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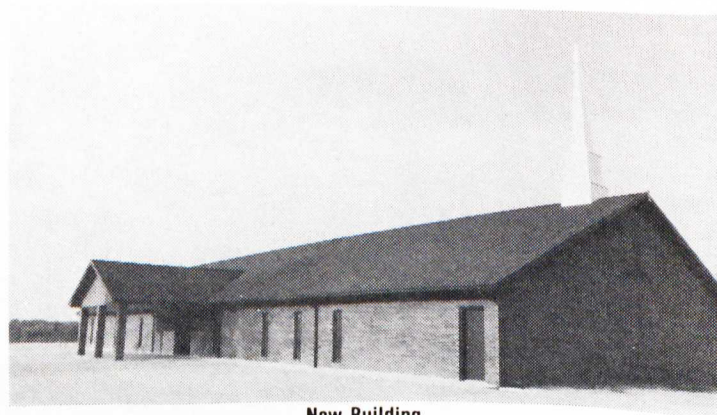
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Churches, People & Events

VERDELLA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH DEDICATION

Reverend Curt Holland, pastor, Verdella Church, writes, On Sunday, September 13, 1987, the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church held its Dedication Service. The long awaited event that the congregation had worked long and hard for was here—the dedication of the new church building. The people gave much of their time and money to see God's building brought to completion. The service was being held only one year and three days after the church had voted unanimously to relocate and build a new building.



New Building

The new building is located one mile north of the old church which was built in 1891. The new location is on V Highway and is seven miles northeast of Liberal, Missouri. The congregation appreciates the 6,500 square feet building, which will seat 200 plus in the

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auditorium and has classroom space for twelve classes, with room for more, if needed, in the future. The church is presently averaging eighty in Sunday School and ninety to ninety-five for the Worship Services.

The Verdella Church wants to give God all the glory for the new building. Over thirty thousand dollars has been given towards the pledges that were made. Most of the labor for the new building was by the folks of the church and the help of a head carpenter.

The Dedication Service was well attended by about two hundred twenty-five. This included many guests and visitors. Reverend Clarence Burton delivered the Dedication Message. He challenged the church to continue their work of faith, labor of love and hope of patience. A special offering for the building was received. The amount was over \$4,000.00. There were several special songs and hymns of praise during the service.

Along with the Dedication Service, a Baptismal Service was held with five following the Lord in Water Baptism. They were, Maxine Holder, Dana Crockett, Jimmy Holder, Chris Splitter and Adam Splitter. Included in the Day services was a Baby Dedication Service. The three dedicated to the Lord were, Esther Williams, daughter of Robert and Cathy Williams, Gabriel Spurgeon, son of Ken and Stacie Spurgeon and Amber Holland, daughter of Curt and Mary Holland.

The goal of the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church is to be a bright and shining light in the community and serve as a soul-saving station of the Lord.



Building Committee

Ken Spurgeon, Keith Crockett, Tom Crockett, Bill Walker, Marvin Long, Corky Walker



Curt, Mary & Amber Holland

STARTING OVER AT FOURTH

by Sue Winchester

"Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee". (Psalms 85:6). An affirmative answer seemed to be hindered. We had weathered some storms and were very discouraged. It was like the church was just hanging on. Several men of God took turns coming to fill in preaching and encouraging us. They challenged, prayed, and cried with us. We were struggling without a pastor. If, anything, we learned to draw closer to God and each other. After much time in prayer, a remnant of people made the decision to go to the State Home Mission Board for help. We could not let our church die! This was an act of faith more than desperation because we would still need to work things out and wait for God to send us a pastor. If it meant more time on our knees, patience, and tears, we wanted God's man for our church. We waited and prayed. We even saw God moving in people's lives when a young couple gave their hearts to Jesus last December. God was starting to breathe new life into Fourth, but maybe we weren't quite ready to accept it. Somewhere along the way of the past couple years, we allowed our circumstances to overshadow true praise and worship of God. No matter what was happening around us, God was still answering prayers for each of us and eternity will record how God had certainly blessed Fourth in times past. We still should have been able to give God the honor due Him. God sent us sort of a "forerunner" for our pastor. Brother Ted Wilbanks felt led to come and preach to us. He not only preached, but his musical ability also contributed to lifting our hearts. The Lytle family were home on furlough from Panama, and they were an added blessing to us. God was setting the stage for our new full-time pastor's arrival. Brother Wilbanks was overseeing the refurnishing of the parsonage, and we were all excited for the future.

On May 3, 1987, Brother Nathan Ruble preached his first sermon as our new pastor. He and his family have been laboring tirelessly with us. A visitation program and our teen department have been re-established. We're seeing a gradual increase in our attendance in every service.

The task of rebuilding isn't easy, but with your continued prayers and support, we can accomplish much for the glory of God. God is showing us more and more that Psalms 85:6 has a positive answer.

NEW PASTOR AT COPPERMINES

Marie Graham writes, from the Coppermines Free Will Baptist Church, The church has recently called Rev. Chuck Lotz to serve as pastor. He is a blessing to the church, and it seems that everyone in the church is 'getting on fire' for the Lord. Pray for us as we continue to serve Him.

HOMECOMING AND ANNIVERSARY AT PLEASANT HILL

On Sunday, October 4, 1987, the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Alton, Missouri observed its Sixty-Ninth Anniversary with a Homecoming Service.

