailed information about our campaign and a challenge to give. Please read these materials prayerfully as you evaluate how you will respond to the challenge.
- If you have not received your Torch Lapel Pin, drop us a letter pledging your prayers and we'll get one to you right away.

Bible College Drama Team Sees 324 Decisions

Nashville, Tennessee—The Evangels Drama Team from Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, counted 324 public decisions for salvation and rededication in services held in six states during May and June.

The Evangels presented a program that emphasized soulwinning and family unity, according to Joseph Jones, who directed the group and wrote several of the plays.

Services were held in Free Will Baptist churches in Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia. The group traveled for four weeks and held 28 services.

Michael Gragg, a member of the Evangels from Nashville, said that as many as 35 people came forward in one service. He also told of a young man in Alabama who, on his way to take his own life, entered the church, heard the gospel and was saved.

Numerous reports from churches indicate that the Evangels made a substantial impact. Rev. Bobby Sebastian, pastor of Great Bridge FWB Church, Chesapeake, VA, wrote Mr. Jones, saying that the program "was nothing less than powerful." He went on, "Thank you for preparing these young people for their task and thank God for His moving power in our lives."

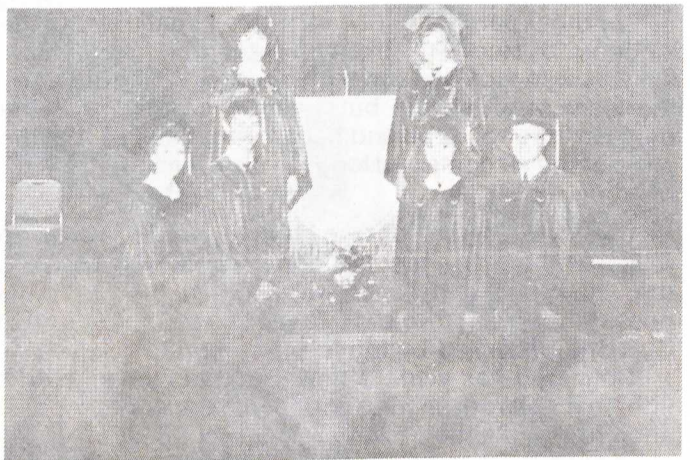
Offerings for the four weeks totaled over \$7,660, with more coming in.

Thanks to everyone who prayed for the Evangels and who helped them during their tour.

Hillsdale Students Receive Degrees



Students receiving Bachelor of Arts Degrees from Hillsdale are pictured left to right: (top) Charles Peak, Larry Jenkins, David Brawley, (bottom) Doyle Coffman (Cum Laude), Floyd Barber (Certificate in Bible-External Studies) and Leonard Cooper.



Students receiving Associate of Arts Degrees from Hillsdale are pictured left to right: (top) Kim Brooks, Marsha Ellis, (bottom) Melissa Reynolds, Jerald Bass, Ann Cochran (Magna Cum Laude), and Kemper Combs (Summa Cum Laude). NOT PICTURED: Mike Griffith, Ria Hays, Olugbenga Inneh, Chris McPhail, Rick Otwell, and Brad Ramsom.



Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

While looking out my parsonage window this hot summer day, I pause and reflect back over the past few weeks, only to realize that the summer is almost gone and a new school year is upon us.

With the ringing of the school bell several new beginnings await us. The school house will be awaiting us with a new fresh look, as will the children with their eager anticipation of a new teacher, new schedule, new friends, and new clothes.

With this new beginning, we would like to begin a new ministry with the women of Missouri. Our State Executive Secretary, Brother Clarence Burton, has expressed a desire to initiate a "kitchen ministry" through this article. The kitchen ministry, as we will call it for now, will have several objectives and outreaches, such as:

1. A prayer circle for urgent prayer requests . . . (JAMES 5:16) . . .

2. To offer missionary prayer support for financial needs, visitation, lost souls, etc.

3. Outreach for lost souls through women inviting their neighbors and friends over for a kitchen visitation . . . perhaps witnessing to them over a cup of coffee . . . (PROV. 11:30).

