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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1986-1987

CHURCHES	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV
Belton	77	52	54	56	59	46		39	48	40	43	44
Bethel	91	80	89	101	87	82		78				
Calvary Fellowship	192	181	197	236	251	187	186	172	175	190	227	
Cape Girardeau	61		79	77		59	56	52	54	67	65	80
Copper Mines	71	62	72	74	72	72	70	73	82			
Cuba	66	60	68	89	101	88	73	74	68	69	75	85
DeSoto	183	150	176	172	199	180	180		185	197		195
Farmington		515	568	597								
Flat River, First	128	120		145	144		127	126	134	131	134	
Grace	162	159	141	162	158	135	142	135	142	142	146	129
Hannon	72	65	69	67	74	73	74	67	74		74	71
Harmony	60	52	58	86	71	67	61	60	86	73	78	69
Hartville	87	80	85	85	85	80	79	79	94			
Houston	88	68	82	86	81	73	85	78	74	86	87	79
Jones Creek	18	17	24	14	17	20	17	15	14	15	15	
Lebanon, First	72	71	82	95	90	81	86	88	86	86	81	82
Myrtle	38	32	33	32	36	29	29	27	34	39	39	31
Neosho	62				67							
New Life Fellowship	79	74	80	79								
Parkview	74	53	80	77	93	65	76	67	62	64	73	76
Richwoods	49	45					50					
Rock Chapel	69	63	64	66	76	70	72	61	61	63	58	61
Thayer	149	101	135	143	142		148	133	151			
United, W.P.	87	88	93	92	91	89	96	90	81	90	87	95
Verdelia	65	58	70	78								
Victory, K.C.	56	48	48	49	65	68	67	51	60	65	60	54
Waynesville	77	42	60	69	69	65	45	66	73	64	76	61
West Plains	126	102	114	123	121	117	108	125	126	124	152	
Willow Springs	77	56	75	75	80	81	78	78	78	82	80	76

Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



"And immediately the Spirit driveth Him into the wilderness." Mark 1:12. "... and he brake the bands and was driven of the Devil into the wilderness." Luke 8:29b.

These two contrasting verses came to my attention one Sunday evening while studying for a message concerning the temptations of Christ.

After Christ was baptized and God had echoed His pleasure from Heaven, the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness. In contrast, after Legion broke the bands placed on him to restrain him from harming himself and others, the Devil drove him to the wilderness.

Who will you allow to "chauffeur" you around during the coming new year? Whether we realize it or not, there is a driving force that dictates to us where we go and what we do when we arrive.

Perhaps all of us dream of being financially able to employ a full time chauffeur. What we must realize is that spiritually we have employed one. Either the Spirit of God is driving us or the spirit of the devil. The choice is ours and that choice can make a vast difference on how well we fare in the wilderness.

I am very thankful that because Christ was driven by the Spirit of God, he arose from the tomb so that people like Legion and myself could change "chauffeurs" and not live among the tombs.

Are you always in the wrong place and thereby have problems, maneuvering through the traffic of sin in this world? Maybe you need to change "chauffeurs."

One thing we should be very excited about is that Christ has already paid for the services of our own "personal chauffeur." When He went back to Heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit just to drive us where we should go.

Give Him the steering wheel and see if things don't go better for you in the coming year.

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MOTEL AND RV PRICES FOR STATE ASSOCIATION, JUNE 6-9, 1988

The Missouri State Association will meet at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Mt. Grove, Mo., June 6-9, 1988. Rev. Dale Blackwell, chairman of the housing committee, has supplied this information for motel and RV accommodations.

He suggests and I suggest that you please **make your reservations early. Repeat: MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY.** If you are unable to attend and want to cancel reservations, that is much easier than waiting too late, with no accommodations available.

***Mt. Grove Motel & Restaurant, Outer Road Hwy. 60 & Hwy. 95 Junction, (417) 926-6101**

This was the only motel that would commit all of its units.

Reservations are not automatic—if you want to make reservations, please call early.

Rate: \$34.91 + tax (22 units have been reserved for the State Association. The price is the same for one or four in room)

Ranch House Inn, 1412 N. Main (Hwy. 60 at 95), (417) 926-3152 or 1 800 528-1234

1 bed - 1 person, \$32.00; 1 bed - 2 persons, \$37.00; 2 beds - 2 persons, \$40.00; 2 beds - 3 persons, \$45.00; 2 beds - 4 persons, \$50.00

Senior Discount (over 50) \$3.00 off. Children under 12 free. Rollaway Bed - \$4.00, Crib - \$3.00

Prices do not include tax.

Budget Circle Motel, Bus. 60 West, (417) 926-9965

1 bed - 1 person, \$20.00; 1 bed - 2 persons, \$24.00; 2 beds - 2 persons, \$25.00; 2 beds - 3 persons, \$28.00; 2 beds - 4 persons, \$43.00

Prices do not include tax.

Tod's Motel, Bus. 60, Cabool, Mo., (417) 962-3115

1 bed - 1 person, \$20.00; 1 bed - 2 persons, \$25.00; 2 beds - 2 persons, \$27.00; 2 beds - 3 persons, \$30.00; 2 beds - 4 persons, \$33.00

Rollaway Bed - \$6.00. Prices do not include tax.

Country Aire Mobile Home Park, Rt. 4, Hwy. 60 West, Cabool, Mo., (417) 962-4080

Full hook-up for campers. Call for reservations.

**Editor's Note: As an expression of appreciation I suggest that the first calls go to the Mt. Grove Motel & Restaurant.*

Youth Camp - 1987

by Jim Mertz, Chairman, Youth Camp Board

Once again the Lord truly blessed our four weeks of Youth Camp. The Youth Camp Board is deeply grateful for all the hard work dedicated to our children this summer. Only the Lord knows the countless sacrifices and the Lord will greatly reward all the time and effort that helped to make our camp successful.

When one considers all of the details of the program, personnel, and preparation that goes into having a Youth Camp, it is by the power and presence of the Lord that brings it all together to make it happen. It is also commendable and very inspiring that many of our camp workers come to camp as workers using a week of their hard-earned vacation time, and giving it to the Lord.

The greatest joy, without question, which is the highlight of camp comes at evening time. After the hot, rustic romp of a demanding day at camp chasing campers on the dusty, rocky road, we come to the evening worship service. The outdoor, revival type atmosphere, the spirited singing, the inspirational preaching of God's Word help to bring all the day's activities into perspective. When the invitation is given, how thrilling it is to see dozens of young people coming to those long altars to receive Christ as Savior or to pray about their spiritual needs. Our Teen Director this year, Rev. Earl Ames, said it best, "this is the payday!"

The following is "praise" report for 1987:

TOTAL REGISTRATION	1,329
SALVATION DECISIONS	84
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The needs of Youth Camp are tremendous to continue this much needed soul winning ministry. Your faithful monthly support is needed and appreciated. Also, pray for our Camp Caretakers, Dale and Marge McCurry, who work untiringly for the Lord. The Camp Board needs your prayers as we pray and plan for another great session in 1988.

Let's Work

Brother Mike Walker, secretary, Sunday School and CTS Board writes, It's that time again! We are already planning the 1988 Missouri State Competitive Activities. Why are we planning so early? Because we anticipate an unprecedented turn-out this year. Missouri is hosting the NYC, and we expect a great representation from within our state.