The pastor, Reverend Walter Simpson, gave a warm welcome to the visitors and members of the church. He stated, "The Pleasant Hill Church has been so nice to my family and me, that I feel sure that every visitor will feel a warm welcome from this nice church family. We have been looking forward to this special day, we are glad that it is here, and we believe that everyone will enjoy the activities."

At the Morning Worship, special music was given by The Gospel Generation and Frances Simpson, wife of the pastor. Reverend Clarence Burton delivered the Morning Message. In his opening remarks he stated, "What a privilege to be with the pastor, his lovely family, and the members and friends of the Pleasant Hill Church. I love the sweet fellowship that I feel in this service. The presence of the Holy Spirit is so real, and you can feel a closeness in the family of God." He commended the church for its faithfulness in serving the Lord. The constant gospel message and witness that has gone out from this church has influenced hundreds to accept Christ as Saviour. And, only God knows the number of people who have been strengthened as a result of the ministry of the Pleasant Hill Church.

The ladies of the church served a delicious dinner during the noon hour and as someone said, "The fellowship was just as good."

At the Afternoon Service, Todd Warren gave the history of the church. The pastor recognized and presented certificates of recognition to four members, whose year birthdates were identical with the birthdate of the church. Special music was presented by The Gospel Generation, The Warren Brothers and Benson, and special singing groups in the church. The special music was blessed of God, and it blessed the hearts of everyone.

A visitor, in expressing himself, seemed to express the feelings of the congregation, "It was a great day. The Lord surely blessed."



The Birthday Honorees



The Pastor and Family



The Gospel Generation



The Pastor and Board



The Warren Brothers and Benson



Rev. Earl Ames

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY AT LEADINGTON

Church reporter, Jean Jenkerson, writes, The Leadington Free Will Baptist Church held a surprise Pastor Appreciation Service for the pastor, Reverend Earl Ames, on September 11, 1987, following the Sunday Evening Worship Service.

A reading, "What Is A Pastor?", was given and many classes, the Woman's Auxiliary, Junior Church and several members presented Brother Ames with cards and gifts. A poem was then read and members of the congregation were given opportunity to give a personal testimony of appreciation.

Brother Vernon Wilfong, who served as "emcee", presented Sister Ames with a \$50.00 gift certificate and Brother Ames with a \$150.00 gift certificate, both from J.C. Penny Store. These gifts were presented on behalf of the church.

The service ended with refreshments being served in the lower level of the church. Brother Ames remarked, "I certainly thank everyone for the nice gifts, but most of all I appreciate the words of encouragement and your support."

HANNIBAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH HOLDS FIRST CHURCH SERVICE SEPTEMBER 6, 1987

Mission Pastor Dale Cochran reports that the Hannibal Missions Project gets off to a good start. There were thirty-one people in attendance for the first service. Thirteen of that thirty-one were from the Hannibal area.

The Bryant family from the Oak Hill Free Will Baptist Church provided the special music. Brother David Murphy from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Rolla led the congregational singing. We were also privileged to have with us the Rev. Delbert Gayer, his wife Shirley, and their son Brad from Houston, Missouri. After the service we had an afternoon of fellowship at the

Cochran home where many of the Hannibal residents joined in.

Hannibal becomes more like home to us everyday as we meet new and exciting challenges in God's mission field. It is nice meeting new friends and sharing the knowledge of Jesus with them.

Would you like to help us build a church for Christ in Hannibal? Here is what you can do!

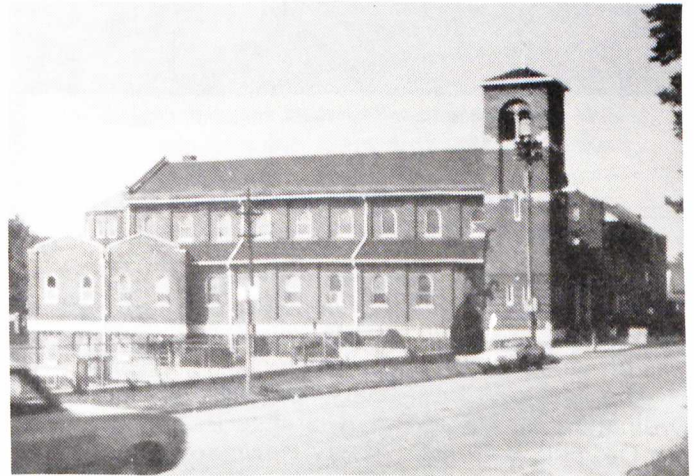
1. Pray for us every time you can.
2. Send us names of anyone you know living in the Hannibal area.
3. We need church supplies, songbooks, Sunday School supplies, anything used in church service.
4. Financial support would help our project to be a success for our State and Christ.
5. Drop us a personal letter and we will do our best to keep you informed.

For personal contact with the Cochrans, mail to:

Rev. Dale Cochran
4303 West Ely
Hannibal, Missouri 63401

For financial support, mail to:

Rev. Dale Skiles
3249 Pinehurst
Springfield, Missouri 65807



The Church Building



Rev. & Mrs. Dale Cochran



Jerry with Pastor and Deacons



The Bowmans, The Mosiers, The Sheets

ORDINATION SERVICE AT FIRST CHURCH, LEBANON

On Sunday afternoon, September 6, 1987, the First Free Will Baptist Church, Lebanon, Missouri, held an Ordination Service for Jerry Bowman. Brother Bowman was ordained to serve as a deacon.

