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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1987-1988

CHURCHES	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
Belton	54	56	59	46		39	48	40	43	44	46	43
Bethel	89	101	87	82			78					
Calvary Fellowship	197	236	251	187	186	172	175	190	227			
Cape Girardeau	79	77		59	56	52	54	67	65	80	64	63
Copper Mines	72	74	72	72	70	73	82					
Cuba	68	89	101	88	73	74	68	69	75	85		
DeSoto	176	172	199	180	180		185	197		195	183	187
Farmington	568	597										
Flat River, First		145	144		127	126	134	131	134	131	105	109
Grace	141	162	158	135	142	135	142	142	146	129		
Hannon	69	67	74	73	74	67	74		74	71	74	74
Harmony	58	86	71	67	61	60	86	73	78	69	59	72
Hartville	85	85	85	80	79	79	94					
Houston	82	86	81	73	85	78	74	86	87	79	85	92
Jones Creek	24	14	17	20	17	15	14	15	15	17	15	17
Lebanon, First	82	95	90	81	86	88	86	86	81	82	90	83
Myrtle	33	32	36	29	29	27	34	39	39	31	37	33
Neosho	58	79	67	57	59	49	78	74	72	82	87	90
New Life Fellowship	80	79										
Parkview	80	77	93	65	76	67	62	64	73	76	69	70
Richwoods	44	59	56	53	50	50	43	59	42	52	45	46
Rock Chapel	64	66	76	70	72	61	61	63	58	61	54	59
Thayer	135	143	142		148	133	151				128	
United, West Plains	93	92	91	89	96	90	81	90	87	95	87	95
Verdella	70	78	74	71	73	75	78	80	85	75	76	74
Victory, K.C.	48	69	65	68	67	51	60	65	60	54	52	55
Waynesville	60	69	69	65	45	66	73	64	76	61		
West Plains, First	114	123	121	117	108	125	126	124	152	130	131	141
Willow Springs	75	75	80	81	78	78	78	82	80	76	73	63

Missouri Exceeds Foreign Missions Goal for 1987

Foreign Missions records indicate Missouri has exceeded the suggested foreign missions goal for 1987 by \$41,318.78. Gifts for the year totaled \$251,318.78 while the goal stood at \$210,000.

We are deeply indebted to you who are making it possible for the Baileys, the Bunches, the Hannas, the Lytles, the McLains, the Moores, the Pinkertons, the Reeves, and Charollette Tallent to take the gospel to those who have never heard the "Good News," stated R. Eugene Waddell, general director.

Missouri's goal for 1988 is \$215,000, and Mr. Waddell stated, "We are trusting that the state will exceed the figure again this year."

Missionary Letters Received

The Mark Vandivort Family in Flagstaff, AZ
 The Howard Gwartney Family, Phoenix, AZ
 The Jim Mertz Family in Wentzville, MO
 The Carlisle Hanna Family in India
 The Jerry Pinkerton Family in Ivory Coast
 The Clint Morgan Family in Ivory Coast
 Charollette Tallent, France

EDITOR'S NOTE: Many of our Gem readers receive the same missionary letters as I do. So it seems that I am only duplicating if I try to include the letters. Consequently, I am just listing the names. Let's remember these whose names have been listed and all of our missionaries (Home & Foreign) as they faithfully serve the Lord. May the Lord richly bless each one!

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This magazine is published bi-monthly.

National Home Missions Up In November

November (1987) was a good month for Home Missions, writes Rev. Roy Thomas, general director. Our receipts were \$183,420.52, which is the largest amount ever received in a single month by the Department. This reduced our deficit missionary accounts and improved the financial picture in every way. He states, "I have enjoyed sharing this good news with our missionaries."

John Gibbs Leaves Home Missions

Reverend John Gibbs, director of development for the Home Missions Department, announced that he was leaving the agency after more than eight years to pursue other ministry outreach. His future plans were indefinite on December 31, 1987, his final day with Home Missions.

The 49-year-old Missouri native came to the Home Missions Department after 16 years pastoring churches and serving as Tennessee Promotional Director. While with the Department he introduced the "Highway Helpers" program designed to raise monthly support for the Home Missions staff as they traveled more than 500,000 miles in conferences and revivals.

Gibbs also introduced the "Investment Program," a means whereby Free Will Baptists across America can invest in the CELF Program and earn interest. Under his guidance, the loan fund grew to \$1.5 million. In addition, he handled wills and estate planning.

Brother Gibbs designed and planned the annual November Home Missions Appeal developing themes, slogans and gift ideas. He correlated Roll Call Sunday promotion and tabulations, and initiated the first teaching/preaching video tape ministry on a national level through Home Missions.

Known widely for his singing ability, Reverend Gibbs has performed in six foreign countries and many states in the U.S. He said, "When I came on board at Home Missions, I had a goal to make three records. I surpassed that goal by making four records and one music video. After eight years of singing, the records generated over \$170,000 for Home Missions."

Two responsibilities showcased Brother Gibbs' versatility at the National Convention each year. He planned music for the annual Camp Meeting service, and designed and built the Home Missions exhibit displayed in the booth area.

However, most people met him through Home Missions Evangelism Conferences. Brother Gibbs arranged all the conference music, led singing and sang the specials. Records, cassettes and videos by John Gibbs are still available and may be ordered directly from him.

Records/Cassettes by John Gibbs, \$7 each / 3 for \$20 / 4 for \$25, plus postage: "My Desire," "Looking Through His Eyes," "I Stand Amazed," and "The Broken Rose." Music Video by John Gibbs / \$20 each, plus postage. Order from John H. Gibbs, 1706 Southwind Drive, Nashville, TN 37217. Telephone: 615/366-5486.



Churches, People & Events

VERDELLA CHURCH ENJOYS BUNCHES VISIT

On Friday evening, December 18, 1987 the ladies of the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church had their first Ladies Night Out. The night-out included a Salad Supper in the church Fellowship Hall. The ladies were especially pleased to have as special speaker for the evening, Brenda Bunch, missionary to Panama.

Brenda and her husband, Rev. Stan Bunch, presently serving as missionaries to Panama, had served the Verdella Church prior to going to Panama.

The ladies presented several special gifts to the Bunch Family, and a surprise Money Tree, \$50.00, was given from the Verdella Church.

Stan and Brenda, along with their children, Jonathan, Alicia and Amanda, were in Missouri and Arkansas for one month during the Christmas holidays. Their parents paid for this special Christmas gift.

Stan preached at the Verdella Church on December 27, with the Hannon and Oskaloosa churches joining in the special Worship Service.

A love offering of over \$400.00 was received at the close of the service.

Rev. Curt Holland, pastor of the Verdella Church, continues, "It was a joy to have the Bunches back 'home' and to have the pleasure of visiting with them."



