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CHURCHES	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT
Belton	43	44	46	43	47	50	45		31	31	32	36
Calvary Fellowship	227			217	244	321	264	210	198	188	202	231
Cape Girardeau	65	80	64	63	68	66	58	53	58	46	57	57
Copper Mines	90	83	85	77	87	121						
Cuba	75	85	81	80	89	76	76	75	74	73		
DeSoto		195	183	187	189	214						
Farmington											363	353
Flat River, First	134	131	105	109	115				126		166	167
Grace	146	129					147		140	187		
Hannon	74	71	74	74		74	78	75	77	79	72	77
Harmony	78	69	59	72								86
Hartville	85	87	85	87	89	89	88		90	95		
Houston	87	79	85	92	88	89	85	84	83	82	91	78
Jones Creek	15	17	15	17								
Lebanon, First	81	82	90	83	85	90	96	90	87	88	91	
Myrtle	39	31	37	33	34	33	41	34	35	41		34
Neosho	72	82	87	90	96	142	101	83	74	78	103	
Parkview	73	76	69	70	69	79	77	69	69	63	66	60
Richwoods	42	52	45	46					42	40		
Rock Chapel	58	61	54	59	55	62	72	66	77	64	70	62
Springfield, First						164	216	166	137	138	132	117
Thayer			128			141		137	129			
United, West Plains	87	95	87	95	87	108	99	118	115	108	112	128
Verdella	85	75	76	74	75	80			70	72		
Victory, K.C.	60	54	52	55	65	96	66	66			57	71
Waynesville	76	61										
West Plains, First	152	130	131	141	141	147	137	128	126	132		
Willow Springs	80	76	73	63	68	69	70	65	74	62	66	71

Staying in the Field

by David Bates

Growing up on a southeast Missouri farm there were some things that just never changed—

The twenty year old 1939, two cylinder, John Deere tractor never failed. It was a special piece of equipment with personality and dedication, almost a member of the family. We called it "Old Johnny."

He was hard to start (hand crank on the side) but when you got him going, he was almost invincible — much like many Christians I have known! He was very slow, put-put-put . . . but, "Oh friend," how he could pull.

From the time I was eight years old, I circled the fields, perched atop "Old Johnny." I came to know every rock, every stump and every root wad almost by name. I was familiar with the fields, I felt at home and happy, totally satisfied with "Old Johnny."

One day I came home from school to find a shiny red Farmall tractor sitting in Johnny's spot in the shed. I was excited to find out that the new tractor had an electric starter, four speeds rather than three, a regular clutch on the floor rather than a hand clutch and a super smooth running four cylinder engine, far quieter and smoother than Johnny's old put-put-put two cylinder powerhouse.

I climbed aboard, started the engine, with the turn of a key, "what a relief," and down through the field I went. It was like getting into an "Indy" racer after driving a worn out family station wagon. Little Red was shockingly fast. I opened the throttle and could actually feel the wind blowing in my face. I was so excited, I figured to plow the fields in half the time that it previously took. Was I in for a surprise, a few days later, when I hitched the plow and went to the field. I found out that because Little Red was lighter and more powerful, her tires would spin more easily. I spent a lot of time stuck in the mud. She wasn't faster than "Old Johnny!"

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Letter To The Editor

She could outrun him on flat ground, but got stuck on every root wad in the field. Sure she could beat him in a short race, but not in the long pull.

One of the musical groups in our church sings a song with the words, "not the one who runs the swiftest, nor the one who shines for a day, but the one who endureth to the end. He shall be saved."

Reminds me of one of our bus captains. A few years ago we had a big bus day. Eight hundred people rode the buses in one day.

We had eleven bus captains and most of them were excited beyond measure. One was a low key, but dedicated man of God, a deacon named Ted.

Years have passed, captains have been up and down and have come and gone, but one remained the same. Brother Ted reminds me of "Old Johnny"—keeps plowing, never gets stuck, stays at it 'til the job is done.

Oh, one other thing. Changing pastors is like changing tractors, all tractors don't run the same, pull the same or corner the same. Some are pretty, and some look worn out. One must adjust his plowing habits to fit the tractor he has purchased. Don't be afraid of change; we aren't all alike but we can all plow.

The fields will remain the same. Cut the sprouts, more will grow, pick up rocks, pull the weeds, plow them under or burn them, they'll be back next year. Please note one terribly important part: It is harvest Time. Stay in the field.

ABOUT THE WRITER: David is the Associate Pastor of the Farmington Free Will Baptist Church. He is not only a fine preacher, he and his family are very talented in the music field.



The Youth View

by Ann Cochran

A song which has been quite popular recently has a very impressive message. That title is simply "Thanks". The message of the song is quite simple . . . offering thanks to Jesus Christ for everything that He has done for us.

As we enter into the Thanksgiving Season I find it difficult to believe that there is someone who has nothing for which he can be thankful. The above mentioned song praises God for things often taken for granted, such as, help through daily tasks.

Who are the ones who deserve thanks for jobs they do that often times goes unmentioned—the Sunday School teacher, the Sunday School superintendent, the musicians, etc. How about expressing thanks to your parents for all the good things they do. And why not say thanks to that special friend and prayer partner who is always supportive of you. Regardless of how great or small the impact on your life a simple "thanks" is always appreciated. Gratitude is one of the greatest gifts that can be offered and will be one of the most well-received gifts you have ever given.

Dear Brother Burton:

Our Church continues to grow, it seems we have new faces in almost every service. The most recent additions are two Brazilian soccer players and their families. Baltazar and Donato play for Atletico de Madrid, one of the two major league soccer teams here in Madrid. Both were Christians before they came to Spain to play soccer.

Baltazar, especially, has had a tremendous witness for Christ in the media in Madrid since he and his wife, Myrna, came to Madrid in the summer. He is very open about what God has done in his life, and since he is a very important part of his team he has lots of opportunities to speak. Jeff will be beginning a Bible Study in his home on Thursday nights with some of the other members of the team. Myrna has been playing the piano in our services. Donato and his wife, Casia, have two children. Since they have only been in Spain about a month they still are struggling with the language.

Esteban and Pilar, a young engaged couple, have been attending for a couple of months now. They have become very involved in all the activities of the Church since they began coming. They are going to be married in about a month. Jeff will be performing the ceremony. Also an 82 year old man named Senor Jose has been attending faithfully for the past two months. Our attendance on Sunday morning averaged near 40 for the month of September.

The Spanish Bible Institute has been extended to Villalba this Fall. We are offering three courses: "Life and Writings of Paul", "An Inductive Study of Mark", and "Basic Bible Doctrines". Steve is teaching the latter; please pray for him as this is quite a challenge to his Spanish. There are 12-15 students from our Church attending the Monday and Tuesday night classes.

Steve is preaching through the book of Galatians on Wednesday nights right now and I am teaching a series of lessons on the life of Esther. We also have begun a young adult fellowship meeting in our home on Friday nights. Our Youth meeting on Saturdays continues to do well although we had an off night last week. We have been averaging over 30 children and workers.

When we think of our ministry here in Spain, we always think of you, for without your faithful prayers and support we could not be here. Thanks so much for your part in the work here. Until next time . . .

Steve & Linda Reeves

Steve and Linda Reeves



Churches, People & Events



HOMEcoming AT MYRTLE CHURCH

On Sunday, October 16, 1988, Homecoming Services were held at the Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church. The church was organized October 25, 1903, with fourteen members. T.L. Taylor was elected clerk, H. Wisehart, treasurer, W.W. Campbell and H. Wisehart were elected deacons and T.J. Duncan, moderator. R.J. Wisehart joined the church a month later making the total membership 15.

