

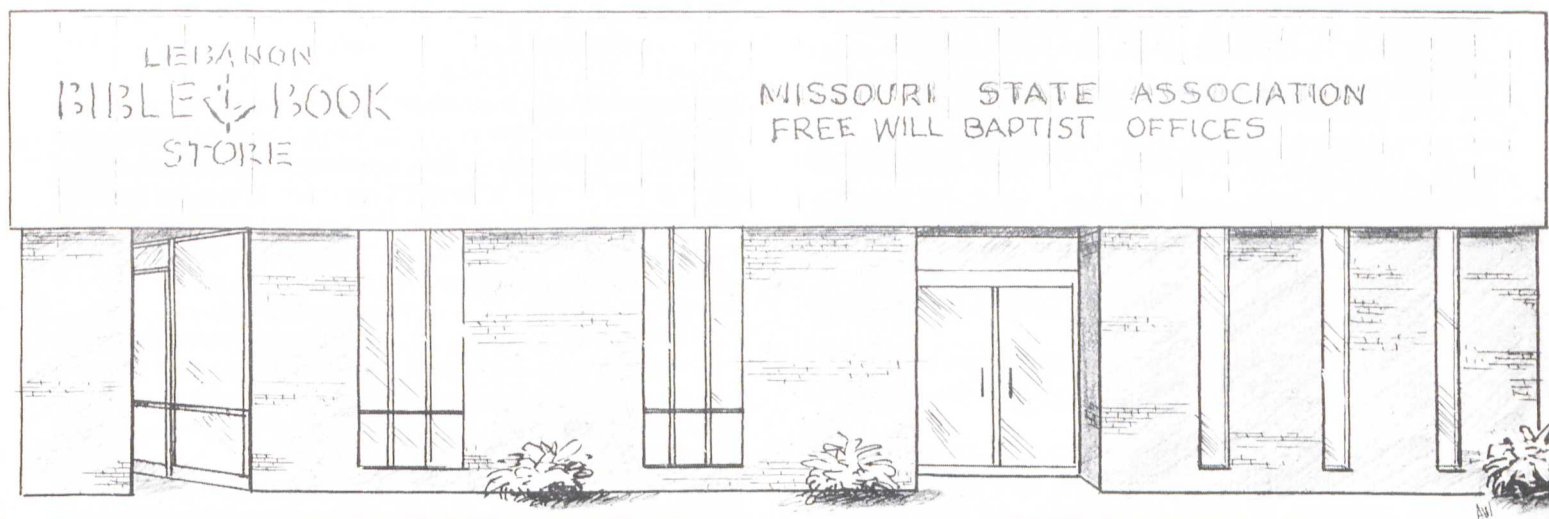
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Dedication Service

7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 6

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1988-1989

CHURCHES	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
Belton	45		31	31	32	36	35	35		36	47	51
Calvary Fellowship	264	210	198	188	202	231	287					
Cape Girardeau	58	53	58	46	57	57	52	53	41	47	51	45
Central										78		105
Copper Mines	95	88	85	86	88	75	79	84	90	81		
Cuba	76	75	74	73	70	68	75	79	66	64	62	
DeSoto	208	184	195	187	190	190	193	177		172	177	
Farmington					363	353	346	343	341	300	309	381
Flat River, First			126		166	167	183	181	154	148	121	174
Grace	147		140	187								
Hannibal												21
Hannon	78	75	77	79	72	77	73	72	77	78	77	102
Harmony						86	74	73	63		59	77
Hartville	88		90	89	94	82	94	93	98			
Houston	85	84	83	82	91	78	95	92			93	83
Lebanon, First	96	90	87	88	91		88	90	80	89	83	87
Myrtle	41	34	35	41	39	34	35	38			31	37
Neosho	101	83	74	78	103							
Parkview	77	69	69	63	66	60	55	57	64	53	44	61
Pleasant Home	83	61	57	83	90	85	87	77	86	75		
Richwoods	54	47	52	47	45	69	53	44	56	44	46	46
Rock Chapel	72	66	77	64	70	62	63	63	68	59		
Southside	82	72	72	67	73	66	68	72	69	67		
Springfield, First	216	166	137	138	132	117	123	120	145	170	168	155
Thayer		137	129									
United, West Plains	99	118	115	108	112	128	125	137	137	133	138	164
Verdella	79	83	83	84	74	79	85	82	90			
Victory, K.C.					57	71	75	68	77	76	64	95
West Plains, First	137	128	126	132	119	127	155	130	131	138		
Willow Springs	70	65	74	62	66	71	85	75	77		58	79

The above is only a partial listing — there are 170 Free Will Baptist churches in Missouri.
Every church is encouraged to send its Sunday School averages in each month to be listed in the above report.



Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

Dr. Donald McGavrin said, "There are four rules of church growth."

Churches that believe growth is God's will, grow. Churches that don't believe growth is God's will, don't grow.

Churches that pray for growth, grow. Churches that don't pray for growth, don't grow.

Churches that know what produces growth, grow. Churches that don't know what produces growth, don't grow.

When a new pastor comes to a church, he wants to be successful and be accepted. If he can either get the church growing or keep it growing, he can be both successful and accepted. But how do you get the church growing? Make hurried, unwanted, and premature changes? Not on your life!

The new pastor need only take those four rules and follow them in logical order. Prepare sermons and set out to convince the congregation from scripture that growth is God's will and non-growth is sin. This will give you something to preach about for several weeks — this subject touches the intellect. Then begin preaching on praying for growth — this touches the emotion. Then, after a few weeks of preaching on praying for growth, begin preaching about the things that produce growth — this produces training. After several weeks on this subject, begin preaching on the subject of doing what produces growth. This produces workers.

Instead of coming in, changing everything and making a lot of people angry, start an organized preaching and teaching program that instructs and excites the hearers to want to do something great for God right there in their own church.

In time the people will desire change. Please don't disrupt the harmony and life of the church by rushing in where angels fear to tread and changing things that may not need to be changed. Think, plan, organize, and love the people.

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Greg McAllister

Message From The Moderator

Every June, we in Missouri Free Will Baptists have a unique opportunity: the chance to come together and hear the Word of God preached, the chance to visit with one another and rekindle old friendships, the chance to mingle with visitors to our state convention from Nashville and other cities, and the chance to welcome newcomers into our fellowship.

We always hear the Word preached well; this year will be no exception. As a matter of fact, the theme for this year will be a unique opportunity to hear the Word **applied** to the church life in which we are all involved. I think we can look forward to wonderful things coming from our speakers, all of whom are gifted and qualified preachers.

The visiting is always good, too. A lot of times people consider this to be a waste of time, that preachers only like to go to these conventions so they can sit around and drink coffee and tell jokes. I would like to say, as a preacher's son who grew up listening to preachers tell jokes around our dining room table, that this fellowship and rekindling of friendships is a vital part of our work for the Lord, because it contributes the unity. As much work is done around the dinner table as is accomplished around the board table. Without the visiting and laughing and enjoying the Lord's blessings together, our state work would be just another business or civic organization. It's easy for a preacher to forget that there are other men of God who care about him and like to be around him; the State Association is our weekly refresher course in the "unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace."

And, our State Association serves another purpose: a sort of "Welcome Days" for the new pastors in our state. I think that the finest experience which a young pastor in his first church could possibly have would be a visit to a week of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. The older men in our state have by and large given their whole lives to churches of Missouri Free Will Baptists, and we can follow them as they follow Christ. There are a lot of things that embarrass me about the church at large, but the love and fellowship among Missouri pastors have always been one of my points for pride. Besides, if you talk to any one of the National Association representatives who come to deliver their reports, I think you would find that they look forward to Missouri as a time of refreshing in their long, hot summers.

This year we have a once-in-a-lifetime event. Our new Executive Office Building and Bookstore, long a dream of Missouri pastors, will celebrate its grand opening. It is a beautiful building, big enough for expanding our state's ministries for years to come. We are truly thankful for the work that Brother and Sister Burton and Brother Warren Livingston and his bookstore

staff have put into its development. I think the whole city of Lebanon is proud of it.

Since I already know what most of the state ministry's reports are going to tell you, I can assure you that you will be pleased and excited with the results of the work of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists in 1988. So come join in the rejoicing with us. You'll be glad you did.



Clarence Burton

The Executive Secretary Writes

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Missouri State Association Meeting in Lebanon, Mo. The dates are June 5-8.

The Executive Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the new Conference Room at the State Office Building. The General Board will meet at 1:00 p.m.

At the General Board Meeting and at the Business Session of the State Meeting we will hear reports from the five Standing Boards, Lebanon Bible & Bookstore, State Executive Secretary and the Planning Commission. We are anticipating fine reports on what has been accomplished and expecting a challenge for future progress and growth.