Brenda Bunch and the Money Tree

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MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

June 6 - 9

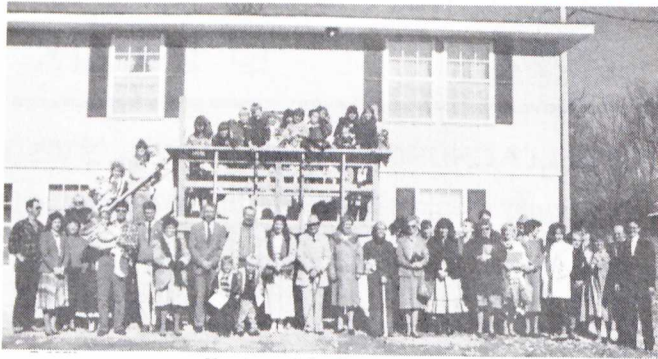
Mtn. Grove, Mo.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 17 - 21

Kansas City, Mo.

PARSONAGE DEDICATION AT NEOSHO



Members of the Neosho Church

On Sunday, January 10, 1988 the First Free Will Baptist Church dedicated its new parsonage.

The pastor, Rev. Bob Hudson, gave the congregation, that pleasantly filled the auditorium, a warm welcome. He stated, "We made it, barely." The inclement weather had made it very difficult to get the parsonage ready for the special service.

Rev. Clarence Burton delivered the Dedication Message at the Morning Worship service. He mentioned three things that are necessary for a church to grow—going, giving and living. It was obvious, he stated, that these were evident at the First Free Will Baptist Church.

The beautiful parsonage with its upper and lower level has a total of 2,300 square feet. The upper level accommodates a formal living room, a kitchen and dining area, two bedrooms, a study and 1 and 3/4 baths. The lower level consists of a family room, three bedrooms, laundry, 1 full bath and a two-car carport.

With the exception of the excavation and concrete work the labor has been done by the men of the church or donated by men outside the church, stated the pastor. At the morning and afternoon services Brother Hudson expressed gratitude to the folks of the church and neighbor friends for their help in making the parsonage possible.

Rev. Dale Underwood, pastor of the Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist Church and moderator of the Indian Creek Association, delivered the message for the afternoon service. He recognized the church for the progress it was making and stated that it was a good reflection on the Indian Creek Association as well as the Neosho Church.

It is obvious that the Lord is blessing Bob and Pam Hudson in their labor with the church. They love their people and the people love them. Their plans call for growth, and it appears that these plans will come to fruition.

The ladies served a delicious dinner in the relatively new Fellowship Hall. While enjoying 'open house' at the parsonage one of the members said, "This has been a great day!"

COLD WEATHER BUT WARM SERVICE AT CARTHAGE

On Saturday night, just one day after Christmas, my family is sitting around our gas fireplace, and enjoying the fellowship and warmth that comes to far too few families, writes Rev. Jim Williams, pastor. There has been a lot of freezing rain, power lines are down and four truck loads of limbs have fallen in the yard. It is great weather to stay inside!

The announcer on television is announcing a long list of churches, which includes five of the largest in the area, that will not be holding services. While watching these announcements an urge within me said, "Why not call off services tomorrow, stay inside and just enjoy the remainder of the holiday weekend." But I overcame the urge and began to make phone calls to the folks of the church telling them that the church would be open and regular services would be held. They were to use their judgment as to the safety of travel, but we would be having services at church.

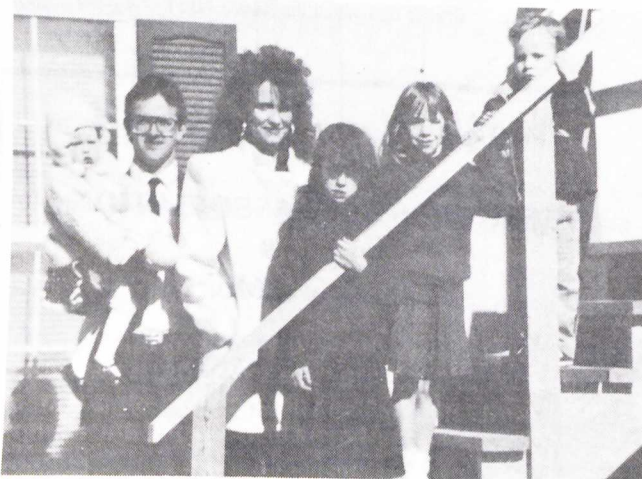
When service time arrived only thirty-one had made it to church. This was far less than fifty percent of the Sunday morning regular attendance. Among those attending was an eighteen-year-old young man who had been saved and baptized about six months. He was excited about being in church for he had visiting with him his dad, a trucker, a younger sister and an older brother. They were from Louisiana and had come up to visit for the Christmas holidays.

At the close of the service, when the invitation was given, the older brother began weeping, and walked down the aisle to meet Jesus as His Saviour. After prayer he testified, thanking the Lord for salvation, and for his brother who brought him to church. And, he said that he was planning to move to Carthage to be with his brother in the church. What rejoicing followed!

Then to me came the realization, that temptation to close because of bad weather almost cheated us out of a great blessing. The sad truth began to light up more than ever. The highway to hell is never closed for bad weather and the broad, wide gate receives eternal souls because so many of us saints are asleep. But just as sure, *Praise God*, the door to salvation knows no storm too great to calm, no sinner too great to save, and no promises too big to keep.

Our prayer for you is of thanksgiving for your faithful support and prayers, for direction that in time of need you will give of God's blessings to you for His work on both the foreign fields and the home front, and for God's richest blessings this coming year.

I love and appreciate each one.



Bob & Pam Hudson with Children

MORTGAGE BURNING AT VICTORY

On Sunday, December 13, 1987, Victory Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City had a celebration - the retirement of the church's mortgage! The message "Celebrate" was given by Reverend Mark Braisher and was followed by a Potluck Dinner, a special time of sharing from original members of the church, a concert with the Sincerity Singers, and the long-awaited moment - the burning of the mortgage. Several members participated in the burning ceremonies, sharing what the event meant to them.

In December of 1986 the Advisory Board of the church initiated a pledge program. It was due to the success of this program through the faith of members that Celebration Sunday was indeed a celebration!

VALENTINE SPECTACULAR AT LEBANON

On Saturday evening, February 13, 1988, the First Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon, Missouri, held a Valentine Spectacular for the youth. The Youth Sponsors, Bruce and Connie Myers and Bud and Sherry Perkins, along with others planned and prepared for the Spectacular.

A Valentine Banquet was enjoyed in the first part of the evening. The ladies of the church provided a delicious dinner. Bud and Sherry supervised and helped decorate Fellowship Hall with a decorative Valentine flavor.

Following the dinner a program was presented under the direction of Bruce and Connie Myers. The program began with Connie reading an appropriate poem "Ravages of Time." This was followed by Celisa Pearce giving a Command Performance at the piano. The entertaining songs she used were "Work of Heart," "Only God Could Love You More" and "Love In Any Language." This was followed by Rev. Clarence Burton giving a devotional thought, "Love for God and Love for Each Other."