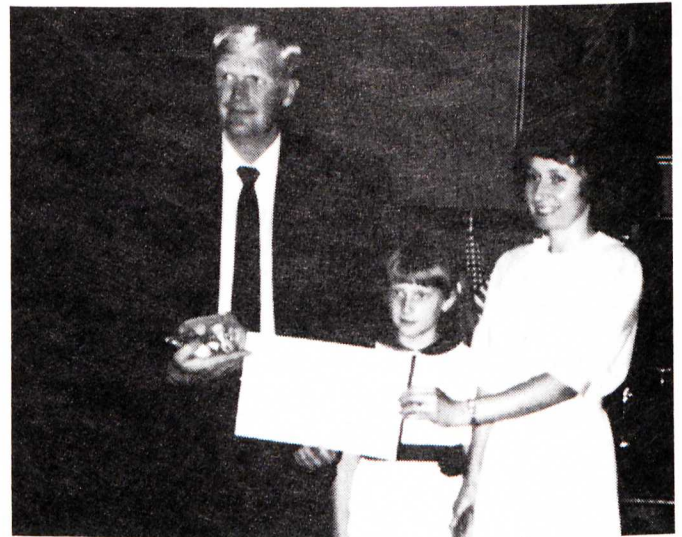
On August 21, 1907, a building was built on the present site. A new rock building was built in 1943 at a cost of \$3,000. The church voted to buy a house from Virgil Cantrel in 1960 to be used as a parsonage. A new addition consisting of a carport, porch, extended bedroom and a 14x24 basement was added in July 1988.

Reverend George Nauman, pastor, gave a warm welcome to the friends and members of the Myrtle Church. The church choir sang two beautiful songs, "Because He Lives" and "I Want To Stroll Over Heaven With You". Reverend Clarence Burton delivered the Homecoming Message at the Worship Service.

The ladies served a delicious dinner in the Fellowship area during the noon hour. At the Afternoon Service special songs were sung by members of the church and the Gospel Horizons, a gospel singing group from Pocahontas, Arkansas.

The Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church, even though not large in number, has served as an example in its long continued support of State and National Ministries for the cause of Christ through the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

Reverend and Mrs. Nauman (George and Dianne) are enjoying a fine ministry with the church. To use their words, "We love it here with these people and pray the Lord will continue to bless our ministry with the church".



MYRTLE CHURCH CHILDREN RAISE MONEY FOR MISSIONARY

The boys and girls of the Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church had a contest to see which could raise the most money for the Russell Johnson Family, missionaries to Cheyenne, Wyoming. Both groups worked hard but the girls won. The total offering was \$900.00 plus \$60.00 in monthly support.

Brother Johnson preached at the Morning Worship and a dinner was held in his honor following the service. Pastor George Nauman writes, Everyone enjoyed the contest and the fine dinner.

ORDINATION SERVICE AT FIRST CHURCH, LEBANON

On Sunday, September 11, 1988, Bruce Myers was ordained as a deacon to serve in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon, Missouri.

The pastor, Reverend Gary Sheets, delivered the message with Reverend Clarence Burton giving the charge to Brother Myers. The special music was presented by Connie Myers and Heather Myers, the wife and daughter of Bruce.

The Ordination Prayer was led by Brother Lehman O'Dell with the opening prayer led by Brother Jerry Bowman, both deacons of the Lebanon Church.



Bruce Myers, his family and pastor & wife

YOUTH GROUP RAISES MONEY AT WEST PLAINS

The Youth Group and sponsors, Ron and Shelia Campbell and Kay Dickson of the First Free Will Baptist Church in West Plains, had a Biscuit and Gravy Breakfast. The purpose was to raise money for the Jim Mertz Missionary Account. The serving hours were from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The youth asked for donations rather than sell tickets for the breakfast.

Jo Beth Dotson writes, The sponsors and young people were surprised when they totaled the amount of \$302.00



Jim McLain, Jerry Banks, Olena McLain, Ernest Holland, Charolette Tallent & Jim Mertz.

GREATER K.C. MISSIONS RALLY

The Greater Kansas City District Association sponsored a missions sports rally and conference, October 22-26. Every church in the association had at least one missionary service during the conference. Those churches participating were: Beacon, Berean, Belton, Blue Springs, Central, Harmony, Oak Grove, Olivet, Sedalia, and Victory. Missionaries who participated were: Jerry Banks, Japan; Jim and Olena McLain, Japan; Charolette Tallent, France; Ernest Holland, Ivory Coast, Africa; and our state home missionary, Jim Mertz, Wentzville, Missouri.

The missions sports rally kicked-off on Saturday morning with a district softball tournament at Raytown South softball field. Saturday afternoon at Longview Lake, a district Bike-a-thon was planned. After the Bike-a-thon, there was a horseshoe and volleyball tournament. There were many who enjoyed and participated in these events. At the close of the day's activities, a wiener roast was enjoyed by all. Brother Jerry Banks, missionary to Japan, brought a powerful challenge to those present from the Word of God, concerning missions.

Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday night, our missionaries shared their burdens, their work, and their needs with our churches. On Monday night, at the Victory Church, the Northside All-Missionary Conference convened. All the missionaries took part in this service. They set up tables with items and pictures displaying their individual fields. Missionaries were placed at various tables, and our folks moved from table to table asking each missionary questions. This was exciting and very informative. An offering was received.

On Tuesday night, at the Central Church, the Southside All-Missionary Conference convened. Those

churches participating were asked to bring appropriate food for an International Dinner. Food was brought representing each of the countries where our missionaries serve. The food and fellowship was outstanding. Each missionary was given time to share something from their heart concerning their work.

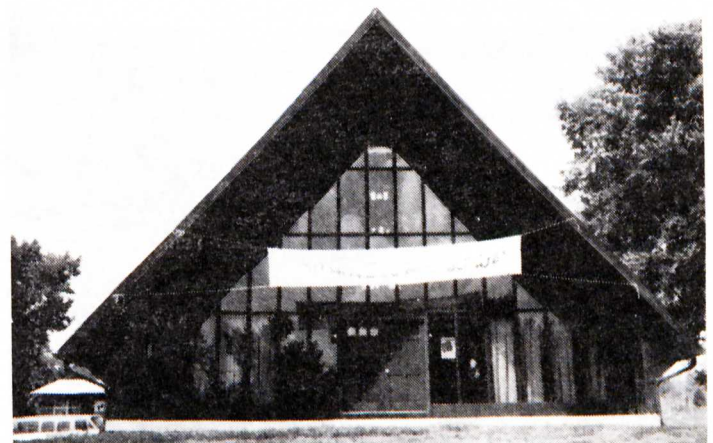
We praise God for the participation of our churches, for their generous offerings, for the money raised through the sports rally, and for their monthly pledges of support for the accounts of our missionaries. We also want to thank Brother Fred Warner and our Foreign Missions Department for their great help. Each of the missionaries were a special blessing. We plan to have this kind of a missionary conference each year in our association. Our desire is to make our churches more aware of the great needs of our missionaries, and to challenge our churches to work through an increased stewardship vision year after year.

Ernest T. Harrison, Jr.
Greater Kansas City District Association,
Missions Director

50TH ANNIVERSARY AT RICHWOODS CHURCH

On Sunday, September 11, 1988, the people at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Richwoods became excited when they celebrated their 50th Anniversary. A new record attendance of 110 was made. Brother James Parker, the former pastor, delivered the morning message, Dr. Roger Reeds spoke during Sunday School, and in the afternoon the Gipsons Family sang. A good number of former pastors and members were able to be there on this grand occasion. A total of about 160 people registered during the events of the entire day.

During the Annual September Missionary Conference the First Free Will Baptist Church saw 7 young people saved and was able to raise about \$1,500 in offerings and Faith Promises. Pastor Travis Harrison says God is blessing tremendously here because many of the people are becoming burdened about their family members. Also the church intends to have a special Mortgage Burning service in November or December, since the mortgage has been paid off early due to the faithfulness and sacrifices of the church people.





EDUCATIONAL AND FELLOWSHIP ADDITION TO MT. PISGAH CHURCH

The Mt. Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church near Cabool, Missouri added an Educational and Fellowship Addition to the present building.

The new addition accommodates an area that can be used for classroom space, assembly area and fellowship area for church dinner and social activities. The new area was designed by a deacon of the church, Brother Neil Hamilton.