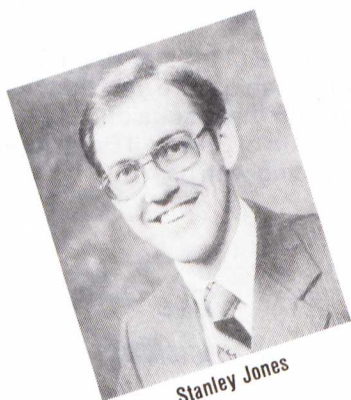
A Dedication Service for the new State Office and Bookstore Building will be held in connection with the Tuesday Evening Worship Service. Hopefully many, many Free Will Baptists will be present for this service. Along with these will be city and civic personalities to help celebrate this occasion. The Bookstore and the State Office will be holding a Grand Opening during the State Convention. Prizes and mementoes will be given with the Special Prize being presented at the Tuesday Evening Service. (You must be present to receive this.)

Four outstanding preachers will be speaking at the Worship Services: one serving as an evangelist, Rev. Stanley Jones; one serving as a home missionary, Rev. Nathan Ruble; and two college presidents - Rev. Jim McAllister, president of California Christian College, and Rev. Jim Shepherd, president of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. These will be preaching Monday evening, Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning and Wednesday evening, respectively.

Rev. David Bates will be directing the music for the State Meeting. On Tuesday evening a State Choir will be assembled for the special service, and the Youth Choir from the First Free Will Baptist Church, DeSoto, Missouri, will be singing under the direction of Terry Lewis.

Rev. Greg McAllister, moderator, will be leading the State Meeting, assisted by Rev. Cody Freeman, assistant moderator. Filling the clerk position will be Rev. Tim Eaton, assisted by Rev. Gary Fry, assistant clerk.

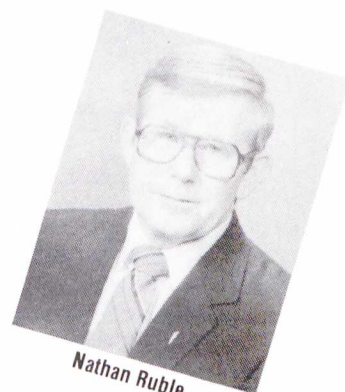
I am getting excited thinking about the State Meeting! I believe that this will be a great one! Let us pray for the ones that shall be preaching, the ones that shall be singing, and the ones that shall be leading us through this important annual event for Missouri Free Will Baptists.



Stanley Jones



Greg McAllister



Nathan Ruble

Program

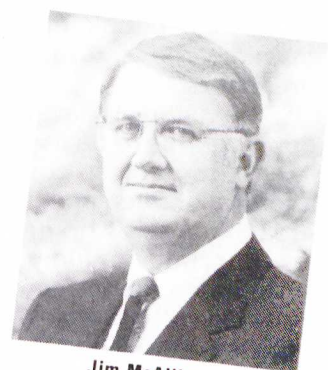
Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists June 5 - 8, 1989

Nelson Community Center
Lebanon, Missouri

THEME: Church Leading
I Peter 1:13-16



Jim Shepherd



Jim McAllister



Youth Choir - DeSoto Church

MONDAY, JUNE 5

10:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meets in Conference
Room, State Office Building
1:00 p.m. General Board Meets in Conference Room
7:30 p.m. Evening Worship.....Bud Arnold, presiding
Congregational Singing David Bates
Prayer Ken Goff
Congregational Singing
Welcome Mike Hutsel
Response..... Gary Parker

Convening the State Association
Cody Freeman, Clerk
Special Music The Keith Family
Worship in Giving
Special Music David Bates
Message..... Stanley Jones
"The Pastor, God's Soldier"
I Peter 1:13-22
Invitation
Benediction

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 6

9:00 a.m. General Board Meets in Conference Room
9:00 a.m. Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention
(Program not complete)

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 6

7:30 p.m. Evening Worship
Greg McAllister, presiding
Dedication Service
State Office & Bookstore Building
Congregational Singing David Bates
Prayer
Youth Choir DeSoto FWB Church
Special Recognition
Clarence Burton, Executive Secretary
City & Civic Personalities
Those Involved in Planning and Building -
State Office and Bookstore Building
Congregational Singing
Worship in Giving Ushers
Special Music
Message Nathan Ruble
"The Pastor, God's Builder"
I Peter 2:4-8
Invitation
Act of Dedication
Greg McAllister, Moderator
Prayer of Dedication Grover Terry
Invitation
Benediction