The program climaxed with the announcing and entries of the Valentine Sweethearts, their escorts and the crowning of the Queen. (The Queen was elected based on the number of 'penny votes' that were given to her.)



The Valentine Sweethearts & Escorts

The first couple presented was the pastor and his wife, Rev. & Mrs. Gary Sheets. (Betty, a very lovely 'valentine', did not participate in the contest.) The second couple was Little Miss Valentine, Heather Myers, and her escort, Brandon Pearce. The third couple was Stephanie Sheets and her escort, Nathan Knight. The fourth couple was Kala Sheets and her escort, Donnie Anderson. The fifth couple was Stacey McQuenter and her escort, Kelly Perkins. The sixth couple was Pam Crocker and her escort, Marc Fischer.



The Queen & Her Escort

The long awaited moment had arrived. The envelope was opened, and the Queen was Pam Crocker. She was crowned Miss Valentine Sweetheart. Pam and all of the Valentine Sweethearts were beautiful and lovely. The handsome escorts had to be proud to escort these beautiful ladies.



Little Miss Valentine & Escort

The youth sponsors announced that the young people had raised over \$400.00 in their Queen contest. As one sponsor said, "We had good fellowship, delicious food, and the youth worked together for a worthy cause."

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones



One of the gifts given to the church is the gift of evangelism (Eph. 4:11). The office of evangelist is listed with apostles, prophets, pastors and teachers. All these have the same goal, "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for edifying of the body of Christ:" (Eph. 4:12). While all have the same goal, each has its own unique role to fill in seeing that goal reached.

It is my understanding that the office of apostle is no longer to be filled. While prophets, pastors and teachers can be found easily, I ask the question, "Where are the evangelists?" According to the **1987 Free Will Baptist Yearbook**, our membership totals 200,000 plus. Within this number you can find 976 full-time pastors and 824 part-time pastors. While at the same time we have only 12 full-time evangelists. I realize the gift of evangelist does not apply to only full-time evangelists, but it does seem that a group our size would produce more evangelists than we are.

There is no shortage in the need for evangelists. If our 2483 churches held two annual revivals, that would be 4966 meetings for 12 men to be responsible for. But 12 men, at best, can only conduct 624 meetings per year. That leaves 4342 meetings without evangelists. But, you say, the other meetings will be filled by pastors. If the 1800 full and part-time pastors preached two meetings each per year, that still would leave 742 "evangelistless" meetings. That's enough meetings to keep 14 more full-time evangelists busy 52 weeks out of the year.

I believe more men would enter and stay in the field of evangelism if they were encouraged to do so. Encouragement could come from several places. Churches could use full-time evangelists more. Churches could see that not only the evangelist's travel expenses were met but that enough was left over to feed his family back home. Churches could pray for the evangelist, not just when he's preaching at their church but in between times. The ministry of the evangelist could use more coverage and attention on both the state and national levels. A group of churches or a state might adopt an evangelist and help in his support. Training for the evangelist could be included in our colleges and Bible institutes.

I believe it is the church's joy to encourage the exercise of all the spiritual gifts, including the call of the evangelist.

Win Arn Church Growth Conference

A Church Growth Conference will be held April 15-16, 1988 at the Lawnwood Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, OK, announced the pastor, Rev. David Huett.

The conference will be 10 hours in length, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. on Friday evening and 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. The cost is \$25.00 per person. The cost includes the workbook used at the seminar.

For additional information call 918-587-5857.



Rev. Ben Scott

Senior Adult Retreat

Date: September 27 - 29

Speaker: Rev. Ben Scott

Special Singers: The Stanley Jones Family

Place: Stonecroft Conference Center
Branson, Missouri

The Retreat will begin on Tuesday evening and end Thursday noon. Wednesday will be open to visit Silver Dollar City or other points of interest. The Crafts Festival will be in session at this time. (If as many as 20 want tickets for Silver Dollar City, the place of the Crafts Festival, they may be purchased at a reduced price of \$12.55.) A Worship Service (Prayer Meeting) will be held on Wednesday evening. The Retreat activities will continue through Thursday noon.

This Senior Adults Retreat is a first for a State endeavor. It is the hope of the Retirement Village Board, which is the Board sponsoring this, that this will be the beginning of an active and vital ministry for the Senior Adults in the Missouri State Association.

The program for this retreat will include Worship, Fun and Recreation. There will be some fun spots as well as serious spots. It is the desire of the sponsoring Board that this will be enjoyed so much that this group will want to do it again!

Everyone will surely enjoy the wit, the humor and the spiritual food that Brother Scott will share. He has a rich background of service for the Lord in Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma. The Stanley Jones Family has been enjoyed by folks in Missouri, and many other states, with their family style of gospel singing.

The cost and other additional information will appear in the next issue of the Gem, and there may perhaps be a mail out regarding it.

The Retirement Village Board
Millard Sasser, chairman
Glen Murray, vice-chairman
Gene Crewse, secretary
Stanley Jones
Gary Sheets
Clarence Burton, treasurer

Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



"Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Mark 8:34b

These words were spoken by our Lord and were shared with a group of people, including His disciples, for a particular purpose. I don't think He was sugar-coating Christianity, but was making a statement concerning the real cost of discipleship.

The "whosoever will" of this verse should encourage us to know that all can be saved. In our society there are two groups of people, the "whosoever will" group and the "whosoever won't" group.

The main emphasis in this meditation is on the "take up his cross." We find in St. Luke's account that he adds the word "daily."

The cross, no matter where it is mentioned in scripture, is an instrument of death. I believe we sometimes feel that our trials and the few pains we bear are our cross. Scripturally, however, we must come to grips with this fact: "If we really want to live for Christ, we must die to self."

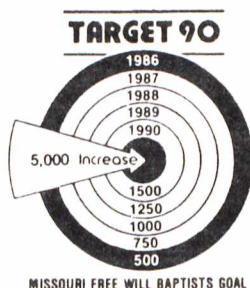
In I Corinthians 15:31, Paul was talking about physical death. But, I feel I can use his words to explain what Christ was trying to impress upon the people. Consider the words of Paul, "I die daily."

The word "I" deals with the personal presentation of ourselves to Christ. There must be this willingness to be the sacrifices Paul talks about in Romans 12:1-2.

The word "die" speaks of the total mortification of ourselves through Christ. In one sense the word mortification speaks of a self-inflicted death. This must be the case for all of us if we wish to live spiritually. In Romans 8:13, we are told that "if we through the spirit do mortify the deeds of the body we shall live." Again is the message throughout the Bible of dying to live.

The final word "daily" has to do with the habitual dedication of ourselves for Christ. The cost of discipleship is one that must be paid on a daily basis, not just on Sunday morning from 11:00 to 12:00.