The pastor, Rev. Gary Sheets, delivered the Ordination Message. Rev. Clarence Burton delivered the Ordination Charge. Rusty Bowman, a son of the ordained, presented the special music.

The Prayer of Consecration and Laying on of Hands was led by Homer Mosier, father-in-law. Brother Mosier presently serves as an honorary deacon, having served many years as an active deacon and board member of the First Free Will Baptist Church. Brother Leyman O'Dell, a deacon in the church, led the Dismissal Prayer.

A NOTE OF PRAISE FROM HOUSTON CHURCH

Sister Ethel Cummins writes, On Sunday, September 27, 1987, the First Free Will Baptist Church at Houston had a mortgage burning. The mortgage on the church parsonage was paid, and it was paid nine years ahead of schedule. The church is now debt free, and we praise God for this!

SPECIAL MISSIONS SERVICE AT OLIVET

The Greater Kansas City Woman's Auxiliary held a Special Missions Service at the Olivet Free Will Baptist Church Friday evening, October 9, 1987.

Bev Tannehill presided at the meeting with the routine business. Following this a program was presented with emphasis on State Home Missions. The focus was on two State Home Missions ministries, Sedalia and Hannibal.

Frances Bowman and members of the Olivet Church planned an interesting program and prepared a delicious meal. The program included the two missionary pastors, Reverend Dale Cochran (Hannibal) and Reverend Gary Bigelow (Sedalia); Reverend Clarence Burton, State Executive Secretary; Reverend Cliff Bowman, Chairman, State Home Missions Board; and a Girls Sextet from the Olivet Church, which provided special music.

The delicious meal, provided by the Olivet Church, was served in Fellowship Hall. As always, the ladies of the church had the Hall decorated with perfect seasonal decor.

An offering was received, to be divided between the Sedalia and Hannibal Missions. The offering was approximately \$1,500.



Dale Cochran, Cliff Bowman, Gary Bigelow



Bev Tannehill



Donna Mitchell, Chairman of Planning Committee



The Girls Sextet (Waitresses)

Philip Munn Home With The Lord

On October 2, 1987, after several months of illness, Brother Philip Munn was called home to be with the Lord. He was born June 13, 1942, at Pittsburg, Kansas, to Mr. & Mrs. Philip Munn, Sr. He married Lita M. Smith June 13, 1965, at the Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church.

Brother Munn was an ordained deacon of the Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church; moderator of the Central Western Association of Free Will Baptists; treasurer of the Central Western Executive Committee; General Board Member of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists; treasurer of the LeRoy Township; member of the Data Processing Managers Association—Joplin Chapter; and a business partner with Jerry Laflin of Munn and Laflin, Inc.

He is survived by his wife Lita, three daughters and a son-in-law, Paulette and Eva of the home, and Jan and Tim Workman of Liberal, MO; his mother, Anna May Munn of Pittsburg, KS; three sisters, Mrs. Carl (Gloria Ann) Morey, Abilene, TX, Mrs. Joe (Judith) Soucy, Pittsburg, KS, and Mrs. Calvin (Alice) Walters, Commerce, OK; two aunts, an uncle, one great-aunt, twenty-six nieces and nephews, eight great-nieces and nephews and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his father.

Services was held at the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church on October 5, 1987. Rev. Cecil Campbell, pastor of the Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church, officiated, assisted by Rev. Curt Holland, pastor of the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church. Interment was in the Garden of Memories, Pittsburg, Kansas.

Editor's Note: Brother Munn was a good friend and brother in Christ. It was a joy serving with him in our State Association and in the Central Western Association. He finished his course with joy.

Dear Brother Burton:

Greetings in the name of the Lord. We enjoy reading the **Gem** and thank you for sending it to us.

We would like to thank the folks in Missouri for their prayers and financial support. You have been a major influence in spreading the gospel here in Panama. The churches in Missouri have been our major source of support. Thank you for remaining faithful in giving to missions.

Recently there were two baptized from our work in Parita. We have also seen two more make profession of faith. This work grows in spite of much verbal persecution. Our Free Will Baptist Church is the only evangelical work in this town of nearly 3,000 people. Average attendance is 20-30.

We recently opened a new work in the town of Montero. Again, we are the only evangelical group working there. This town is very open to the gospel and could very well be won to Christ in its entirety. Please pray for these works.

We appreciate the cards and letters we receive from many of you and look forward to seeing you. We do have mail problems. It seems that many times our mail does not arrive in the States, and what we receive is oftentimes one or two months old.

Sincerely,
Stan and Brenda Bunch



Cherilyn McMillian

A Walking Miracle

This article is from Mike and Carla McMillian, the parents of Cherilyn McMillian. The accident referred to in the article is the one in which Krista Eaton was killed (Gem article, July-August).

On May 18, 1987, our oldest daughter, Cherilyn, age 14, was seriously injured in an automobile accident, which has claimed the life of one person. Cherilyn suffered, what medical science calls, a multi-trauma head injury. Following the accident, word travelled fast, far and near, and God's people responded with prayer. For all the prayers we are so grateful.

We had barely arrived at the hospital when we received calls from friends across Missouri, and even the United States, telling us that they were praying. Those at the scene of the accident did not think she would make it to the hospital—those at the local hospital did not think that Cherilyn would make the transfer to Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

But it was though God was telling us "some people do not know what 'Hope' is". We waited on the Lord.

