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*... the root of the righteous
shall not be moved.*

Proverbs 12:3



J. H. Matteson Del.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1987-1988

CHURCHES	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Belton		39	48	40	43	44	46	43	47	50	45	
Bethel			78									
Calvary Fellowship	186	172	175	190	227						263	
Cape Girardeau	56	52	54	67	65	80	64	63	68	66	58	53
Copper Mines	70	73	82	80	90	83	85	77	87	121		
Cuba	73	74	68	69	75	85	81	80	89	76	76	
DeSoto	180		185	197		195	183	187	189	214		
Flat River, First	127	126	134	131	134	131	105	109	115		147	
Grace	142	135	142	142	146	129						
Hannon	74	67	74		74	71	74	74		74	78	75
Harmony	61	60	86	73	78	69	59	72				
Hartville	79	79	94									
Houston	85	78	74	86	87	79	85	92	88	89	85	
Jones Creek	17	15	14	15	15	17	15	17				
Lebanon, First	86	88	86	86	81	82	90	83	85	90	96	90
Myrtle	29	27	34	39	39	31	37	33	34	33	41	34
Neosho	59	49	78	74	72	82	87	90				
Parkview	76	67	62	64	73	76	69	70	69	79	77	69
Richwoods	50	50	43	59	42	52	45	46				
Rock Chapel	72	61	61	63	58	61	54	59	55	62	72	66
Springfield, First										164	216	166
Thayer	148	133	151				128			141		137
United, West Plains	96	90	81	90	87	95	87	95	87	108	99	118
Verdella	73	75	78	80	85	75	76	74	75	80		
Victory, K.C.	67	51	60	65	60	54	52	55	65	96	66	66
Waynesville	45	66	73	64	76	61						
West Plains, First	108	125	126	124	152	130	131	141	141	147		
Willow Springs	78	78	78	82	80	76	73	63	68	69	70	65

Feet Washing

The Lord's supper was ended.

The bread and the cup the disciples had attended;

But a new lesson the MASTER intended

The disciples to learn from the example he extended.

Wash my feet—not mine said Peter, his pride offended.

A feet washing service . . . I'll have no part.

Lord you know my heart!

Now Peter, Christ Jesus, intones;

There is hidden from your view,

The things this service enthrones.

The cleansing of sin . . . washed in my blood . . . shed

And if I wash thee not thou hast no part;

No garment of white . . . I tell you from the start

Not my sheep nor even my lambs shall by you be fed.

Oh Lord, I did not know how important this service you deemed.

Wash my head, my hands, my feet;

I'll not refuse the washing . . . make me complete.

Friend, you may think feet washing old fashioned and out of date;

But how will it be when you approach the gate.

Can your conscience be clear if his example you hate?

Blessings on you he hopes to bestow,

But lack of obedience stops the flow;

When these things you ought to do—you know.

And excuse yourself . . . his example overthrow

Claiming this scripture was for days of old.

Oh Lord help me be bold

And practice feet washing like Jesus told;

To picture a blood washed soul

Serving with humility in God's fold.

by Darrell Strain

About the Writer: Rev. Darrell Strain is serving as pastor of the Royal Oak Free Will Baptist Church near Alton, Mo. He is also serving as a teacher in the Alton Public School System.

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Senior Adult Retreat

September 27-29, 1988

Stonecroft Conference Center — Branson, Mo.

RETREAT SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 27

Mid-afternoon registration and check-in rooms

5:30
Evening Meal

7:00
Evening Service
Get Acquainted
Skit
Jones Family Sing
Brother Ben Scott—Message

Wednesday, September 28

8:00
Breakfast

This day may be used to visit the Arts & Crafts Festival at Silver Dollar City or other points of interest. (The noon meal will not be served at Stonecroft.)

5:30
Evening Meal

7:00
Evening Service
(This is Mid-Week Prayer Meeting time)
Congregational Singing
Singing by The Jones Family
Message: Brother Ben Scott

Thursday, September 29, 1988

8:00
Breakfast

9:30
Singing
Skits
Jones Family Sing

10:30
Breaktime

10:45
Congregational Singing
Jones Family Sing
Message: Brother Scott
Dismissal

11:30
Noon Meal

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Cost:

Husband/Wife \$55.00
Single \$45.00
There may be two ladies or two men
who wish to share same room \$55.00

Dress:

Casual

Directions:

Approximately 45 miles south of Springfield, Mo. on Highway 65. South of Branson, about 4 miles, turn right on Highway 265. Stay left, one mile to Stonecroft

Speaker:

Rev. Ben Scott, pastor, Northside Free Will Baptist Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas

Music:

The Stanley Jones Family, Norwood, Missouri.

REGISTRATION FORM: (Please Print)

Name _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Church _____

Do you plan to go to the Arts & Crafts Festival at Silver Dollar City on Wednesday? Yes _____ No _____

The reduced price of \$12.55 is for a group of 20 or more. Therefore, we need to know this information.

Please mail this Registration Form to Senior Adult Ministries Board, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, Mo. 65536. **Please mail this by September 1, 1988.**

This Senior Adult Retreat is sponsored by the Senior Adult Ministries Board (formerly the Retirement Village Board) and part of the cost of this seminar is provided by this Board. The age request is 55 years and up. If a husband or wife has spouse that is younger than 55, naturally that spouse is eligible to attend.

This is a first for this type of retreat. Let's attend and encourage others! The fellowship will be sweet, the services will be uplifting and the accommodations will be very adequate.

1988 Missouri Roll Call Sunday Report

The results of the **1988 Missouri Roll Call Sunday** are exciting!

We want to thank the 173 churches and their pastors, superintendents, clerks, and secretaries who reported a total attendance of **13,250**. That is an increase of **464** or **3.6%** over 1987.

The churches were divided into 7 categories based on their 1987 Roll Call Sunday attendance. We are honoring the churches with the largest growth in their Roll Call Sunday attendance from 1987 to 1988 in each category:

1988 MISSOURI ROLL CALL SUNDAY CHURCHES

CATEGORY	ROLL CALL CHURCH	PASTOR	ROLL CALL SUNDAY		
			1987	1988	GROWTH
1-24	Sedalia	Gary Bigelow	23	102	343%
25-49	Fourth	Nathan Ruble	27	82	204%
50-74	Wolf Creek	R.E. Helsley	60	114	90%
75-99	Copper Mines	Chuck Lotz	75	232	209%
100-149	Neosho First	Bob Hudson	130	232	78%
150-199	Grace	Glen Rehkop	189	278	47%
200+	Monett First	Gary Elder	209	307	47%

Missouri churches reported a total of **38 saved** on Roll Call Sunday and a total of **1,007 for 1987**. The **Union Chapel** Church reported the largest increase in Sunday School average for 1987 (300%).

