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July 17-21

★ Kansas City

75th Anniversary
**Missouri State Association
of Free Will Baptists**

June 6-9

★ Mountain Grove

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1987-1988

CHURCHES	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
Belton	59	46		39	48	40	43	44	46	43	47	50
Bethel	87	82			78							
Calvary Fellowship	251	187	186	172	175	190	227					
Cape Girardeau		59	56	52	54	67	65	80	64	63	68	66
Copper Mines	72	72	70	73	82	80	90	83	85	77	87	121
Cuba	101	88	73	74	68	69	75	85				
DeSoto	199	180	180		185	197		195	183	187	189	214
Flat River, First	144		127	126	134	131	134	131	105	109	115	
Grace	158	135	142	135	142	142	146	129				
Hannon	74	73	74	67	74		74	71	74	74		74
Harmony	71	67	61	60	86	73	78	69	59	72		
Hartville	85	80	79	79	94							
Houston	81	73	85	78	74	86	87	79	85	92	88	89
Jones Creek	17	20	17	15	14	15	15	17	15	17		
Lebanon, First	90	81	86	88	86	86	81	82	90	83	85	90
Myrtle	36	29	29	27	34	39	39	31	37	33	34	33
Neosho	67	57	59	49	78	74	72	82	87	90		
Parkview	93	65	76	67	62	64	73	76	69	70	69	79
Richwoods	56	53	50	50	43	59	42	52	45	46		
Rock Chapel	76	70	72	61	61	63	58	61	54	59		
Springfield First												164
Thayer	142		148	133	151				128			141
United, West Plains	91	89	96	90	81	90	87	95	87	95	87	108
Verdella	74	71	73	75	78	80	85	75	76	74	75	80
Victory, K.C.	65	68	67	51	60	65	60	54	52	55	65	96
Waynesville	69	65	45	66	73	64	76	61				
West Plains, First	121	117	108	125	126	124	152	130	131	141	141	147
Willow Springs	80	81	78	78	78	82	80	76	73	63	68	69

Points for Pastors by James McAllister

You are the new pastor. The church has had a very successful ministry under the direction of the former pastor. He left, he said, because God was finished with him in this place, and wanted him elsewhere. Now you are in the driver's seat, and to your surprise, people aren't as willing to accept you as their leader, as you are willing to become their leader.

Now what do you do? You didn't ask for the job. You prayed about it. The church said they prayed. You were elected, assured of the support of the people, moved to the parsonage, and now you discover you are the bad guy. It seems as though everybody is blaming you for the old pastor's resignation. Everybody knows that it isn't true, but someone has to be blamed and it seems that you are the chosen one.

No one attacks you, they are nice, but you suspect that soon people will go beyond their nice coolness and

become cruel, vindictive, and antagonistic. With this suspicion you start erecting barriers, putting up resistance, watching your step, and in general, becoming a defensive pastor. You begin to notice how you are always on the watch. You must not make any mistakes. But everyone knows that when you are being careful not to make mistakes, that will often be the very thing you do.

Here is your position: You are the duly elected pastor of this church. You prayed, the church prayed, and you felt secure in your decision. You still believe you are where God wants you. Then why won't the congregation accept you?

This is dilemma many pastors must endure, and suffer through. What can he do? What must he do? Is it possible to experience these things and still have a happy and successful ministry under these circumstances.

Since I have raise the question, and presented the problem, I will in the next several articles, offer some suggestions as to how best to handle these and other problems.

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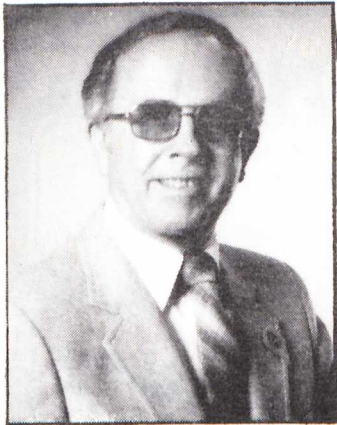
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From
The Desk of
The

Executive Secretary

THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS will meet in Mountain Grove, Missouri at the First Free Will Baptist Church. This is a special State Association this year! We will be honoring those who have served the Lord for Fifty years in the Free Will Baptist Denomination. For the many who have served the Lord as ministers, missionaries and laypeople, it is these that we want to honor at this Seventy-Fifth Session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

The beautiful town of Mountain Grove, Missouri, located in the foothills of the picturesque Ozark Mountains will be the host city. The First Free Will Baptist Church in Mountain Grove and the Mission Association will be hosting the Association this year. The pastor, Reverend Gary Fry, the pastors of the Mission Association and all the friendly folks in that area extend a warm welcome to Missouri Free Will Baptists and their friends to attend this historic session.

Randall House Announces Eighth Annual Softball Tournament

Nashville, TN — The eighth annual Free Will Baptist slow-pitch softball tournament sponsored by Randall House Publications will be played August 12-13 at Cedar Hill Park. These fields are the best that Nashville has to offer. They are located just off of Interstate 65 on Old Hickory Blvd.

Space in the tournament is limited to 32 teams. The tournament will follow the round-robin pattern that was introduced year before last. Applications are now being accepted and will be processed on a first-come-first serve basis. The registration fee for this year will be \$140.00.

The tournament will begin on August 13 at 10:00 a.m. Pairings of the teams will be determined by a drawing that will be open to the public.

For further information, write or call David Segraves, tournament manager, at P.O. Box 17306, Nashville TN 37217. Phone (615) 361-1221.

The theme for the State Association this year is "Remove Not The Ancient Landmarks". It will be developed by some of the senior ministers in the state and the director of our Board of Retirement and Insurance. The preachers are: Reverend Grover Terry, pastor of the Eastern Gate Church, Reverend James Barker, former pastor in the Southeast Missouri area, Reverend Johnny Postlewaite, pastor of the Fordland Church and Reverend Herman Hersey, director of the National Board of Retirement and Insurance.

Reverend Nathan Ruble, moderator, will lead the State Association through the business sessions assisted by Reverend Greg McAllister, assistant moderator.

On Tuesday afternoon the Christian Board of Education will sponsor a seminar for preachers. The speaker for the seminar is Reverend Fred Warner, Director of Church Ministries for the Foreign Missions Department.

The Woman's Auxiliary will begin on Tuesday morning at 9:00. Their services will be held in the church auditorium. The Annual Banquet will be held at the Mountain Grove High School. Mrs. Rose Mertz, president, will preside at the the Auxiliary Meeting, assisted by the vice president.

We are expecting a large attendance for this 75th Annual Session! This is a wonderful time to fellowship with friends, listen to the preached word, sing songs of praise together and share in the blessings of the Lord.

May I encourage you to attend! Will you encourage others to attend and will you pray the Lord's choice and special blessings of the Lord on each part of the Association. May this 75th Annual Session magnify the name of Christ and glorify God as perhaps we have never done before. So, may I encourage you to pray for this meeting in Mid-Week Prayer Services, Sunday School, Sunday Morning and Sunday Evening and in the Family Devotion at home. May this be a memorable meeting that will linger long in our memories, recognizing what God has done for us.

Church Furniture For Sale

The Beacon Free Will Baptist Church, Raytown, Missouri, has the following church furniture for sale: 26 -12 ft. pews; 1-14 ft. choir pew & 1-16 ft. choir pew; 1 altar (long) and 1 pulpit. The pastor, Reverend Ernest Harrison, states the furniture is solid oak and in good condition. He may be contacted at this number, 816-353-7449.