Last year, at the NYC, a total of twenty-five Missourians competed in the Music and Arts Festival. Ten of those brought home first-place honors and many others brought home number one ratings! We have something to be thankful for in Missouri. We have shown what we can do.

We are hoping for even more this year. The State Competition is scheduled for April 29 & 30, 1988 at the Farmington Free Will Baptist Church. Competition will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday evening, and will include

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Learner & Adventurer vocal and instrumental solos, and Oral Communication. Due to the expected size of this year's competition, we are limiting the entries in Music and Arts to one group and/or two individuals per category per church. For example, a church may enter only one choir, or only two Adventurer solos. This is not to discourage anyone from entering, but it is intended to encourage you to explore all of the many avenues of competitive activities open for competition.

It is possible that first-round Bible Bowl and Tic Tac Toe matches may be held on Friday evening. Future mailings from the S.S. & CTS Board will include more details about time, dates, directions to the church and motel information.

Let's go Missouri! Let's work!

Schedule of Rotation For Youth Camp Sessions

In answer to the desire across our state to promote more fellowship the Youth Camp Board submits the following schedule of rotation for the Youth Camp Sessions:

1988	
GROUP I	GROUP II
Greater Kansas City	Greater Springfield
Northwest Missouri	Bootheel District
Indian Creek District	South Central
Central Western	Northeast
Mission	St. Louis
Cave Springs	St. Francois
Liberty	Southeast
Niangua	Laclede

1989	
Greater Kansas City	Greater Springfield
Northwest Missouri	Bootheel District
South Central	Indian Creek
St. Francois	Cave Springs
Central Western	Northeast
Mission	St. Louis
Liberty	Southeast
Niangua	Laclede

1990	
Greater Kansas City	Greater Springfield
Northwest	Bootheel
South Central	Indian Creek
St. Francois	Cave Springs
St. Louis	Liberty
Southeast	Niangua
Mission	Northeast
Central Western	Laclede

1991	
Greater Kansas City	Greater Springfield
Northwest	Bootheel
South Central	Indian Creek
Northeast	Central Western
St. Louis	Mission
St. Francois	Cave Springs
Southeast	Liberty
Laclede	Niangua

Editor's Note: This is an effort by the Missouri Free Will Baptist Youth Camp Board to respond to requests that Group I and Group II accommodate changes that will eventually allow the young people to fellowship with all young people in the Missouri State Association. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES!

Youth Camp Dates, 1988:

Teens Group I, June 12-17; Group II, June 19-24

PreTeens Group I, July 31-August 5; Group II, August 7-12
IT MAY BE WELL TO PLACE THIS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

Allocations For District Associations To Raise \$6,000.00 To Host National Association in 1988

Bootheel	\$175.00
Cave Springs	\$760.00
Central Western	\$300.00
Greater K.C.	\$450.00
Greater Springfield	\$400.00
Indian Creek	\$400.00
Laclede	\$150.00
Liberty	\$450.00
Mission	\$800.00
Niangua	\$190.00
North East	\$230.00
North West	\$ 80.00
South Central	\$190.00
South East	\$350.00
St. Francois	\$700.00
St. Louis	\$650.00
Total	\$6,275.00

REMINDER — To all District Associations:

As the Quarterly Meeting needs help from the local churches in hosting the Quarterly Meetings and/or District Associations, even so the National Association Convention needs help in supporting this annual meeting. If you haven't begun to raise this allocation for your Association, it would be well to do so now. This needs to be mailed to the State Office by May 1988! It is a privilege to have the National Convention meet in Missouri, but it is also a responsibility.

We Are The Host!

In July 1988, Free Will Baptists from across the nation will gather in Kansas City, Missouri for the 52nd Convention of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and WE ARE THE HOST! Being host to the National Association of Free Will Baptists involves much work before and during the meeting. While everyone may not serve on one of the committees, there is something of great importance that everyone can do. We can PRAY!

In the April, 1977 issue of the Contact Magazine, Miss Laura Belle Barnard wrote an article entitled "Prayer That Transforms the Christian and Touches the World." The subheadings of the article give some very good reasons why we should pray, and these reasons apply to praying for the 1988 meeting. Miss Barnard's article states that prayer bans isolation, penetrates politics, and reveals concern. Let's pray.

Listed below are some things to put on your prayer list.

1. Pray for the staff of the National Executive Office as they work with the Missouri steering committee to prepare for the meeting.
2. Pray for the steering committee as they enlist workers.
3. Pray for the Rev. Ralph Hampton, new Moderator of the National Convention.
4. Pray for all the Convention: National Woman's Auxiliary, National Youth Conference, and the National Association.
5. Pray for the program and the speakers.
6. Pray for success in the final arrangements of facilities.

Nathan Ruble, Moderator, Mo. State Association
Prayer Chairman

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones



Do you need a new idea for outreach in your community? This is something that we tried at the Rock Chapel Church, and it seemed to be very successful.

The church got together a "Traveling Live Nativity Scene". There were adults and children, in full Biblical costume depicting the first Christmas night. We traveled by car to several homes and set up the Nativity Scene on each lawn. The group sang Christmas songs while the family, inside the house, was presented a gift of homemade goodies and a card, complete with scripture and an invitation to attend the annual Christmas Program at the church. The families we visited were unchurched or unsaved people. Following the Nativity Scene presentation the group returned to the church for hot drinks, snacks and a time of fellowship.

Twenty-one people from the church participated in the effort. And, we contacted nine families in about two hours.

It is too soon, at the time I am writing this article, to know how effective the effort has been. But I can say the folks of the church had a great time. Several families that were contacted expressed appreciation, and one family was represented in the church services the following Sunday morning.

This witnessing idea may prove effective in your community.

Missouri Ahead In Goal For Foreign Missions

The Foreign Missions reports Missouri giving through September, 1987, stands at \$162,100.42 which represents 77.2 percent of the projected goal for the state.

Fred Warner, director of church ministries for Foreign Missions states, "We praise the Lord for what Free Will Baptists in Missouri are doing. We appreciate the spirit of cooperation which has been shown by those of the state over the years. The work done on the foreign field can only be done as faithful supporters stand behind our missionaries in prayer and giving".

Lonnie Palmer Charges Unsubstantiated

Nashville, Tenn. . . . "After reviewing the available material, statements, and interviews with the accused missionaries, Clint Morgan and Lynn Miley, and former missionaries Dr. Laverne Miley and Rev. Bill Jones, and the accuser, independent missionary Lonnie Palmer, the committee has found the charges against former and present missionaries to be unsubstantiated," stated Dr. Melvin Worthington, chairman of the special study committee.

The special committee, formed through action of the National Foreign Missions Board, at the request of Rev. Bob King of Cramerton, North Carolina and Rev. Dann Patrick of Goldsboro, North Carolina, was commissioned to investigate charges against several current and former Ivory Coast missionaries by former missionary Lonnie Palmer, who is presently serving independently in the Ivory Coast.

In a meeting conducted October 5-7, 1987, the special committee unanimously concluded in their preliminary report that charges lodged against missionary Clint Morgan were unsubstantiated.