In closing, I want to share the fact that Christ is looking for people who are serious about serving Him. If we are not willing to take up the cross, we cannot follow Christ. If we are serious in our service to Him, we will all come to a fork in the road of our spiritual lives. One way leads to the cross, the other leads to selfish desires. If we follow Christ, we must take the way of the Cross, because "the way of the cross leads home."



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75th ANNIVERSARY

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

Date: June 6 - 9, 1988

**Place: First Free Will Baptist Church
Mtn. Grove, Missouri**

**Theme:
Remove Not The Ancient Landmarks
Proverbs 22:28**

This year, 1988, the Missouri State Association will be observing its **75th Anniversary**. In keeping with the **75th Anniversary** special honor will be given to those who have been serving the Lord (laity, missionaries, ministers) in the Free Will Baptist Denomination for 50 years.

- a. A special name tag (card) will be used for the honorees.
- b. A scroll will be presented to each honoree present at the Wednesday Evening Service.
- c. A photo will be made of the group.

PROGRAM PERSONALITIES



Rev. Charles Barker



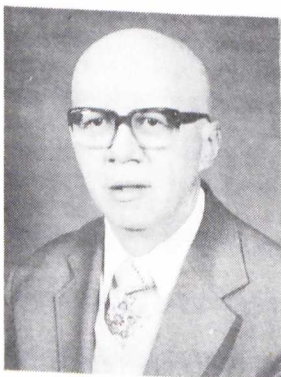
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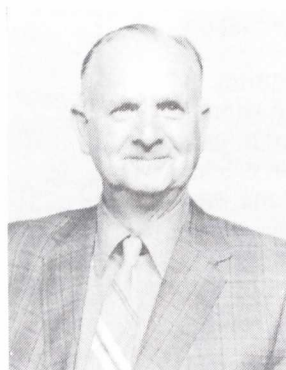
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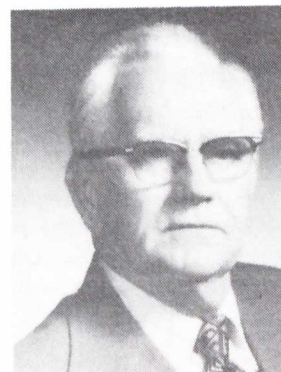
Rev. Ralph Cook



Rev. Herman Hersey



Rev. Grover Terry



Rev. Ken Turner

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The General Board will meet at 1:00 p.m., Monday afternoon, June 6, at the Mountain Grove Church.

The first service of the State Association will be Monday evening. The Woman's Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, with the Banquet on Tuesday evening. The State Association activities will continue through Thursday morning.

The program will appear in the next issue of the Gem.

MOTEL AND RV PRICES FOR STATE ASSOCIATION :

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.

***Mtn. 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 Mtn. Grove Motel & Restaurant.*

Points for Pastors by James McAllister

One of the primary reasons for stagnant ministries is a failure on the part of the pastor to meditate in and on God's Word. It is easy to get so busy in doing good things we neglect the better. The man of God *must* have plenty of time for meditation in the Bible and prayer. We preachers should let ourselves be filled and then preach from the overflow — that is the richness of God's grace, and that is what feeds our congregation.

We see this stagnant, anemic, and sterile ministry manifested in several ways:

One, there will be frequent problems of disharmony in the church. The people will be out of sorts because the preacher is out of sorts. There will be a spirit of strife among the saints. The church won't have that spirit of love and warmth that characterizes a great church.

Two, there will be a raising up of dissenters and those who follow them. The pastor will discover that because his own heart is cold, he won't be able to warn the people and thus they will follow spiritually weak but politically strong laymen of the church. The church will therefore not grow or flourish.

Three, the altars will become barren and the pulpit devoid of power and fire. If there is no heavenly fire in the pulpit, there won't be any fire in the pews. I'm not talking about worked up emotion or fabricated fire, but

the fire that comes into a preacher's heart when he has been living in the Word and on his knees and his heart is broken over the conditions prevailing.

Four, workers will be few and their efforts will be of little effect. Momentum will die down to a standstill, teachers will teach with little interest, and fewer people will attend, leaving the worship services empty. These are but a few results.

What to do? Preachers, get back into the Word. Get alone with God and feed on the Word. Read Ravenhill's books for devotions. Read Rice's book on the "soul-winner's fire." Read Acts on your knees. Spend time with God and let the Lord fill you to overflowing. Then preach that overflow and watch God work.

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Daddy, Don't Forget The Firecrackers!

by J. Mark Vandivort

"Matt, how is your son, Joe, doing?" I asked. Matt was glad for the opportunity to talk about his son. He told me that Joe is a senior at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Matt shared a couple of interesting points about Joe's life. Earlier in Joe's training, a well-meaning officer told Joe that he needed to socialize more with his squad. Joe explained that most of his squad wanted to drink and chase women, and that was not his "bag". The officer responded by saying, "You are too narrow—you need to loosen up." Matt counseled his son, "Don't compromise, for if you do, you cannot expect God to give you the inner help and personal victory you need." Currently Joe holds the highest honors of any member of his squad. He is engaged to marry a Christian officer who graduated last year. (Pseudonym used for father and son.)

Matt and I were bouncing along in my old pickup truck on our way to the forest to cut a load of firewood. I reflected on watching Joe grow up from Junior High. He and our son, Steve, had been friends through much of their school career, competing against each other in school activities, and supporting each other in their Christian convictions. Joe and Steve, and a close knit group of friends in high school had reminded me of Daniel and his friends Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego in Daniel, chapter one. Steve now conducts Bible studies on a spiritually needy university campus.

I thought of the home in which Joe grew up. His father, Matt, is a mechanic who has a deep prayer concern for the welfare and salvation of his relatives in Panama. Each time he makes a trip to Panama he comes home reporting the salvation of several of his relatives and friends. His wife has an equal burden for her relatives in Cuba. Their home is a gathering place for international students from Northern Arizona University. Matt reported that recently two students from China accompanied him and his wife to church where two church families invited the students home for lunch. (Many international students are never invited into an American home.)

Matt's home is also a good example of the mandate for your home as seen in Deuteronomy, chapter six. The fear and reverence for God must first be seen in you as a parent. You must reverently fear God more than you fear the devil, social pressure, or financial pressure. The word of God must be first in your own mind and heart; then you can make God's word understandable to your children so God's holy precepts impress and penetrate impressionable and developing minds. Let the guiding principles of the Word of God thoroughly permeate your total life. The Bible can be communicated as you sit in your house, when you walk by the way and when you go to bed and get up (see Deuteronomy 6:7). For example, my dad and mother, Herbert and Bessie Vandivort, read a chapter of the Bible or a Bible story book each evening, and the Sunday School daily Bible reading each morning at breakfast. This was accompanied by instruction and discussion. Then our family would hold hands and pray before we left the house, about 5:00

a.m., to milk the cows. Eighteen years of that practice made an impact upon my life!