The Missouri Minute Men did a fine job of collecting the statistics for this report. We want to thank them for making this report possible. The reports were the most complete ever compiled in Missouri.

God has blessed Missouri Free Will Baptist Churches! We are proud of the churches and the labor that these numbers represent. We trust that this report will encourage you and challenge your church for growth in 1988.

Editor's Note: Congratulations!

Encouraging Church Growth,
The Sunday School & CTS Board



Churches, People & Events



Reverend & Mrs. Brawley and the Church Board

DAVID BRAWLEY ORDAINED

On Tuesday evening, May 31, 1988, David Brawley was ordained as a Free Will Baptist Minister. The service was held at the church he is serving as pastor, the New Life Free Will Baptist Church at Licking, Missouri.

Rev. Clarence Burton, State Executive Secretary, delivered the Ordination Message. Rev. Rick Dabblemont, moderator of the South Central District Association and pastor of the First Church in Cuba, Missouri, gave the Charge. The Prayer of Ordination was led by Rev. Jay Tilson, pastor of the Oak Hill

Church, St. Clair, Mo. and Rev. Jim Parker, pastor of the First Church in Rolla, Mo. The Church Deacon Board of the New Life Church, Clifford Brawley, father of David, and Rev. Lewis Barker, participated in the Ordination Prayer.

The ladies of the church prepared a beautiful cake and other refreshments. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments and a good time of fellowship in Fellowship Hall following the Ordination Service.

Rev. & Mrs. David Brawley are enjoying their labor with the New Life Church. They said, "We love the people and we are thankful the Lord led us to this field of service. We are anticipating great things of the Lord as we work together."



Reverend & Mrs. Brawley and ministers of the South Central Association



Left to right: Sally & David Hovis, Nelda Hamblin, Bob & Sheila Hibbitts

CHILDREN'S CHURCH AT COPPER MINES

Mrs. Clarice Rehkop, church reporter, writes, the Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church has recently established a Children's Church under the direction of Brother Bob Hibbitts and his wife, Sheila. It has been working out quite well. The children are really excited about having their own services.

The manner in which they are conducted begins with the pastor of the church, Rev. Charles Lotz, sharing the needs of the moment and with prayer. The children are very responsive to him. They then sing a few choruses and praises, pledge to the American Flag, Christian Flag and the Bible. Sister Sally Hovis is the Song Leader and Sister Nelda Hamblin is the Pianist. The enthusiasm of the children in this part of the service is contagious. It is next to impossible to remain quiet in your seat while they are singing "Father Abraham." On this day the lesson for ages 5 to 10, taught by Bob and Sheila, was about Abraham. The 2 to 4 year class is a team teaching effort by David and Sally Hovis.

Sister Shirley Lotz and Stuart (Butch) Pirtle are floating helpers, used wherever they are needed.

Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church had a "Friend Day" on Sunday, March 27. The attendance was 232. The Pastor and Sunday School Superintendent, Dale R. Rehkop, were very pleased with the record attendance. The whole church was involved in this endeavor.

OUR MOTHER OF THE YEAR

Emma Wallace, Woman's Auxiliary president, writes, Carolyn Clark Lombard was chosen as our Mother of the Year at the Mother-Daughter Banquet, held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in O'Fallon, Missouri. This banquet was given May 6, 1988.

Although Carolyn can list numerous achievements in her life, most importantly, she is a Christian who loves God. She is one of three daughters of Homer and Wilma Clark of Mountain Grove, Missouri. Carolyn is a graduate of the Free Will Baptist College of Nashville, Tennessee in the class of 1967. She also received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1978 and a Master of Arts degree in 1983.

As a student in Nashville, Carolyn met Donald Lombard and married him August 27, 1966, in her home in Mountain Grove. After graduation they pastored

briefly in Bryan, Texas, before being called to O'Fallon. Don and Carolyn lead in an extensive building program in our church. Under their leadership and with much prayer and church involvement, God blessed us with a church building, as well as with steady church growth so that eventually a second building program was needed. This program, too, was a success.

Reverend Lombard lost his life in an airplane accident on September 17, 1980, but even this tragedy did not hinder Carolyn's commitment to the First Free Will Baptist Church. She continued to play the organ and piano, to teach in various classes, and to participate actively in the women's auxiliary or anyplace she was needed.

In March, 1987, Carolyn was blessed with a foster child, Chip Hickman. Chip is a very handsome nine-year-old. In the church's opinion, Chip and Carolyn have both been blessed in this situation.

It is easy to see why the First Free Will Baptist Church of O'Fallon chose Carolyn Lombard as our woman of the year. She is a precious person; anyone who gains her acquaintance is truly blessed.

WONDERFUL MEMORIAL WEEKEND SERVICE AT STOCKTON

Rev. & Mrs. Bill Ragsdale, missionary pastor and wife of the Stockton Free Will Baptist Church, write, After having broken attendance records for the previous two weeks, the church broke a record on Sunday, May 29, with an attendance of thirty-one for the Morning Worship.

At the Evening Worship the Earth Tones, from Blue Springs, Missouri, presented some beautiful gospel music. The attendance for the service was seventy-seven, representing twelve churches that had gathered for the service.

Brother Ragsdale was pleasantly surprised when he was presented a handsaw with a painting of the church on it. It was given to him by Brother and Sister Thorton.

Following the Evening Service refreshments and fellowship was enjoyed in the Fellowship Hall.

MARK BRAISHER RECEIVES THE MASTER OF DIVINITY

Mark H. Braisher, a resident of Kansas City, was among 123 persons receiving degrees during recent commencement exercises at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. The graduate institution, operated by the Southern Baptist Convention, prepares men and women for the Christian ministry.

Braisher, a native of Oklahoma, received the master of divinity degree. The son of Henry and Helen Braisher of Drumright, Oklahoma, he serves as pastor of Victory Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City. He has also directed youth work and Christian education at Victory Church.

A 1985 graduate of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Oklahoma, Braisher holds the bachelor of theology degree. His wife's name is Shelly.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Congratulations!*

1988 Missouri State CTS Competition Winners

These will represent Missouri at the National in Kansas City in July.