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 7

9:00 a.m. Congregational Singing David Bates
Credentials Committee Report
Seating of Delegates
9:15 a.m. Moderator's Message Greg McAllister
9:45 a.m. Partial General Board Report
* Reports: National Offices, Free Will Baptist
Bible College, Hillsdale, California Christian
College
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
Curt Holland, presiding
Congregational Singing
Prayer
Congregational Singing
Special Music
Message **Jim McAllister
"The Pastor, God's Administrator"
I Peter 2:11-17
Invitation
Benediction

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 7

1:30 p.m. Congregational Singing David Bates
Devotional Message Jeffery Gaskins
General Board Report (continued)
Executive Secretary Report
Lebanon Bible & Bookstore Report
Christian Education Board Report
Home Missions Board Report
Youth Ministries Board Report
Senior Adult Ministries Board Report
Youth Camp Board Report
Benediction

* Reports from National Offices
(Time may necessitate that some of these reports
be given Thursday morning.)

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 7

7:30 p.m. Evening Worship Ron Blanks, presiding
Congregational Singing David Bates
Prayer
Roll Call Presentation Edwin Bowden
Congregational Singing
Special Music
Worship in Giving Ushers
Special Music
Message ***Jim Shepherd
"The Pastor, God's Shepherd"
I Peter 5:1-11
Invitation
Benediction

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 8

9:00 a.m. Congregational Singing David Bates
Devotional Message Mark Braisher
9:15 a.m. Reports Continued
Historical Commission
Resolution Committee
Obituary Committee
Nominating Committee
Placement Committee
State Association Convention Adjourns
Dismissal

** Jim McAllister is president of California Christian
College

*** Jim Shepherd is president of Hillsdale Free Will
Baptist College

NOTE: The Standing Boards of the State Association
will meet immediately following the Benediction. The
General Board will meet immediately following this.



Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

How many of you have ever met a dragon? No, not the winged, serpent-like fictional monster, but the two-legged, fire-breathing, "people dragon." The one who can make your life miserable, be it at work, at play, or even at the local church. These dragons are often well-intentioned, but they leave most of us seeing red or reaching for the Excedrin bottle!

What can we do to dragon-proof our local church or place of employment? First, we have to identify the dragon (which should not be too difficult), and then try to understand why that person has become so difficult to deal with. Next, we need to begin praying for this person. It's hard to remain upset with someone you are in earnest about in prayer every day. Keep in mind that the object is not to slay the dragon, but to tame it. Paul's admonition in Galatians 6:1 is in order here. Be careful in fighting dragons that you do not become one. Another thing, encourage a positive atmosphere. It is harder to complain when those around us are positive and enthusiastic.

The teachers' lounge at my school is an example of the need for a more positive atmosphere. I can go into the lounge at school feeling on top of the world, but by the time I leave, I've decided the school is rotten, the principal incompetent, and half the staff should quit. Why? Our teachers' lounge often has a negative atmosphere and it breeds negative attitudes.

Still another thing in dragon-proofing is the need of keeping people active. Busy people have little time to complain. Be sure their jobs are purposeful, not just busyness chores. Petty jobs can result in petty problems.

Sometimes, even when we have done all the above, the dragon still must be confronted. Remember: (1) don't overreact; (2) don't confront when angry; (3) confront on neutral ground; (4) make the confrontation in private; (5) if possible, sit next to the person, keeping eye contact; (6) approach with love; and (7) ask, "How can I help?"

As long as we're on earth we will encounter "people dragons." We must learn to deal with these people if we are to have a happy and productive Christian life. Leaving a situation will not make it go away. Taming the dragon takes time, patience, and a willingness to forgive as Christ forgives us.

For a more indepth look at this subject, let me suggest the LEADERSHIP series book entitled, "Well Intentioned Dragons," written by Marshall Shelley.

**PRAY FOR
YOUTH CAMP SESSIONS
MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL CONVENTION**

"What Lies Ahead?"

by Gary Fry

I Corinthians 2:9, "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things that God hath prepared for them that love him."

Recently, as I walked down the hall of the new State Office building, I wondered if any of the pioneers of the Free Will Baptist work in Missouri had ever envisioned such a facility. That thought lead me to wonder what lay ahead for Missouri Free Will Baptists that we might not be able to envision right now. While I'm certainly no prophet, I can see the direction we are headed, and I think exciting times lie in the future!