Missouri Students Make Dean's List

At the close of mid-semester examination, the names of 75 Free Will Baptist Bible College students were placed on the Dean's List for maintaining an average of B or higher.

"B" Honor Roll

Debbie Maggart, St. Joseph, Missouri
Barbara Warner, Fredericktown, Missouri
Russell Ball, Monett, Missouri

Editor's Note: Congratulations!

State Association Program

First Free Will Baptist Church
South Main & 4th Street
Mountain Grove, Missouri

June 6-9, 1988

75th Anniversary Session Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

THEME: Remove Not The Ancient Landmarks
Proverbs 22:28

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Monday Afternoon, 1:00 p.m. - June 6
Place: First Free Will Baptist Church
Mountain Grove, Missouri

Monday Evening - June 6, 1988

7:30 p.m. Congregational Singing:
Prayer: *Rev. Cecil Campbell*
Welcome: *Rev. R.E. Helsey*
Response: *Rev. John Bullard*
Convening the Session: *Rev. Cody Freeman*
Congregational Singing
Special Music
Worship in Giving: *Rev. Nathan Ruble*
Special Music
Message "The Church": *Rev. Grover Terry*
Invitation
Benediction

MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Theme: "Weighed In The Balances and Found Wanting"
Daniel 5:27

Tuesday Morning - June 7, 1988

9:00 a.m. Registration
9:30 a.m. Congregational Singing:
Charlene Keesling, Music Director
Prayer
Welcome: *Wanda Keith*
Response: *Linda Hall*
Morning Devotion: *Eunice Edwards*
"Consistency"
Seating of Delegates
Appointment of Committees
Greetings From Missionaries and
Other National Ministries
Recess: *Japanese Tea*
11:00 a.m. Congregational Singing
Prayer
Congregational Singing
Special Music: *Carol Dale*
Message: *Rev. Ken Bailey "Commitment"*
Benediction

Tuesday Afternoon - June 7, 1988

1:30 p.m. Congregational Singing
Business Session
Special Music:
Mtn. Grove Christian Academy Ensemble
Skit: *State Officers*
Benediction
5:00 p.m. Banquet at Mountain Grove High School
Special Music: *David & Stephanie Brawley*
Devotion: *Judy Bailey "Compassion"*
Benediction
★Organist - *Marilyn Lawson*, ★Pianist: *Teresa Bradley*

Tuesday Evening - June 7, 1988

7:30 p.m. Evening Worship:
Rev. Cecil Campbell, presiding
Congregational Singing
Prayer: *Rev. John Shebaum*
Special Music
Congregational Singing
Worship in Singing
Special Music
Message "The Covenant": *Rev. James Barker*
Invitation
Benediction

Wednesday Morning - June 8, 1988

9:00 a.m. Congregational Singing
Devotional Message: *Rev. Ken Turner*
9:15 a.m. Credentials Committee Report
Seating of Delegates
Moderator's Message: *Rev. Nathan Ruble*
Partial General Board Report
*Report from Representatives from National
Offices, FWBBC, Hillsdale and California
Christian College
(*These will be given at the call of the
moderator)

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship: *Rev. Bill Eden, presiding*
 Congregational Singing
 Prayer
 Special Music
 Congregational Singing
 Special Music
 Message: "The Christian Home":
Rev. John Postlewaite
 Invitation
 Benediction

Wednesday Afternoon - June 8, 1988

1:30 p.m. Congregational Singing
 Devotional Message: *Rev. Ralph Cook*
 General Board Report (continued)
 Executive Secretary Report
 Lebanon Bible and Bookstore
 Christian Education Board Report
 State Home Missions Board Report
 Retirement Village Board Report
 Sunday School & CTS Board Report
 Youth Camp Board Report
 *Report from National Offices
 (*Time may necessitate that some of these reports be given on Thursday morning.)
 Dismiss

Wednesday Evening - June 8, 1988

7:30 p.m. Evening Worship: *Rev. Gary Fry, presiding*
 Congregational Singing
 Prayer
 Special Music
 Congregational Singing
 Worship in Giving
 Recognition of Honorees
 Special Music
 Message: "The Calling": *Rev. Herman Hersey*
 Invitation
 Benediction

Thursday Morning - June 9, 1988

9:00 a.m. Congregational Singing
 Devotional Message: *Rev. Harry Beatty*
 9:15 a.m. Reports Continued
 Resolution Committee
 Obituary Committee
 Placement Committee
 Nominating Committee
 State Association Adjourns
 Benediction

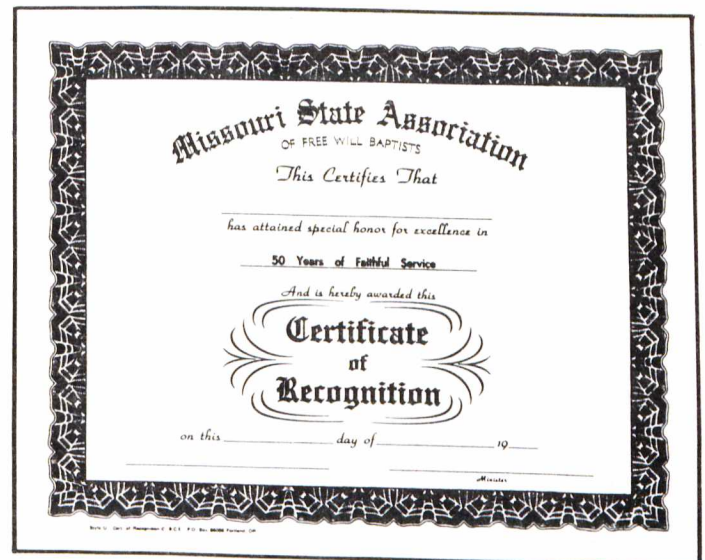
NOTE: The Congregation Singing and Special Music will be under the direction of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Mountain Grove.



A Word From The State Moderator

June 6-9: Do you have these dates marked on your calendar? I hope you have marked them to remind you that the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists is meeting in Mountain Grove, Missouri on these dates. I encourage you to come and experience this great time of worship, fellowship, and business. The worship will revive you, the fellowship will encourage you, and the business sessions will bring you up to date and give you a greater burden for what we as Free Will Baptists are doing together. Vance Havner said that too much Christian experience today is secondhand. Don't let this be a secondhand experience.

I will look forward to seeing you in Mountain Grove, Missouri, June 6-9, as we celebrate our 75th year as a State Association.



Certificates of Recognition

These beautiful certificates will be presented to 50 year honorees Wednesday evening, June 8, 1988, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Mountain Grove, Missouri.

52nd Annual Session
National Association of
Free Will Baptists
To Meet in Kansas City, Mo.
July 17-21, 1988
Theme: "Back to Basics"



Wallace Malone
 Pastor
 First FWB Church
 Decatur, Ill.



Larry Hughes
 Pastor
 First FWB Church
 Walnut Ridge, Ark.



Bob Thompson
 Pastor
 First FWB Church
 Poteau, Okla.



Glen Rehkop
 Pastor
 Grace FWB Church
 Arnold, Mo.



Fred Warner
 Director of
 Church Ministries
 Foreign Missions Dept.



Greg McAllister
 Pastor
 New Life Fellowship
 O'Fallon, Mo.