The committee is scheduled to meet with the Foreign Missions Board in its December 2-4, 1987 session to detail findings and discuss plan for the completion of its task. The five man group had already concluded in a July meeting that charges against Lynn Miley, Dr. Laverne Miley and Bill Jones were not justified.

Based on all evidence examined, the committee agreed that Scriptural principles in Matthew 18:15-17, Galatians 6:1-3, Deuteronomy 19:15, I Timothy 5:19 and I Corinthians 13:1 had not been followed in seeking to resolve this problem.

Members of the special committee include, Dr. Melvin Worthington, executive secretary of the National Association, Dean Dobbs of North Carolina, Earl Hendrix of South Carolina, Clarence Burton of Missouri and Jack Richey of Oklahoma. The members named were verbally acceptable to Bob King and Dann Patrick of North Carolina, who requested the investigation in May 1987.



Greetings From Our Missionaries

It is always a joy to receive Christmas Greetings from our Missionaries. These have sent greetings before the **Gem** went to press.

Charolette Tallent, missionary to France, presently at Columbia, S.C.

Steve and Linda Reeves, missionaries to Spain.

Donnie and Ruth McDonald, missionaries to Japan.

Jerry and Carol Pinkerton, missionaries to Ivory Coast.

Steve and Judy Lytle, missionaries to Panama.

Jim and Rose Mertz, missionaries to Wentzville, Mo.

Jim and Grace Williams, missionaries to Carthage, Mo.

Howard and Patsy Gwartney, missionaries to Mesa, Ariz.

Bob and Rosa Lee Thomas, missionaries to Fort Collins, Colo.

Bobby and Geneva Poole, missionaries to Brazil.

Nancy Hughes, missionary to Brazil.

Larry and Priscilla Inscoe, missionaries to Panama.

Norman and Bessie Richards, missionaries to Ivory Coast.

Ron and Linda Callaway, missionaries to Spain.

Dennis and Trena Owen, missionaries to Spain.

Robert and Pam West, missionaries to Ivory Coast.

Jim and Shirley Combs, missionaries to Brazil.

Fred & Barb Jones, missionaries to Mexico.

From the Missouri State Office - May the Lord grant to these and to our other missionaries a very wonderful and blessed 1988!



Churches, People & Events

ST. FRANCOIS ASSOCIATION HOSTS MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

An Annual Missionary Conference was hosted by the St. Francois District Association, writes Arthur Jenkerson, clerk-treasurer. Seven speakers spoke during the conference from September 20 through 27. Representing the Foreign Missions were the Ken Baileys, the Jerry Pinkertons and the Ron Moores. Representing the Home Missions were Jim Mertz, Jim Williams, Vergel Maness and Alvis Paul.

The host association provided housing and meals for the missionaries. Each evening meal was provided by a different church. This offered a nice opportunity for fellowship for the missionaries and the pastors and others.

Favorable comments from the missionaries were, "Best organized conference we have ever been in", "What a blessing to have our housing and meals provided". The churches felt that the conference was more like a Mission Revival.

The St. Francois District Association is composed of fourteen churches. It raised a record offering of \$16,987.95 with several Faith Promises. Fund raising projects are already being planned as a Missionary Conference is being planned for next year.

The Association was made aware during the conference that Susan Turnbough, missionary to Spain, had immediate medical needs and money was needed for airfare back to the U.S. The churches raised a total of \$1,452.00 for that purpose and it was sent to the Turnboughs account.

MISSIONARY SERVICE AT NEW HARMONY

The New Harmony Free Will Baptist Church, near Greentop, Missouri, had a most blessed service on Sunday, November 22, 1987. At the Morning Worship, Jerry and Carol Pinkerton, missionaries to the Ivory Coast, Africa shared their lives and work with us, writes Mrs. Archie Cooper, the pastor's wife. The Pinkertons are former residents of that area.



Rev. Archie Cooper, Carol & Jerry Pinkerton

There were thirty-five present for the Morning Service. Rev. Archie Cooper, the pastor, had offered a challenge for the church to raise \$1,000.00 for the Pinkertons. The offering of \$1,209.00 surpassed the goal.

A bountiful carry-in meal was served at the noon hour to give time for reacquaintance and fellowship. Jerry and Carol departed from the church with the prayers and best wishes of its people.

HARVEST SUNDAY AT MONETT

The First Free Will Baptist Church at Monett, Missouri held a special Harvest Sunday on October 25, 1987. The goal was 200. The Lord blessed with an attendance of 254! And, one person was saved and one person rededicated his life to Christ at the special service!

The church and friends enjoyed a delicious dinner in the Fellowship Area. During the meal the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Gary Elder, were surprised with a love gift of \$421.00 from the church for their 15th wedding anniversary.

Editor's Note: Congratulations on your anniversary.



PASTOR LOWE RIDES DONKEY FOR CRISIS CENTER

A Donkey Basketball Game was held in Licking, Missouri for the purpose of raising money for the new Crisis Center in Houston, Missouri. Rev. Russell Lowe, pastor of the New Life Free Will Baptist Church in Licking, Missouri was one of the participants. He states, once on the donkey, "The easy part is getting the ball. The hard part is getting the donkey to the goal."

The benefit was productive in that it raised \$1,200.00.

SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN AT FIRST CHURCH, WEST PLAINS

"It's Harvest Time" was the theme for the October Growth Program at the First Free Will Baptist Church in West Plains, Missouri. During this endeavor more than one hundred visitors attended the Sunday School. As a result of this several of the families that came to visit are not attending regularly. Two of the deacons, Dale Smith and Dan Cline, brought the most visitors. Dale brought twenty-one and Dan brought thirteen. On the last Sunday morning of the Growth Program the attendance in Sunday School was 170 and the Morning Worship attendance was 183. The average Sunday School attendance for October was 152.

Our hearts were made to rejoice one Sunday morning when a visiting husband and wife came to the altar and were saved. In the Evening Service a senior citizen came forward and in her words, "Made everything right with the Lord." The church is so thankful for the blessings of the Lord in the salvation these three experienced and enjoyed.

Mrs. Ella James, church reporter continues, We have so much for which to be thankful in that we have twenty-two young married couples with their children in regular attendance and we have two classes of Teens that are dedicated to the work of the Lord. God has given the church a wonderful pastor, Brother Ronnie Blanks and his family. Also, very important to us is a fine group of senior citizens who have paved the way before us and are so faithful in their attendance week after week. They pray daily for the ones that will be left with the responsibility of carrying on the work of the Lord.

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." (Prov. 11:30) Jesus only asks for our best, however great or small our best may be. Pray for us that we will give Him our best. When that is done we believe that He will bless and souls will continue to be saved.

MEN DON APRONS AT BELTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Brother Henry Jacks, treasurer, Belton Church, writes, Following the Evening Service, November 29, 1987, the Men's Group held an auction. The sale items were baked goods that the men had prepared and had worked at the preparation very laboriously. The money received from the sale was to be given to the Mission Church at Hannibal, Missouri.

It was very exciting as the women tried to outbid each other in order that they might purchase their husband's pastry.

A total of \$285.00 was raised, with the highest amount being paid for cinnamon rolls baked by teenager Jeff Cotter. Prizes were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. The pastor, Rev. Mike Turner, was awarded last place for a Strawberry Pie, which sold for \$12.00.

Brother Jacks states, "Maybe some other churches would like to try this same idea."