Your life style can be a visible demonstration of the truths and principles of the Bible. For example, your child should hear you read Ephesians, chapter 5. Your child should also see a visual demonstration of dad showering mother with love as Christ loves the church (see v-25) - you love her and remain devoted and true to her. May your child hear and observe you being more caring and sensitive to your wife's emotional and physical needs than your own (see vv 28-29). Your child should also observe you protecting and providing for his mother's comfort, happiness, and joy. This will include giving her special time, attention, and affection. Mother, may your child observe you being supportive of your husband and submitting and responding to his love and care (see vv 22 & 33). Your home is the most effective learning lab where your son or daughter can observe you both teaching and modeling the Biblical precepts—thus training them for parenthood.

In a single parent home, your child can experience a demonstration of the miraculous grace of God—grace that is sufficient and strength made perfect in weakness (see 2 Corinthians 12:9). I believe it is God's will to help you cope successfully as a parent. Let your child observe and sense that tranquil state of your soul trusting in God who replaces hate, bitterness, loneliness, or anxiety with love, forgiveness, and peace (see Philippians 4:6-7).

Avoid the "do as I say not as I do" syndrome. For example, a few years ago, during youth camp, Jim, a camp worker, asked if I would like to ride the few miles to Mexico in order to obtain some supplies that could be purchased at less cost there than in Arizona. Later at the border check, the customs officer and Jim were discussing the purchases of supplies and the rattlesnake carcass lying in the bed of the pickup when Jim's four year old son spoke up, "Daddy, don't forget the firecrackers!" (Firecrackers are illegal in Arizona.) During the trip back to camp, Jim thoroughly scolded his son. When I had heard more than I cared to, I asked Jim, "What do you teach your son in Sunday School?" After a strained silence, the conversation shifted.

Capture the opportunity to teach your child during the pre-school years. From day one he or she should be naturally aware that Dad and Mother talk to the heavenly Father and read the Bible each day. Your child should grow up hearing short portions of Scripture, verbally shared. Children should experience rejoicing with the family over answered prayer. Our son Andy lost his glasses during a family camping trip to a Missouri lake. They were somewhere on the muddy lake bottom under 10 feet of murky water. Repeated dives were fruitless. We returned home in order to waterproof a flashlight. Before leaving the house, we prayed. Louise felt a gift of faith that we would return with the glasses. The flashlight proved unsuccessful. Phil dived once, surprising me that he could reach the bottom. He came up with Andy's glasses in his hand! Also, during family reminiscing times, it is not unusual for someone to recall prayer being answered by the miraculous discovery of Bethany's or Debbie's lost contact lens.

Good Bible story books should be the most familiar books to your pre-school child. Some of the most valuable time you can spend with your child or grandchild will be reading. Seize the opportunity for the

family to memorize Scriptures together. Scripture memory should reinforce the plan of salvation, major Bible doctrines, and promises. Louise and I recall visiting an 84 year old woman in Vermont who had become blind. Knowing she had the availability of radio and tape recordings, I asked her what was her favorite pastime. She quickly replied that she loved to meditate on Scripture verses she had memorized when she was four years old.

Pray earnestly for the day when your child will confess his sins and invite Jesus Christ into his or her heart. Continue in intercessory prayer for your child as long as both you and your child should live. When I left home to attend the university I was keenly aware of my parent's prayers. I believe two factors were responsible: 1. The witness of the Holy Spirit. 2. The memory of 18 years of hearing my name called in prayer.

Strong, stable Christian homes are necessary in order for us to have effective churches and other Christian institutions. Such homes will strengthen our communities and nation. You have an opportunity to effect a change in your world and influence eternal destiny. Churches, schools and colleges will only be as strong in Christian character as the homes represented by the members or students and staff. I believe the primary mandate for education, as given in Deuteronomy, chapter six, is clearly in the home.

The freedoms of our nation permit you 18 years to prepare your child to enter a world of work, military service, college, and etc. Jesus prayed for such a time. "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil." St. John 17:15.

About the Writer: J. Mark Vandivort is, as most people know, a missionary, serving with his family in Flagstaff, Arizona. He is a former Missourian who, with his family, have represented the cause of Christ in an effective way, as a missionary, pastor and associate director of the National Home Missions Department.

Greetings From Youth Camp

Sister Marge McCurry writes, We wish to thank everyone for their prayers and support that has been given to the Youth Camp this past year. We are looking forward to another great year!

There is much work to be done at camp on Work Day. If you can't be at camp on that day, please call and make arrangements when you can come. (The Youth Camp number is 417-473-6444.)

The forthcoming events, not including Camp Days, are Hillsdale Retreat, April 15 & 16, and Ye Olde Camp Meeting, September 12 - 17. Brother Bob Shockey will be preaching, and there will be special singing at each service. Possibly a seminar on Church Growth will be held during the afternoon on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Check the next Gem for additional information concerning this seminar. Additional information may be obtained by calling Dale McCurry at the above number.

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

PRAY FOR
YOUTH CAMP SESSIONS
MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL CONVENTION



The Youth Look

by Ann Cochran

Though it's sprintime and young people have turned their attentions toward summer vacation, I feel a need to write about education — not just any kind of education: Christian education.

After studying two years at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, I felt quite a burden to share with young people how important it is to attend a Christian college. There's something about the governing attitude of God-centered glory in a Christian institution that made me hungrier for God's will in my life.

Now that I'm working in a Christian school (Unity Christian Academy), the tables are turned. I am no longer the student but a teacher, and I'm observing the wonderful changes in the young people's lives. I rejoice daily as I watch God work in them and as they develop a hunger for God's will in their lives. This has made me realize how important Christian education - not just Christian colleges - is.

I encounter those who don't favor Christian schools and find out that they generally don't know much about it; therefore, I challenge you to obtain all possible information on Christian schools. I may no longer be a full-time student in a Christian institution, but I will always be a student to God's teachings. Since God will always be our Teacher, why not let Him receive all the glory of your - or your children's - education in an institution that freely and openly offers God all praise as part of their curriculum?

God's Plan For Woman

Would God have taken from Adam a rib,
To handicap man instead?
Which would give him less form,
In which also could come much harm
Or was the purpose to bring,
A song in man's heart he could sing;
About the help that she brought,
Through her comforting thoughts;
And give him strength and not weakness,
With encouragement and meekness.

Yes, God made woman out of a rib,
And could have used something else instead;
But it was such a perfect plan,
The way in which He made woman;
Because the rib that man lost,
Paid the price and dear the cost;
But if you would ask Adam if he would do it again,
I'm sure he would say Amen!
For the rib I no longer own,
Is still nearby, and I'm not alone;
And it still gives strength and form,
Even though it's not under my arm.

— Travis E. Harrison, Pastor
Richwoods Church



Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

Looking out my kitchen window I see a world that is in need of love and attention. There are many older adults, alone and lonely, and children with parents too wrapped up in the world to give them adequate attention and care. There are also many church members that need a boost, a helping hand, a kind word, to make it through the upcoming week.