The National Association of Free Will Baptists meets at Municipal Auditorium July 17-21 in Kansas City, Missouri, for its 52nd annual session. Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington says he expects more than 6,000 delegates and visitors from 40 states for the five-day meeting.

For the sixth time in 44 years, the national convention will be hosted by the 17,000 members and 160 churches of the Missouri State Association. The convention last met in Kansas City in 1978.

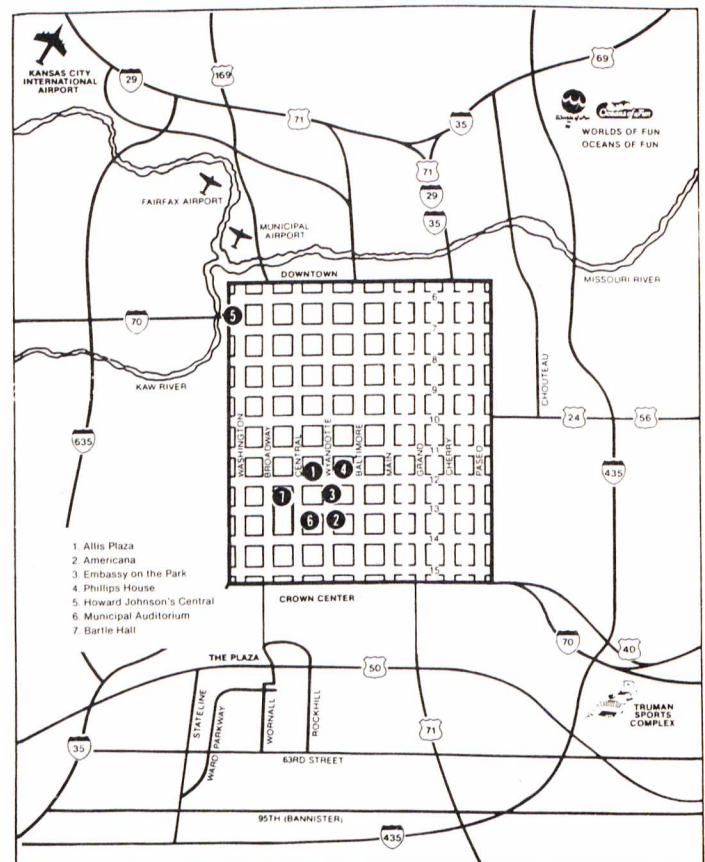
Five ministers will speak on the 1988 theme, "Back to Basics." They include Pastor Wallace Malone (Decatur, Ill.), Pastor Larry Hughes (Walnut Ridge, Ark.), Pastor Bob Thompson (Poteau, Okla.), Pastor Glen Rehkop (Arnold, Mo.), and Foreign Missions Director of Church Ministries Fred Warner (Nashville, Tenn.).

Meeting simultaneously with the National Association are the National Youth Conference with an expected 2,000 registrants and the 53rd annual Woman's National Auxiliary Convention with more than 1,200 women anticipated.

Greg McAllister, pastor of New Life FWB Church, O'Fallon, Missouri, will keynote the 1988 National Youth Conference service Monday evening, July 18, when more than 2,000 teens are expected to gather in Bartle Hall. This year's theme, "Proclaim Liberty!" is taken from Isaiah 61:1. Youth competitive activities conclude on Wednesday of the four-day conference.

The two-day Woman's National Auxiliary Convention meets July 18-19 in Municipal Auditorium. Home Missionary James Munsey, director of Mexican Missions, will deliver the 11:00 a.m. message Tuesday. Mrs. Laura J. Thigpen, speech professor at Free Will Baptist Bible College, will address the WNAC Fellowship Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Hotel Locations



Hotel Reservation

National Convention






July 17-21, 1988

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- Hotels will not accept direct requests without approval of the Housing Bureau.
- Do not mail a deposit with your request. The hotel will confirm your reservation and receive your deposit directly. **THE HOUSING BUREAU DOES NOT HANDLE DEPOSITS.**
- Reservations will be made in order of receipt. If requested room rate is not available, the next available rate will be confirmed.
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- Confirmations will come directly from the hotel.

Received by
June 30, 1988

NAFWB

Housing Bureau
P. O. Box 26310

HOTELS	Choice	 Single	 Double	 Twin	 Triple	 Quad
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Americana		\$55	\$55	\$55	\$65	\$65
Phillips House		\$50	\$50	\$50	\$55	\$55
Embassy on the Park		\$60	\$60	\$60	\$70	\$70
Howard Johnson's Central		\$48	\$48	\$48	\$48	\$48

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Churches, People & Events



Ruby English

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST LADIES MEET

The Ladies Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kirksville, Missouri, met at the home of Leona Thompson. The morning session was the completion of some craft work from a previous meeting.

Lunch was served by the hostess, and after lunch a Birthday Surprise Party was held in honor of our oldest member, Ruby English, celebrating her 83rd birthday. A card shower was presented and a beautiful decorated cake (by Betty Jones) and ice cream was enjoyed by all. After everyone wished her "happy birthday," President Velma Wellman opened the afternoon session with scripture and prayer. Topics were discussed by members and we were dismissed with prayer.

The members are very active in helping the church and community.

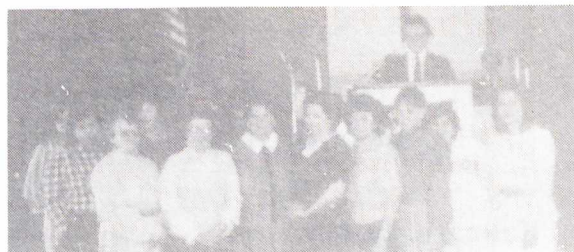
REPORT FROM THE FIRST FWB CHURCH OF WAYNESVILLE

"There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord." The words from this song express the atmosphere at Waynesville First Free Will Baptist Church Easter Sunday, April 3, 1988.

A few weeks before our Sunday School campaign, an excitement came over our church. We were divided into teams all working together toward one goal, to see souls saved.

After the Easter morning service the losing team had to serve dinner to the winning team. At 2:00 p.m. the New Life Quartet ministered to us in song.

During the evening service we observed the ordinance of communion and feet washing. The Lord really blessed in this service. If you've never washed more than one person's feet, try it and reap the blessing. The evening ended with seven being baptized and one joining the church. We are thankful for our pastor and his wife, Gary and Sharon Parker, and the work they are doing in the church.



Pastor Dablemont and Woman's Auxiliary

CUBA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Cuba FWB Church was recently honored by Pastor Rick Dablemont and the congregation for their projects on behalf of missions during 1987.

The ladies presented a check for \$950.00 to the church for special project missionaries for the year—the McClures in Mexico and the Cochrans in Hannibal, Missouri. The money was raised through their various yearly activities: bake sales, walk-a-thon, bowl-a-thon, and dinners.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH MINISTER ORDAINED AT CUBA

On January 29, 1988, Rev. Jim Harrison was ordained by the South Central District Association. The ordination service was held at the Cuba FWB Church. Pastor Rick Dablemont delivered the ordination sermon and Pastor Jay Tilson of the Oak Hill FWB Church presented the formal charge. Special music by Joe & Shirley Weber, Jim Weber, Roger Dickens, Steve Eads, and Mike Robinson was inspiring to all. Refreshments were enjoyed in fellowship following the service.