The doctors have been somewhat surprised at our daughter's recovery. About three days after the accident, a man called stating that he was one of the first persons at the accident and helped with the first aid. He told us that he had been praying for Cherilyn often. He said, "I am not a saint, just a sinner saved by the grace of God, and I know there is power in prayer." This call was just one of many experiences that we have had the past few months. It would take a book to include all of them.

Cherilyn is now at home after spending twelve weeks in two different St. Louis hospitals. She still has many weeks of therapy, but we know God has given us a MIRACLE, not just alive, but a walking and talking Miracle! We believe God is not finished yet. He was with us, He is still with us, and we can see His hand moving day by day. Someday we will look back and see that one set of "Footprints", where the Lord carried us.

Editor's Note: May the Lord continue to bless Cherilyn and grant to her day by day the strength and recovery she needs. What a beautiful testimony from her parents.

Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish, foolishness but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God," (I Cor. 1:18). I am sure that this verse has had many volumes written on it and many sermons have been preached from it. However, I would like to place a challenge to every believer, that while in our search for power and progress in reaching souls for Christ, we do not overlook the very thing that drew us to Him. That of course, being His love, which was made manifest on the cross.

It was interesting to me to learn that the word "preaching" in this verse is translated from the word logos, which means "the Word". That being true, then instead of placing our emphasis on preaching, as such, we must place it on everything that is involved with the cross. That includes the sacrifice, the suffering, the shame and total surrender of our Lord, to purchase our salvation.

The cross is more than an emblem to be carried in our pocket, or on a chain around our neck. It is a message from God to a world that is perishing.

I have been studying and trying to share in sermons, Christ's 'seven last sayings on the cross'. I have found, herein lies our power and wisdom—pure and simple, it is the word of the cross.

I close this meditation with a quote from Dr. Stephen Olford. "The word of the cross is God's only message to lost mankind. To accept it assures eternal salvation. To reject it involves eternal damnation." I am not implying eternal security, once a person accepts Christ, but I am saying, the only assurance we can have is in the cross.



Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

Sitting quietly in my deserted classroom, I think back over the hectic days of September. The ball games, hospital visits, church activities, school functions, etc., have left me totally exhausted. Maybe October will be better, I conclude. After a quick glance at the calendar, I decided that there is little rest for the weary. Most of you have experienced the same feeling. Most everyone today is so busy. It seems the whole world is in a hurry, rushing from one event to another, without taking time to enjoy life or one's own family.

This hurried life is taking its toll on our families. Some families go for days without even enjoying a single meal together. Children become distant with parents and everyone wonders "why?" Marriages are in trouble and again the question is asked, "Why?"

One of the reasons many families are in trouble could just be that a lack of quality time is not being spent together. Last spring, my husband and I attended a "Family Life" seminar, sponsored by the Missouri State Christian Education Board, and taught by Rev. Joe Grizzle. The seminar was held near Branson, Missouri. Brother Grizzle gave a fantastic seminar, with many helpful suggestions for improving family relationships. One suggestion, establishing a family night, was immediately put into use by our family. With family night, one night each week is set aside just for family. There are no phone calls, visitors, or TV viewing allowed. It is interrupted only by necessity.

We began family night by asking each member of the household to make a list of fun activities. Then, as family night approaches, my husband makes the decision on which activity we will enjoy, keeping everyone in suspense until family night arrives. We have played ball, had a weiner roast, fished, gone for pizza, etc. The activity does not have to be something expensive, just fun.

Our girls reacted to the idea of having a family night at first, in typical fashion, with, "Do we have to . . . ?" But after a couple of weeks, they discovered that family night was just great! Our younger daughter can hardly wait from week to week, and the older daughter, well, she doesn't complain.

One of these days, and it isn't long off, my children will be gone from home. How will they remember their childhood? Will they look back and remember the frantic rush of a pastor's family, or will they remember a family that lived, loved, and played together? I hope and pray it will be the latter, but until that time, you may hear me humming a familiar children's song, "Have patience, have patience, don't be in such a hurry . . ."

Editor's Note: Why not try the "family night" idea.

Frank Breeden Resigns Bible College Staff

Frank Breeden, Director of Student Support for Free Will Baptist Bible College, resigned from the staff October 8, 1987. The decision was made "after much prayer, careful consideration and thought," he says.

He is leaving the college to become director of church choral music marketing for Lexicon-Spectra Music Company of Nashville.

The Office of Student Support opened in January 1986, with Mr. Breeden as its first director. He also directed the Bible College's new \$3 million "Pass The Torch" campaign. He began his affiliation with the college, working as public relations assistant with the late Paul Kettelman, after graduating from FWBBC in 1978.

Mr. Breeden expressed his appreciation for the Bible College and for the confidence of President Thigpen during his time of service. "I pledge my friendship to this

institution and will do what I can to lift her name high as I minister to the broader church in my new ministry," he said in his letter of resignation.

He will continue to serve in his present position through November 8, 1987.

President Thigpen said, "I am grateful for the more than 10 years that Frank Breeden has been a part of the Public Relations team of the college." He went on to say, "He has traveled thousands of miles and conducted hundreds of services for the college. He has laid a good foundation for the *Pass The Torch* campaign. I am confident that all of us here and our many friends will carry it through to victory."

The President asked that friends of the college pray for the administration and the board of trustees as they ask the Lord's guidance concerning a replacement for Mr. Breeden.



Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

Bruce Powers in his book "Church Administrators Handbook" said, "Start-up ministry usually refers to the first 12-18 months of establishing ministry in a new post". In our Free Will Baptist denomination it has recently been determined that a minister spends 18 to 30 months in a pastorate, then moves on to another "greener field". We can readily see that 30% to 50% of a minister's life is spent in start-up ministry. This means he spends nearly one-half of his ministerial life in start-up transition activities.

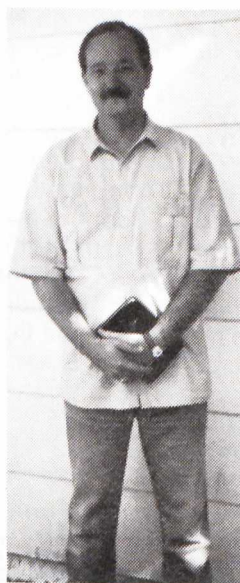
What does this mean? Well, tragically it means he takes half his time in a given place getting ready to do something, spends about six months doing it, runs into a snag, and spends the next twelve months trying to get away, and into another field of labor. No one ever considers it that way but that is exactly the way it is. No wonder we grow so little, and see so little accomplished in the local church. We spend all our time coming and going.

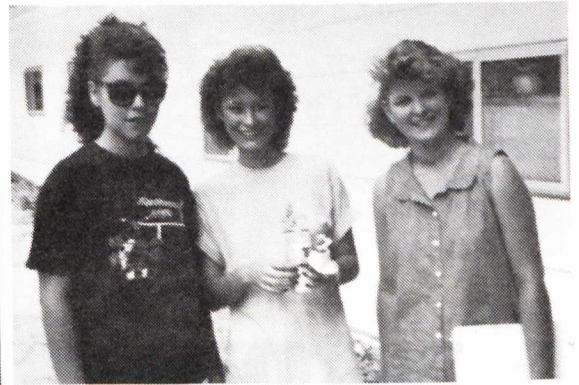
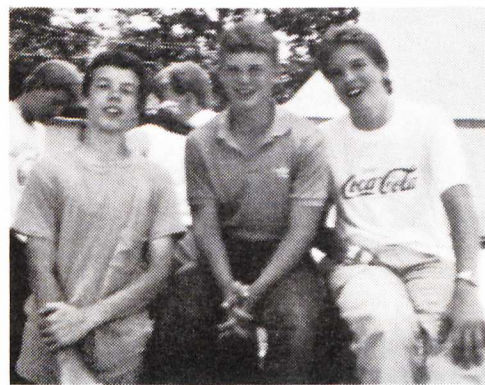
Deacons, trustees, teachers, musicians, singers, officers, and other Christian laymen are becoming, rightfully so, support groups for the pastor. They provide support, encouragement, information, advice, reports, feedback, and evaluation. These things are all true with the former pastor, and they need to be true in their relationship with the new pastor.

The former pastor and new pastor need some time together, requested by the new pastor, to go over all the details. Frank questions should be asked and straight forward answers should be given. The new pastor often has far too much pride to ask his predecessor about important matters and people that can and probably will influence his ministry in the church.

How did the former pastor succeed in working with these deacons, trustees, singers, teachers, etc.? His success may or may not mean the same for you. Personalities do affect our success or failure in dealing with people. But at least the new man needs to know how his predecessor fared. Ask!

Youth Camp Scrapbook







Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones



Patterns are very important. This is true in making clothing and in manufacturing tools and machinery. Successful evangelism also requires a pattern.

We need a pattern for desire. We find such a pattern in the person of the apostle Paul. His desire was intense. He said, "For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsman according to the flesh." (Romans 9:3). His desire was all-encompassing. Again, he said, "To the weak, became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men that I might by all means save some." (I Cor. 9:22).

We need a pattern for diligence. We find such a pattern in the person of Apollos. Of him it was said, "This man was instructed in the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spoke and taught diligently the things of the Lord . . ." (Acts 18:25a).

We need a pattern for doctrine. You may ask, "Is doctrine necessary for evangelism?" I would answer that indeed, it is. Proper doctrine concerning Jesus Christ must be understood if the cults, false doctrine, and other ideas contrary to the Word of God is to be rejected. The Bible states "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of anti-Christ, . . ." (I John 4:3a). We find a pattern for doctrine in evangelism in the person of Philip. "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus." (Acts 8:35).

While each of these patterns provided by men are good, let's not forget the best pattern for evangelism is found in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. His desire is seen as he wept over the souls of men, and as He pleaded with men. His diligence is seen as He took advantage of every opportunity to evangelize people. He spoke to the crowds (Matt. 9:36), and He dealt with the individual (John 4:10). And, His doctrine is seen as He spoke in John's gospel, and said, ". . . I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Following the right pattern will insure the right results.



The Youth Nook

by Ann Cochran

"Cease not to give thanks . . .".

We are now entering the season of which the theme is giving thanks and recalling God's blessings. Anyone guilty of taking God's blessings for granted suddenly remembers to return thanks during this holiday season.

This brings to mind the story told in Luke of ten lepers who recognized Christ as the Master Healer, then begged for mercy and healing. Jesus heard their cries and healed their leprosy. One of the ten, a Samaritan, returned to give all the glory and thanks to his Healer. Jesus told the Samaritan that his faith had made him whole.