PARSONAGE RENOVATION AT COPPER MINES

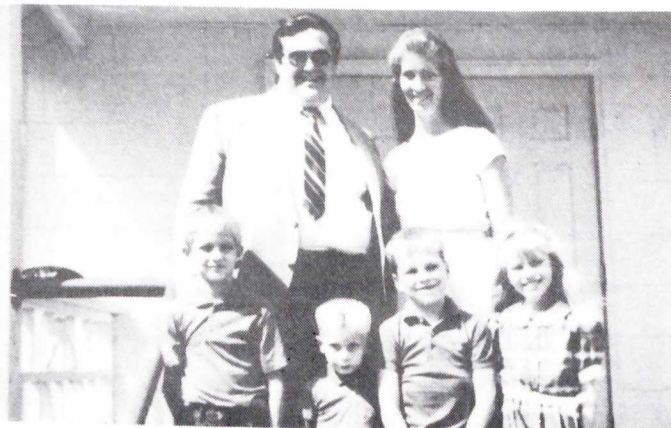
Mrs. Clarice Rehkop, church reporter writes, The Rev. Charles M. Lotz has accepted the pastorate of the Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church. He assumed his duties on August 16, 1987, which was also Homecoming Day at the church. The church had been without a pastor since March 29, due to the resignation of the Rev. Raymond Michael. The church has three ministers within its membership. They are the Rev. Willard Darnell, Rev. Lue Bequette, and Rev. Melvin Howell.

The parsonage has been completely renovated during this past summer. It now has a living room, family room, kitchen with dining area, four bedrooms, laundry room and two bathrooms.

The Rev. Lotz and his wife Shirley have five children. They are Terry, Amy, Brad, Joe and Nathan. Amy, Brad and Joe are enrolled in Fredericktown R-1 Elementary.

The Rev. Lotz was previously Assistant Pastor at Farmington Free Will Baptist Church, working in the Bus Ministry. Before that, he was the pastor of Jones Creek Free Will Baptist Church at Dittmer, Mo.

Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church is looking forward to many blessings from the Lord under the leadership of the Rev. Lotz.



Rev. Lotz and Shirley
Joe, Nathan, Brad, Amy

GREATER SPRINGFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING OFFERS CHALLENGE

A gift of \$500.00 was given by the Greater Springfield Quarterly Meeting to the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. The money was designated for the purpose of repairing the tabernacle roof. The Association offers a challenge to other Quarterly Meetings to respond with a gift to Youth Camp for this project.

FIRST CHURCH, LEBANON, WINS FLOAT AWARD

The First Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon, Missouri won three awards in the annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 21, 1987. The three awards were first place in Religious Category, the Mayors Award and the Joe Knight Award (Best All-Around Float).

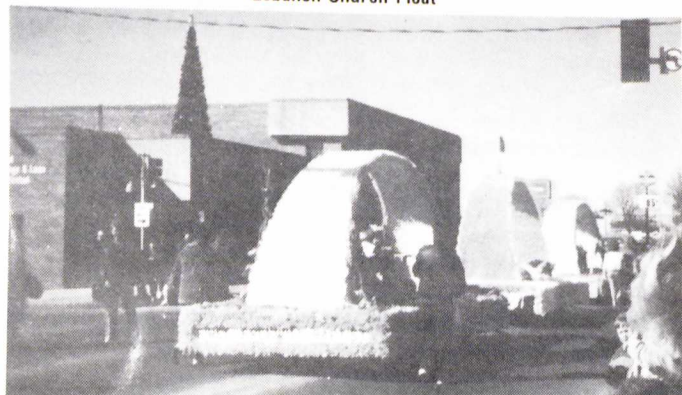
Bud and Sherry Perkins, who planned and worked hard in preparing the Float, designed it to harmonize with the theme "Holidays on Parade". The long three-sectional float depicted the Nativity Scene, the Cross of Calvary and Thanksgiving. The three sections were captioned with God Gave His Son, He Gave His Life and We Give Thanks. Pre-teens and teenagers were float personalities, which gave the float a 'living look'.

The message of the Christmas Float said that which the Perkins and several from the church, that worked with them, wanted it to. The aim of it was to exalt Christ and it did. He is Christ-mas Calvary and Easter and worthy of our Thanksgiving.

The church was asked to put the float in "Lebanon on Parade" a function sponsored by the merchants of Lebanon between Thanksgiving and Christmas. It did, and again the message of Christ was presented.



Lebanon Church Float



HOMECOMING AT OAK HILL, ST. CLAIR

On Sunday, November 22, 1987 the Oak Hill Free Will Baptist Church at St. Clair, Missouri observed its anniversary and held a Homecoming Service.

Reverend Jay Tilson, pastor, gave a warm welcome to the members and friends of the church. In recognizing visitors he mentioned that there were many friends of the church, who, even though not members, had been a blessing and strength to the Oak Hill Church.

Reverend Clarence Burton, executive secretary, delivered the Homecoming and Thanksgiving message. He commended the church for a noticeable growth and the sweet Christian fellowship that was so evident. The subject for the Morning Message was "Forget Not All His Benefits".

Special music, that blessed the hearts of everyone, was provided by the church and friends of the church in the Morning and Afternoon-Services. A delicious dinner was provided by the ladies and a wonderful time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

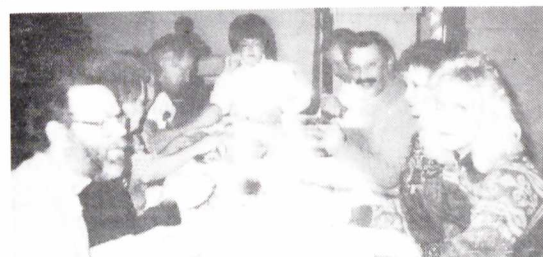
At the Afternoon Service there was Testimony Time. The testimonies reflected love for the past labor of the church and the present work. It was obvious that the pastor and his wife, Jay and Ve Ann are loved by the church. And it was equally evident that they love the church. That is a wonderful combination.



Special Singers



Junior Choir



Enjoying Dinner



Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

LOOKING OUT THE WINDOW today, there are signs of winter everywhere. The fluffy snow makes even the dullest landscapes beautiful, and the warm fireside is the favorite place to be. This is also the time of year people are looking ahead toward the New Year. January is full of new resolutions. Most plan to lose weight, save money, exercise more, or just plain slow down.

All of the above make for a healthier person and can help to make life a little more pleasant. As Christians, we should also analyze what we can do to make our spiritual life healthier and happier. Careful consideration should be given to the areas that could use a new commitment. Prayer, Bible study, visitation, and church attendance are some areas that are vital to a healthy spiritual life.

Another thing worth considering is the new "KITCHEN MINISTRY" that was introduced in this column in the September/October 1987 issue of the "GEM". This ministry offers missionary support, establishes an outreach for lost souls through a kitchen visitation, and sets up a prayer circle for urgent prayer requests.

Women from across Missouri write concerning special needs, praise items, etc. This month a request was received from our new mission work at Hannibal, Mo. Missionary pastor's wife, Barbara Cochran writes, "We are in need of important church supplies, such as a piano, altar, etc. More than supplies though, we need new contacts." Can you help? If so, contact them at (314) 221-0530. Of course, we all can help through regular and earnest prayer.