BIBLE MEMORIZATION

Grade 1 Brooke Davis
Grade 2 Vicki Branson
Grade 3 Kara Chambers

Hartville
Grant Avenue
Southside

SWORD DRILL

Grade 4 Reagan Arnaud
Grade 5 Jeremy Raney
Grade 6 Stacey Epperly

Monett First
Rock Chapel
Hartville

BIBLE TIC TAC TOE

Michelle Cropper
Amy Pointer
Jason Miller
Tim Clegg

South Fremont
South Fremont
South Fremont
South Fremont

BIBLE BOWL

Gina Rolandi
Debbie Skinner
Judy Smith

Hartville
Hartville
Hartville

MUSIC & ARTS COMPETITION

VOCAL SOLO

Learner Amber Maggard
Adventurer Jonathan Wilson
Herald Amy McKinney
Crusader Christin Hogan
Ambassador Polly Ketterman

Beacon
Beacon
Grant Avenue
Cape Girardeau First
Beacon

VOCAL ENSEMBLE—DUET

Learner Becky Majors & Amber Maggard
Adventurer Jonathan Wilson & Lynn Anne Kelly
Herald Carolyn Stephenson & Diane Walls
Crusader Jennifer Gloyd & Craig Cook
Ambassador Terri Gerstenschlager & Tamra Ragsdale

Beacon
Beacon
Berkeley
Beacon
Fellowship

VOCAL ENSEMBLE—TRIO

Ambassador Fellowship Trio
Combination The Jones Kids

Fellowship
Rock Chapel

VOCAL ENSEMBLE—QUARTET

Ambassador Grant Avenue Woman's Quartet

Grant Avenue

VOCAL ENSEMBLE—SEXTET

Adventurer Joyful Noise Sextet

Grant Avenue

CHORALE

Learner Monett Learner Chorale
Adventurer The Fellowship Kids
Crusader Farmington Girls' Chorale
Combination Fellowship Mixed Chorale

Monett First
Fellowship
Farmington First
Fellowship

CHOIR

Adventurer Farmington Junior Choir
Herald Beacon Youth Choir

Farmington First
Beacon

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO—STRINGED (BOWED)

Herald Diane Walls

Berkeley

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO—BRASS

Adventurer Heather MacCulloch

Beacon

KEYBOARD SOLO—MANUAL

Learner Amanda Terry
Adventurer Felicia Sasser
Herald Diane Walls
Crusader Craig Cook
Ambassador Marcus VanDorn

Monett First
Trinity
Berkeley
Beacon
Neosho First

KEYBOARD SOLO—ELECTRONIC

Adventurer Jennifer Moore

Fellowship

KEYBOARD ENSEMBLE

Crusader Tamra Ragsdale & Ginger Harrison

Fellowship

ORAL COMMUNICATION—EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH

Crusader Karen Cowan

Monett First



Berkeley Church



The pastor, Tim Eaton; Associate pastor, David Bates
Host Church



Farmington Church



South Fremont Church



Grant Avenue Church



Beacon Church



Fellowship Church



Carthage Church



Cape Girardeau Church



Monett Church



Hartville Church

ORAL COMMUNICATION—DRAMATIC SELECTION

Learner	Heidi MacCulloch	Beacon
Adventurer	Casey Johnson	Beacon
Herald	Selena Simpson	Hartville
Crusader	Betsy McMillan	Monett First

ORAL COMMUNICATION—POETRY

Learner	Holly MacCulloch	Beacon
Crusader	Ginger Harrison	Fellowship

ORAL COMMUNICATION—PROSE

Adventurer	Jamie Rolandi	Hartville
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ORAL COMMUNICATION—INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE

Adventurer	Heather MacCulloch	Beacon
Herald	Nickie Howe	Hartville

ORAL COMMUNICATION—PUPPETS/VENTRILOQUISM (GROUP)

Herald	Monett Herald Puppeteers	Monett First
Crusader	Monett Crusader Puppet Team	Monett First

ORAL COMMUNICATION—DRAMATIC DUO

Adventurer	Allison Meredith & Heather MacCulloch	Beacon
Crusader	Tammy Wheeler & Rita Romo	Beacon

ORAL COMMUNICATION—SKITS

Learner	The Beacon Learners	Beacon
Herald	Monett Herald Drama Team	Monett First
Crusader	Monett Crusader Drama Team	Monett First
Ambassador	Monett Ambassador Drama Team	Monett First
Combination	The Fellowship Players	Fellowship

CREATIVE ARTS—PAINTING

Herald	Christie Raney	Grant Avenue
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CREATIVE ARTS—GRAPHICS

Herald	Terri Wheeler	Beacon
Crusader	Tammi Williams	Carthage

CREATIVE ARTS—TEXTILES

Adventurer	Amber Raney	Grant Avenue
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CREATIVE ARTS—PHOTOGRAPHY, COLOR

Herald	Rusty Harrison	Beacon
Crusader	Craig Cook	Beacon

NOTE: Some photos not available.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Congratulations!

Missouri State Competitive Activities Information

Any Free Will Baptist Church in Missouri that would like to set up Competitive Activities enabling that church to compete in State Competitive Activities may get help from Edwin Bowden or Mike Walker, members of the State SS and CTS Board. Either of these will conduct a one-day seminar to help with this endeavor or will mail information. The date for the seminar should be after August 1, 1988.

Edwin Bowden may be contacted at (816) 763-8436; Mike Walker may be contacted at (417) 741-6474 or 741-6157.

Pictorial Views of State Association



Honorees

(Additional photos in next issue)





Rev. Greg McAllister

A Word From The Newly Elected Moderator

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord:

The 1988 Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists was a joyous occasion. Everything worked together to make our 75th Anniversary a work of obedience to I Peter 2:17 "Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king."

Under Brother Burton's guidance, the Executive Committee invited men who are pillars in the State Association's history to preach to us. And, time after time these pioneers of our movement delivered the story of Jesus, "... sweetest that ever was heard".

Brother Nathan Ruble completed three wonderful years as moderator. All of our Standing Boards had glowing reports of souls saved and Christians edified through the labor of the ministries. Our new State Office Building, which will house the Executive Office and the Bookstore, is projected for completion this year.

Our future is in God's hands and that makes it bright. Pray for me as your new moderator, that I may fulfill the role of this important work—that I may be able to tell light from darkness, right from wrong and good from better or best.

FWBBC To Hold "Back To Basics" Conference

A "Back To Basics" Conference will be held on campus at Free Will Baptist Bible College September 26-28. The conference will feature Dr. Truman Dollar and Dr. & Mrs. Walter Fremont, as well as a number of local speakers.

Dr. Dollar is pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan and has authored several books, including Teenage Rebellion, which he co-authored with Dr. Grace Ketterman. Under his leadership the Kansas City Baptist Temple, which he pastored for sixteen years, grew to an average attendance of over 1,750.

Dr. and Mrs. Fremont are serving on the faculty of Bob Jones University. Both have a rich ministry sharing their insights on family needs of the Christian home.