The pastor, Reverend Hubert Darter, states, The church gave wonderful cooperation in building the new unit. Many of the members, young and adult, contributed their time. In fact, the labor from the beginning to the end was donated.

The Mt. Pisgah Church is growing. It reflects to the community that it is a loving and caring church. It is anticipated that in the near future there will be a need for another building endeavor.

40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR THE McCURRYS

Dale and Marge McCurry observed their 40th Wedding Anniversary at the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp in Niangua, Missouri. The renewal of the wedding vows was read by Reverend Robert Sharpy, long time friend of the McCurrys.

Mr. & Mrs. George McCurry, son and daughter-in-law, and their children, Brandy and James, from Maine, stood with the McCurrys as they renewed their vows.

A reception was held following the ceremony, hosted by Shirley Jackson, Tommie Sharpy, Peggy Brewington, and Ann Livingston. Several friends came from various areas to celebrate the occasion. Out of state friends were Reverend and Mrs. Vernon Long from Jackson, Tennessee.



Dale & Marge



Bob Epperson, Denzil Dalton, Charles Peak, Clarence Burton, Gene Terry & Ray Haden

CHARLES PEAK ORDAINED TO THE MINISTRY

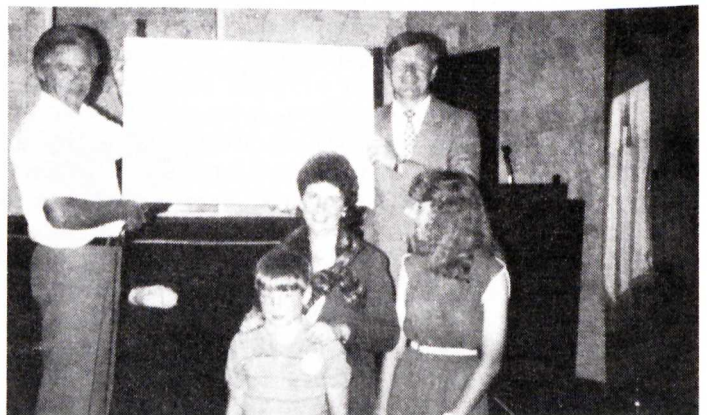
On Sunday, September 18, 1988, the Executive Committee of the Harmony Quarterly Meeting held an Ordination Service for Brother Charles Peak. The service was held at the Happy Home Free Will Baptist Church, near Ava, Missouri.

Reverend Bob Epperson, the pastor of the church, introduced Reverend Gene Terry, moderator of the Quarterly Meeting to preside at the service. Brother Terry gave the purpose of the service and recognized visiting ministers and deacons.

Reverend Clarence Burton delivered the Ordination Message. The Ordination Prayer was led by Reverend Raymond Haden, a former pastor of the Happy Home Church. Special music was provided by the church.

VBS REVIVAL 1988 AT HARMONY CHURCH

Pastor John Bullard of the Harmony Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City, writes, We had a record breaking Vacation Bible School. I say this to the glory of God. Brother Jim Mertz and family, missionaries at Wentzville, Missouri came and shared with us the Word of God. We saw thirty-nine saved, twenty-two rededications, and an average attendance of one hundred with one hundred sixty registered. Our bus workers brought in sixty-two on the bus, which is a record. We penny-marched our way to the goal of \$1,000 for the Mertz Account, and even above for the final offerings totaled \$1,228.80. Our young people knocked on doors, handed out free passes, monitored pews and worked at the altar. The church was blessed, challenged and refreshed with all the things that the Lord did and is still doing because of much effort and prayer.





EDUCATIONAL BUILDING ADDED TO HANNON CHURCH

The Hannon Free Will Baptist Church near Liberal, Missouri completed an Educational Building, writes Mrs. Virginia Bunton.

The new addition provides approximately 1,200 square feet. It accommodates four classrooms, a nursery and restrooms. The classrooms are very spacious and the nursery provides a very adequate and accommodating nursery facility.

Brother Francis Dickey, trustee, was the designer and head carpenter. The Hannon Church was chartered eighty-one years ago and continues in its original location, six miles northeast of Liberal, Missouri.

Reverend Perry Brake is serving the church as pastor. He states that the new addition was needed and will help the church continue to grow as the church continues its outreach in that community and even beyond.

HOMEcoming AT ROLLA CHURCH

On Sunday, October 9, 1988, the First Free Will Baptist Church at Rolla, Missouri celebrated its 10th Anniversary.

A former pastor, Reverend Dale Cochran, Hannibal, Missouri, delivered the message at the Morning Worship. There were three rededications with an attendance of eighty-two.

At the Afternoon Service, the Glorybound Gospel Singers presented the special music with Sister Barbara Cochran and the Bryant Family, Leroy, Peggy and Billy. Mrs. Judy McWilliams writes, The special singing blessed the hearts of everyone. The entire day was a special blessing for the Rolla Church. Reverend James Parker is serving as pastor of the church.

Senior Adult Retreat

This was a first! It was great! was the common feeling of the 150 that attended the Senior Adult Retreat at Stonecroft. Statements from letters read as follows: "This was truly a wonderful spiritually-filling experience for my husband and I." "What a joy to see and fellowship with Christian friends whom we had not seen for a long time." "The Christian atmosphere was great. Everything was just right for Christian fellowship and growth." "Brother Scott's messages were inspirational as well as the gospel singing by the Jones Family." "The skits presented by the Monett and the Farmington Churches were just great. They got across their points."

These reflect the feelings of ones attending this retreat. And, without exception those who expressed thanks for the retreat wanted to have another one next year.

The Senior Adult Ministries Board, finding the feeling of the group, announced at the closing session Thursday morning that the date for next year is May 9-11, 1989. Brother Glen Murray and the board will be mailing material concerning this at the appropriate time.

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Connie with some of her students

My Testimony

by Connie Welch

God has been so good to me during my life. He has directed my coming and going even when I didn't realize it at the time. There have been many times when I've felt a door of opportunity has been closed in my face and I didn't understand why. But, then months or sometimes years later, I understand that it was all for a purpose. And there are some things I don't understand and probably won't until I see my loving Savior. When we reach Heaven, the reasons for life's trials and tribulations may be revealed or, when we see Christ in all of His glory, our past difficulties will all be forgotten.

For over 25 years, since early childhood, I have experienced Rheumatoid Arthritis. It is now becoming known that children can also be diagnosed with Arthritis. As anyone who has this disease can attest, it can make a dimness appear in one's eyes. That dimness is pain. The disease is painful; it restricts movement; it drains one of strength; it makes plans for tomorrow uncertain. I have found one thing to help ease the pain and give me strength and that is my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He also gives me the certainty of a home in Heaven free from all the suffering of earth.

The hospital was my second home during my early life. The disease was difficult to diagnose and difficult to control. My mother lived at the hospital with me while my dad stayed at home working four jobs in order to pay the hospital bills. He came to see us on the weekends. Sometimes I feel guilty that my illness took away from them what should have been a normal, young married life raising children, going to PTA meetings, etc. I pray that they will be rewarded some day for all they have sacrificed for me.

In the last 12 years, I have undergone artificial joint replacements for both hips and both knees. I also had one replaced a second time. Complications developed which resulted in being in a spica cast (cast is from the waist down covering both legs) for one year.

Many good things have happened to me in the last 12 years also. The Lord enabled me to attend college and

receive my Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Speech Pathology. I have had the privilege to work in two hospitals and a speech/language clinic. After my last hip replacement, it was necessary to quit my job. At the time, I could not understand why the Lord would give me the ability to work with people and then take it away. But, as it seems, the Lord had a better plan in store for me. I now have a private practice in Speech Therapy where I evaluate and provide therapy for children and adults with communication disorders. It has been such a blessing to be needed in my hometown and to help others develop speech/language skills. It is also a blessing to be near my parents again.