Brother Harrison has served as Minister of Children's Church at Cuba for the past three years. He has been a licensed minister of the SCA Conference since 1985. His wife, Josie, is a faithful helpmate and has served the Children's Church by his side from the beginning of his ministry. During the past three years under their guidance, the Children's Church has more than doubled to an average of approximately 30 in attendance. Jim and Josie work together as managers of the Midway Motel in Cuba and Jim is also employed by the City of Cuba.

Each Sunday morning the Harrisons make multiple trips picking up and delivering precious little souls to Sunday School and Church. Without the aid of a van or church bus, they have demonstrated that dedication to the Lord and a labor of love for young souls will be blessed by the Lord. Both Jim and Josie are also active in our state work, having served as sponsors and teachers at Youth Camp in the past.



Jim and Children's Church



Jim and Josie

NEW PASTOR AT ROLLA

The First Free Will Baptist Church at Rolla, Missouri has welcomed Reverend and Mrs. James Parker as pastor and wife, writes Mrs. Judy McWilliams, church reporter. Rev. and Mrs. Parker had previously served the Richwood Free Will Baptist Church where Brother Parker had led the church in a new building program.

The new pastor accepted the church in October and already the Lord has blessed with 10 professions of faith, several rededications and some additions to the church. The church feels that it is experiencing revival with an increase in attendance and renewed interest among the people of the church. The church family is working together and the sweet presence of the Lord is evident in the services.

The church has set a goal of 88 in Sunday School by Spring. And, it seems that each week brings the church a little closer to it.

The outlook for the church is very bright, and we are trusting God to help us with a new building in Rolla, continues Mrs. McWilliams. We believe the Lord will continue to bless.

ROLL CALL SUNDAY SUCCESSFUL AT FOURTH

Rev. Nathan Ruble, his wife, Judy, and the folks of the Fourth Church worked hard; they prayed fervently; they promoted and they anticipated. The goal was an ambitious goal for the Fourth Church that is going through a revitalizing process, but they believed they could have an attendance of 75 on Roll Call Sunday. They did! Brother Ruble told the congregation on Sunday morning that the total attendance was 82! For this he said, "We praise the Lord! Everybody worked and now we have seen the fruit of our labor. Let's continue to work hard, trust God and believe that the Lord will continue to bless."



Mrs. Wilma Dodson
The only charter member
of the Fourth Church



The Fourth Church Congregation



Stewardship Banquet



A Delicious Meal

STEWARDSHIP BANQUET AT CARTHAGE

The Carthage Mission Church held a Stewardship Banquet at the Sirloin Steakhouse in Carthage, Missouri, Saturday evening March 5, 1988.

Rev. Jim Williams, pastor, stated that the purpose of the Banquet was to enjoy good Christian fellowship, look at what the mission-church had been doing and project and plan for the future. In looking at past, present and future the pastor stated that it looked good. The church did not have to be ashamed of its record. In fact, the record revealed that the mission-church was making steady progress. And if the future is as bright as the past, and there was no reason to doubt that, the church will continue growing, expanding and enlarging in its ministries for the Lord.

Rev. Clarence Burton spoke to the group concerning stewardship. He said that most of us think of three areas in stewardship, that is Time, Tithe and Talent. For a subject thought he used, "How Much". And he answered the question by stating that the more God has been pleased to give us, the more responsibility we have to Him and others. Brother Burton also observed that it was obvious the church was growing and that it seemed evident from the attitude of the folks at the Banquet that it was, by the help and grace of God, continuing in its growth.

Brother Williams, after looking at the church budget for 1988, asked the young church to pledge, as individuals or families, what it thought by the help of God it could give. Without hesitancy commitments were made.

With this attitude toward Christian stewardship, the Carthage Church will continue to grow.

RICHWOODS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church will celebrate the 50th Anniversary on September 11, 1988.

We would like for all former pastors and members of the church to come and help celebrate this Golden Anniversary.

WENTZVILLE MISSION CELEBRATES 2ND ANNIVERSARY

On March 6, the Crossroads Church of Wentzville commemorated its second anniversary with a homecoming day. It was a day of looking back with thanksgiving for the blessing of the Lord in these past two years and a day of hopes and dreams as we anticipated God's blessings for the future.

Total morning attendance was 66 for worship. Pastor Jim Mertz's sermon was taken from Jeremiah 7:1-7, in which he outlined a 7-fold covenant of obedience, if followed, God says, "I will cause you to dwell in this place." The service was followed by a Sunday dinner. After this, we were blessed by the testimony and message of our Missouri State Home Mission Director, Rev. Cliff Bowman. He and his wife, Frances were our special guests for the day.

Also, it is a thrill to share with you that we now have our new highway billboard sign complete and installed! It is a big, 300 square feet sign along Interstate 70, on our own property. Thanks to loving Christians from the Farmington and Fellowship FWB Church, we were able to have such a sign.

Recently, it was my privilege to be in mission services at the First FWB Church of West Plains where Rev. Ron Blanks is pastor. The Woman's Auxiliary planned the special emphasis for Wentzville and gave to the Mertz account a check for \$433.00. I thank God for the tremendous contribution the Missouri Woman's Auxiliary makes for the cause of missions!

As pastor of the Wentzville mission, let me say I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve Free Will Baptists here. My wife, Rose, and I are grateful for all your prayers and all your financial support that keeps us going for the Lord. Through your faithful help and prayers and the grace of God we are laboring to see our church established and souls won for the Lord. Your help is needed now more than ever to insure the building and establishment of the work.

If you plan to go to the National Association this year in Kansas City, why not stop by and share a visit or service on Interstate 70, about 50 miles west of St. Louis.

I can be reached at 314-441-8970 and our church is located at 2349 W. Pearce Blvd. along the north service road of Interstate 70. If the Lord leads you to invest in souls for the work at Wentzville, send your love offerings to: Mo. State Home Mission Board, Rev. Dale Skiles, treas., 3249 Pinehurst, Springfield, Mo. 65807.



Cliff and Frances Bowman



New Highway Billboard Sign



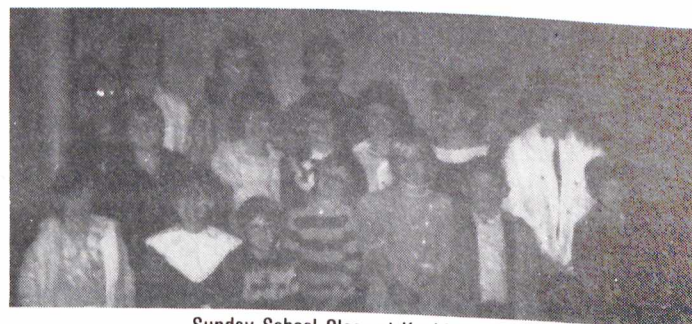
Pastor Fields, wife Dorene, Calvin and Gerri Plummer

PLUMMER RETIREMENT SINGING AT BERKELEY

On Saturday evening, February 13, 1988, Calvin and Gerri Plummer hosted a Gospel Singing at the First Free Will Baptist Church at Berkeley, Missouri. The special service was to celebrate the recent retirement of Brother Plummer from McDonnell Douglas Corporation. Calvin had been employed at the Corporation for thirty-nine years.

A large crowd of family and friends gathered for the occasion to worship the Lord and enjoy the gospel singing. The singers were; The Gospel Generation Singers, The Revelators, Finnis Barr & Doyle Fulbright, Ron & Debbie Scott, Marilyn Jones, Jim & Jeri Mullen, The Berkeley Quartet and Hershel Lester of The Singing Lester Family.

Linda Walls, church reporter writes, everyone enjoyed the singing, the fellowship and the refreshments during the intermission.