Let's make the most of our January resolutions. This year make some commitments that will count. Pray that God will show you the areas in your life that need stronger commitment, and if you would like to join the new ministry, please let me hear from you. Send your correspondence to the address listed below.

Ve Ann Tilson, c/o Kitchen Ministry
Rt. 1, Box 80, Lonedell, Mo. 63060

Nate Ange Enters Evangelism

Following the evident leadership of the Lord, Nate Ange has announced his entrance into the field of Evangelism and Church Planting. Since April of 1987, God has abundantly blessed 22 revival campaigns resulting in over 340 first-time salvation decisions and hundreds of rededications.

From 1974-77, while continuing and graduating from FWB Bible College, Ange held many revival meetings over a wide area of several states. In July of '77, he married the former Rebecca Floyd. They have two children, Kristina and Sarah.

Ange is scheduling revivals, crusades, youth camps, etc. for years 1988-90. If interested, you may contact him at: P.O. Box 730, Knightdale, N.C. 27545. (919) 266-9344.



Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

As I have said in recent articles, nearly one-third of a Free Will Baptist minister's ministerial life is spent in start-up ministry. This shouldn't be true, but it is. Why? Because we tend to move so often. I recently conducted a "Church Growth Seminar" in a small church. The deacons and leaders of the church got excited and started planning their growth program. Their pastor was planning to retire in one year. They said, "You'll need to plan on staying at least five years if we're going to get this program off the ground." He was elated. He thought they wanted him to retire. He's a new man.

The beginning of ministry in a new church is a three step process:

Step 1: Understanding and using the forces of the interim period.

When one pastor resigns and another replaces him there are tremendous emotional results such as grief, loss, anger, guilt that is experienced by certain members and leaders of the church (sometimes rightly so). These must be recognized and resolved.

During the interim period there is a vacuum of leadership. The lay leadership may shift as old leaders fade out of the picture and new leaders emerge. During this period of time the church's relationship and involvement to denominational ministries is re-examined.

The purpose and ministry of the church is considered and change in ministry may be considered. (For example—some may want to close out the bus ministry, or stop supporting the cooperative fund.)

Step 2: The new pastor needs to know what to expect in a new ministry setting.

In the first days of a new ministry the parishioners are more concerned about his physical needs than they will be during any other time of his ministry in the church. Their concern is toward the physical rather than the spiritual. The denominational leaders, however, expect him to get quick results.

The new pastor needs to learn about the glory days, the past heroes, family ties, the things that preceded the former pastor's leaving (was it good or stormy). He needs to realize that people form "first impressions" so putting his best foot forward is important. He should watch for surprises during the early days. Traps may be set. Invest in priority ministries and don't make any quick or dramatic changes.

Study the examples of successful ministers, Bible characters, and your peers. Pastor, expect to be tested. Be prepared. Don't allow those who tend to agree with you take over or overly influence you. Remember, the honeymoon will end. Don't be depressed when it does. One final note, the first conflict in a new pastorate will help set the rules for future conflicts.

Step 3: Develop a workable strategy for getting established in the new ministry.

The start-up period is vital. How one ends up his ministry in a place is determined to a certain degree by how one began the ministry.



1988 Family Seminar

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Seminar Schedule

Friday, March 18

- 1:00 - 2:00 Family Finances
- 2:00 - 2:30 Break
- 2:30 - 5:00 Keys to Better Communication with Children
 - Building Strong Self Esteem
 - Principles of Discipline
 - False Values Imposed on our Children
- 5:00 Close for fellowship
- 6:30 - 7:30 Supper
- 7:30 - 8:15 Understanding Differing Perspectives (Husband & Wife)
- 8:15 - 9:30 Husband & Wife Relationships (Women Only)
- 9:30 Snack per Stonecroft's schedule

Saturday, March 19

- 8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 - 10:15 Husband & Wife Relationships (Men Only)
- 10:15 - 10:45 Break
- 10:45 - 12:00 Suggestions for Family Togetherness
- 12:00 Question & Answer Time
- Lunch

Cost: The total cost is only \$50.00 per couple, which includes three meals and one night's lodging. Couples may share a room if desired. The cost would be \$40.00 per couple.

Dress: Casual

Directions: Approximately 45 miles south of Springfield, Missouri, south on Highway 65 beyond Branson. Four miles south of traffic light, turn right on 265, stay left one mile to Center.

For additional information you may contact one of the **Missouri Christian Education Board Members:** Steve Hale, Chairman, 816-263-0608; Roger Hogan, Treasurer, 314-334-1115/314-334-8461; Jay Tilson, Secretary, 314-629-0213; Jerry Norris, 314-225-4684/314-296-3008; Dennis Bowman, 816-836-1005/816-257-5470.

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H. & M. S.

"It was great! The sessions were informative, challenging & helpful. The fellowship was almost like being in Heaven."

C. & V. B.

"We enjoyed it so much. Learned so much about each other. Can't wait to attend the one next year."

G. & D. C.

"It was Super! Couples in every age group were given very practical help to make their marriages & families stronger for the Lord. It was very beneficial for everyone there."

C. G.

Registration Spring '88 Family Seminar

(Husband & Wife Sessions)

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Church _____

Please enclose \$10⁰⁰ pre-registration fee. Balance to be paid upon arrival.

Please return to Rev. Roger Hogan, 1427 N. Clark Ave., Cape Girardeu, Mo. 63701.
If unable to meet deadline of March 7th, please send as quickly as you are able to assure adequate space and food provision.

Bible College Welcome Days Draws 193

Nashville, Tenn.—Free Will Baptist Bible College's fall Welcome Days, November 5-7, drew 193 prospective students and group sponsors from 14 states, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, coordinator of the event. This is 18 more than attended last year, he noted.

Leading states were North Carolina (43), Kentucky (23) and West Virginia (22). Attendance, by states, was:

Alabama	9
Arkansas	21
Georgia	8
Illinois	2
Indiana	5
Kentucky	23
Michigan	12
Missouri	11
N. Carolina	43
Ohio	9
Oklahoma	6
S. Carolina	10
Tennessee	12
W. Virginia	22

The largest group from a church was 16 from the Vista View Free Will Baptist Church, Van Buren, Ark., pastored by Rev. Larry Russell.

The fall Welcome Days is usually the smaller of the two annual Bible College events, with most prospective students choosing to visit during the spring. The spring Welcome Days is scheduled for March 31-April 2, 1988. Contact the college now, if you or a group from your church is interested.

Welcome Days
Free Will Baptist Bible College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tenn. 37205

Bible College Team Wins Ohio Basketball Tournament

Nashville, Tenn.—The Flames, Free Will Baptist Bible College's basketball team, took first place in a tournament held Nov. 13-14 in Circleville, Ohio.

Michael Pointer, a junior, from Springfield, Mo., received the Christian Witness Award, the highest individual honor of the tournament. It was awarded for outstanding athletic ability, combined with Christian conduct and sportsmanship.

Two FWBBC players were selected for the All Tournament Team. They were Michael Waddell, a sophomore, from Nashville; and Kevin Wisdom, a freshman, also from Nashville.

Coach Byron Deel says, "The trip was a good experience for our students. Meeting students from other Bible colleges and participating in good Christian competition were the highlights."