4. Develop a closer bond for women in Missouri (GAL. 6:2) . . .

5. Provide a needed ministry for local churches.

Ladies from across the state would write in prayer requests, answered prayer items, news of a soul saved through a "kitchen visitation," or any experience that would be beneficial to the readers. It would also establish a time where women all over the state would be praying in unison for particular needs.

Anyone that would be interested in joining the "kitchen ministry" should contact me for more details. Be sure to **include your name, address, and phone number.**

While looking out my window today, there is a real excitement in the air just thinking about the possibilities of **this new ministry.** The real success of it will depend upon YOU.



Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

God is the God of time and history. He has done his redemptive work through persons and amid history. Christianity is a historical religion. As Christians we believe history has a purpose. It has beginnings, middles, and ends. Christ is the pivot point of history.

This brings us to the important point in our short journey through pastoral change. If Christ is the pivot point of history, he is also the pivot point of church history, even the local church history. The pastor must never give the impression that he is the pivot point of the church history—Christ is, not the pastor. Therefore, if it is recognized by all that Christ is the center piece of "our" church history then the work should, must, can go on even though our beloved pastor has left. Christ will send another "man of God" who will be God's man for this hour. To fight him means we find ourselves fighting against God. If the pastor is aware of this fact, he will not find himself either being intimidated by those who loved the former pastor or feel he must continually be defending his ministry and methods when they differ from the ones used by the former pastor.

Often times people in the congregation come to the ill-gotten conclusion that when the pastor leaves everything comes to an end. The "glory years" are over. There will be no more growth. We won't have any more big days. Things will stagnate now. It's all over. What a tragedy! Unfortunately those ideas come from someone that could have avoided them. The former pastor may have inadvertently given that opinion. The new pastor may give that impression. The congregation may just come to that conclusion themselves. A visiting minister or friend may suggest it. But bear in mind, the devil himself is at the bottom of this idea.

The church, its program and its ministry must continue and it must continue in a dynamic aggressive way. Since the church pivot point is Christ and not the pastor, any pastor, then the program is diagrammed by God to continue in a forceful manner.

Does this mean that pastoral leadership is unimportant? Not in the least. I'll deal more with this later, but suffice it for now to say that strong pastoral leadership is a biblical principal. But pastoral leadership is and should be transmitted and received and allowed by the former pastor, the new pastor, and the congregation.



Financial Information



COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS JUNE 1987

18.50%	Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 4,578.81
17.50%	Executive Department and Gem	4,207.56
3.50%	General Fund	866.26
10.50%	Youth Camp	2,598.78
1.75%	SS & CTS Board	433.13
1.75%	Christian Board of Education	433.13
2.50%	Retirement Village	618.76
5.00%	Mo. State Ret. Program	1,237.52
30.50%	Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & California Christian College	7,548.85
24.00%	Foreign Msn.	1,811.72

19.00%	Nat'l. Home Msn.	1,434.28
18.75%	FWBBC	1,415.42
18.75%	Hillsdale College	1,415.42
14.00%	Executive Dept.	1,056.84
2.50%	Layman's Board	188.72
.50%	Radio and TV Com.	37.74
.50%	Theological Com.	37.74
.50%	Board of Ret. & Ins.	37.74
.50%	Historical Com.	37.74
1.00%	Calif. Christian College	75.49
9.00%	State Office Building	2,227.53
Total		24,750.33

We will never cease to praise the Name of the Lord! He continues to bless through His faithful

pastors, laypeople and churches. What a thrill to disburse these cooperative gifts to each department of the Lord's Work in our Free Will Baptist denomination. May each one continue in faithfulness to the Lord.