Other speakers from the college faculty will share in the conference: Dr. Robert Picirilli, Rev. Garnett Reid, Dr. Robert Woodard, Rev. Bob Shockey, Rev. Leroy Forlines and Dr. Ken Riggs. Twenty-three sessions are planned during the three day meeting.

Welcome To The Original Ole Camp Ground Camp Meeting

**Free Will Baptist Camp Ground
Highway M, Niangua, Missouri**

*Don't just pray about it, don't just plan on it,
but experience it—the ole time, God given,
Spirit moving, Camp Meeting time!!*

**September 12-17, 1988
7:30 p.m. Nightly**

Rev. Bob Shockey, Evangelist

Gospel Singers Each Night - Monday thru Friday

The Durbin Family Singers Saturday
With 2 Services and Dinner On The Ground

Cabin Space Available -

\$2.00 Charge per Person (*Bring Own Bedding*)

Call Dale McCurry, 417-473-6444

Prayer Time Each Evening at 6:30 p.m.

Rev. Jerome Brewington

88 Finish Spring Semester on Dean's List at FWBBC

With the completion of final examinations on May 10, the names of eighty-eight students were placed on the Dean's List of honor students, according to a report from the Office of Dr. Robert Picirilli, Dean. These completed the semester with an average of "B" or higher.

Fifteen of the eighty-eight maintained straight "A's" for the semester. By classes, the list includes 21 seniors, 23 sophomores, 16 freshmen and one special student.

The denomination may take pride in these outstanding young people who are applying themselves in their studies at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Missouri students are:

"A" Honor Roll

Debbie Maggart (Jr.), St. Joseph, MO

"B" Honor Roll

Mike Pointer (Jr.), Springfield, MO

Donna Reeves (Jr.), Farmington, MO

Barbara Warner (Jr.), Fredericktown, MO

Russell Ball (Fr.), Monett, MO

Hillsdale Releases President's and Dean's List

The President's List and the Dean's List are designed to honor Hillsdale students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester. In order to be listed on the President's List, a student must maintain a perfect A average (4.0) for the semester. To be listed on the Dean's List, a student must maintain at least a B average (3.0). The students listed below have demonstrated outstanding scholarship, and they deserve to be commended for their work.

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Spring, 1988

Steven L. Bigger, OK	Melvin I. Moon, AR
Tony C. Braisher, OK	Beth Newell, AR
M. Nelson Henderson, AR	Brad Alan Sneed, AR
Robert A. McFall, OK	

DEAN'S LIST

Spring, 1988

Kimberly Abbott, OK	Chuck Louviere, TX
Kristi Adams, OK	John Meissner, OK
Shaleen Anderson, OK	Mark Paxton, OH
Cassie Bass, OK	Scott Real, OK
<u>Jerald Bass, MO</u>	Terry Roberts, OK
<u>Andria Cline, MO</u>	Craig Shaw, OK
Shane Davis, OK	Aaron Sloan, OK
Robert DuBard, LA	Jeff Sloan, OK
Scott Elmore, OK	Keath Storm, TX
Carol Gokey, OK	Darrell Testerman, OK
Robin Hewett, AR	Waldemar Travitzki, Jr., BRAZIL
Marie Idiong, NIGERIA	Curtis Vick, OK
Willard Kiper, OK	<u>Sonya Walker, MO</u>
Kendell Kline, CA	

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Congratulations!*

Hillsdale Holds Exercises

Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises were held recently at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. Baccalaureate services were held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 8, with Rev. Frank Wiley, pastor of the Sunnyside Free Will Baptist Church in Del City, Oklahoma, as the speaker. Commencement exercises were held at 10:00 a.m. May 13, in the Hillsdale gym. Speaker for the occasion was Rev. J.C. Morgan, pastor of the Lawnwood Free Will Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Eight students received their Bachelor of Arts in Theology degree. They are: James Preston Briggs, KS; Jerry Wayne Donahoo, OK; M. Nelson Henderson, AR; Steven Wayne Pilant, OK; Brad Monroe Ransom, OK; Craig Douglas Shaw, OK; Jeffrey L. Sloan, OK; Harry Edward Standley, OK.

Twenty-one students received their Associate of Arts degree. They are: Scott Allen Berglan, OK; John Franklin Beverly, OH; Lyndon P. Deeds, OK; Dorothy Reed, Desern, TX; Piera Paola Di Turo, VENEZUELA; Melton E. Francis, TX; Patrick C. Francis, TX; Eric Andrew Freimanis, CA; Karla K. Huett, MO; Lovella Howerton Huett, AK; Elenore Kendell Kline, CA; Charles A. Louviere, Jr., TX; Scott Hansford Real, OK; Brad Alan Sneed, AR; Marie Ann Spiller, OK; Timothy D. Stringer, OK; James Darrell Testerman, OK; Reece Curtis Vick, OK; Marilyn Deanna Willis, TX; Jeffrey D. Wilson, OK; Kimberly Dawn Wren, WA.



The missionaries—Robert Bryan, Ron & Linda Moore, Ken Bailey, & Nathan Ruble



The pastors & wives, the missionaries & Associate Director F.M.D.

Greater Springfield District Holds Missions Conference

The Greater Springfield District Association held a Missions Conference the week of April 10-16, writes Rev. Jeff Gaskins, moderator of the association.

The churches enjoyed the Missions Conference tremendously. The following is a statement by Rev. Gary Sheets, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon, Missouri. "I was very excited and pleased with the overall outcome of the Missions Conference. I feel that much progress was made in introducing the needs of our brother and sister missionaries. The greatest impact on me was sitting down and talking with them and getting to know them personally. I personally grew from the conference experience, and I am looking forward to another next spring. We will have other missionaries speaking to us but the need will be the same."

The District Association raised approximately \$7,000.00 in offerings and \$479.00 in monthly pledges.

Reverend Sam Wilkinson Home With The Lord

Reverend Sam Wilkinson, Director of the Missions Department at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, died Monday, April 11, 1988, from a massive heart attack. He was fifty-four years old. He was ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister in October 1953. He pastored in Tennessee and Georgia and will be remembered by many Free Will Baptists as a missionary to Brazil. He and his wife served from 1959-1979.

He is survived by his wife, June; a daughter, Kimberly Everson; two sons, Kevin and Kenan; two sisters, three brothers and five grandchildren.

Brother Sam was a lovable, personable, dedicated servant of the Lord. He contributed much to the Lord through the Free Will Baptist Denomination. He will surely be missed.

Final Report of the Foreign Missions Study Committee to the Foreign Missions Board

Introduction

Ivory Coast problems which surfaced in 1971 came to a head in 1977 and resulted in the Foreign Missions Board recalling Lonnie Palmer's commission during the national convention in Detroit, Michigan.