The Flames defeated the William Tyndall Bible College, Detroit, Mich. on Friday night, 111-51. They played the host college, Circleville Bible College, on Saturday and won the championship, 78-77.

Southeastern FWBC In New Facilities

On October 5, Southeastern Free Will Baptist College began its 1987 fall semester in new facilities located in Wendell, N.C. The college began its first year's operations in North Carolina after having moved from Virginia Beach, Va., where it had been located for four previous years.

The college campus is situated on a 30 acre site cut out of a 60.68 acre tract bought by Southeastern in May of this year. Five buildings are now completed which include three dorms, academic building and cafeteria/music building. Paving of the parking lot has recently been completed with the final landscaping underway.

A \$1,890,000 First Mortgage Bond Issue was developed to pay for the development costs of the facilities and bonds are obtainable either through the administrator's office on campus, or through the Underwriter, AMI Securities of Amarillo, Tex. \$1.2 million of the bonds have already been purchased.

Enrollment for Southeastern's fall semester was 125. There are 83 dorm students with 42 off-campus students.



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Bible College Drama Team Coming To Missouri

Nashville Tenn.—The 25-member Evangels Drama Team from Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee will visit Missouri when they take their 1988 national tour, March 10-18.

They will make their second stop on the three-state tour at First Free Will Baptist Church, Mountain Grove. The service will begin at 7:30 p.m., according to Pastor Gary Fry.

The program will feature the play "World Without End," by Albert Johnson. This powerful drama focuses on the last days of Christ, as He prepares His disciples for His death. It sweeps the audience through the hours of agony just before and after the Crucifixion. Then it lifts them to glory with Christ's resurrection, a glory that sustains the believers, even in the face of martyrdom. This program will present the gospel in such a way as to bless the saint and challenge the unsaved.

The Evangel Players will be directed by Rev. Joseph Jones, who has taught in the Bible College's English/Speech Department for 20 years.

Plan to attend this service. Bring a friend.

Bob Shockey Appointed Director of Bible College Campaign

Nashville, Tenn.—Rev. Bob Shockey, Free Will Baptist Bible College's Campus Pastor and Christian Service Director, has been appointed Student Support Director of the college and will direct the \$3-million *Pass The Torch* campaign, according to President Charles A. Thigpen. The appointment was made by the college board of trustees, which met on campus December 2.

In other actions, the board added Rev. Jonathan Thigpen to the faculty to teach full time beginning next semester and approved Rev. James Earl Raper to do part-time promotion for the college.

Rev. Thigpen, who taught in the area of Christian education for the college, left to join Randall House Publications, while continuing to teach part time. In addition to returning to the college as a teacher, he will assume Rev. Shockey's duties as Director of the Christian Service Department for the remainder of the year.

Rev. Raper, a member of the board from Greeneville, Tennessee, raised a \$1-million endowment fund for the Tennessee Free Will Baptist Home For Children when he served as its director. He is currently president of the FWBBC Alumni Association. As such, much of his promotional energy will be directed toward alumni, Dr. Thigpen said. Since his duties are part time, he will remain on the college board.

California Christian College Alumni

The rebirth of California Christian College has also signaled the re-activation of the C.C.C. Alumni Association. Dr. Larry Condit is the new president of the Alumni, and Ms. Mae Wood is the secretary. They are in the process of compiling an updated directory of the alumni, in order to keep them abreast of news and happenings at the campus. You can help. If you are a C.C.C. alumnus, please write Mae so that you can be added to our mailing. Be looking for many good things to come!

Please send your name, address, & phone number to: C.C.C., 4881 E. University Ave., Fresno, Calif. 93703, Attn: Mae Wood, Alumni Association.

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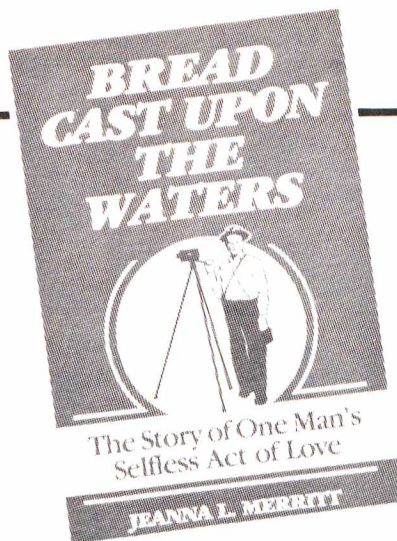
Rev. H. D. Harrison, Writers' Contest Director
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Hymm Book Sunday, March 27

Sunday, March 27, 1988 has been declared Hymn Book Sunday! On that Sunday, the new Free Will Baptist Hymnal, *Rejoice*, will be dedicated to the Lord.

Rejoice, is a dynamic expression of our faith and an extraordinary tool for our service to the Lord, states Vernon Whaley, chairman of the committee.

It is hoped that, for the first time in twenty years, since the introduction of the Free Will Baptist Hymn Book in 1964, that all Free Will Baptists will share a hymn book which contains the great hymns and gospel songs that have formed the historic basis for our singing tradition, as well as that large treasure of wonderful songs that have come to enrich our spiritual lives in the last two decades.



BREAD CAST UPON THE WATERS throbs with the missionary burden carried by Rev. Ken Turner, an early promoter of foreign missions in Free Will Baptist ranks. Mrs. Jeanna Merritt has succeeded in capturing his pioneering spirit and sacrificial ministry.

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Enlargement Thrust Named For Spring Campaign

Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools are engaged in a drive to reach prospects, increase enrollment, and win converts to Christ. This is the challenge of the 1988 Spring Enlargement Campaign entitled, "**Soldiers of the Cross.**" Its basis is 2 Timothy 2:3. The plan is to enlist those already in the church who are (1) Committed to the Task (2) Conformed to the Image of Christ and, (3) Compassionate in their Approach. These in turn will pray, plan, and work.

This enlargement campaign was written and designed by the Reverend Fred Hall who has had wide experience in writing and implementing such successful campaigns.

The usual breakdown of divisions is determined by average attendance in the fall quarter of 1987.

The Spring campaign will begin on Sunday, March 6 and continue through Sunday, March 27, 1988. Sunday Schools which experience the greatest percentage of gain over the thirteen weeks average attendance for September, October, and November, 1987 will be awarded appropriate trophies denoting first and second place in their respective division.

THE PRESENT SIZE OF YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL DOES NOT PREVENT YOU FROM BEING ELIGIBLE TO WIN IN YOUR DIVISION. Eligibility for winning requires that your entry blank and order be received no later than March 4, 1988.