JUNE 1987 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

United, Lemay	\$ 100.00
Union Grove	142.00
Hartville	263.98
Merl's Chapel	73.85
Royal Oak	180.00

Myrtle	399.84
Happy Home	112.80
New Life Fellowship	618.00
Houston	291.02
Bailey Chapel	49.00
Columbia	25.00
Hannon	353.64
Seymour	172.00
Macedonia	20.00
Joplin	439.25
Belton	253.81
Harmony	477.00
Lone Star	41.82
Fredericktown, First	419.00
Bethel	763.00
Fourth	162.82
Terrill Road	132.00
Crossroads	274.00
Carthage	80.00
Neosho	71.25
Faith & Hope	45.04
Jones Chapel	415.90
Flat River, First	836.75
Number One	53.25
Leadington	500.00
Parkview	339.00
Pleasant Ridge	89.00
Fordland	443.42
Riverview, Bettendorf, IA	279.46
Mt. Pisgah	223.00
Lebanon, First	560.80
Hopewell	173.00
Walnut Grove	98.17
Thayer	484.00
Tyrone	127.26
Cuba	291.04
Springfield, First	726.10
Mine La Motte	48.61
Mill Creek	219.58
New Harmony	9.92
Mt. Zion, Gower	76.20
Hazel Creek	421.56
Victory, Alton	180.00
Hurryville	109.00
Marshfield	228.45
Eastern Gate	529.00
DeSoto	900.00
Monett	796.59
Waynesville	150.91
Bootheel District Ass'n.	16.00
Cope	40.30
Victory, K.C.	101.98
Union Grove	254.00
Copper Mines	225.76
Calvary Fellowship	574.17
Trinity	250.00
Pleasant Hill	69.95
Neosho	142.50
Faith & Hope	138.71
Jones Chapel	328.09
Pleasant Home	308.74
Wolf Creek	298.75
Mountain Grove, First	822.06
United, W.P.	441.24
West Plains, First	200.00
New Life, Licking	248.79
Lingo	48.00
Grace	1,094.00
Gospel Light	293.00
Rock Chapel	646.25
Byrd	19.00
Byrd	17.00
El Dorado, First	5.00
Verdella	211.40
New Rock Springs	89.34
Freeman Chapel	277.51
Salem	30.00
Grant Avenue	496.80
Union	60.00
Happy Home	102.46
Fourth	126.00
United, Lemay	100.00
Joplin	369.30
Union Light	298.00
Cape Girardeau	470.43
Unity	265.72
Total	\$24,750.33

YOUTH CAMP

Hartville	\$ 10.00
Hannon	15.00
Myrtle	25.00
Leadington	20.00
Bethel	25.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Fordland	20.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00

Thayer	30.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
DeSoto	50.00
Monett	120.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Calvary Fellowship	62.50
Trinity	15.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Mountain Grove	10.00
New Life, Licking	10.00
Verdella	10.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Union	30.00
Total	\$573.00

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Unity	\$ 34.40
Merl's Chapel	98.00
Myrtle	320.00
Judy Pierce	30.00
Houston	25.00
Columbia	22.50
Hannon	10.00
Kirksville	20.00
Joplin	59.00
Harmony	20.00
Bethel	78.00
Terrill Road	40.00
Carthage	25.00
Neosho	50.00
South East District	50.00
Flat River, First	20.00
Leadington	165.00
Fordland	25.00
Union	25.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Lebanon	5.00
Thayer	99.00
Martinstown	10.00
Marshfield	33.85
DeSoto	209.00
Blue Springs	20.00
Monett	124.00
Victory, K.C.	147.75
Fellowship	77.00
Buffalo, First	60.00
Calvary Fellowship	33.33
Trinity	50.00
Monett VBS	593.00
Faith & Hope	113.52
Pleasant Home	40.00
Warren Livingston	40.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Mountain Grove	62.00
United, W.P.	23.00
West Plains, First	10.00
Rock Chapel	271.88
Parkview	20.00
Grace	140.00
Verdella	25.00
Grant Avenue	31.00
Total	\$3,415.23