However, problems continued to exist until 1984, at which time Lonnie Palmer announced plans to return to the Ivory Coast. Attempts during the 1984 national convention in Little Rock, Arkansas to reconcile differences between Lonnie Palmer and the Foreign Missions Department in order to prevent disruption in Ivory Coast upon his return were unsuccessful.

In early 1987 Lonnie Palmer circulated a letter with accusations against former and present Ivory Coast missionaries.

Some concerned pastors appeared before the Foreign Missions Board during its Spring 1987 meeting and requested that a committee be appointed to investigate Ivory Coast problems. The Foreign Missions Board authorized a five-member committee to study Lonnie Palmer's accusations, the attitude he displays and the effects of his presence in Ivory Coast.

The committee met July 7-9, 1987; October 5-7, 1987; and with the Foreign Missions Board December 2, 1987. The Foreign Missions Board authorized the committee's April 3-26, 1988 trip to the Ivory Coast to complete its work.

These are our findings:

I. The Accusations Presented by Lonnie Palmer Against Former and Present Free Will Baptist Missionaries.

- A. The accusation that Free Will Baptist missionaries baptized and received polygamists into the fellowship of the church is false.
- B. The accusation that Free Will Baptist missionaries used or condoned the use of alcoholic beverages in communion service or in any other way is false.
- C. The accusation regarding nudity and improper dress—We find that Free Will Baptist missionaries have conducted themselves honorably. We did find that three male missionaries have, on occasion, worn shorts. We suggest that the Foreign Missions Board deal with this matter.
- D. The accusations by African pastors and evangelists Djingus Anany Victor, Adou Koffi David, Kowakou Kowadio Jacques and Diatte Etienne that Free Will Baptist missionaries baptized and received polygamists into the fellowship of the church were based on hearsay and are false.

II. The Attitude of Lonnie Palmer Toward Our Missionaries and Mission Program.

We find that Lonnie Palmer's attitude is combative, condemning, judgmental, unforgiving, arrogant, coercive, unchristian and totally unacceptable.

III. The Effect of Lonnie Palmer's Presence in Ivory Coast.

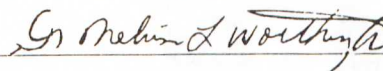
We find that Lonnie Palmer's presence is divisive and disruptive, has created chaos and brought discord, disunity and disorder among the brethren and in the churches.

His continued presence will intensify discord among the brethren and disorder among the churches.

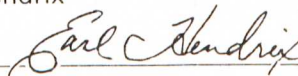
IV. Conclusion

This committee faithfully labored to reach the truth in this matter. We present this report with the hope that it will lay to rest the problems caused in Ivory Coast and in America. Also, that it will enable us to unite our efforts in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Melvin Worthington, Chairman




Earl Hendrix



Clarence Burton



Jack Richey



Dean Dobbs



Mileys Approved for Short Term in Ivory Coast

Nashville, Tenn.—In the May 1988 meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions, Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley were approved for a short stint in Ivory Coast. The administration of the Ivory Coast Bible Institute at Bouna invited Dr. Miley to teach during the fall semester.

The Mileys will be on the field from September 15 to December 15, 1988. According to R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions, the couple will need approximately \$8,800 for this endeavor.

Dr. and Mrs. Miley originally served in Ivory Coast from 1962 to 1979. They started the medical work at Doropo and also started the Doropo Free Will Baptist Church.

Dr. Miley has taught at Free Will Baptist Bible College since returning from the field. He will be on sabbatical leave from the college during the tour in Ivory Coast. Mrs. Miley currently is editor of **Co-Laborer**, the magazine published by the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. She hopes to have a ministry with the wives of the Bible institute students while in Bouna.

Program Preachers/Layman's Seminar — All Boards Meeting September 19, 20, 1988



Rev. Tim Eaton



Rev. Jim Shepherd



Rev. Joe Braddy

THEME: Teaching/Preaching with all Confidence
Acts 28:30, 31

Monday, September 19, 1988

3:00-3:15
Devotional Message *Cody Freeman*

3:15-3:45
Teaching with all Confidence *Tim Eaton*

3:45-4:15
Preaching with all Confidence *Jim Shepherd*

Break

4:25-5:15
The Benefits of Proper Bookkeeping *Joe Braddy*

Prepare for Evening Meal

5:30
Evening Meal

6:30-7:00
Lord Give Me (Us) This Mountain *Greg McAllister*

7:00
All Boards Meeting

Tuesday, September 20, 1988

8:00
Breakfast

8:45-9:30
Confidence In The Lord *Tim Eaton*

9:30-10:15
Confidence In The Word *Jim Shepherd*

Break

10:20-11:00
Coordinate State Board Activities

Chairman of each Board will be given time to share dates, projects, and Board emphasis activities.

The All Boards Meeting on Monday evening is for the five Standing Boards of the Missouri State Association. (The General Board and the Executive Committee does not meet.)

This Seminar is for every preacher and layman. There is no cost for the seminar. The Executive Office will bear expense for the seminar, food and insurance.

Every Standing Board Member is expected to attend. Hopefully many others will take advantage of this seminar.

Points for Pastors by James McAllister

Don't do anything stupid. You will at times, but you certainly must reduce the stupid actions to a minimum. What are some of these stupid things and how can one avoid them?

First, it is better to make no changes until the time is right. I am absolutely convinced that the church will want changes in time, but if they are rushed into something, they will fight "any" change. A pastor is pretty naive if he thinks he can detect the need for change during the first twelve months of his pastorate. Give yourself and the church time to adjust and discover what changes need to be made.

Second, changes don't always need to be made. After all, if the church was seeing success under the old

pastor, why should things need to be changed now? Don't allow an over active ego to tempt you into making unnecessary changes in a program that should stay as it is. Don't fix things that aren't broken.

Third, don't attack the former pastor. Instead, build him up before the people. Praise him and watch the church rally around you. Don't make a needless enemy. Retain him as your friend. He may be able and willing to help you make a success of this ministry.

Fourth, remain loyal to your denomination. No one respects disloyalty. After all, Free Will Baptist people spent Free Will Baptist money to build this church. Keep it faithful to the state and national association of Free Will Baptists.

Fifth, spend plenty of time getting acquainted with the church, its people, the program, the community, the history of the church and its glory years.

The pastorate will be much quieter and easier to work in and enjoy by following these five steps.



Jayme Cummins

Testimony Of A Winner

Editor's Note: Perhaps I should state before you read this article that I asked Jayme to give this information. She was on the Girls Team at Marshfield, Missouri that won the State Tournament, 1988. Jayme, along with her family, are active members of the Marshfield Free Will Baptist Church.