God has been good to me. He has guided me and given me the strength that I need each day. He has given me loving parents, a fulfilling profession, and wonderful friends. Above all, Christ has given me the assurance of a new body in Heaven. My prayer is that somehow my life can be used by Christ and that I will never disappoint Him. When my life nears an end, I want to be able to say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith". II Timothy 4:7.

ABOUT THE WRITER: Connie has such a sweet Christian testimony. Even though she is physically impaired, she has a strong desire to help others. She maintains a Professional Speech/Language Office in Lebanon, Missouri, helping children and adults with communication disorders.

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

It has been said that in our day we have substituted planning for praying. While the purpose of this article is not to underestimate the importance of planning for evangelism, it is hoped that proper emphasis be placed on the great need for praying.

Habakkuk 3:2 gives us one of the best guides to follow as we pray for revival.

"O Lord, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid; O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy."

Habakkuk's prayer for revival was the result of hearing God's Word. Nothing can challenge and stir the hearts of men like the Word.

He prayed for three things. First, Habakkuk prayed, "Oh Lord, revive thy work". The work of revival is by God and for God. God is to receive the glory. Our joy is found in being able to be a part of His work.

Second, Habakkuk prayed for God to "make known". We need to pray for a revival that would provide a fresh revealing of God.

Third, he prayed, "in wrath remember mercy". Revival praying must be saturated with our petitions for the mercy of God. Unless God sends a revival of mercy we stand in line for His wrath.

Let us always include praying in our plans for revival. Remember, God does not answer plans for revival, but rather prayers for revival.

Youth Camp News

The Youth Camp Sessions of 1988 were a tremendous success, with many souls saved and numerous decisions made. The following is a breakdown of each camp session.

Group I, Teens, 232 registered, 4 saved, 10 rededications, and many needs met at the altar for prayer.

Group II, Teens, 336 registered, 31 saved, 61 rededications, 84 with special needs, and 10 answered the call for full-time Christian service.

Group I, Pre-Teens, 440 registered, 53 saved, 47 rededications, and many at the altar for special needs.

Group II, Pre-Teens, 450 registered, 51 saved, 30 rededications, and 102 came to the altar for special needs.

The totals are: 1,458 registered (an increase over last year), 139 saved, 148 rededications and 196 came for special needs, plus the 10 who committed for full-time Christian service.

Praise the Lord for this excellent ministry. We need not remind you how important this is to our young people. Please continue to pray for the Youth Camp Ministry and its financial need.

The Youth Camp Board - Jim Mertz, chairman; Ken Goff, treasurer; David Pinkston; Dale Blackwell; and Mike Hutsell.



Pre-Teen Session Helpers

The following young people helped with the program staff for the two weeks of pre-teen sessions. Brother Darryl LeMond praised the young people for a job well done.

WEEK ONE:

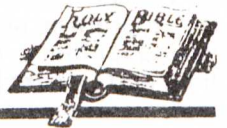
Kevin Willowford, Chris Mitchell, James Johnson, Floyd Rhodes, Ernie Rhodes, Scot Robinson, Steve Mapel, Matt Bassham, Mark Bassham, Billy Skaggs, Chris Cobler, Aaron Rider, Donnie Wells, Andy Crews, Jennifer Chase, Sheila Johnson, Paulette Munn, Eva Munn, Melissa Munn, Amy Pointer, Jennifer Fagan, Paula Campbell, Ann Guthrie, Tammy Maynard, and Darla Freeman.

WEEK TWO:

Ryan Shomaker, David T. Walls, Kevin Scott, Gary Parker, Steven Sevits, Brian Thompson, Rob Gerst, Chris White, Steve Mapel, Jamie Gates, Scott Manson, Matt Chrissman, Scott Chapman, Aaron Rider, Brent Thompson, Mike Crossland, Susan Ketel, Dana Roach, Amy Bailey, Susan White, Christie Raney, Amy Sweyers, Amy McKinney, Gina Baines, Jenny Roberts, Heather Cook, Diane Walls, Carolyn Stevenson, Deanna Norris, Krissy Kossman, Jayme Cummins, Michelle Cropper, Rachel Hicks, Rachel Vandivort, and Lynn Tillson.

Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



"O my people remember now what Balak, king of Moab, consulted and what Balaam, the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal, that ye may know the righteousness of the Lord", Micah 6:5.

"From Shittim to Gilgal" - four words I have chosen to share a thought of God's divine goodness toward His people.

We read in Joshua 3:1 that Shittim or the "Acaia Wilderness" was the last camp before Israel crossed the Jordan River to enter the Promised Land. Likewise in Joshua 4:19 we find that Gilgal was the first camp after crossing the Jordan. My thought I wish to share is that as God led them from the Acaia Wilderness unto Gilgal, so will He lead us from victory unto victory.

God's people were encamped on the opposite of something precious He had prepared for them. He had previously told Israel to follow the Ark that they might know the way, by which they must go, for "they had not passed this way heretofore". We often find ourselves in situations in which God's divine direction is needed. And, I am glad that God sent Jesus, The Way, The Truth, and The Life, so that we can hear His voice and follow Him, Who indeed is our Ark today.

God made some spiritual giants on the road from the Acaia Wilderness to Gilgal. Not only was Joshua established as leader of Israel, but we also find the priests standing on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan until all of Israel had passed over. This should stand as a reminder to spiritual leaders today, that they too need to stand firm in getting their people through a new endeavor.

When finally on the other side, Israel encamped at Gilgal, as He had promised; God had lead them all the way to the land flowing with milk and honey. Once safely across, a memorial was set up of twelve stones that had been taken from the bottom of Jordan as a reminder to future generations of the great miracle God had done for Israel.

I am afraid that some people are still encamped in the Acaia Wilderness when God wants to bring them to victory. He has promised to lead us and He will, for we are more than conquerors through Christ. Therefore, let's get across Jordan and begin to claim what God has promised us through Christ. The apostle Paul said to the Ephesians that God has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Heavenly places in Christ.

"Passing On The Double Yellow"

by Jonathan Yandell

The speed limit was fifty-five on the two-lane road that I was driving, but I was in no hurry. So, I wasn't surprised when the car in the rearview mirror quickly caught up to me. I kept a wary eye on the mirror as the car edged closer to my rear bumper, looking for a place to pass. The road ahead traversed a succession of rolling hills just big enough to hide oncoming vehicles. Down its middle was a double yellow line. Suddenly the car shot around me as we approached the top of a hill. I held my breath wondering if we were both to meet an oncoming car at the top of the hill. Luckily we didn't.

I was a little upset. Not because he wanted to pass me, there was nothing wrong with that. It wasn't even wrong for him to do so; I was traveling below the speed limit and I doubt he exceeded it. The problem was that his carelessness, in passing on the double yellow, endangered us both.

It reminds me of another incident several years ago. I was waiting on some friends for a Sunday afternoon game of basketball. When they didn't arrive I became concerned that I had misunderstood and gone to the wrong place. I decided to find a phone and call.

Being on the outskirts of town the only phone within reasonable distance was at a booth in front of a liquor store. But I had no change. The only place open was the liquor store. I dashed inside just to get change, but an ice-cold Pepsi caught my eye and reminded me of how hot it was outside. I grabbed it and paid for it, planning to use the change for the phone. The cashier placed my Pepsi in a bottle-sized brown paper bag. I grabbed the bag and bottle and dashed outside to the phone, only to discover on the sidewalk outside two little girls whom I taught each week in Children's Church and their great-grandmother, who also came to our church. I smiled and said hello, but the look in their eyes was saying something else. Then I realized what it must look like. Here I am walking out of a liquor store carrying a bottle in a bag! In a flash I ripped the bottle out of the bag so they could see it was a Pepsi. After a few moments of nervous conversation I excused my embarrassed self to use the phone.

I've thought a lot about that incident in the years since. My motives were entirely pure. I went in to get change, partly out of convenience, but mostly out of necessity. I did nothing intentionally wrong, but in actuality I was "passing on the double yellow." My motives were good, my actions were dangerous.