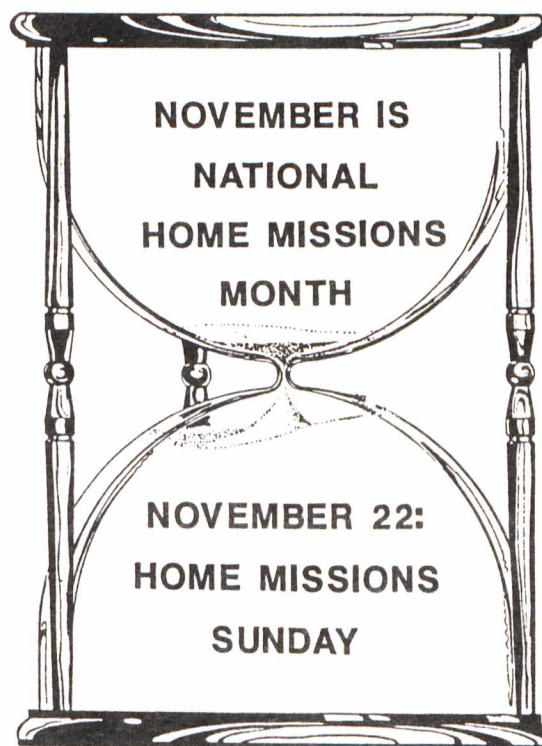
This makes me wonder—if this one leper was whole, or healed, because of his faith and returning to give thanks, were the other nine ever completely healed? I am then reminded that it is not the nine whose stories I should observe, but instead focus on how I can be more like the Samaritan leper who was healed and expressed his faith and gratitude.

Even more than that, I am reminded that it is not the gift I should be thankful for . . . but the Giver.

HOME MISSIONS...

TELLING THE HOMELAND...

TIME WELL SPENT!



We challenge your church to give a special offering, and you as individuals to give a sacrificial offering on National Home Missions Sunday. These gifts will help build Free Will Baptist churches in the North American continent and U.S.A. owned islands. Send gifts to National Home Missions, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS AUGUST 1987

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 4,947.03
17.00% Executive Office & Gem	4,545.92
3.50% General Fund	935.92
10.50% Youth Camp	2,807.77
1.75% SS & CTS Board	467.96
1.75% CE Board	467.96
2.50% Retirement Village	668.52
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	1,337.03
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & California Christian College	\$8,155.92
24.00% Foreign Msn.	\$ 1,957.42
19.00% Nat'l. Home Msn.	1,549.62
18.75% FWBCC	1,529.23
18.75% Hillsdale	1,529.23
14.00% Executive Dept.	1,141.83
2.50% Layman's Board	203.91
50% Radio & TV Com.	40.78
50% Theological Com.	40.78
50% Historical Com.	40.78
50% Board of Ret. & Ins.	40.78
1.00% Calif. Christian College	81.56
9.00% State Office Building	2,406.66
Total	\$26,740.69

With praise and adoration we lift our hearts to the One who is the giver of every good and perfect gift. We truly thank God for the response that is being made by faithful pastors and churches to the cooperative plan of support. Every soul that is saved and every Christian that is edified is a reflection of the love of God's people who give because they love.

AUGUST 1987 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Harmony, K.C.	\$ 295.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	49.60
Columbia	50.00
Hartville	208.76
Bailey Chapel	33.00
Houston	249.32
Riverview, IA	224.63
Crossroads	150.00
Belton	239.52
Olivet	400.00
Mine La Motte	27.30
Happy Home	96.64
Merl's Chapel	81.76
Thayer	363.00
New Life Fellowship	452.00
Hannon	230.26
United, W.P.	355.61
Union Grove	112.00
Royal Oak	102.00
Victory, Alton	135.00
Trinity	4,600.00
St. Francois District Assn.	19.50
Jones Chapel	168.71
Rock Chapel	297.05
Hopewell	158.00
Leadington	400.00
Fredericktown, First	373.00
Grace	781.00
Hurryville	151.00
Macedonia	20.00
Marshfield	162.67
Seymour	138.00
Wolf Creek	200.00
New Home	94.40
Freeman Chapel	224.45
Freeman Chapel	220.58
New Life, Licking	171.40
DeSoto	927.00
Flat River, First	609.13
Lingo	41.37
Tyrone	34.75
Springfield, First	570.39
Eastern Gate	213.00
Pleasant Ridge	74.00
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Joplin	610.60
Carthage	75.00
Waynesville	293.98
Waynesville	79.70
Trinity	656.65
Lebanon, First	356.30

Cuba	233.65
Copper Mines	229.67
West Plains, First	200.00
Viburnum	158.79
Viburnum	233.84
Pleasant Hill	49.79
West Plains, First	170.00
Purdy	506.67
Pleasant Home	189.42
Mountain Grove	815.77
Farmington	500.00
Calvary Fellowship	574.17
Verdella	365.86
Central	1,300.00
Black Oak	10.00
Fordland	366.30
Grant Avenue	540.30
Gospel Light	175.00
Salem	30.00
Farmington	500.00
New Rock Springs	79.43
Cabool	260.54
Viburnum	2,069.16
Unity	168.50
Cape Girardeau	431.80
Total	\$26,740.69

MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

Columbia	\$ 8.25
Belton	25.00
Thayer	25.00
Hannon	115.13
United, W.P.	11.82
South Side	5.00
Leadington	110.00
Grace	35.00
Marshfield	16.26
Unity	20.00
DeSoto	50.00
Flat River, First	2.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Farmington	100.00
Joplin	757.00
Carthage	141.00
Mountain Grove	29.50
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
Central	26.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
Grant Avenue	14.00
Trinity	45.00
Total	\$1,654.29

CHILDREN'S HOME

DeSoto	\$50.00
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FOREIGN MISSIONS

Monett	\$1,144.35
Kirksville	20.00
Columbia	21.16
Houston	48.52
Belton	25.00
Olivet	50.00
Merl's Chapel	100.00
Niangua	58.00
Thayer	91.51
Hannon	485.26
Brent & Cindy Thompson	100.00
United, W.P.	126.82
South Side	125.00
Fellowship	269.00
Union	25.00
Willow Springs, First	25.00
Rock Chapel	131.00
Leadington	245.00
Grace	140.44
Marshfield	11.00
Parkview	40.00
Freeman Chapel	705.25
DeSoto	250.00
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Farmington	270.00
Carthage	34.00
Trinity	66.89
Lebanon	50.00
West Plains, First	191.00
Viburnum	113.00
Pleasant Home	131.98
Mountain Grove	271.53
Calvary Fellowship	504.32
Verdella	678.91
Central	257.00
Black Oak	140.72
Carl Layman	10.00
Fordland	45.00
Grant Avenue	251.00
Total	\$7,282.66

FWBCC

Thayer	\$ 25.00
Leadington	20.00
Parkview	10.00
DeSoto	38.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
Farmington	397.49
Total	\$573.82

HILLSDALE

Thayer	\$ 25.00
Hannon	50.00
Farmington	240.00
Calvary Fellowship	41.66
Grant Avenue	8.00
Total	\$364.66

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Monett	\$1,309.00
Kirksville	5.00
Columbia	21.15
Houston	30.00
Merl's Chapel	40.00
Thayer	135.51
Hannon	105.00
United, W.P.	18.00
South East District	50.00
Fellowship	60.00
Rock Chapel	220.94
Leadington	155.00
West Plains, First	48.56
Grace	140.00
Marshfield	35.00
Parkview	20.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Unity	10.00
DeSoto	208.29
Flat River, First	10.00
Farmington	354.05
Fordland	20.00
Carthage	30.00
Trinity	75.00
Lebanon, First	5.00
Mountain Grove	87.00
Buffalo, First	60.00
Viburnum	89.00
Calvary Fellowship	33.33
Bob & Glenda Keith	10.00
Verdella	55.00
Central	505.00
Grant Avenue	38.00
Total	\$3,992.83

YOUTH CAMP

Hartville	\$ 10.00
Olivet	25.00
Thayer	30.00
Hannon	15.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Leadington	20.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
New Life, Licking	10.00
DeSoto	50.00
Trinity	15.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Mountain Grove	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	62.50
Verdella	20.00
Central	35.28
Fordland	20.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Total	\$432.78

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS SEPTEMBER 1987

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 5,012.05
17.00% Executive Office & Gem	4,605.66
3.50% General Fund	948.22
10.50% Youth Camp	2,844.67
1.75% SS & CTS Board	474.11
1.75% CE Board	474.11
2.50% Retirement Village	677.30
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	1,354.61
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & California Christian College	\$8,263.12
24.00% Foreign Msn.	\$ 1,983.15
19.00% Nat'l. Home Msn.	1,569.99
18.75% FWBCC	1,549.33
18.75% Hillsdale College	1,549.33
14.00% Executive Dept.	1,156.84
2.50% Layman's Board	206.57
50% Radio & TV Com.	41.32
50% Theological Com.	41.32

.50% Historical Com.	41.32
.50% Board of Ret. & Ins.	41.32
1.00% Calif. Christian College	82.63
9.00% State Office Building	2,438.29
Total	\$27,092.14

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord! The Lord has blessed and is blessing exceedingly abundantly above all that we have asked. We love Him and praise Him for this. Surely all of us are aware that He continues to bless through His faithful pastors, laymen and churches. May we continue to give that the gospel may be heard in all nations and people.

SEPTEMBER 1987 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Monett	\$ 730.38
Fourth	180.00
Eastern Gate	220.00
Joplin	417.44
Joplin	341.58
Willow Springs	261.68
Cope	37.30
Walnut Grove	83.50
Myrtle	450.63
Byrd	32.50
United Lemay	50.00
Victory Hill	65.00
Harmony, K.C.	409.00
Macedonia	20.00
Columbia	50.00
Happy Home	124.50
Number One	53.06
Mountain Grove, First	726.46
Pleasant Ridge	100.00
Lone Star	38.20
Houston	341.23
Hartville	299.00
Bailey Chapel	62.00
Bethel	529.00
Mt. Pisgah	170.00
Mt. Pisgah	150.00
Trinity	764.21
Union Grove	100.00
Hannon	254.70
Royal Oak	110.00
Springfield, First	665.40
Thayer	475.00
Fordland	520.21
Leadington	400.00
Parkview	346.00
Fredericktown, First	484.00
Hazel Creek	318.38
Riverview, IA	288.27
Berean	17.69
New Life Fellowship	547.00
Hurryville	130.00
Merl's Chapel	96.90
Mill Creek	229.52
Rock Chapel	367.06
Mine La Motte	43.63
Carthage	100.00
Belton	347.75
Farmington	500.00
Tyrone	46.51
Pleasant Home	304.92
New Harmony	15.01
El Dorado, First	5.00
Cabool	309.25
Verdella	203.59
Lingo	52.00
Hopewell	211.00
DeSoto	1,040.00
Mountain Grove, First	900.53
Lebanon, First	436.92
Mt. Zion, Gower	73.50
Waynesville	200.18
Cuba	307.33
United, W.P.	418.12
Victory, Alton	192.00
Beacon	1,014.00
Copper Mines	198.43
Viburnum	185.20
Freeman Chapel	243.92
Fiat River, First	769.72
Calvary Fellowship	574.17
Marshfield	185.67
Grace	879.00
Wolf Creek	305.35
Olivet	400.00
New Rock Springs	77.80
West Plains, First	213.50
Gospel Light	195.00
Terrill Road	108.00
Grant Avenue	663.31