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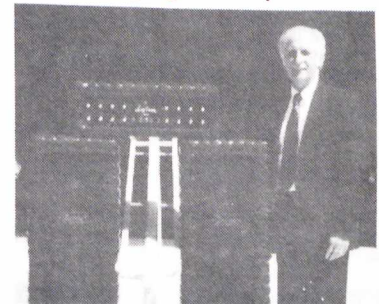


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COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS OCTOBER 1987

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 4,327.43
17.00% Executive Office & Gem	3,976.56
3.50% General Fund	818.71
10.50% Youth Camp	2,456.11
1.75% SS & CTS Board	409.35
1.75% CE Board	409.35
2.50% Retirement Village	584.77
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	1,169.58
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & California Christian College	\$7,134.41
24.00% Foreign Msn.	\$ 1,712.26
19.00% Nat'l. Home Msn.	1,355.54
18.75% FWBCC	1,337.70
18.75% Hillsdale College	1,337.70
14.00% Executive Dept.	998.83
2.50% Layman's Board	178.36
50% Radio & TV Com.	35.67
50% Historical Com.	35.67
50% Theological Com.	35.67
50% Board of Ret. & Ins.	35.67
1.00% Calif. Christian College	71.34
9.00% State Office Building	2,105.24
Total	\$23,391.51

With a heart full of love and adoration to the Lord we thank Him for His continued blessings. Faithful and consistent pastors and churches continue to support the unified plan of giving, the Cooperative Plan. This plan gives each church and individual an opportunity to share in a world-wide ministry for the Lord Jesus Christ.

OCTOBER 1987 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

New Life Fellowship	\$ 410.00
Old Bethel	161.37
Merl's Chapel	71.00
Trinity	523.78
Monett	624.66
Number One	40.96
Cope	29.70
Hannibal	47.00
Union	60.00
United, Lemay	50.00
Bailey Chapel	47.00
Macedonia	25.00
Thayer	433.00
Lone Star	27.40
Pleasant Ridge	69.00
Columbia	50.00
Alton	225.00
Hannon	229.92
Joplin	35.76
Fredericktown	337.00
Martinstown	22.00
Mill Creek	201.51
Eastern Gate	200.00
Houston	272.70
Terrill Road	78.00
Olivet	400.00
Fourth	156.00
Parkview	336.00
Victory, Alton	159.00
Richwoods	410.00
Springfield, First	543.79
Jones Chapel	190.59
Mine La Motte	29.40
Carthage	80.00
Pleasant Home	264.03
Freeman Chapel	302.03
Cuba	238.27
Neosho	144.97
Joplin	324.50
Faith & Hope	111.04
Hurryville	184.00
Riverview, IA	245.81
Liberty	650.00
Farmington	1,000.00
Seymour	145.00
Rock Chapel	366.50
Belton	249.05
New Harmony	11.82
United, W.P.	318.60
Victory Hill	60.00
Flat River, First	572.01

Leadington	350.00
Fordland	344.59
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	226.49
Union Grove	116.50
Oak Hill, Union	130.00
Royal Oak	91.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	59.90
Wilderness	345.00
Lebanon, First	373.02
Marshfield	190.22
Calvary Fellowship	574.17
Mt. Pisgah	209.00
DeSoto	725.00
Verdella	176.68
Cabool	240.30
Copper Mines	213.08
Wolf Creek	255.94
Hopewell	140.00
Viburnum	195.29
Friendship	445.00
Pleasant Hill	49.50
New Rock Springs	112.70
Grant Avenue	525.30
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Grace	808.30
New Harmony	11.64
Hartville	231.71
Joplin	315.28
Myrtle	125.91
Salem	30.00
Purdy	487.35
Number One	47.30
St. Francois District	21.00
Terrill Road	114.00
Hannon	235.78
Gospel Light	165.00
United, Lemay	50.00
Fourth	150.00
Lingo	40.88
Houston	264.70
Hannibal	25.70
Mountain Grove	839.59
Bethel, Festus	354.00
Unity	187.32
South Fremont	284.00
Cape Girardeau	420.20
Total	\$23,391.51

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 25.00
Hannon	100.00
Farmington	135.00
Calvary Fellowship	41.66
Grant Avenue	8.00
Total	\$309.66

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Merl's Chapel	\$ 100.00
Trinity	50.00
Monett	969.85
Thayer	40.90
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Columbia	31.41
Hannon	515.70
Joplin	35.00
Parkview	40.00
Martinstown	120.00
South Side	115.00
Houston	43.50
Terrill Road	20.00
Olivet	50.00
Fourth	185.00
Kirksville	5.00
Niangua	25.00
Carthage	20.00
Pleasant Home	133.81
Freeman Chapel	273.38
Neosho	265.00
New Testament	120.00
Faith & Hope	93.00
Grant Avenue	723.52
Farmington	270.00
Belton	25.00
United, W.P.	137.15
Flat River, First	193.26
Leadington	230.00
Fordland	90.00
Lebanon, First	60.00
Marshfield	4.00
Carl Layman	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	170.00
DeSoto	350.00
Verdella	307.79
West Plains, First	25.00
Viburnum	90.00
John & Lorene Schebaum	30.00
South Fremont	175.00

Belton	60.00
Grant Avenue	140.00
Olivet	426.00
Grace	18.05
New Harmony	117.38
Joplin	40.00
Myrtle	95.00
Terrill Road	20.00
Clifford Hoover	60.00
Brent Thompson	25.00
Kirksville	20.00
Houston	10.00
Mountain Grove	212.59
Union	25.00
Bethel	60.00
Calvary Fellowship	634.02
Rock Chapel	46.00
Total	\$8,181.31

MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

Trinity	\$ 45.00
Monett	84.23
Thayer	22.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Columbia	8.25
Joplin	25.00
South Side	5.00
Fourth	20.00
Faith & Hope	25.00
Unity	10.00
Farmington	80.00
Belton	25.00
New Harmony	117.36
United, W.P.	27.15
Flat River, First	99.13
Fordland	150.00
Kansas City W.A. District	120.00
Jones Chapel	35.00
George & Bettie Kirk	25.00
Leadington	110.00
Marshfield	19.02
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
J.W. Rader	25.00
DeSoto	50.00
South Fremont	5.00
Grant Avenue	45.00
Grace	45.00
Myrtle	68.00
Hannon	232.85
St. Francois District	5.00
Mountain Grove	9.50
Bethel, Festus	46.00
Total	\$2,655.82

YOUTH CAMP

Union	\$ 30.00
Trinity	15.00
Thayer	30.00
Hannon	30.00
Olivet	25.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Fordland	20.00
Leadington	20.00
Lebanon, First	24.00
Calvary Fellowship	62.50
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
DeSoto	50.00
Verdella	10.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Springfield District Association	500.00
St. Louis District	59.50
Hartville	10.00
Myrtle	23.00
Bethel, Festus	25.00
Mountain Grove	10.00
Total	\$1,064.00

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Merl's Chapel	\$ 49.00
Trinity	50.00
Monett	65.00
Thayer	134.00
Columbia	31.41
Hannon	15.00
Joplin	22.00
Parkview	20.00
South East District	50.00
Houston	10.00
Terrill Road	20.00
Carthage	10.00
New Testament	60.00
Faith & Hope	73.00
Neosho	40.00
Liberty	650.00

Unity	5.00
Farmington	223.82
Rock Chapel	257.11
United, W.P.	30.00
Flat River, First	333.24
Leadington	150.00
Fordland	160.00
Jones Chapel	22.00
George & Bettie Kirk	60.00
Lebanon, First	5.00
Marshfield	50.00
Calvary Fellowship	38.33
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
DeSoto	200.00
Verdella	25.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Fred Clayton	10.00
Viburnum	38.00
South Fremont	27.00
Grant Avenue	6.00
Grace	140.00
Joplin	30.00
Myrtle	107.00
Clifford Hoover	10.00
Kirksville	35.00
Houston	53.00
Mountain Grove	95.00
Bethel, Festus	65.00
Total	\$3,584.91