Sunday School Class at Koshkonong

APRIL IS FAMILY MONTH AT KOSHKONONG

The church reporter for the Koshkonong Free Will Baptist Church, Sheila Stump, sends this report. The members of the Koshkonong Church agree with the song, "Everybody Ought To Go To Sunday School". The Sunday School is a powerful means of training our children and adults for service to the Lord.

Then, we adults must set a good example and strive not only to be faithful to Sunday School and Church attendance but to daily 'walk in the Spirit and not fulfill the lust of the flesh'. The children need good role models!

To encourage and implement this idea we have dedicated April as 'Family Month'. We will have a different theme for each Sunday. We want to 'Grow Together'.



Reverend Burton and Pastor Rehkop and wives



Grace Church Congregation

25TH ANNIVERSARY AT GRACE CHURCH

On Sunday, March 27, the Grace Free Will Baptist Church at Arnold, Missouri celebrated its 25th Anniversary, writes church reporter Leman Killian.

The Sunday School attendance was 220 with an attendance of 278 for the Morning Worship. The Durbin Family from Fredericktown, Missouri provided the special music for the Morning and Afternoon Services. The Durbins blessed the hearts of everyone with their fine songs.

Rev. Darrel Ellis, from Nashville, Tennessee, delivered the Morning Message. The Lord blessed with one soul at the altar. Praise the Lord!

A very bountiful and delicious dinner was served by the ladies of the church during the noon hour. Say, it is good when Christian folks get together over a meal!

Rev. Clarence Burton delivered the Afternoon Message. He and Sister Burton arrived in time to enjoy some dinner. He and his wife are a blessing to the Grace Church and to all of us in Missouri.

Everyone enjoyed the day. It was a great day in the Lord. During the noon hour several people enjoyed seeing pictures of the history of the Grace Church and especially the last five years.

The Afternoon Service closed with prayer but the day had not ended. The Grace Church met together for the Evening Service at the regular time. The pastor, Brother Rehkop, preached a short message following some testimonies. So that completed a great day for Grace Church.

Pastoral Vacancy at Columbia

The Columbia Free Will Baptist Church located at 3316 Rock Quarry Road, Columbia, Missouri, is receiving resumes of pastors interested in serving the church.

Additional information may be obtained from these men: Thomas Owens, deacon, 314-474-4369; Randy Underwood, deacon, 314-443-3822; Rick Young, trustee, 314-445-4382 and Charles Edwards, clerk-treasurer, 314-442-5751.

God Chose Me

I was lost, out on my own,
But God never lost track of me.
I had strayed far from His side,
But He never gave up on me.

All these years I've traveled,
I thought I walked alone,
Yet by my side, He was always there,
Leading me ever home.

God welcomed me back in,
Cleansed me of my sins;
He brought me back to life
With His sweet, undying love.

Our Lord and Savior, God above,
Gave to me a great gift of love;
God chose me,
Chose me as one of His own.

—James Rodney Reppy

EDITOR'S NOTE: The writer of this poem is a personal friend of the editor, and a former member of the Berkeley Church. He is now a lawyer, and this poem describes, as Rodney states, "his return back to God". May the Lord bless Rodney in his renewed endeavor to live for God.

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones



Revival Meetings come and go, and people in the church and community, many times, seem to be untouched or unchanged. One reason could be a lack of understanding of what revival is or what is the expected results of revival.

Vance Havener gives a couple of insights into his understanding of revivals. He wrote, "Evangelism is the proclamation of the Gospel, with the purpose of winning the lost to Christ. Revival is a fresh work of the Holy Spirit among Christians, to bring them to confession of sin, renewed dedication and loving zeal for service." He further states, "A revival is the church falling in love with Jesus Christ all over again."

Allow me to add that it's most difficult to get people to care about someone for whom they have no love. But when we love someone it becomes our joy to please that person.

It is my conviction that true love for Christ will take care of many of the problems in the churches today. Let's pray, "God send a revival of renewed love for Christ."

Missionary Messages:

The John McClure Family, Mexico:

The Lord continues to bless the work in Saltillo . . . We have seen several come to a saving knowledge of Christ and accept Him as their own personal Saviour . . . We continue to grow and the rented property has become too small . . . Rent has doubled and we need more finances . . . We do believe the Lord will provide . . . If a special gift could be sent to our account for this project, just mark it "property" . . . We would greatly appreciate it.

The Steve Reeves Family, Spain:

Reverend and Mrs. Lavelle Reeves, Steve's parents, visited the latter part of December (1987). This was a spiritual uplift to us and to the work. We have had the opportunity to visit and witness to several of the neighbors . . . Pray that we will be able to lead them to the Lord . . . We are still seeking the guidance of the Lord after completing our work at the University . . . We want to be settled and begin the work He wants us to do as quickly as possible . . . We appreciate your faithful financial support . . . Please continue to remember us and our labor in your prayers.

The Jim Mertz Family, Wentzville:

We began the new year, 1988, by having 40 in Sunday School and a day of commitment for the new plans, dreams, dedication and hope for the new year . . . Our Teen Group is growing . . . Last month two young people were saved . . . The new Highway Sign is finished and in the process of being installed . . . We are counting on your faithful prayers and financial support . . . for the first time in two years, my account is in the red . . . We do need your continued support.

The Dale Cochran Family, Hannibal:

We are glad that spring is here! This has been a rough winter. I have never seen so much snow in my life. Seems like every week, it snows on Saturday and affects the attendance on Sunday. We are in a new location. We trust the Lord will bless this move. We know that God is in control and we trust Him to lead. Please remember us in your prayers. We appreciate the financial and prayer support of the people in Missouri.

The Vergel Maness Family, New Jersey:

Because of my account being in the red, I have been away participating in two missions conferences . . . I have reduced my deficit to \$1500 . . . During my absence the church attendance has remained consistent . . . In October we had an attendance of 51 on Pastor Appreciation Day . . . On Sunday, December 6, we had a new record attendance, 70 . . . The City Planning Board has granted our petition and the proposed waivers . . . We are not sure how quickly everything will proceed but at least we are on the way to building and growing . . . Please remember us and our labor in your prayers.

The Alvis Paul Family, Arizona:

I recently took part in a Missions Conference in Southwestern Missouri . . . I greatly appreciate what the fine people of Missouri are doing for us . . . Our attendance was somewhat down last month but I suppose that I can expect that inasmuch as I have been away in conferences . . . We have been looking for

another building that has twice the floor space of that which we are presently using . . . Please pray that we will be missionaries in our "Jerusalem" and build a strong soul-winning Free Will Baptist Church in this huge growing city.

The Jeff Turnbough Family, Spain:

Our building was full and overflowing for our Third Anniversary Service. The Lord blessed with so many visitors . . . I have been spending four to five hours weekly in 'one on one' discipleship with a nineteen year old convert. We are so thankful for the ones we have had the privilege of leading to the Lord . . . Please remember us in your prayers, and thanks for your faithful financial support.

Missouri Exceeds National Home Missions Quota

Missouri exceeded its quota for 1987, writes Rev. Roy Thomas, General Director for the National Home Missions Department. The quota was \$120,000.00 and the total receipts were \$155,725.35. "I thank Missouri Free Will Baptists for what you did," he writes.

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Pastors, please share these words of rejoicing with your people. Those are the only words that can express the results of the First Annual, Central Western Association of FWB Missions Conference.