It was a lot of fun being on the team. We worked hard and played hard but we enjoyed it.

Before each game we had a devotion. One of the Devotional Thoughts was from Proverbs 16, which talks about putting our plans in God's hands. We would always have a team prayer, with our captain and the coach, Scott Ballard, leading in the prayer. Then we would have a "Thank You" Prayer, following the game.

The accomplishments God bless us with this year was three tournament championships: Central Ozark Conference, District Champs and State Title. Our record this year was 32 wins and 0 losses.

We spent the night in Columbia, Missouri following our win at the State Tournament. The next day, Sunday, the team and the cheerleaders attended church.

I am thankful that I am a Christian and that I have the privilege of sharing my faith in Christ with others.

Subscription Increase

The Missouri State Association voted to increase the subscription to the Free Will Baptist Gem: Family Plan \$2.50 to \$3.00; Individual Plan \$3.00 to \$3.50. This will not be increased until the end of the present year's subscription.

Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



"Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold I will rain bread from Heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate everyday that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law or no". (Exdous 16:4)

This old Testament verse implies a New Testament principle; a daily dependence upon God. Christians are often guilty of using the provisions of Christ's Grace as a medicine for an illness instead of using it as a daily nutritional formula for good spiritual health.

The manna that God sent to His people contained every vitamin, mineral and food product necessary for a daily health diet. We live in health-crazed society where vitamins and minerals are taken as food supplements in various combinations. But no one has perfected a vitamin as complete and wholesome as God did with the manna. John states, in the Book of John, that Christ is the Bread of Heaven sent down from God. Inasmuch as Christ is 'all in all' as Paul said and He is the manna sent down from Heaven, then by our daily 'feeding on Him' He will adequately supply our spiritual food.

God wanted to see if the people would be satisfied with the manna He sent. By the same token He also uses the same measuring stick to prove us.

Many Christians would be healthier spiritually, as well as physically, if they would gather a 'certain rate of Christ' everyday. Because, He has everything we need to sustain us, one day at a time. His Grace is sufficient for the day!

God sent the manna on a daily basis, enough to sustain the people a day at a time. In like manner, we substantiate our true relationship to the Father by partaking of the Bread of Heaven, also on a daily basis. But how many are guilty of using Him only, as a balm when they are ill?

Financial Information

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

APRIL 1988

18.50%	Mo. State Home Missions.....	\$ 4,108.83
17.00%	Executive Office & Gem	3,775.67
3.50%	General Fund	777.35
6.50%	Youth Camp	1,443.63
1.75%	SS & CTS Board	388.68
1.75%	Christian Education Bd.	388.68
6.50%	Retirement Village	1,443.63
5.00%	Mo. State Ret. Program	1,110.49
30.50%	Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & California	
	Christian College	6,774.00
24.00%	Foreign Missions.....	\$1,625.77
19.00%	Nat'l. Home Msns.	1,287.06
18.75%	FWBBC	1,270.12
18.75%	Hillsdale College	1,270.12
14.00%	Executive Dept.	948.36
2.50%	Layman's Board	169.35
50%	Radio & TV Com.	33.87
50%	Theological Com.	33.87
50%	Historical Com.	33.87
50%	Board of Ret. & Ins.	33.87
1.00%	Calif. Christian College	67.74
9.00	State Office Building Fund	1,998.88
Total		\$22,209.84

This month, April, represents one-third of this year, 1988, that is now past. Time moves swiftly, therefore what we do we must do quickly. May we continue to give that the gospel may be preached at home, near home and unto the uttermost part of the earth. We thank God for His continued blessings on the labor of the State and National ministries. May each one that shares in this realize that he or she is having a vital part in winning the lost to Christ and edifying the Christians.

APRIL 1988 RECEIPTS

COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Victory Hill	\$ 98.00
South Side	303.10
Fordland	392.36
Alton, First	225.00
Cuba	324.44
Crossroads	200.00
Bailey Chapel	56.00
Mill Creek	182.73
Freeman Chapel	252.96

Royal Oak	108.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	172.00
Macedonia	20.00
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Richwoods	387.50
Columbia	50.00
Old Bethel	161.06
Potosi, First	74.16
Rolla	47.65
Black Oak	36.59
Bethel, Festus	440.00
Houston	275.73
Victory, Alton	201.00
Pleasant Ridge	82.00
Lebanon, First	411.15
Thayer	372.00
Belton	241.71
Stockton	48.84
Monett	634.14
Trinity	617.32
Hannon	265.65
Seymour	105.00
Springfield, First	706.84
Mine La Motte	37.60

Central	776.00
Pleasant Home	169.24
Tyrone	100.15
United, W.P.	493.87
Grant Avenue	665.53
Fredericktown, First	389.00
Union Grove	170.32
Flat River, First	658.00
Viburnum	150.29
Sedalia	87.84
Mt. Pisgah	183.00
Hurryville	124.00
DeSoto	812.00
Eastern Gate	198.00
Copper Mines	219.33
Byrd	26.00
Byrd	22.50
Riverview, IA	252.72
Leadington	400.00
Cabool	278.24
Pleasant Hill	51.47
Mtn. Grove, First	625.93
New Harmony	14.83
Wolf Creek	243.65
Happy Home	355.28
Grace	824.00
Freeman Chapel	244.50
West Plains, First	258.25
Hickory Grove	53.71
Willow Springs	231.28
Myrtle	245.74
Columbia	50.00
Marshfield	183.48
Bailey Chapel	70.00
Black Oak	161.47
New Harmony	11.93
Fourth	134.00
Salem	30.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	77.80
Hartville	220.16
New Rock Springs	81.98
Farmington	1,000.00
Olivet	400.00
Houston	287.15
Joplin	342.21
Number One	42.10
Hope Well	157.00
Victory, K.C.	187.63
Lone Star	34.69
Jones Chapel	159.55
Purdy	359.19
Unity	269.77
Cape Girardeau	540.50
South Fremont	529.00
Total	\$22,209.84

YOUTH CAMP

Fordland	\$ 20.00
Bethel, Festus	25.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Thayer	30.00
Trinity	10.00
Hannon	15.00
Central	25.77
Bethel, ElDorado Springs	15.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
DeSoto	50.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Leadington	20.00
Mtn. Grove, First	10.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Myrtle	22.00
Hartville	10.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Olivet	25.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Total	\$421.77

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Fordland	\$ 15.00
Southeast District	50.00
Columbia	53.55
Bethel, Festus	45.00
Houston	80.80
Thayer	81.00
Monett	90.00
Trinity	45.00
Hannon	10.00
Clifford Hoover	5.00
Central	265.50
Parkview	20.00
United, W.P.	56.00
Grant Avenue	26.00
Flat River, First	25.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Blue Springs	5.00
DeSoto	200.00
Bob & Glenda Keith	20.00