How often do we encourage one another in our church family? To help meet some of these needs at Oak Hill, we have established a "Care Ministry." There are several areas of the program managed by the pastor and a special "Care Committee," but a couple of projects have been developed by the ladies group of our church.

We have designed a "Care" bulletin board in the front entry hall at church. This board is divided by three large crosses, with each cross representing a different "care" area... (prayer, absentees, sickness & shut-ins). During the opening assembly before Sunday School each week, time is allotted for prayer requests, praise items, special requests, etc. These are recorded on small crosses, along with the names of the absentees for the day, and tacked on the bulletin board beneath the appropriate large cross. As members leave each week, they select a couple of the small crosses from any care area they choose. During that week, they pray for the special requests, call, visit, or write the absentee, sick, or shut-in. One lady keeps all of the prayer requests she receives each week on a sheet of paper, praying for them each week, along with the new ones she gets.

Our church has been pleasantly surprised by the response of so many of our people in their willingness to share in this ministry. As a result of the praying and personal involvement of a large percentage of our people, there is a greater unity, attendance has increased, and there is a more evident spirit of worship among us. For this, we thank our God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Missouri Students Make Dean's List at FWBBC

Free Will Baptist Bible College announced that ninety-one students' names were placed on the Dean's List for completing the semester with grades of B or higher. Free Will Baptists may take pride in these outstanding young people who have done so well.

Juniors: Donna Reeves, Farmington; Jeff Robertson, St. Joseph; Barbara Warner, Fredericktown. Sophomores: Debbie Maggart, St. Joseph; Suzanne Morris, Arnold. Freshman: Russell Ball, Monett.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Congratulations!

Free Will Baptist WNAC Retreat

Registration for Lodging and Meals

September 8 - 10, 1988

	Persons Per Room	Total Cost Per Person	Total in Party _____
I prefer _____	1	\$96.25	Names _____
_____	2	67.40	_____
_____	3	61.30	_____
_____	4	58.15	_____

I am enclosing a deposit of _____ (\$17 per person).

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO RIDGECREST.

Name _____

Mail to: Ridgecrest

Address _____

Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center

P. O. Box 128, Ridgecrest, NC 28770

WNAC, 1988 Retreat

W N A C

Participate in praise and worship service led by June Critcher.

Relax in the comfort and beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Acquire new friends and renew old acquaintances.

Yield yourself and your burdens to God in one of 12 prayer groups led by Phyllis Bass, Dorothy Cox, Barbara Fletcher, Lottie Horton, Rudene Kennedy, Delois Loveless, Lora Shutes, Helen Sanders, Ann Truett, Geneva Walker, June Wilkinson, Jo Ann Wood.

Enjoy drama, directed by Laura Coker Thigpen; music, directed by Barbara Anderson with Winona Riggs, organ, and Beverly Welch, piano; meeting missionary women with Janie Aldridge.

Refresh yourself in the Lord with hundreds of Free Will Baptist women.

R E T R E A T to Ridgecrest, September 8 - 10, 1988.

Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center is located just off I-40 a few miles east of Asheville, NC. Rates above include 2-nights' lodging, program fee (\$7.50), and 5 meals (dinner Thursday through breakfast Saturday). A deposit of \$17 (applicable to total fee) is required. Refund available until August 8.

Financial Information

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS DECEMBER 1987

18.50%	Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 5,201.89
17.00%	Executive Office & Gem	4,780.11
3.50%	General Fund	984.16
10.50%	Youth Camp	2,952.42
1.75%	SS & CTS	492.06
1.75%	Christian Education Bd.	492.06
2.50%	Retirement Village	702.96
5.00%	Mo. State Ret. Program	1,405.92
30.50%	Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & California Christian College	8,576.09
24.00%	Foreign Missions	\$2,058.26
19.00%	Nat'l Home Msns.	1,629.46
18.75%	FWBBC	1,608.02
18.75%	Hillsdale College	1,608.02
14.00%	Executive Dept.	1,200.65
2.50%	Layman's Board	214.40
.50%	Radio & TV Com.	42.88
.50%	Theological Com.	42.88
.50%	Historical Com.	42.88
.50%	Board of Ret. & Ins.	42.88
1.00%	Calif. Christian College	85.76
9.00%	State Office Building Fund	2,530.65
Total		\$28,118.32

This month, December, closes out the year 1987. The Lord has blessed in a wonderful way. Our cooperative goal has been reached and exceeded. It looks as if we will reach our goal for Home and Foreign Missions. Thank God for His blessings through faithful pastors and churches! May every dollar, every penny be used to honor and glorify Him.

DECEMBER 1987 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Willow Springs	\$ 244.47
New Rock Springs	103.40
Thayer	471.00
Columbia	50.00
Merls Chapel	111.87
Terrill Road	118.00
Hartville	277.51
Number One	68.54
Joplin	435.19
Harmony, K.C.	417.00
Hannibal	30.00
Bethel, Festus	443.00
New Life Fellowship	533.00

Myrtle	305.76
Carthage	85.00
Pleasant Ridge	80.00
Lone Star	39.92
Royal Oak	121.00
Riverview, IA	293.75
Houston	287.64
Flat River, First	808.11
Belton	349.57
Hurryville	141.00
Hazel Creek	357.54
Union Grove	114.00
Viburnum	262.86
Walnut Grove	128.60
Mill Creek	199.03
Mt. Pisgah	226.00
Leadington	400.00
Cope	37.10
Cuba	291.38
Fredericktown	457.00
Seymour	160.00
Fordland	490.51
Olivet	400.00
Bailey Chapel	60.00
Rock Chapel	259.60

Union	60.00
Mine La Motte	35.12
Eastern Gate	235.00
Springfield, First	666.31
Victory, Alton	215.00
Grant Avenue	717.06
Trinity	780.21
Macedonia	30.00
De Soto	800.00
Parkview	439.00
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Hope Well	200.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	71.10
United, West Plains	418.90
Fourth	185.00
Hannon	262.95
Marshfield	208.18
Pleasant Home	244.38
West Plains, First	198.25
Copper Mines	249.41
Victory Hill	60.00
Stockton	49.15
Lebanon, First	468.34
Verdella	177.59
Sedalia	130.74
Waynesville	288.20
New Harmony	14.83
Happy Home	187.22
Monett	761.14
Liberty	500.00
Wolf Creek	331.36
Grace	948.00
Farmington	1,050.86
Cabool	295.79
Berkeley	3,593.81
Freeman Chapel	300.85
Pleasant Hill	59.69
Calvary Fellowship	574.17
Hickory Grove	43.43
Waynesville	153.80
Black Oak	69.96
Mtn. Grove	888.59
Unity	799.83
South Fremont	242.00
Cape Girardeau	429.75
Total	\$28,118.32