Brother Ken Bailey had an opportunity to share with six of the churches in the Association. He challenged all of those who were in attendance at the Friday evening and Saturday afternoon sessions of the associational meetings. If the Lord doesn't come to take His church back, there are plans to have another Missions Conference next year during the annual meeting.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the first such Missions Conference in the Association with Brother Bailey. The Auxiliary gave a total of \$189.53, the offerings on Friday and Saturday from the Association itself totaled \$216.00 and the churches in the association gave a total of \$1,367.05. This resulted in a grand total of \$1,772.58 given to Brother Bailey's account.

May we all continue to pray for the Bailey's and others who need more finances so that they can return to their field of service very soon. May God bless each and everyone who took a part in the Missions Conference by praying and giving, it was a great success.

In His Service,
Curt Holland

Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



"And God said unto Noah, the end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth." Genesis 6:13

In the first book of the Bible, God explains His feelings about sin. He had created man in His own image, and because of the works of the flesh man had fallen to a very low state. His mind was not upon the things of God, but upon evil continually. The sight of wickedness and violence grieved the heart of God to the point that He was sorry that He had ever created man.

But, there was a man named Noah who was in the right relationship with God. While people around him were going their own ways ignoring God's commands, Noah determined in his heart to live right. Noah had not placed his confidence in the flesh, but walked with God. He was a just man and perfect in his generations. And Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Even from the beginning, grace in the sense of kindness carried with it the idea of free generosity. Free generosity! How descriptive of God's attitude and actions toward us!

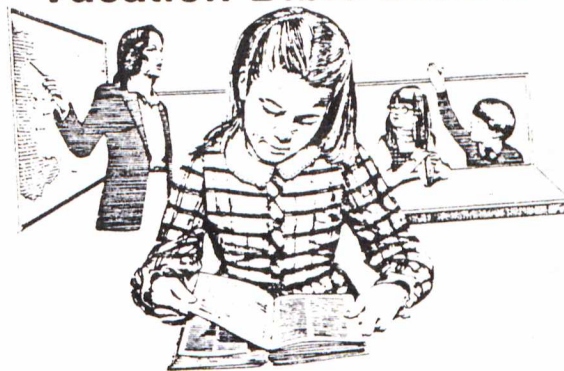
Even though this verse was spoken to Noah, the preacher of righteousness, I wonder if it ought not be relayed to our generation as well; for the verse states that the cup of God's wrath was finally full. He had given opportunity and all needed provisions for man to live a life acceptable to Him. The reason his wrath was full was because the flesh or sinful man as in verse 3, has so influenced the earth that violence prevailed. Today the works of the flesh found in Galatians 5 have influenced every area of our society that violence prevails on every hand.

The last portion of the verse says God will finally destroy sinful flesh. I'm thankful that we may know something of the same grace that Noah knew and that Jesus Christ, our ark, has gone to prepare a place where flesh and blood cannot enter. A place of peace not violence.

I hope this generation will see that God has not closed his eyes to wickedness, but will one day say, "the end of all flesh is come before me." Will you throw off the works of the flesh or be thrown off yourself at Judgement. If you plan to go to Heaven, you must prepare now, because flesh will not enter there.



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Financial Information

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS FEBRUARY 1988

18.50%	Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 4,552.47
17.00%	Executive Office & Gem	4,183.36
3.50%	General Fund	861.28
6.50%	Youth Camp	1,599.51
1.75%	SS & CTS	430.64
1.75%	Christian Education Bd.	430.64
6.50%	Retirement Village	1,599.51
5.00%	Mo. State Ret. Program	1,230.39
30.50%	Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & California Christian College	7,505.46
24.00%	Foreign Missions	\$1,801.31
19.00%	Nat'l Home Msns.	1,426.03
18.75%	FWBBC	1,407.27
18.75%	Hillsdale College	1,407.27
14.00%	Executive Dept.	1,050.77
2.50%	Layman's Board	187.63
50%	Radio & TV Com.	37.53
50%	Theological Com.	37.53
50%	Historical Com.	37.53
50%	Board of Ret. & Ins.	37.53

1.00%	Calif. Christian College	75.06
9.00%	State Office Building Fund	2,214.71
Total		\$24,607.97

This is the second month of the year and the Lord has blessed with another good month. Out of a heart of love and thanksgiving, we thank Him. We pray the Lord will bless those churches and individuals that give faithfully each month that lost souls can be won to Christ and that the Christians may grow in Him.

FEBRUARY 1987 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Verdella	\$ 180.86
Verdella	178.75
Bailey Chapel	58.00
Pleasant Ridge	99.00
Cope	56.90
Hartville	294.88
New Rock Springs	82.70
Royal Oak	130.00
Lone Star	46.22

Macedonia	20.00
Merls Chapel	148.49
Houston	321.01
Rock Chapel	344.33
Columbia	50.00
Myrtle	169.22
Crossroads	190.00
Fourth	180.00
Eastern Gate	224.00
Walnut Grove	101.75
Purdy	453.94
New Life Fellowship	544.00
Jones Chapel	299.54
Harmony, K.C.	795.00
Beacon	364.00
Beacon	1,450.40
Victory Hill	40.00
Thayer	358.00
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Carthage	100.00
Tyrone	58.96

New Harmony	15.56
Union Grove	108.00
Sedalia	127.27
Fredericktown	402.00
Number One	52.41
Monett	818.41
Belton	244.34
Mt. Pisgah	213.00
Bethel	437.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	84.20
Cuba	358.61
Joplin	400.24
Springfield, First	870.22
Stockton	65.47
Seymour	140.00
Fordland	583.64
Olivet	400.00
Hope Well	208.00
Byrd	27.00
Mine La Motte	26.53
Hurricaneville	106.00
United, W.P.	434.15
Trinity	805.70
Wilderness	328.00
Riverview, IA	322.32
DeSoto	838.00
Leadington	450.00
Flat River, First	628.02
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	112.15
Copper Mines	216.05
Hannon	273.55
Marshfield	242.48
Parkview	451.00
Grace	852.00
Lebanon, First	497.12
Black Oak	57.50
Mill Creek	239.22
Victory, Alton	160.00
West Plains, First	329.00
Victory, K.C.	299.19
New Home	120.20
Pleasant Home	257.04
Grant Avenue	788.73
Central	756.00
Viburnum	163.52
Wolf Creek	317.47
New Rock Springs	75.32
Liberty	400.00
Lingo	50.00
Pleasant Hill	47.48
Unity	206.25
South Fremont	385.00
Cape Girardeau	443.84
Total	\$24,607.97

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Verdella	\$ 50.00
Kirksville	20.00
Merls Chapel	100.00
Houston	10.00
Rock Chapel	191.76
Columbia	34.73
Myrtle	90.00
Crossroads	5.00
Beacon	45.00
Thayer	99.00
Carthage	20.00
Richwoods	27.00
Kevin & Judy Pogue	10.00
South East District	50.00
Monett	119.00
Parkview	20.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Bethel	70.00
Cuba Woman's Aux.	750.00
Fordland	10.00
South Fremont	12.00
United, W.P.	26.00
Trinity	160.00
DeSoto	200.00
Leadington	110.00
Flat River, First	25.00
Hannon	5.00
Blue Springs	10.00
Marshfield	20.00
Fred Clayton	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Grace	120.00
Lebanon, First	10.00
West Plains, First	20.00
Victory, K.C.	30.00
Grant Avenue	16.00
Calvary Fellowship	10.00
Central	258.00
Viburnum	38.00
Wolf Creek	10.00