South Fremont	14.00
Fred Clayton	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Leadington	150.00
Houston	5.00
Mtn. Grove, First	99.00
Viburnum	48.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Grace	130.00
Richwoods	29.00
Myrtle	82.00
Marshfield	35.00
Farmington	165.00
Joplin	37.00
Victory, K.C.	15.00
Total	\$2,021.85

FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 25.00
Central	35.00
Parkview	10.00
DeSoto	35.00
Leadington	20.00
Fourth	5.00
Farmington	120.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Total	\$285.75

CHILDREN'S HOME

DeSoto	\$50.00
Myrtle	2.76
Total	\$52.76

FOREIGN MISSIONS

South Side	\$ 129.00
Fordland	50.00
Freeman Chapel	359.50
Willow Springs, First	25.00
Columbia	53.57
Black Oak	36.59
Bethel, Festus	125.00
Houston	15.00
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Lebanon, First	60.00
Thayer	55.00
Belton	25.00
Monett	599.00
Trinity	28.00
Hannon	304.65
Clifford Hoover	30.00
Union	25.00
Central	322.50
Pleasant Home	110.92
Parkview	40.00
United, W.P.	144.50
Grant Avenue	163.50
Sedalia	24.23
Mt. Pisgah	125.00
Blue Springs	30.00
Belton	335.50
DeSoto	250.00
Carl Layman	20.00
South Fremont	120.00
Leadington	250.00
Houston	124.50
Mtn. Grove, First	294.50
Viburnum	120.00
Grace	27.00
Freeman Chapel	381.50
West Plains, First	34.00
Myrtle	110.00
Marshfield	175.00
Richwoods	68.00
New Harmony	133.84
Fourth	195.00
Farmington	640.00
Niangua	61.00
Olivet	50.00
Calvary Fellowship	543.40
Monett	704.00
Joplin	10.00
Victory, K.C.	40.00
New Harmony	262.00
Total	\$7,860.80

ADVANCE CELEBRATION

Fordland	\$ 39.24
Cuba	252.52
Trinity	61.73
Union	25.00
Pleasant Home	27.00
Tyrone	80.50
Grant Avenue	66.55
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Eastern Gate	23.00
Cabool	75.40
Total	\$700.94

MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

South Side	\$ 5.00
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Fordland	15.00
Columbia	16.50
Bethel, Festus	43.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Thayer	22.00
Belton	25.00
Monett	116.71
Trinity	35.00
Hannon	132.83
Central	26.00
United, W.P.	34.50
Grant Avenue	27.00
Sedalia	24.23
J.W. Rader	25.00
South Fremont	10.00
Leadington	85.00
Mtn. Grove, First	19.50
New Harmony	133.83
Grace	45.00
West Plains, First	96.25
Myrtle	57.00
Marshfield	73.34
Richwoods	15.00
Fourth	5.00
Farmington	60.00
Calvary Fellowship	116.49
Joplin	30.00
Victory, K.C.	5.00
Total	\$1,359.18

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 25.00
Hannon	50.00
Central	45.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Farmington	120.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Total	\$283.73

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

MAY 1988

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 3,845.12
17.00% Executive Office & Gem	3,533.35
3.50% General Fund	727.46
6.50% Youth Camp	1,350.99
1.75% SS & CTS Board	363.73
1.75% Christian Education Board	363.73
6.50% Retirement Village	1,350.99
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	1,039.22
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & California Christian College	6,339.27
24.00% Foreign Missions	\$1,521.42
19.00% Nat'l. Home Mns.	1,204.46
18.75% FWBBC	1,188.61
18.75% Hillsdale College	1,188.61
14.00% Executive Dept.	887.49
2.50% Layman's Board	158.49
50% Radio & TV Com.	31.70
50% Theological Com.	31.70
50% Historical Com.	31.70
50% Board of Ret. & Ins.	31.70
1.00% Calif. Christian College	63.39
9.00% State Office Building Fund	1,870.60
Total	\$20,784.46

This year, 1988, is almost half gone. By the time you read this report it will be. The Lord has been so good! We continue to thank Him for His goodness and His blessings. This month was a little below the monthly budget but thus far we are a little ahead for the year. May the Lord continue to bless the faithful pastors and churches for their consistent support.

MAY 1988 RECEIPTS

COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Merls Chapel	\$ 200.88
Crossroads	100.00
Eastern Gate	242.00
Mine La Motte	27.22
New Life Fellowship	443.00
St. Francois Ass'n.	22.50
Victory, Alton	172.00
Rock Chapel	333.76
Rock Chapel	589.45
Union	120.00
Monett	548.14
Union Grove	162.50
Riverview, IA	241.00
Macedonia	20.00
Royal Oak	94.00
Cope	40.09
Carthage	60.00
Thayer	429.00
Fordland	417.61
Bethel	330.00
Hannon	288.15
Springfield, First	563.76
Pleasant Ridge	70.00
Harmony, K.C.	417.00

Southside	271.65
Stockton	52.59
Parkview	365.00
Fredericktown, First	375.00
Happy Home	121.25
United, W.P.	513.93
Victory Hill	90.00
Faith & Hope	37.19
Neosho	71.25
Neosho	142.50
Faith & Hope	74.58
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Pleasant Home	257.95
Marshfield	197.99
Mt. Pisgah	186.00
Grant Avenue	589.57
Leadington	400.00
Friendship, Branson	600.00
Wolf Creek	251.45
DeSoto	860.00
Viburnum	232.16
Freeman Chapel	236.65
Trinity	669.89
Belton	228.29
Flat River, First	706.09
Mt. Zion, Gower	62.30
Hurryville	136.00
Sedalia	142.60
Lebanon, First	475.86
Copper Mines	288.44
West Plains, First	243.00
Martinstown	15.00
Grace	727.00
Mtn. Grove, First	572.11
Cuba	300.50
Pleasant Hill	48.25
New Rock Springs	100.00
Salem	30.00
Farmington	1,000.00
Lingo	43.55
Lingo	40.00
Houston	327.92
Tyrone	96.08
Willow Springs	245.93
Crossroads	150.00
Columbia	50.00
Thayer	473.00
Joplin	472.53
South Fremont	423.00
Cape Girardeau	584.49
Unity	248.86
Total	\$20,784.46