One of the problems with "passing on the double yellow" is that you may run into someone who is going the other direction. The great danger of ill-timed and ill-advised action is the effect it will have on those who do not know Christ, but know that we claim to follow Him. What if someone I had been witnessing to had seen me coming out of that liquor store with a concealed bottle? What conclusions would they have drawn? Some will say, "That's their problem, not yours!" I think I know what they mean; you can't live your life solely according to what others will think. But the Bible specifically commands us to avoid the appearance of evil (1 Thess. 5:22). I am to police my own actions beforehand to be sure that I do not unnecessarily put myself or the cause of Christ in a position of accusation or disrepute.

Another problem with "passing on the double yellow" is that you tend to make even people who are going the same way you are quite uncomfortable. The car on the country road made me nervous by his actions even though we were going the same way. Romans 15:1 says, "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." I did no intentional wrong, but seeing a young minister from their church coming out of a liquor store made some of my church family awfully uncomfortable. It is easy for us to say, "It's okay, I can make it, nothing's coming," and pull out to pass "on the double yellow." Perhaps we can, but is it worth the risk? Think about it . . .

ABOUT THE WRITER: Jonathan Yandell is a very fine young minister presently serving as pastor of the Garden Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Garden Grove, California. He is actively involved in the State and National Ministries.



Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Skaggs

Just Another mas

by Kevin Skaggs

Did you notice the title of this message? It looks rather desolate and barren without Christ, doesn't it? But that is what it is like for many people. It is empty and totally lacking the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Just as the people of Malachi's day, we need to hear a warning from the Lord. God spoke through Malachi chapter 2:1-2 and said, "And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the Lord of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: Yea I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart."

Picture, if you will, a man wandering the streets of a large city, during the Christmas Season. He is searching for the reason of Christmas. On every street corner, and in every store, he sees a plump little man, in a red suit, wearing a white beard, chanting HO HO HO. Obviously not an answer there for Christmas.

Having found no answer in the world system he decides to go to the ones who call themselves Christians. After all, their name is similar to Christmas. He approaches a group of carolers from a local church, nearby, and he hears them singing "Here Comes Santa Claus" and "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town". All this does is to confirm the message of the world. Confused and disheartened he turns into the cold wind without the meaning of Christmas. And this happened because some Christians were singing the message of the world rather than singing the message of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It's very obvious the world holds no answers worth hearing, yet, when turning to God's children he did not hear the reason for the season, that Jesus Christ and His birth is what Christmas is all about.

What then is our reward for not giving glory to Jesus during this holiday season? The condemning answer is given in Malachi 2:3 "Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall take you away with it."

Tell me then, how have we as God's children allowed the glory to be taken from God and given to a stranger? I believe the answer is very simply stated in Jude vs. 4: "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ."

It may be asked, "What does this scripture have to do with Christmas?" Here is the answer. The devil has many who work as his servants, some unknowingly, who find their way down chimneys of the saints, and some welcomed through the front door. Do these men give us gifts? By no means. On the contrary, they have come to steal away the glory from Jesus! Oh, how soon we forget the words of Scripture in I Peter, chapter 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." We must envisage the devil as a lion slinking through the underbrush and briars, waiting for his prey to come within his territory. Every time we take the glory from Jesus in His season and give it to a stranger we take one step closer to the devil's treacherous territory.

What should we do about the Christmas Season? We are to turn to the truth, giving glory to God, through Jesus Christ, for this is the season we celebrate the birth of Him who delivered us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. We ought to give God His glory and remember Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

Do not think that I am saying we should burn our Christmas Trees and stop our gift giving. On the contrary, we as Christians, knowing the gift of Grace extended toward us, ought to give gifts all the more. For if our gift giving is done with love and not out of duty, then God will be glorified by our giving, as following the example of Christ Who gave His life for us.

In conclusion I want to make one more point. God's Word states in Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name, under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved." Without that Name, without that life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we would be lost. In this same respect, if we as Christians let Christ be taken out of our Christmas, to be replaced by a fable, then this season will be empty and meaningless. With Christ the Christmas Season can mean, for those who know Christ as Saviour, joy, peace, and life. And, it can mean hope for those who know Him not. Think about it! May God bless you this CHRISTMAS Season!

ABOUT THE WRITER: Kevin Skaggs is a young preacher who lives near Fredericktown, Missouri. He and his lovely wife, Carrie, are very involved in the work of the local church and in the youth activities of the Southeast District Association.



The Gospel Generation Singers

News From The Gospel Generation Singers

It's been another great year for the Gospel Generation Singers. Summer has been full of concerts, homecomings, public events and we've enjoyed them all.

We want to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, calls, gifts, and prayers while Linda had a five-day stay in the hospital. She's been off the road for five weeks, but slowly getting started again. She's feeling fine but as she puts it, "The PUSH doesn't want to push as fast as before". But she is getting strong each day. Soon she will be better than ever.

The months ahead look great. We're planning a big spring already, starting with fronting a big concert with the Inspirations from North Carolina. We're looking forward to being with these dear friends once more.

Linda has been spending a lot of time (since she can't move a lot) working on new songs. I think she's come up with another good one. Look forward to hearing a song entitled - "STAND STILL, AND SEE HIS GLORY". It will be a good one.

The memers of the GGS, if you're not familiar with them, are Curt and Linda Barton, their children - Andrea and Adam, and also Randall and Kim Lovelace. We live in West Plains, Missouri and our home church is United Free Will Baptist Church with Brother Glenn Murray as our pastor and friend.

We are a middle-of-the-road Southern Gospel sound. We've been traveling over eighteen years for the Lord, and love it more each day. Our program consists of trio style, featuring the children, and also Kim comes on and does a special part. This summer, Andrea (age 10) has helped mom and dad out. Everyone seems to really enjoy her arrangement of "AIN'T NO GRAVE GONNA HOLD ME DOWN". Adam (age 5) has started helping out in the rhythm section by playing his snare drum in a soft-fashion which helps out in the fullness of the sound. The Lord is using even the children in our traveling, and we hope and pray this is only the beginning of the love of His work.

If you would like for the GGS to come to your church, special events, homecomings, etc. . . . call 417-256-0001 or write Curt Barton, SS Rt., Box 93, West Plains, Mo. 65775. We would love to come and worship with you and do the work He has told us to do.

Curt Barton

Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

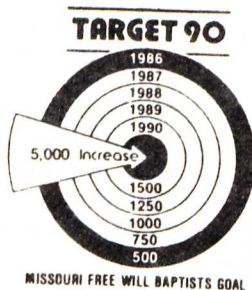
In my opinion there are certain areas in the church that can make or break the opportunities of growth. One of them is the music of the church.

In the surveys taken of the large fast growing churches, the five main reasons they grow and the people say they attend are: 1) they like the preacher; 2) they like the music; 3) they like the friendliness; 4) they like the location; and 5) they like the denomination.

There is no question that most people enjoy good gospel music. The charismatics, with all their doctrinal errors, have used music to attract people and draw them in to their church. We have failed to realize the potential in gospel music. Music can attract people; music can draw people into the church; music can touch the emotions; music can assist the preacher; music can help build the church.

In many of our churches music is second class. There is no organization, and little direction. Song books that are not even doctrinally sound are used instead of our own Free Will Baptist hymnals, or other recognized hymn books. The song service is often far too long, consisting of too many congregational songs, and too many special numbers that are too often ill prepared.

If the music program of the church is well organized, interesting, enjoyable, and inspirational, it will be a tremendous asset to the spiritual and numerical growth of the church.



Target 90 Update

The Target 90 Campaign adopted during the 1985 National Convention, in Nashville, Tennessee, has completed its third year. The five-year campaign has a twofold thrust: planting 100 new Free Will Baptist Churches and increasing net membership by 50,000.

Statistical data for 1986-88 reflect steady though not spectacular growth.

	1986	1987	1988	Total
Baptisms	8,517	8,407	7,910	24,834
Members Added	12,052	12,134	12,436	36,622
Members Lost	7,314	6,581	6,454	20,349

Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington, chairman of the Target 90 Committee, said, "We can reach our net membership goal of 50,000. We praise the Lord for the 24,834 baptisms."



Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by VeAnn Tilson

In one of my college classes a few years ago, a teacher introduced herself in this way: "I've worked in the penal systems of Texas, and in a juvenile delinquent home, and that prepared me for my present job as a junior high teacher." Perhaps a bit humorous, a lot of people feel this way when it comes to working with teens. Here are a few **general** characteristics pertaining to teens, that might help our understanding and improve our ministry with teens . . . **TEENS:**

1. Have the ability to think and reason abstractly.
2. Are extremely "peer" oriented.
3. Are very self-conscious (feeling that all eyes are on them).
4. Are searching for personal identity and establishing own set of values and beliefs.
5. Are very "present" oriented, and will readily challenge traditional ways, morals, and life-styles.

There are some **basic objectives** they should be given priority when teaching teens. Sunday School teachers should go beyond the mere facts of WHAT to believe, and share with teens the WHY . . .

1. Help them develop a Biblical self-consciousness, for "the fear of man bringeth a snare."
2. Promote personal involvement in sharing Christ and in developing good stewardship habits.
3. Instill in them a desire to worship the Lord, and to seek the counsel of His Word.

Some **practical suggestions** relative to ministering to teens:

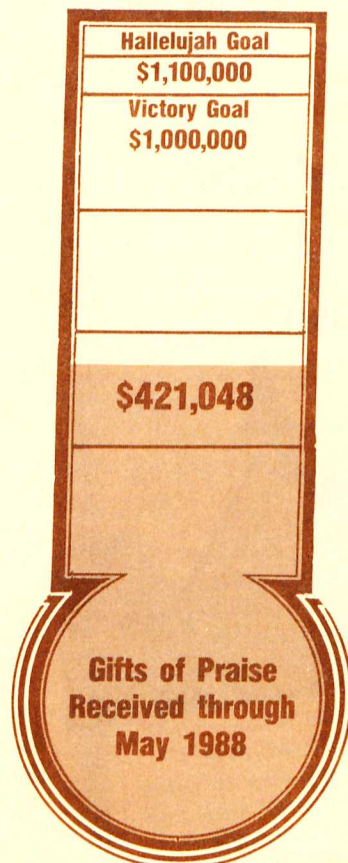
REMEMBER TO:

1. Treat them as adults and expect them to act as adults.
2. Offer them opportunities of fellowship with other peers who also love Christ.
3. Be careful NOT to put teens down (don't trade put-downs), and correct them privately when needed.
4. Set **Biblical standards**, discussing and explaining to them their purpose. (Watch out here—sometimes we are guilty of confusing our "cultural preferences" with Biblical standards.)
5. Extend frequent invitations for teens to receive Christ, and join them at the altar when they do come forward.
6. Promote and expose them to Christian colleges.

Though many may feel as a fellow public school teacher of mine, "that everyone should be put in cold storage from age 13-20 years of age," it should be kept in mind that this age group is an important part of an active, growing church, and teens should be encouraged to take part in the ministry of the church.

Second Annual Financial Report

Three Year Goal



***"Equal Sacrifice,
Not Equal Giving"***

Funding by Advance through May 1988

Total Receipts through May 1988 \$421,048

Advance Expenses Allocated through May . \$103,019

1986 Disbursements

Ivory Coast Bible Institute	20,911
Uruguay Bible Institute	30,000
16mm Projector	741
VCR/Camera (ICBI)	1,911

1987 Disbursements

Panama Building Fund (Betania)	18,040
Photocopy Machine (ICBI)	4,576
16mm Film in Hindi (India)	1,500
Brazil Bible Institute	6,042
New Missionaries	1,600

1988 Disbursements

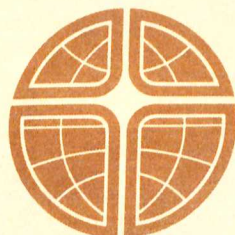
France Building Fund (St. Nazaire)	55,880
Japan Building Fund (Ai No Sato)	20,170
Uruguay Bible Institute	35,067
New Missionaries	400

Reserved for New Missionaries 60,642

Total Allocated and Disbursed
through May 1988 360,499

Balance on Hand \$ 60,549

***Other projects are approved and
awaiting funding.***



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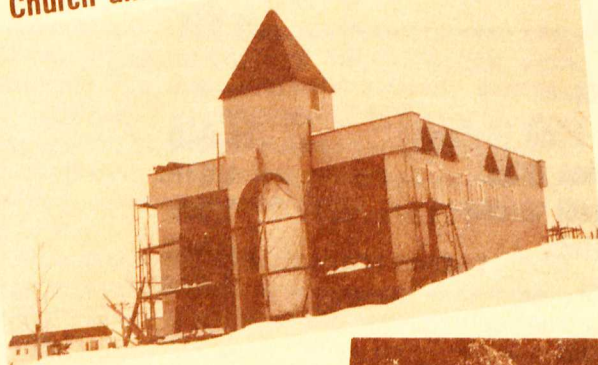


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God and You...

*Enabling an emerging national church to "put down roots,"
to give proof of permanence in its culture...*

A Church and Pastoral Residence in Japan



A New Church in St. Nazaire, France



Purchasing a Building in Panama

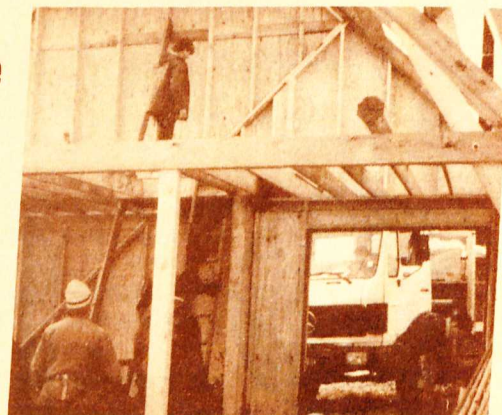


**People showing love
and concern...**

**People interested in
reaching people...**

**People willing to
sacrifice...**

Bob Trimble, Galen Dunbar, Jim Vallance, and James Orr traveled to Japan to do the finish work on the new church building at Ai No Sato on the island of Hokkaido.



Tommy Sanders, Dan Farber, Dan Harmon, Fred and Gladys Haney, and Jerry Gibbs went to France to finish the building at St. Nazaire.

It is Making a Difference!

Dear Pastor,

I do wish I had the opportunity to visit with you personally. However, that just isn't possible.

My purpose for this letter is twofold. First, I want to tell you that I am humbly grateful for the privilege you have given me to be part of and work with the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

You have accepted me; you have honored me with honor I haven't deserved and you've been an encouragement to me when I've needed it. The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists is truly a great Association. And it is so because of your support, cooperation and encouragement to one another. It has been my privilege to be part of it and I am thankful.

As you are aware I have moved to Fresno, California. One of my responsibilities in Fresno is to begin a new Free Will Baptist Church. This is a joint Missionary Project between the National Home Missions Board and the California State Home Missions Board. They will be paying one-half my salary.

I am writing to make you aware of the need in Fresno and to ask you to consider helping us in this work.

Fresno is the fastest growing city in California. Approximately 1,000 people each week are moving there. We have no Free Will Baptist Church in the north and west sections of the city. The city is growing northwest. That is the area we are assigned to start a new church.

I need to raise \$6,000 in cash and one and one-half times my monthly salary before I can begin the services.

My dear brother, I do not wish to take anything away from your local church, nor do I wish to take away from the Home Missionary works in Missouri. Please know that.

If you do see fit to help us with the establishment of a new church in Fresno, we will be truly grateful. A one time offering to our account to help raise the cash needed or perhaps some of your people may wish to make a monthly faith commitment to our account. In any case, please emphasize that it is not our intention to take away from your local church or Missouri missions.

I have discussed this with our Executive Secretary, Brother Burton, and in his always gracious way has volunteered to be of help. Please send any offerings or "Faith commitments" to his office. In this way Missouri State Association will receive the appropriate credit at Nashville.