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Niangua	\$ 62.00
Thayer	53.00
Columbia	32.13
Terrill Road	20.00
Merls Chapel	100.00
Joplin	20.00
Grant Avenue	119.22
Bethel, Festus	70.00
Kirksville	198.91
Myrtle	74.00
Carthage	25.00
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Wilderness	121.00
South Side	125.00
Houston	15.00
Flat River, 1st	25.00
Belton	25.00
Parkview	40.00
Mt. Pisgah	165.00
Leadington	200.00
Fordland	75.00
Olivet	50.00
Rock Chapel	46.00
Union	40.00
Pleasant Ridge Aux.	20.00
Grant Avenue	257.00
Trinity	50.00
Willow Springs, 1st	25.00
Viburnum	90.00
De Soto	250.00
Marie-Ta Hgts.	15.00
South Fremont	192.70
Fourth	100.00
Brent Thompson	25.00
Clifford Hoover	30.00
Hannon	287.95
Marshfield	27.67
Pleasant Home	105.00
John & Lorene Schebaum	60.00
West Plains, First	53.00
Lebanon, First	60.00
Verdella	363.39
Sedalia	19.07
Number One	132.00
New Harmony	74.15
Monett	6,345.75
Liberty	100.00
Grace	23.90
Farmington	575.55

Freeman Chapel	354.00
Blue Springs	75.00
Viburnum	25.00
Calvary Fellowship	703.32
Black Oak	69.96
Carl Layman	10.00
Mtn. Grove	297.50
Total	\$12,628.17

MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

Thayer	\$ 20.00
Columbia	8.25
Joplin	55.00
Bethel, Festus	68.40
Myrtle	62.50
Carthage	10.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
South Side	5.00
Belton	25.00
Leadington	80.00
Cuba	389.00
Fordland	150.00
Grant Avenue	19.00
Trinity	45.00
DeSoto	50.00
United, West Plains	42.70
South Fremont	5.00
Fourth	10.00
Hannon	131.47
Marshfield	20.81
Pleasant Home	27.25
West Plains, First	20.00
Sedalia	19.06
New Harmony	74.14
Monett	99.56
Grace	55.00
Farmington	60.00
Blue Springs	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
J.W. Rader	25.00
Mtn. Grove	14.50
Unity	30.00
Total	\$1,714.97

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Thayer	\$ 170.00
Columbia	32.13
Terrill Road	10.00
Merls Chapel	100.00
Joplin	5.00
Grant Avenue	181.00
Bethel, Festus	70.00
Kirksville	20.00
Myrtle	90.00
Carthage	20.00
Houston	46.80
Flat River, First	50.00
Southeast District	50.00
Parkview	20.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Leadington	155.00
Fordland	182.00
Rock Chapel	207.39
Grant Avenue	16.00
Trinity	96.00
Viburnum	43.00
DeSoto	200.00
South Fremont	29.00
Clifford Hoover	5.00
Hannon	25.00
Marshfield	35.00
Lebanon, First	20.70
Warren Livingston	30.00
Verdella	25.00
Monett	159.00
Liberty	400.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Grace	130.00
Southeast District	50.00
Farmington	518.83
Blue Springs	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Fred Clayton	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	88.33
Mtn. Grove	97.00
Art Shannon	15.00
Total	\$3,552.18

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 25.00
Parkview	10.00
Leadington	20.00
DeSoto	35.00
Fourth	5.00
Farmington	120.00
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
Total	\$298.33

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Willow Springs	\$ 20.00
Thayer	25.00
Grant Avenue	10.00
Hannon	50.00
Farmington	120.00
Calvary Fellowship	41.66
Total	\$266.66

YOUTH CAMP

Willow Springs	\$ 10.00
Thayer	30.00
Hartville	10.00
Bethel, Festus	25.00
Myrtle	22.50
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Leadington	20.00
Fordland	20.00
Olivet	25.00
Union	30.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Trinity	15.00
DeSoto	50.00
Hannon	15.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Verdella	10.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Calvary Fellowship	62.50
Mtn. Grove	10.00
Total	\$465.00

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

JANUARY 1988

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 5,383.50
17.00% Executive Office & Gem	4,947.00
3.50% General Fund	1,018.50
6.50% Youth Camp	1,189.49
1.75% SS & CTS Board	509.25
1.75% Christian Education Bd.	509.25
6.50% Retirement Village Board	1,891.49
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	1,455.00
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & California Christian College	8,875.51
24.00% Foreign Missions	\$2,130.12
19.00% Nat'l. Home Mns.	1,686.34
18.75% FWBBC	1,664.16
18.75% Hillsdale College	1,664.16
14.00% Executive Dept.	1,242.58
2.50% Layman's Board	221.88
50% Radio & TV Com.	44.38
50% Theological Com.	44.38
50% Historical Com.	44.38
50% Board of Ret. & Ins.	44.38
1.00% Calif. Christian College	88.75
9.00% State Office Building Fund	2,618.99
Total	\$29,099.98

This is the first month of the year 1988! This has been a good month for cooperative giving and designated giving. For this we are eternally grateful to the Lord! I trust that we shall always remember that it is He, the Lord, that giveth the increase. He has been pleased to do this through our faithful pastors and churches. May the Lord continue to bless the many, many precious laypeople that love to support the Lord's work through the Free Will Baptist denomination.

JANUARY 1988 RECEIPTS

COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Merls Chapel	\$ 54.75
New Life Fellowship	390.00
Riverview, IA	221.35
Alton	225.00
Monett	475.67
Terrill Road	100.00
New Rock Springs	103.96
Bethel, Festus	415.00
Bailey Chapel	34.00
Hartville	162.87
Willow Springs	186.35
Victory, K.C.	217.35
Fourth	134.00
Myrtle	537.35
Lingo	48.43
Happy Home	113.73
Eastern Gate	163.00
Harmony, K.C.	314.00
Hannibal	30.74
Twin Oak	808.00
Lebanon, First	341.44
Mill Creek	184.02