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Kirksville	\$ 10.00
Merls Chapel	100.00
Blue Springs	5.00
Rock Chapel	384.54
Monett	209.00
Carthage	15.00
Calvary Fellowship	10.00
Thayer	106.00
Fordland	40.00
Bethel	60.00
Hannon	5.00
Clifford Hoover	5.00
Parkview	20.00
United, W.P.	10.00
Neosho	45.00
New Testament	95.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Grant Avenue	16.00
Leadington	50.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
DeSoto	200.00
South Fremont	17.00
Viburnum	48.00
Trinity	135.00
Flat River, First	25.00
Leadington	100.00
Martinstown	10.00
Grace	130.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Fred Clayton	10.00
Mtn. Grove, First	109.00
Verdella	50.00
Farmington	178.00
Houston	5.00
Richwoods	17.00
Columbia	23.13
Thayer	92.00
Joplin	85.00
Total	\$2,529.67

YOUTH CAMP

Bethel, Eldorado Springs	\$ 15.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Union	60.00

Monett	120.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Thayer	60.00
Fordland	20.00
Bethel, Festus	25.00
Hannon	15.00
Mt. Pisgah	15.00
DeSoto	50.00
Trinity	10.00
Leadington	20.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Mtn. Grove, First	10.00
Verdella	20.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Bethel, Eldorado Springs	15.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Total	\$584.00

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Calvary Fellowship	\$ 35.75
Thayer	50.00
Hannon	50.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Farmington	120.00
Total	\$263.75

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Calvary Fellowship	\$ 35.75
Thayer	50.00
Parkview	10.00
DeSoto	35.00
Leadington	20.00
Farmington	120.00
Total	\$120.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Kirksville	\$ 35.00
Merls Chapel	100.00
St. Francois Ass'n.	1,000.00
Blue Springs	35.00
Willow Springs, First	25.00
Rock Chapel	46.00
Rock Chapel	66.00
Union	25.00
Monett	316.00
Carthage	20.00
Calvary Fellowship	544.32
Thayer	53.00
Fordland	1,148.38
Bethel, Festus	128.00
Hannon	288.15
Clifford Hoover	30.00
Brent Thompson	25.00
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
South Side	165.00
Parkview	40.00
United, W.P.	122.63
Faith & Hope	113.38
Neosho	295.00
New Testament	180.00
Pleasant Home	116.37
Marshfield	83.20
Mt. Pisgah	170.00
Grant Avenue	1,682.95
Leadington	72.00
DeSoto	300.00
Freeman Chapel	319.00
Trinity	20.00
South Fremont	170.00
Viburnum	93.00
Belton	25.00
Sedalia	22.12
Bonnie Jean Francis	10.00
Lebanon, First	520.50
Leadington	200.00
West Plains, First	5.00
Martinstown	120.00
Grace	24.50
Viburnum	30.00
Mtn. Grove, First	248.85
Niangua	53.00
Verdella	715.77
New Hope	25.00
Farmington	430.00
Houston	72.46
Richwoods	50.50
Columbia	23.13
Thayer	45.00
Joplin	25.00
Total	\$10,503.21

ADVANCE CELEBRATION

Eastern Gate	\$ 25.00
Rock Chapel	20.00
Union	25.00
Fordland	41.76
Cabool	40.87
Pleasant Home	34.00
Grant Avenue	58.96

Wolf Creek	507.00
Trinity	66.99
Tyrone	32.00
Total	\$851.58

MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

Monett	\$ 112.41
Riverview	10.00
Carthage	5.00
Calvary Fellowship	116.49
Thayer	21.00
Fordland	332.12
Bethel	64.00
Hannon	144.08
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
South Side	5.00
United, W.P.	12.62
Faith & Hope	32.75
Faith & Hope	80.62
Marshfield	19.79
Grant Avenue	199.06
Leadington	10.00
DeSoto	50.00
South Fremont	35.00
Trinity	45.00
Belton	25.00
Sedalia	22.12
Leadington	80.00
West Plains	54.00
Oak Hill, Union	4.00
Grace	45.00
Mtn. Grove, First	9.50
Greater Springfield Ass'n.	404.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
Farmington	70.00
Greater K.C. Ass'n.	500.00
Richwoods	10.00
Columbia	8.25
Thayer	20.00
Joplin	10.00
Total	\$2,591.81

CHILDREN'S HOME

DeSoto	\$50.00
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1989 Writers' CONTEST

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\$10.00 Entry Fees

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New Book Entry
Requirements—
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Entries received from July 1, 1988
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Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by VeAnn Tilson

Who me? Teach a pre-school Sunday School class? Why? I wouldn't know where to begin.

Some good prospective teachers shy away from teaching the younger children because they don't know what to expect from them. Though all are not gifted teachers, if you have been leaning in that direction, go ahead and take the challenge. Pre-school children expect love, dedication, patience and preparation, but in return you will receive blessings untold. This is the age group where the seed will be planted, that will one day grow and blossom. It is also an age group that will never cease to amaze you. You may think that you have failed while giving the lesson, only to find six bodies crawling in every direction except toward the flannel board. Or you will be interrupted for the sixteenth time for questions such as "When is snack time?" or, "Did you know today is my dog's birthday?" Yet when a parent asks, "What did you learn today?", they are able to recite the story word for word.

If you are looking for a quiet, organized class, don't volunteer for this age group. Ask for adults. There is not a dull moment with pre-schoolers . . . But, if the pre-school age sounds inviting, keep the following characteristics and needs of this age group in mind.

1. They have very short attention spans. They will need varied activities. Stories will need to be simple, with plenty of actions and pictures. Good storytelling for children also calls for questions, pauses for effect and reaction from the children. Read with expression, excitement, and anticipation in your voice, and the children will love it.

2. Large muscles are better developed than small ones in children.

At this age level they may have trouble with cut and paste activities. They need ample opportunity for use of large muscles. Use lots of action songs. They love to

sing and move. The best songs have a prominent melody and a strong beat.

3. They will have some difficulty with social skills—sharing, taking turns, consideration for others. This will require patient training in group participation, with concrete '(hands on)' learning situations.

4. Pre-school children are generally eager to learn, and want to do things for themselves. They learn best through active participation and will respond to wise supervision, that avoids undue interference.

Never underestimate the learning ability and potential of a pre-schooler. To illustrate this lively learning ability, one vibrant six-year-old in our church recently accompanied his mother to a department store. While walking through the fine china department, he tripped on his shoestring, falling right toward some very expensive crystal. Realizing what the consequences might have been, he got up from the floor, began dusting himself and said, "Thank You, Jesus!" His mother gave a strong amen to that . . . And his teacher thought he wasn't listening as he sat in her class.

Calendar of Events

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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September 12-17. Youth Camp Grounds, Niangua, Mo.

SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

September 27-29. Stonecroft Conference Center, Branson, Mo.

STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

November 11-12. Camp Rocky Mount on Lake of the Ozarks.

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