Please mail them to: Millard Sasser, Fresno Account, Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536.

Pray for us as we take up this new labor.

Sincerely,

Millard C. Sasser

Millard C. Sasser



Rev. Millard Sasser

Financial Information

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS AUGUST 1988

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 5,011.89
17.00% Executive Office & Gem	4,605.52
3.50% General Fund	948.20
6.50% Youth Camp	1,760.93
1.75% SS & CTS Board	474.10
1.75% CE Board	474.10
6.50% Senior Adult Ministries Board	1,760.93
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	1,354.56
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & California Christian College	\$8,262.84
24.00% Foreign Msn.	\$ 1,983.08
19.00% Nat'l. Home Msn.	1,569.94
18.75% FWBBC	1,549.29
18.75% Hillsdale	1,549.29
14.00% Executive Dept.	1,156.80
2.50% Layman's Board	206.57

.50% Radio & TV Com.	41.31
.50% Theological Com.	41.31
.50% Historical Com.	41.31
.50% Board of Ret. & Ins.	41.31
1.00% Calif. Christian College	82.63
9.00% State Office & Bookstore Bldg.	2,438.22
Total	\$27,091.29

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." The Lord has been so good. We love Him and praise Him for His blessings on the labor of His people.

AUGUST 1988 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Olivet	\$ 400.00
Crossroads, Wentzville	140.00

Purdy	535.86
Myrtle	285.81
Bailey Chapel	59.00
Columbia	75.00
Number One	47.10
Bethel, Festus	447.00
New Life, Fellowship	600.00
Fredericktown, First	495.00
Parkview	385.25
Mill Creek	269.09
Sedalia	104.10
Mt. Zion, Gower	67.90
Terrill Road	109.93
Rolla	38.02
Belton	179.30
Mt. Pisgah	185.00
Southside	372.17
New Harmony	13.87

Carthage	60.00
Freeman Chapel	244.58
Royal Oak	101.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	146.69
Cope	57.00
Houston	319.22
Thayer	449.00
Merl's Chapel	113.65
Union Grove	252.50
Happy Home	130.17
Riverview, IA	331.38
Pleasant Ridge	80.00
Lone Star	36.70
Oak Hill, Union	186.13
Springfield, First	592.68
Lebanon, First	539.70
Leadington	470.00
Potosi	90.00
Viburnum	266.29
DeSoto	850.00
Farmington	1,000.00
Tyrone	43.95
Grant Avenue	711.79
Harmony, K.C.	437.00
Stockton	81.16
Black Oak	211.49
Rock Chapel	562.09
Fourth	129.00
Berkeley	1,063.15
Mine La Motte	50.00
Hartville	293.23
Copper Mines	310.12
Cuba	309.20
West Plains, First	340.56
Pleasant Hill	54.88
Victory, Alton	150.00
Victory, K.C.	709.54
Wolf Creek	411.10
Pleasant Home	327.94
Joplin	426.46
Hannon	312.39
Kirksville	14.45
Hopewell	208.00
Hurryville	155.12
Grace	882.00
Central	890.67
South Fremont	516.00
Cabool	317.75
United, W.P.	611.19
St. Francois Association	18.00
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Freeman Chapel	305.20
Trinity	250.60
Monett	678.55
Eastern Gate	224.00
Flat River, First	831.45
Cope	32.70
Walnut Grove	75.00
Fourth	100.00
Jones Chapel	287.85
Houston	228.67
Number One	44.90
New Rock Springs	73.39
Trinity	501.85
Macedonia	20.00
Mountain Grove	719.70
Merl's Chapel	92.37
New Harmony	12.75
Myrtle	145.40
Rolla	37.24
Cape Girardeau	423.27
Unity	307.08
Total	\$27,091.29

YOUTH CAMP

Olivet	\$ 25.00
Parkview	20.00
Myrtle	59.50
Bethel, Festus	50.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Thayer	30.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Leadington	20.00
DeSoto	50.00
Hartville	10.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Hannon	15.00
Central	24.72
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Fordland	20.00
Trinity	10.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Mountain Grove	40.00
Total	\$523.22

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Parkview	\$ 75.00
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Richwoods	44.00
Crossroads	5.00
Myrtle	1,113.00
Columbia	12.00
Bethel, Festus	65.00
Kirksville	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Southeast District	50.00
Thayer	77.00
Farmington	198.25
Calvary Fellowship	10.00
Leadington	160.00
DeSoto	200.00
Rock Chapel	170.10
Berkeley	330.00
Viburnum	38.00
Victory, K.C.	65.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
C. Hoover	5.00
Hannon	5.00
Grace	105.00
Central	340.42
South Fremont	19.00
F. Clayton	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Fordland	5.00
United, W.P.	45.00
MO Youth Camp	119.84
Trinity	30.00
Monett	47.00
Flat River, First	30.00
Rolla	29.71
Mountain Grove	300.00
Total	\$3,823.32

ADVANCE CELEBRATION

Tyrone	\$ 34.00
Grant Avenue	71.18
Rock Chapel	10.00
Union	35.00
Cuba	246.65
Victory, K.C.	70.00
Pleasant Home	15.00
Fordland	43.41
Trinity	75.25
Eastern Gate	25.00
Total	\$625.49

FWBBC

Parkview	\$ 10.00
Thayer	25.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Farmington	120.00
DeSoto	35.00
Fourth	5.00
Central	43.30
Leadington	20.00
Total	\$294.05

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 30.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Farmington	120.00
Grant Avenue	10.00
Hannon	50.00
Central	63.30
Total	\$309.05

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Olivet	\$ 50.00
Parkview	40.00
Richwoods	46.80
Crossroads	5.00
Myrtle	95.00
Columbia	12.00
Bethel, Festus	125.00
Kirksville	20.00
Terrill Road	5.00
Belton	25.00
Mt. Pisgah	150.00
Southside	281.00
New Harmony	69.34
Carthage	15.00
Freeman Chapel	281.70
Houston	44.18
Thayer	64.50
Merl's Chapel	100.00
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Farmington	637.85
Lebanon, First	125.00
Calvary Fellowship	735.02
Leadington	285.00
DeSoto	300.00
Farmington	410.00
Grant Avenue	412.68
Carl Layman	10.00
Rock Chapel	36.00
Fourth	95.00
Union	100.00

Berkeley	635.00
Freeman Chapel	245.12
J. Francis	10.00
Parkview	248.75
Viburnum	133.00
West Plains, First	98.50
Victory, K.C.	178.00
Sedalia	531.15
Pleasant Home	102.69
C. Hoover	30.00
B. Thompson	50.00
Hannon	516.45
Kirksville	20.00
Grace	20.00
Martinstown	100.00
Marshfield	74.00
Central	479.92
South Fremont	295.00
Fordland	467.57
United, W.P.	128.82
MO State Youth Camp	277.55
Trinity	106.00
Monett	1,095.50
Richwoods	44.00
Fourth	50.00
Bethel, Festus	100.00
Houston	60.28
Mountain Grove	1,203.80
J. Schebaum	40.00
Merl's Chapel	100.00
New Harmony	63.68
Myrtle	100.00
Niangua	59.00
Total	\$12,269.95

MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

Richwoods	\$ 15.00
Myrtle	114.50
Columbia	8.25
Bethel, Festus	146.00
Belton	25.00
South Side	5.00
New Harmony	133.12
Carthage	5.00
Thayer	31.00
Riverview, IA	11.80
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Farmington	265.00
Oak Hill, Union	16.30
Calvary Fellowship	110.49
Leadington	90.00
Fourth	25.00
Grant Avenue	24.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
Bekeley	250.00
Parkview	5.00
West Plains, First	5.00
Victory, K.C.	15.00
Sedalia	31.15
Hannon	156.19
Marshfield	10.00
Grace	45.00
Central	31.00
South Fremont	55.00
Fordland	59.00
United, W.P.	28.82
MO State Youth Camp	165.27
Trinity	30.00
Monett	25.00
Eastern Gate	40.00
Richwoods	15.00
Mountain Grove	86.00
Total	\$2,162.89