Liberty	200.00
Total	\$3,111.49

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Pleasant Ridge	\$ 10.00
South Side	10.00
Columbia	8.25
Myrtle	61.00
Crossroads	5.00
Fourth	15.00
Beacon	130.00
Thayer	20.00
Richwoods	10.00
Kevin & Judy Pogue	10.00
New Harmony	77.80
Sedalia	16.01
Monett	103.92
Belton	25.00
Bethel, Festus	83.00
Cuba Woman's Aux.	200.00
South Fremont	5.00
United, W.P.	24.08
Trinity	155.00
Riverview, IA	5.00
DeSoto	50.00
Leadington	85.00
Greater K.C. Miss. Conf.	203.49
Greater K.C. District	200.00
Hannon	136.77
Marshfield	24.24
Grace	45.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
West Plains, First	124.60
Victory, K.C.	10.00
Grant Avenue	36.00
Calvary Fellowship	116.49
Central	10.00
Homer & Dorothy Mosier	25.00
Total	\$2,065.65

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Verdella	\$ 739.62
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
South Side	133.51
Kirksville	25.00
Merls Chapel	100.00
Houston	98.58
Willow Springs, First	25.00
Rock Chapel	56.00
Columbia	34.74
Myrtle	91.00
Fourth	120.00
Niangua	37.00
Beacon	2,154.75
Thayer	56.00
Carthage	35.00
Richwoods	40.00
Kevin & Judy Pogue	15.00
New Harmony	77.80
Sedalia	16.00
Belton	25.00
Parkview	40.00
Mt. Pisgah	145.00
Bethel, Festus	105.00
Fordland	90.00
Olivet	50.00
Union	90.00
South Fremont	70.00
United, W.P.	129.08
DeSoto	250.00
Leadington	280.00
Flat River, First	50.00
Greater K.C. Miss. Conf.	1,526.16
Brent Thompson	25.00
Hannon	298.55
Blue Springs	65.00
Marshfield	35.00
Grace	51.00
Lebanon, First	60.00
Black Oak	57.50
Carl Layman	10.00
West Plains, First	30.00
Victory, K.C.	80.00
Pleasant Home	122.02
Grant Avenue	238.00
Calvary Fellowship	592.32
Central	232.00
Viburnum	90.00
Martinstown	20.00
Liberty	200.00
Monett	1,030.00
Total	\$9,971.63

ADVANCE CELEBRATION

Rock Chapel	\$ 10.00
Eastern Gate	25.00

Beacon	40.00
Mt. Pisgah	35.00
Fordland	58.36
Union	50.00
Trinity	80.57
Pleasant Home	22.00
Grant Avenue	78.87
Cabool	70.35
Total	\$470.15

YOUTH CAMP

Verdella	\$ 20.00
Hartville	10.00
New Rock Springs	20.00
Myrtle	30.00
Thayer	30.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Bethel	25.00
Fordland	20.00
Olivet	25.00
Trinity	10.00
DeSoto	50.00
Leadington	20.00
Hannon	15.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Bethel, Eldorado Springs	15.00
Central	43.86
Wolf Creek	10.00
Total	\$461.86

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Fourth	\$ 5.00
Beacon	200.00
Thayer	25.00
Monett	10.00
DeSoto	35.00
Leadington	20.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Central	35.00
Total	\$365.75

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Beacon	\$200.00
Thayer	25.00
Hannon	50.00
Grant Avenue	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Central	45.00
Total	\$365.75

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

MARCH 1988

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 4,817.37
17.00% Executive Office & Gem	4,426.78
3.50% General Fund	911.40
6.50% Youth Camp	1,692.60
1.75% SS & CTS Bd.	455.70
1.75% Christian Education Bd.	455.70
6.50% Retirement Village Bd.	1,692.60
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	1,301.99
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & California	
Christian College	7,942.16
24.00% Foreign Missions	\$1,906.12
19.00% Nat'l. Home Mns.	1,509.01
18.75% FWBCC	1,489.15
18.75% Hillsdale College	1,489.15
14.00% Executive Dept.	1,111.91
2.50% Layman's Board	198.55
.50% Radio & TV Com.	39.71
.50% Theological Com.	39.71
.50% Historical Com.	39.71
.50% Board of Ret. & Ins.	39.71
1.00% Calif. Christian College	79.43
9.00% State Office Building Fund	2,343.59
Total	\$26,039.89

The Lord has blessed in the month of March! He blessed with the receipts meeting the monthly budget and thus far, for the year 1988 we are meeting our yearly budget. This enables every recipient of Cooperative Giving to fulfill its proposed budget.

May we never receive these blessings with an ungrateful heart, but rather a heart of thanksgiving and adoration for the One and to the One from Whom ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

FEBRUARY 1987 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Friendship	\$ 575.65
Macedonia	20.00
Merls Chapel	71.64

Houston	265.27
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Rolla	42.89
Fourth	134.00
Farmington	1,000.00
Rock Chapel	277.98
Myrtle	155.50
Hartville	236.39
Columbia	50.00
Cope	44.00
New Life Fellowship	572.00
Harmony	319.00
Bailey Chapel	47.00
Pleasant Ridge	85.00
Willow Springs	268.60
Fredericktown, First	423.00
Union Grove	128.00
Royal Oak	96.00
Joplin	374.90
Lone Star	30.50
Hannon	210.65
Number One	39.43
Hurryville	164.00
Hazel Creek	358.98
Belton	310.70
Thayer	378.00
Bethel, Festus	288.00
Victory Hill	40.00
Hannibal	36.00
Riverview, IA	250.90
Mill Creek	207.18
Flat River, First	551.10
Mt. Zion, Gower	65.40
Trinity	684.39
Sedalia	99.60
Berean	33.00
Fordland	358.06
Carthage	80.00
Victory, Alton	216.00
Parkview	258.00
Monett	575.32
Stockton	40.78
Mt. Pisgah	190.00
Viburnum	252.54
Mine La Motte	37.91
Hope Well	146.00
Verdella	154.83
Verdella	198.27
Olivet	400.00
Freeman Chapel	558.79
Seymour	133.00
Springfield, First	786.82
United, W.P.	354.12
Eastern Gate	229.00
Pleasant Home	268.83
Marshfield	182.44
DeSoto	676.00
Lebanon, First	323.88
Oskaloosa	37.32
Cabool	290.61
Cabool	266.23
Copper Mines	296.47
Union Grove	79.00
Grace	728.00
Potosi	53.57
Leadington	350.00
New Harmony	13.83
Pleasant Hill	49.32
Grant Avenue	548.11
West Plains, First	255.00
Salem	30.00
Wolf Creek	251.15
Twin Oak	718.00
Koshkonong	225.00
Lingo	36.75
Salem	30.00
Terrill Road	223.00
Jones Chapel	327.39
New Rock Springs	81.20
Berkeley	420.82
Fourth	156.00
Hannibal	52.00
Black Oak	71.77
Hope Well	166.00
Number One	42.20
Hartville	238.31
Myrtle	163.51
Union Light	240.10
New Life Fellowship	277.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	49.90
Terrill Road	99.00
Harmony	523.00
Joplin	294.52
Cuba	259.01
Parkview	377.00
Willow Springs	237.76

Merls Chapel	125.69
Victory, K.C.	239.53
Carthage	80.00
Unity	384.82
South Fremont	690.00
Cape Girardeau	587.75
Total	\$26,039.89