FWBBC	
Thayer	\$ 25.00
Parkview	10.00
Fourth	10.00
Farmington	120.00
Leadington	20.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
DeSoto	35.00
Total	\$303.33

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS NOVEMBER 1987

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 3,300.62
17.00% Executive Office & Gem	3,033.00
3.50% General Fund	624.44
10.50% Youth Camp	1,873.32
1.75% SS & CTS Board	312.22
1.75% CE Board	312.22
2.50% Retirement Village	446.03
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	892.06
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & California Christian College	5,441.56
24.00% Foreign Msn.	1,305.97
19.00% Nat'l. Home Msn.	1,033.90
18.75% FWBBC	1,020.29
18.75% Hillsdale FWBC	1,020.29
14.00% Executive Dept.	761.82
2.50% Layman's Board	136.03
50% Radio & TV Com.	27.21
50% Historical Com.	27.21
50% Theological Com.	27.21
50% Board of Ret. & Ins.	27.21
1.00% Calif. Christian College	54.42
9.00% State Office Building	1,605.71
Total	\$17,841.18

This is November, Thanksgiving Month. We do give thanks this month and every month for the many wonderful blessings of the Lord. The cooperative receipts for this month is a little lower than usual, but we are meeting our goal for the eleven month period. We are trusting that we will meet our goal for cooperative giving for the year 1987. We believe that by the help of the Lord we will! We should always be aware that the Lord is doing this through faithful pastors and churches.

NOVEMBER 1987 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Seymour	\$ 92.00
Lone Star	34.90
Happy Home	118.23
Cope	31.20
Byrd	15.50
Byrd	45.00
Mill Creek	210.71
Victory, Alton	179.00

Royal Oak	74.00
Bailey Chapel	49.00
Berean	18.19
Monett	594.65
New Life, Fellowship	488.00
Columbia	50.00
Merl's Chapel	77.39
Macedonia	23.00
Willow Springs	215.30
Fredericktown, First	438.00
Mine La Motte	40.21
Carthage	80.00
Union Grove	101.00
Riverview, IA	245.15
Belton	314.30
United, W.P.	338.41
Tyrone	102.69
Olivet	400.00
Parkview	324.00
Rock Chapel	269.95
Springfield, First	586.70
Pleasant Ridge	71.00
Hurryville	145.00
Lebanon, First	433.30
Sedalia	106.79
Eastern Gate	214.00
Hopewell	148.00
Thayer	358.00
Cuba	296.10
Mt. Pisgah	163.00
Pleasant Home	226.11
El Dorado Springs, First	5.00
Trinity	669.67
Freeman Chapel	433.80
Mt. Zion, Gower	58.02
Leadington	400.00
Grant Avenue	576.55
Marshfield	232.73
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Flat River, First	654.67
Viburnum	136.92
Black Oak	20.00
Fordland	428.21
DeSoto	780.00
West Plains, First	333.50
Farmington	1,000.00
Copper Mines	277.00
Calvary, Conway	249.04
Mountain Grove	892.95
Cabool	244.77
Wolf Creek	264.40
Pleasant Hill	75.79
Calvary Fellowship	574.17
Salem	30.00
Lingo	50.00
Grace	723.00
Unity	218.06
South Fremont	276.00
Cape Girardeau	404.15
Total	\$17,841.18

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Niangua	\$ 69.00
New Hope	44.26
Monett	650.34
Columbia	23.80
Merl's Chapel	100.00
Union	25.00
Carthage	15.00
Belton	25.00
United, W.P.	115.90
Olivet	50.00
Willow Springs, First	25.00
South Side	105.00
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Lebanon, First	50.00
Rock Chapel	56.00
Thayer	85.76
Fordland	85.00
Mt. Pisgah	125.00
Pleasant Home	144.53
Trinity	9.00
Freeman Chapel	370.00
Leadington	290.00
Grant Avenue	275.00
Flat River, First	133.91
Carl & Mildred Layman	10.00
Viburnum	100.00
Victory, K.C.	135.00
DeSoto	265.00
Blue Springs	100.00
West Plains, First	675.50
Farmington	420.77
Parkview	40.00
Monett	1,317.50
Mountain Grove	229.75

Calvary Fellowship	155.50
Calvary Fellowship	333.32
South Fremont	75.00
Grace	14.00
Total	\$6,773.84

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Monett	\$ 154.00
Columbia	23.79
Merl's Chapel	100.00
Carthage	10.00
United, W.P.	33.00
Olivet	50.00
Rock Chapel	188.98
South East District	50.00
Martinstown	10.00
Thayer	90.00
Fordland	15.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Trinity	150.00
Grant Avenue	18.00
Marshfield	23.30
Leadington	150.00
Flat River, First	30.00
Viburnum	38.00
Victory, K.C.	160.00
Black Oak	158.83
DeSoto	200.00
Blue Springs	20.00
Farmington	125.00
Parkview	20.00
Mountain Grove	107.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Bob & Glenda Keith	20.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Fred Clayton	35.00
South Fremont	22.00
Calvary Fellowship	33.33
Royal Oak	195.58
Lebanon, First	160.02
Grace	130.00
Total	\$2,630.83

YOUTH CAMP

Victory, Alton	\$ 25.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Olivet	25.00
Thayer	30.00
Fordland	20.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Trinity	15.00
Leadington	20.00
DeSoto	50.00
Mountain Grove	10.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
South Fremont	16.25
Calvary Fellowship	62.50
Bethel, El Dorado Springs	15.00
Total	\$368.75

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Monett	\$104.73
Columbia	8.25
Belton	25.00
United, W.P.	15.90
South Side	5.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Thayer	23.52
Trinity	175.00
Grant Avenue	9.00
Marshfield	23.27
Leadington	90.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
DeSoto	50.00
Blue Springs	20.00
Farmington	40.00
Mountain Grove	19.50
Greater Kansas City District	100.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
Grace	35.00
Total	\$872.50

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Willow Springs	\$ 20.00
Thayer	25.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Farmington	120.00
Calvary Fellowship	41.66
Total	\$214.66

FWBBC

Thayer	\$ 25.00
Leadington	20.00
DeSoto	35.00
Farmington	120.00
Parkview	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
Total	\$293.33

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FAMILY LIFE SEMINAR WITH REV. JOE GRIZZLE

Stonecroft, near Branson, Mo., Friday, March 18, 1:00 p.m. through Saturday, March 19, 12:00 noon.

ROLL CALL SUNDAY & NATIONAL ASSOCIATION HYMN BOOK SUNDAY, March 27.

STATE COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

Friday & Saturday, April 29 & 30. The competition will begin at 7:30 Friday evening and continue through Saturday as long as necessary.

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION & WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, Monday, June 6-9. First Free Will Baptist Church, Mt. Grove, Mo.

YOUTH CAMP:

Teens: Group I, June 12-17; Group II, June 19-24.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, WNAC & NYC

July 17-21, Kansas City, Mo.

YOUTH CAMP:

Pre-Teens: Group I, July 31-Aug. 5; Group II, July 7-12.

ALL BOARDS MEETING & PREACHER/LAYMAN'S SEMINAR September 19, 20 at Youth Camp, Niangua. (please note change in dates)

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