GIFTS TO John McClure

Houston	\$ 5.00
Thayer	17.00
Farmington	20.00
Calvary Fellowship	15.00
Farmington	10.00
Grant Avenue	20.00
Berkeley	50.00
Parkview	15.00
Grace	10.00
Central	60.00
Total	\$222.00

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS SEPTEMBER 1988

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 4,265.10
17.00% Executive Office & Gem	3,919.29
3.50% General Fund	806.92
6.50% Youth Camp	1,498.55
1.75% SS & CTS Board	403.45

1.75% CE Board	403.45
6.50% Senior Adult Ministries Board	1,498.55
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	1,152.73
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & California Christian College	\$7,031.66
24.00% Foreign Msn.	\$1,687.60
19.00% Nat'l. Home Msn.	1,336.00
18.75% FWBBC	1,318.44
18.75% Hillsdale	1,318.44
14.00% Executive Dept.	984.43
2.50% Layman's Board	175.79
50% Radio & TV Com.	35.16
50% Theological Com.	35.16
50% Historical Com.	35.16
50% Board of Ret. & Ins.	35.16
1.00% Calif. Christian College	70.32
9.00% State Office & Bookstore Bldg.	2,074.92
Total	\$23,054.62

With a heart full of gratitude to the Lord and to His faithful people I give Thanks! May every dollar, yes every penny be used to bring glory to His name.

SEPTEMBER 1988 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED

Oak Hill, Fredericktown	\$ 86.30
Southside	317.85
Oak Hill, Union	174.16
Willow Springs	262.70
Stockton	60.59
Hartville	201.58
Mill Creek	195.88
Thayer	338.00
Farmington	1,000.00
Victory, Alton	194.00
Parkview	355.50
Rock Chapel	288.86
Happy Home	122.47
Mt. Zion, Gower	48.50
Hazel Creek	387.44
Neosho	71.25
Faith & Hope	39.45
Royal Oak	134.00
Bailey Chapel	52.00
Berean	18.00
Mountain Grove	500.00
Olivet	400.00
Salem	60.00
Eastern Gate	205.00
Seymour	120.00
Seymour	140.00
Kirksville	11.33
Pleasant Ridge	88.00
Fordland	134.13
Mine La Motte	41.98
Carthage	70.00
Flat River, First	530.44
Viburnum	164.30
United, W.P.	526.73
Trinity	651.52
Bethel, Festus	343.00
Waynesville	120.67
Belton	266.80
Hannon	246.00
Sedalia	75.87
Tyrone	36.58
Terrill Road	122.78
Hopewell	160.00
Mt. Pisgah	157.00
Joplin	394.67
Potosi	113.00
Cuba	246.63
Columbia	75.00
Hurryville	153.87
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Leadington	360.00
Springfield, First	479.39
Union Grove	141.50
Lone Star	33.60
Fredericktown, First	328.00
Crossroads	150.00
Monett	449.34
New Life, Licking	88.38
Cabool	248.47
Mountain Grove	500.00
Victory, K.C.	226.42
West Plains, First	238.83
DeSoto	760.00
Freeman Chapel	221.85
Wolf Creek	278.98
Copper Mines	276.00
Pleasant Home	242.22
Marshfield	181.55
Harmony, K.C.	360.00
Verdella	374.94
New Life, Fellowship	364.00
Grant Avenue	521.10

Pleasant Hill	48.51
Lebanon, First	469.90
Riverview, IA	239.98
Black Oak	136.01
Hopewell	145.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	93.68
Willow Springs	229.24
Grace	721.00
Cope	103.28
Victory Hill	72.39
Hartville	212.15
Number One	43.36
Farmington	1,000.00
Bootheel, Association	6.89
Myrtle	186.95
New Rock Springs	97.00
Mountain Valley	500.00
Koshkonong	360.00
Merl's Chapel	329.54
Carthage	55.00
Rolla	42.79
Unity	247.12
Cape Girardeau	361.43
Total	\$23,054.62

YOUTH CAMP

Willow Springs	\$ 20.00
Hartville	20.00
Thayer	30.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Fordland	20.00
Mountain Grove	10.00
Leadington	20.00
Olivet	25.00
Trinity	10.00
Hannon	15.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
DeSoto	50.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Buffalo	50.00
Verdella	20.00
Parkview	20.00
Myrtle	25.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Total	\$434.00

MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

Southside	\$ 5.00
Oak Hill, Union	15.25
Thayer	30.00
Farmington	298.50
Fordland	45.00
Faith & Hope	36.75
Mountain Grove	36.50
Leadington	90.00
Eastern Gate	30.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Carthage	10.00
Flat River, First	402.00
United, W.P.	23.00
Trinity	55.00
Belton	25.00
Hannon	123.00
Columbia	8.25
Monett	55.00
Victory, K.C.	5.00
West Plains, First	214.61
Calvary Fellowship	116.49
DeSoto	50.00
Marshfield	26.15
Grant Avenue	4.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
Richwoods	15.00
Grace	40.00
Myrtle	45.00
Total	1,841.50

FWBBC

Thayer	\$ 25.00
Farmington	240.00
Leadington	20.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
DeSoto	35.00
Parkview	10.00
Total	\$365.75

GIFTS TO John McClure

Fordland	\$ 5.00
Thayer	12.00
Verdella	15.00
Grant Avenue	5.00
Total	\$37.00

CHILDREN'S HOME

DeSoto	\$50.00
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FOREIGN MISSIONS

Blue Springs	\$ 60.00
Southside	270.00

Thayer	55.00
Farmington	1,056.08
Parkview	263.91
Rock Chapel	46.00
Fordland	244.05
New Testament	10.00
Neosho	80.00
Faith & Hope	36.75
Hickory Grove	88.68
Mountain Grove	254.28
Leadington	259.00
Olivet	350.00
Kirksville	25.00
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Carthage	55.00
United, W.P.	128.00
Trinity	129.00
Belton	25.00
Brent & Cindy Thompson	25.00
Hannon	326.00
Union	55.00
Terrill Road	5.00
Mt. Pisgah	150.00
Columbia	17.33
Monett	605.60
Victory, K.C.	130.00
West Plains, First	70.00
Calvary Fellowship	654.32
DeSoto	300.00
Freeman Chapel	377.60
Pleasant Home	283.04
Marshfield	40.65
Verdella	574.96
Grant Avenue	327.02
Lebanon, First	105.00
Carl Layman	10.00
Richwoods	75.00
Grace	18.00
Myrtle	100.00
Viburnum	130.00
Merl's Chapel	100.00
Niangua	43.00
Total	\$7,988.27

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 30.00
Farmington	240.00
Hannon	50.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Grant Avenue	8.00
Total	\$363.75

ADVANCE CELEBRATION

Cabool	\$408.40
Rock Chapel	10.00
Fordland	30.21
Eastern Gate	23.00
Trinity	65.15
Mt. Pisgah	80.00
Pleasant Home	15.00
Grant Avenue	52.11
Union	25.00
Total	\$709.37

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Blue Springs	\$ 10.00
Thayer	79.00
Farmington	276.00
Parkview	116.60
Rock Chapel	153.80
Southeast District	50.00
Fordland	10.00
Neosho	5.00
Mountain Grove	75.00
Leadington	150.00
Kirksville	5.00
Carthage	10.00
Flat River, First	25.00
United, W.P.	18.00
Trinity	75.00
Hannon	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Columbia	17.33
Monett	12.00
Victory, K.C.	15.00
Calvary Fellowship	5.00
DeSoto	200.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Fred Clayton	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Verdella	30.00
Grant Avenue	1.00
Richwoods	52.00
Grace	105.00
Myrtle	130.00
Viburnum	38.00
Total	\$1,793.73

*A Wonderful Thanksgiving,
A Blessed Merry Christmas,
and A Great New Year!*



*Clarence
& Vivian*

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