FWBBC

Leadington	\$ 20.00
Thayer	25.00
DeSoto	35.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
Parkview	10.00
Total	\$173.33

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Unity	\$ 51.59
Merl's Chapel	47.00
Myrtle	76.00
Niangua	77.00
Houston	15.00
New Hope	317.15
Columbia	22.50
Hannon	693.64
Kirksville	20.00
Joplin	30.00
Belton	125.27
Bethel	40.00
Terrill Road	45.00
Fourth	160.00
South Side	125.00
Carthage	35.00
Macedonia, Ind. CK	1,000.00
New Testament	80.00
Neosho	699.98
Leadington	235.00
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Fordland	42.00
Union	25.00
Mt. Pisgah	60.00

Lebanon, First	100.00
John Schebaum	60.00
Thayer	62.31
New Harmony	66.14
DeSoto	250.00
Blue Springs	80.00
Monett	961.68
Mountain Grove	555.40
United, W.P.	18.10
West Plains, First	187.50
Rock Chapel	31.00
Parkview	40.00
Grace	5.00
Freeman Chapel	323.00
Grant Avenue	206.00
Lone Star	53.40
Willow Springs, First	25.00
Fellowship	300.00
Victory, K.C.	30.00
Trinity	67.00
Calvary Fellowship	333.32
Faith & Hope	128.52
Pleasant Home	130.91
Verdella	460.93
Total	\$8,527.34

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Hannon	\$ 50.00
Thayer	25.00
Calvary Fellowship	41.66
Grant Avenue	8.00
Total	\$124.66

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Unity	\$ 17.19
Myrtle	66.50
Houston	41.00
Columbia	5.00
Hannon	179.32
Joplin	30.00
Belton	40.00
Fourth	5.00
South Side	5.00
Carthage	150.00
New Testament	40.00
Flat River, First	1.00
Leadington	115.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Thayer	31.00
New Harmony	33.07
Marshfield	22.84
DeSoto	50.00
Blue Springs	20.00
Monett	102.83
Victory, K.C.	115.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
Trinity	55.00
Faith & Hope	30.00
Mountain Grove	5.00
Grace	55.00
United, W.P.	18.10
Grant Avenue	9.00
Fourth	10.00
Total	\$1,370.18

CHILDREN'S HOME

DeSoto	\$50.00
Myrtle	5.00
Total	\$55.00

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS JULY 1987

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 4,581.47
17.50% Executive Office & Gem	4,454.21
3.50% General Fund	890.84
10.50% Youth Camp	2,672.53
1.75% SS & CTS Board	445.42
1.75% Christian Board of Education	445.42
2.50% Retirement Village	636.32
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	1,272.63
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & California	
Christian College	
24.00% Foreign Msn.	\$1,863.13
19.00% Nat'l. Home Msn.	1,474.98
18.75% FWBBC	1,455.57
18.75% Hillsdale FWBBC	1,455.57
14.00% Executive Dept.	1,086.84
2.50% Layman's Board	194.08
50% Radio and TV Com.	38.81
50% Theological Com.	38.81
50% Board of Ret. & Ins.	38.81
50% Historical Com.	38.81
1.00% Calif. Christian College	77.64

9.00% State Office Building 2,290.74
Total \$25,452.63

July has been a fine month for cooperative and designated giving! Sometimes in the middle of the year, in the midst of vacations and other activities, cooperative giving is a bit low. But this year, 1987, it is very good. We thank God for this! We constantly recognize that this is because of faithful pastors and churches supporting the Lord's work in a faithful manner. May the Lord bless this faithfulness.