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Fourth	\$ 10.00
Farmington	120.00
Thayer	25.00
DeSoto	35.00
Leadington	20.00
Parkview	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Total	\$255.75

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

South Side	\$ 5.00
Fourth	10.00
Farmington	60.00
Myrtle	124.00
Columbia	8.25
Kevin & Judy Pogue	10.00
Richwoods	9.00
Harmony	20.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Hannon	105.33
Belton	25.00
Thayer	77.00
Bethel, Festus	70.00
South Fremont	5.00
Riverview, IA	6.00
Flat River, First	5.00
Trinity	45.00
Sedalia	15.22
Fordland	10.00
Monett	98.77
United, W.P.	36.54
Marshfield	18.24
DeSoto	50.00
Grace	35.00
Leadington	85.00
New Harmony	69.18
Grant Avenue	19.00
Unity	30.00
Calvary Fellowship	116.49
J.W. Rader	25.00
Richwoods	20.00
Union Light	18.00
Oak Hill, Union	25.00
Victory, K.C.	5.00
Carthage	10.00
Total	\$1,281.02

YOUTH CAMP

Myrtle	\$ 49.00
Hartville	20.00
Willow Springs	20.00
Hannon	15.00
Thayer	30.00
Bethel, Festus	25.00
Trinity	10.00
Fordland	20.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Verdella	20.00
Olivet	25.00
DeSoto	50.00
Oskaloosa	20.00
Leadington	20.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Total	\$468.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS

South Side	\$ 145.00
Kirksville	50.00
Merls Chapel	200.00
Houston	107.50
Willow Springs, First	25.00
Fourth	135.00
Farmington	335.00
Farmington	120.00
Rock Chapel	46.00
Myrtle	193.00
Columbia	48.23
Niangua	87.00
Richwoods	89.25
Kevin Pogue	15.00
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Clifford Hoover	30.00
Brent Thompson	25.00

Hannon	235.65
Belton	25.00
Thayer	69.00
Bethel, Festus	90.00
Union	25.00
South Fremont	90.00
Flat River, First	25.00
Trinity	98.00
Sedalia	15.22
Fordland	75.00
Carthage	40.00
Monett	810.05
Mt. Pisgah	190.00
Verdella	952.18
Olivet	50.00
Freeman Chapel	634.50
United, W.P.	151.54
Pleasant Home	118.83
Marshfield	30.25
DeSoto	250.00
Lebanon, First	60.00
Oskaloosa	92.22
Grace	20.00
Leadington	272.00
Viburnum	130.00
New Harmony	69.18
Grant Avenue	184.50
Parkview	40.00
Calvary Fellowship	538.21
Terrill Road	45.00
Black Oak	71.77
Carl & Mildred Layman	10.00
Victory, K.C.	55.00
Carthage	20.00
Total	\$7,264.08

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Kirksville	\$ 40.00
Merls Chapel	200.00
Houston	25.00
Farmington	185.00
Rock Chapel	186.88
Myrtle	168.00
Columbia	18.23
Sam & Zelma Vetrano	20.00
Kevin Pogue	10.00
Richwoods	62.00
Clifford Hoover	5.00
Thayer	244.00
Bethel, Festus	45.00
South Fremont	15.00
Southeast District Ass'n.	50.00
Flat River, First	35.00
Trinity	45.00
Fordland	220.00
Carthage	30.00
Monett	1,221.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Verdella	50.00
United, W.P.	36.00
Marshfield	35.00
DeSoto	200.00
Grace	120.00
Leadington	160.00
Viburnum	38.00
Parkview	20.00
Unity	15.00
Calvary Fellowship	10.00
Fred Clayton	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Terrill Road	30.00
Victory, K.C.	25.00
Grant Avenue	16.00
Total	\$3,690.11

ADVANCE CELEBRATION

Rolla	\$ 21.20
Rock Chapel	10.00
Harmony	15.00
Union	25.00
Trinity	68.44
Mt. Pisgah	35.00
Eastern Gate	25.00
Pleasant Home	12.00
Oskaloosa	40.00
Grant Avenue	54.81
Unity	225.00
Total	\$567.26

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Farmington	\$120.00
Hannon	50.00
Thayer	25.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Total	\$238.75

Youth Camp News

by Jim Mertz, Chairman
Youth Camp Board

As we anticipate and pray for another good year at the camp, it is the desire of your Camp Board to maintain our camp to the very best and offer an exciting, life changing week of fun and fellowship to all campers. I am so thankful to God that He has provided such a place as Youth Camp. As a boy, only 9 years old, I attended youth camp for the first time and it left a real spiritual impression on my life, way back in 1960. Since that time, I have watched the marvels and miracles of the grace of God at camp each year.

Having served these last two years as a Board member, I have had my eyes open to the overwhelming responsibilities, the tremendous financial needs, and the hours of sacrificial labor that must go into making Youth Camp possible. I remember last summer at camp going out into the woods and alone with God, pouring out my heart in prayer for the needs of the camp and those precious young people who came to the session. There is so much to do! There is so much that the Lord could do at camp if we just had the finances! There is no place like this for Missouri Free Will Baptist young people. I have seen the difference in their lives, I have seen the moving of the Holy Spirit in their hearts, and I have seen the love and tears of all our dear workers and teachers.

My dear friends of youth camp, I believe you could not invest in many things more eternally important and lasting than in our Youth Camp. Thank you, churches and pastors that remember us each month. I want to challenge every church in our entire state of Missouri to begin to send a monthly gift of \$10, \$50, \$100 or more. You may send your love gifts to our Camp Treasurer:

Reverend Ken Goff
208 Cypress St.
Flat River, Missouri 63601
314-431-5959

Along with your financial support, perhaps you would care to donate the following items or send offerings designated to their purchase. The following items are urgently needed:

- 1) A new roof for the Tabernacle \$4,500

- 2) A new lawn mower tractor - \$1,000
- 3) Updated P.A. System for the Tabernacle - \$500
- 4) New playground rides and equipment - \$500
- 5) Interior latex paint for dining hall - \$150
- 6) Paint for swimming pool - \$500
- 7) New gravel for main road - \$500
- 8) Other miscellaneous items include: 6 fire extinguishers, a fiberglass extension ladder, a good spinet or console piano, and the seal for blacktop.

It is our desire to update you as to these camp needs. We, as Board members, feel that the most important needs at camp are spiritual, not physical or material. Our priority is to the young people. Along with your faithful giving to these needs and your faithful prayers for us and our caretakers, Dale and Marge McCurry, we will do our best to continue this wonderful work the Lord has begun in the most effective way possible. See you at Camp!

Teen Applicants Wanted For Program Staff At Pre-Teen Camp

Both Pre-teen camps are looking for teenagers to be on a Program Staff during the camp sessions. The Program Staff is responsible for the many tasks that must be done during camp, including; Snack shop, lifeguarding, running recreation, sweeping and mopping the kitchen after meals, and much more. We are looking for 35 teens for both sides of the state, making a total of 70 teens that we need to fill these positions. Last year we had several teens that participated and they really loved it. We already have several teens that have asked to be involved this year. This is an excellent way to be involved more in the camping experience.

For more information, please check with your pastor or youth minister or write Darryl LeMond at the following address:

Darryl LeMond
1811 North Highway 141
Fenton, Missouri 63026
(314) 225-4684/(314) 938-5766

Come and enjoy the fun of working in camp for the Lord!!!

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