Seymour	159.00
Pleasant Hill	57.88
Union Light	226.00
Myrtle	277.81
Hartville	208.28
Salem	30.00
Bethel	338.00
Koshkonong	400.00
Koshkonong	210.00
Willow Springs	209.31
Happy Home	92.60
Hickory Grove	43.40
Unity	453.02
Cape Girardeau	608.74
Total	\$27,092.14

YOUTH CAMP

Willow Springs	\$ 20.00
Myrtle	57.50
Mountain Grove	20.00
Hartville	20.00
Bethel	50.00
Mt. Pisgah	20.00
Trinity	15.00
Hannon	15.00
Thayer	30.00
Fordland	20.00
Leadington	20.00
New Harmony S.S. Class	10.30
Verdella	10.00
DeSoto	50.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Buffalo	50.00
Calvary Fellowship	62.50
Wolf Creek	10.00
Bethel, El Dorado Springs	15.00
Olivet	25.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Total	\$555.30

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Houston	\$ 31.55
South Side	115.00
Bethel	90.00
Mt. Pisgah	250.00
Trinity	38.00
Clifford Hoover	30.00
Brent Thompson	25.00
Hannon	326.20
Thayer	45.00
Fordland	323.56
Blue Springs	40.00
Monett	721.62
Fourth	90.00
Joplin	35.00
Myrtle	206.00
Kirkville	35.00
Niangua	79.00
Columbia	31.36
Mountain Grove	548.95
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Leadington	245.00
Merl's Chapel	100.00
Rock Chapel	46.00
Parkview	40.00
Carthage	30.00
Belton	25.00
Farmington	477.16
Pleasant Home	270.28
New Harmony	75.04
Verdella	315.13
Union	25.00
Carl Layman	10.00
DeSoto	250.00
Lebanon, First	50.00
United, W.P.	136.13
New Hope	30.00
Beacon	1,882.39
Viburnum	1,133.00
Freeman Chapel	286.77
Fiat River, First	28.00
Calvary Fellowship	652.42
Marshfield	5.70
Grace	22.45
Olivet	50.00
West Plains, First	306.30
Terrill Road	25.00
Grant Avenue	196.00
Willow Springs	50.00
Hickory Grove	62.85
Fellowship	216.00
Total	\$10,132.86

CHILDREN'S HOME

Myrtle	\$13.65
DeSoto	50.00
Total	\$63.65

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Blue Springs	\$ 10.00
Monett	189.00
Joplin	12.00
Myrtle	234.00
Kirkville	40.00
Harmony	30.00
Columbia	31.36
Mountain Grove	184.00
Fellowship	60.00
Houston	15.00
Bethel	142.11
Mt. Pisgah	100.00
Clifford Hoover	5.00
Trinity	300.00
Hannon	10.00
Thayer	296.00
Fordland	15.00
Leadington	165.00
Merl's Chapel	52.00
South East District Ass'n.	50.00
Rock Chapel	229.66
Parkview	20.00
Verdella	35.00
Farmington	222.25
Pleasant Home	5.00
Union	25.00
Martinstown	10.00
DeSoto	256.57
Judy Pierce	30.00
United, W.P.	28.00
Beacon	203.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Fred Clayton	10.00
Viburnum	290.00
Fiat River, First	90.00
Calvary Fellowship	38.33
Marshfield	35.00
Grace	140.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Bob & Glenda Keith	10.00
Terrill Road	20.00
Monett	23.00
Jones Chapel	134.00
Grant Avenue	16.00
Total	\$4,078.28

FWBBC

Fourth	\$ 5.00
Thayer	25.00
Parkview	10.00
Farmington	120.00
DeSoto	35.00
Beacon	150.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
Leadington	20.00
Total	\$448.33

MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

Blue Springs	\$ 10.00
Monett	81.52
Fourth	10.00
Joplin	10.00
Myrtle	154.50
Columbia	8.25
Mountain Grove	49.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
South Side	5.00
Bethel	80.00
Trinity	45.00
Hannon	127.35
Thayer	30.00
Leadington	115.00
Carthage	400.00
Belton	25.00
Farmington	50.00
New Harmony	75.03
J.W. Rader	25.00
DeSoto	50.00
United, W.P.	31.13
Beacon	665.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
Marshfield	18.56
Grace	55.00
Jones Chapel	115.00
Grant Avenue	19.00
Total	\$2,347.67

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Willow Springs	\$ 40.00
Thayer	25.00
Hannon	50.00
Farmington	120.00
Beacon	150.00
Calvary Fellowship	41.66
Grant Avenue	10.00
Total	\$436.66

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