JULY 1987 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Monett	\$ 585.98
Myrtle	130.41
Cabool	316.34
Old Bethel	175.70
New Life Fellowship	391.00
Hartville	243.00
Macedonia	20.00
Thayer	411.00
Carthage	90.00
Grant Avenue	648.05
Lone Star	29.71
Mt. Zion, Gower	55.90
Bethel	423.00
Harmony	344.00
Willow Springs	237.96
Number One	42.05
Houston	229.70
Mill Creek	182.69
Terrill Road	90.00
Merl's Chapel	65.35
Leadington	450.00
Lebanon, First	349.21
Wilderness	455.00
Friendship	434.58
Victory, Alton	204.00
Black Oak	10.00
Belton	372.58
Martinstown	20.00
Tyrone	33.04
Eastern Gate	118.00
Mine La Motte	32.00
Hurryville	200.00
Pleasant Ridge	93.00
Berean	17.37
Mt. Pisgah	143.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	154.80
Bailey Chapel	34.00
New Harmony	10.90
Rock Chapel	292.37
Richwoods	480.00
Hickory Grove	46.73
Marshfield	174.87
Hannon	255.55
Farmington	1,000.00
Columbia	25.00
Riverview	214.17
Union Grove	85.00
El Dorado Springs	5.00
Springfield, First	520.40
Fordland	424.02
Royal Oak	119.00
Wolf Creek	220.92
Lingo	43.58
West Plains, First	123.00
Calvary Fellowship	574.17
Hopewell	132.00
Fredericktown, First	358.00
Flat River, First	547.92
DeSoto	690.00
United, West Plains	318.44
Twin Oak	828.36
Seymour	137.00
Cuba	232.19
Cope	42.20
Pleasant Home	266.87
Calvary, Conway	283.60
Olivet	400.00
Trinity	250.00
Copper Mines	174.83
New Life, Licking	203.04
Parkview	257.00
Salem	30.00
Grant Avenue	485.89
Grace	698.00
Myrtle	125.80
Pleasant Hill	42.88
Cabool	266.81
Faith & Hope	34.87
Jones Chapel	349.23
Neosho	218.50
New Rock Springs	73.92

Lone Star	35.92
Cope	34.30
Gospel Light	198.00
Fourth	141.00
New Harmony	8.77
Terrill Road	91.00
Mountain Grove	1,002.09
Number One	35.27
Mill Creek	171.62
Willow Springs	211.18
Parkview	331.00
Cabool	342.77
Monett	627.46
Farmington	500.00
Black Oak	10.00
Bethel	439.00
Unity	310.34
Cape Girardeau	304.46
South Fremont	764.00
Total	\$25,452.63

FWBBC

Monett	\$232.55
Thayer	25.00
Farmington	240.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
DeSoto	35.00
Parkview	10.00
Total	\$625.88

CHILDREN'S HOME

DeSoto	\$50.00
Myrtle	17.41
Total	\$67.41

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Monett	\$ 139.00
Myrtle	171.00
Thayer	92.00
Carthage	10.00
Grant Avenue	108.47
Bethel	224.00
Kirksville	20.00
Houston VBS	65.82
Houston	60.00
Terrill Road	71.00
Leadington	175.00
Lebanon, First	5.00
Martinstown	10.00
South East District	50.00
Union	25.00
Mt. Pisgah	350.00
Rock Chapel	429.36
Marshfield	65.00
Hannon	5.00
Clifford Hoover	5.00
Farmington	482.25
Columbia	17.85
Fordland	84.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
West Plains, First	10.00
Flat River, First	10.00
Blue Springs	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	43.33
DeSoto	200.00
United, W.P.	23.00
Pleasant Home	5.00
Bob & Glenda Keith	20.00
Olivet	50.00
Trinity	50.00
Parkview	20.00
Buffalo, First	60.00
Grace	125.00
Mountain Grove, First	110.00
Faith & Hope	71.06
Neosho	45.00
South Fremont	34.00
Total	\$3,696.14

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Thayer	\$25.00
Grant Avenue	18.00
Willow Springs	40.00
Leadington	20.00
Hannon	50.00
Farmington	240.00
Calvary Fellowship	41.66
Total	\$434.66

MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

Monett	\$ 188.67
Myrtle	113.00
Thayer	70.00
Carthage	160.00
Grant Avenue	28.00
Bethel	115.00

Leadington	110.00
J.W. Rader	50.00
Belton	25.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
New Harmony	80.23
Marshfield	27.48
Hannon	127.78
Columbia	5.00
South Side	5.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
DeSoto	50.00
Farmington	180.00
United, W.P.	23.30
Olivet	210.00
Trinity	45.00
Blue Springs	10.00
Grace	55.00
Indian Creek	58.83
Faith & Hope	25.00
South Fremont	10.00
Fourth	10.00
Mountain Grove	27.00
Total	1,902.62

YOUTH CAMP

Myrtle	\$ 50.00
Hartville	10.00
Thayer	30.00
Bethel	50.00
Willow Springs	20.00
Leadington	20.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Hannon	15.00
Fordland	20.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	62.50
DeSoto	50.00
Olivet	25.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Trinity	15.00
New Life, Licking	10.00
Hopewell	200.00
Bethel, El Dorado Springs	15.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Mountain Grove, First	10.00
Total	\$707.50

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Monett	\$ 596.22
Myrtle	175.00
Thayer	48.00
Carthage	20.00
Grant Avenue	324.50
Bethel	95.00
Kirksville	20.00
Houston	65.00
Terrill Road	45.00
Merl's Chapel	100.00
New Hope, Fredericktown	21.56
Wilderness	173.00
Leadington	220.00
Lebanon, First	342.10
Black Oak	299.19
Belton	25.00
Niangua	51.00
Martinstown	120.00
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Union	25.00
Mt. Pisgah	320.00
New Harmony	116.54
Rock Chapel	21.00
Marshfield	10.00
Hannon	280.55
Clifford Hoover	30.00
Farmington	756.00
Columbia	17.85
South Side	153.06
Fordland	20.00
Fellowship	275.00
West Plains, First	277.11
Calvary Fellowship	560.52
United, W.P.	423.30
DeSoto	250.00
Pleasant Home	124.16
Olivet	50.00
Trinity	24.50
Parkview	80.00
Grace	22.00
Neosho	355.00
Faith & Hope	100.06
South Fremont	140.00
Fourth	70.00
C. Layman	10.00
Mountain Grove, First	407.41
Total	\$7,689.63

Is Your Church In Your Will?

Most Christians have generously supported their local church during their lifetimes. But who will take your place after you are gone? Maybe you should consider at least tithing your estate to your church. Many Christians even leave more than the tithe. After all, your church has been an important part of your life. Think what a gift of a few hundred or several thousand dollars could do. Wouldn't you like for your money to continue winning souls even after you have gone to be with the Lord?

It won't just happen. If you die without a will or trust, your church will get nothing. Maybe you should begin your estate planning today.

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Fall Enlargement Campaign Theme Announced

ENLARGE YOUR VISION, theme for the 1987 Fall Sunday School Enlargement Campaign, seeks to attract participation among many Free Will Baptist churches.

This special Sunday School aid, in design and purpose, promotes a time of dramatic numerical growth as well as spiritual activity for both students and teachers. Witnessing and missionary vision are given emphasis in this program of involvement.

The dates for the campaign are October 4 through 25, 1987. Sunday Schools in nine different divisions, based on average Spring quarter attendance, will vie for increased attendance.

First and second place awards will be presented to declared winners in each division. Such awards go to the Sunday Schools experiencing the greatest percentage of increase over their Spring average attendance.

The following lists the nine divisions:

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

THE PRESENT SIZE OF YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL DOES NOT HINDER YOU FROM WINNING IN YOUR DIVISION.

Campaign materials are available from Randall House Publications. Order early for advance planning. Entries for the campaign should be in our hands by October 3, 1987.

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