Fordland	267.08
Columbia	50.00
Union Light	262.85
Number One	38.77
Hannon	242.50
Victory, Alton	168.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	153.11
Hope Well	135.00
Pleasant Ridge	68.00
Macedonia	20.00
Richwoods	471.00
United, W.P.	329.45
Royal Oak	89.00
Mine La Motte	30.35
Pleasant Grove	46.39
Neosho	213.75
Faith & Hope	127.20
Flat River, First	717.46
Carthage	110.00
Lone Star	22.14
Hurryville	194.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	49.30
Tyrone	140.58
Olivet	400.00
Joplin	280.21
Cuba	315.62
Houston	241.86
Trinity	564.01
Rock Chapel	254.94
Thayer	345.00
Pleasant Home	256.08
Viburnum	169.72
Stockton	34.74
Springfield, First	457.71
Mt. Pisgah	219.00
Leadington	400.00
Belton	281.55
West Plains, First	250.15
New Harmony	8.93
Byrd	56.00
Union Grove	102.50
Seymour	68.00
Salem	60.00
Calvary Fellowship	574.17
Grant Avenue	464.60
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Marshfield	138.13
Central	2,600.00
Sedalia	103.92
Parkview	369.00
Old Bethel	174.18
Fredericktown, First	369.00
Wolf Creek	236.00
Copper Mines	196.05
J.W. Willoughbys	3,800.00
Cabool	305.01
Pleasant Hill	43.97
Mtn. Grove	739.12
DeSoto	700.00
Grace	843.00
Black Oak	67.09
St. Francois Dist.	21.00
Farmington	1,000.00
Freeman Chapel	345.47
Martinstown	30.00
Willow Springs	248.20
Lingo	57.00
Oskaloosa	181.99
Hannibal	36.80
South Fremont	593.00
Cape Girardeau	582.56
Unity	282.76
Total	\$29,099.98

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Willow Springs	\$ 40.00
Hannon	50.00
Thayer	25.00
Calvary Fellowship	41.66
Grant Avenue	6.00
Central	30.00
Farmington	120.00
Total	\$312.66

CHILDREN'S HOME

Flat River, First	\$ 65.78
Myrtle	3.00
DeSoto	50.00
Total	\$118.78

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Meris Chapel	\$ 100.00
Monett	620.00
Terrill Road	15.00
Bethel, Festus	70.00
Blue Springs	30.00
Victory, K.C.	60.00

South Side	125.00
Fourth	60.00
Myrtle	88.00
Lebanon, First	50.00
Kirksville	25.00
Fordland	85.00
Columbia	26.29
Brent & Cindy Thompson	25.00
Clifford Hoover	30.00
Hannon	427.50
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
United, W.P.	139.80
Indian Creek Association	4,778.94
Carthage	25.00
Parkview	40.00
Union	25.00
Olivet, OCA	35.00
Olivet	50.00
Joplin	20.00
Houston	60.25
Trinity	69.40
Willow Springs, First	25.00
Rock Chapel	36.00
Thayer	40.00
Pleasant Home	564.38
Mt. Pisgah	125.00
Leadington	175.00
Belton	201.00
West Plains, First	93.50
New Harmony	44.65
Calvary Fellowship	583.32
Grant Avenue	112.50
Marshfield	10.00
Central	455.00
Viburnum	95.00
Sedalia	32.31
Leadington	200.00
Mtn. Grove	145.32
DeSoto	250.00
Grace	21.00
Black Oak	67.09
Carl Layman	10.00
St. Louis District	109.37
Farmington	385.00
Freeman Chapel	379.80
Martinstown	110.00
Oskaloosa	419.25
Niangua	49.00
South Fremont	115.00
Total	\$11,963.67

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Monett	\$ 228.00
Terrill Road	10.00
Bethel, Festus	60.00
Blue Springs	5.00
Victory, K.C.	125.00
Myrtle	96.00
Kirksville	20.00
Fordland	25.00
Columbia	26.29
Clifford Hoover	5.00
Hannon	5.00
United, W.P.	20.00
Indian Creek Association	2,188.04
Flat River, First	50.00
DeSoto	200.00
Carthage	25.00
Parkview	20.00
Joplin	37.00
Houston	30.00
Trinity	115.00
Rock Chapel	156.24
Thayer	101.41
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Leadington	150.00
Calvary Fellowship	38.33
Grant Avenue	16.00
Marshfield	20.00
Central	830.00
Viburnum	38.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
S.E. District	50.00
Mtn. Grove	20.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Fred Clayton	10.00
Grace	130.00
Farmington	202.00
Martinstown	20.00
Bob & Glenda Keith	10.00
South Fremont	29.00
Total	\$5,221.31

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Riverview, IA	\$ 5.00
Monett	106.78
Bethel, Festus	58.00

Victory, K.C.	170.00
South Side	5.00
Fourth	10.00
Myrtle	66.50
Fordland	10.00
Columbia	8.25
Hannon	121.25
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
United, W.P.	29.80
Indian Creek Association	2,078.91
Carthage	10.00
Joplin	25.00
Trinity	160.00
Thayer	20.00
Leadington	90.00
Belton	25.00
West Plains, First	30.00
New Harmony	44.65
Calvary Fellowship	83.33
Grant Avenue	4.00
Marshfield	13.61
Central	52.00
Sedalia	32.31
Mtn. Grove	5.00
DeSoto	50.00
Union Light	18.00
Grace	35.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
Farmington	55.00
Oak Hill, St. Clair	44.50
Total	\$3,501.89

YOUTH CAMP

Bethel, Festus	\$ 25.00
Hartville	10.00
Willow Springs	20.00
Myrtle	31.50
Fordland	20.00
Hannon	15.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Olivet	25.00
Trinity	15.00
Thayer	30.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	62.50
Central	71.24
Parkview	20.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Mtn. Grove	10.00
DeSoto	50.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
St. Louis District	46.00
Oskaloosa	90.00
Total	\$651.24

GIVING TO ADVANCE CELEBRATION JANUARY - DECEMBER 1987

Harmony	\$ 115.00
Grant Avenue	759.61
Unity	2,735.47
Fordland	481.11
Union Grove	102.00
Tyrone	237.25
Union	440.00
Mt. Pisgah	415.00
Trinity	827.43
Pleasant Home	383.00
Cuba	858.18
Rock Chapel	1,667.60
Beacon	1,060.00
Cabool	605.43
Eastern Gate	311.72
Number One	261.02
Victory, K.C.	54.00
Oskaloosa	80.00
Wolf Creek	457.00
Thayer	52.02
New Harmony	21.00
Total	\$11,923.84

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Mt. Pisgah	\$ 45.00
Victory, K.C.	60.00
Grant Avenue	46.46
Eastern Gate	17.00
Fordland	26.71
Union	20.00
Oskaloosa	180.00
Tyrone	60.00
Rock Chapel	10.00
Cuba	340.85
Trinity	56.40
Pleasant Home	22.00
Total	\$884.42

Make Plans To Attend

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

June 6 - 9
Mtn. Grove, Mo.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 17 - 21
Kansas City, Mo.

Calendar of Events

STATE COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

Friday and Saturday, May 6 & 7. The competition will begin at 7:30 Friday evening and continue through Saturday as long as necessary. (If you have received a mail-out from the SS & CTS Board, please give special attention to it for details.)

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION & WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Monday, June 6-9. First Free Will Baptist Church, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

YOUTH CAMP

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

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION, WNAC & NYC

July 17-21, Kansas City, Mo.

YOUTH CAMP

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

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY RETREAT

August 26-27. Stonecroft Conference Center, Branson, Mo.

ALL BOARDS MEETING & PREACHERS/LAYMAN'S SEMINAR

September 19-20. Youth Camp, Niangua, Mo.

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