The Word is clear that evil will abound in the world. Already we lament the coldness of men's hearts when confronted with Christ. We might be tempted to throw up our hands and resign ourselves to failure because no one seems to listen anymore. Yet, that has never been the spirit of the Free Will Baptist churches of our state. We are people who trust in God to give us the increase if we have been faithful to do our part. It may take fresh, new methods or something else we can't see right now, but God is in control and He will always come through if we are looking for His answer.

I think purity of doctrine will be an important possession in the years to come. Satan will pull those whose doctrines are already twisted even further into left field, and many groups who have had sound doctrine in the past will follow in the same direction. That will make good, sound, workable doctrine even more valuable due to scarcity. It's a dark world we live in and it is getting darker. We always have God's promise, however, that the light will shine in the darkness and the darkness will not be able to smother out the light. (John 1:5) Missouri Free Will Baptists have that light. Our faithfulness to shine the light clearly will be our most important task in the years ahead.

I am excited to see the work being done by our State Boards. God has abundantly blessed us with men of vision who are capable of great things and are willing to do those things for the Lord. The programs and methods these men and those they have followed have put into effect in our state allow us to reap great benefits, as well as giving us assurance that our people are being nurtured and the unsaved are being reached. So effective are many of these programs that they have served as pattern and inspiration for similar programs in other States and even on the National level.

All our boards are aware of the great responsibility they have to the Lord and the people of the State. If you were to sit in on a meeting, you would discover that every decision is made prayerfully and with an eye to its effect, not just immediately, but future effect as well. We want coming generations of Missouri Free Will Baptists to have a good, solid foundation from which to serve the Lord. That will be possible, only if we follow God's leadership today.

As I continued down the hall in the new State building, I opened the door to the Bookstore and thrilled at God's blessing. What an advancement from the early days of our bookstore. I wonder what else God has in store for us? An expanded missions program with more

Home Missions churches; an ever-increasing ministry to our youth and seniors; our people, well equipped by our seminars and trained by their local church, evangelizing our state; or even our own retreat/convention facility? A list like this excites me because I realize that serving the Lord is the greatest opportunity in the world.

It's a great thing to be able to serve the Lord in Missouri, and I'm convinced that the best is yet to come. It is exciting to think that we serve the same God who accomplished the fantastic feats of the scripture through His people.

Where will God lead us? I am not sure, but we can see many open doors before us. Our success in this state is only limited by our desire to serve and our faithfulness to God and His Word.

ABOUT THE WRITER: Brother Gary has served in various positions in the District and State Associations. Presently he is serving as assistant clerk of the State Association, a member of the Planning Commission, and for several years has served as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Mtn. Grove, Mo.



Churches, People & Events

FAITH CHURCH AT OAK GROVE PURCHASED NEW PROPERTY

Members and friends of the Faith Free Will Baptist Church at Oak Grove, Missouri, must feel as did the Psalmist when he wrote, "O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvelous things . . ." (Ps. 98:1). During the last two months eleven people have been saved! Also, God has opened doors of opportunity and the Faith Church seems determined to do God's will. As in all communities, the needs are great — so many still need Christ as Saviour.



New People at Faith FWB Church, Oak Grove

Recently the Faith congregation purchased new property that will allow them to build a new building. Please pray for the church. Building a new building is a big challenge for what is still a small congregation. But, we are confident that with God's guidance and help, we will do it. Pray for the unsaved in the Oak Grove area. Many unsaved are visiting our services. We have a deep concern to see them come to Christ. A special thanks to everyone who has supported the Oak Grove work with your prayers and financial help.

HOWARD AND LUCILLE WILT, KING AND QUEEN



Howard & Lucille Wilt

The Young At Heart, a newly formed group at the Grace Church in Arnold, Missouri, held a friendly competition for King and Queen. Three couples ran in the competition. The contribution was a penny a vote. The total contribution was to be given to the Vergel Maness account.

Brother and Sister Maness held a Missions Service at Grace Church, with preaching and showing slides of the Mission in New Jersey. At the close of the service an offering was received and given to the Maness Account with the offering contributed by the Young At Heart.

The church reporter, Leaman Killian, continues, The Lord continues to bless the Grace Church. The Ladies Bible Class, one of the fine groups in our Sunday School, continues to grow. The class now meets every Tuesday for Bible Study. They usually have an attendance of 20 - 25.



Richard Beatty and the Sunday School Banner he made

We are trusting the Lord for a great State Association again this year, and the Senior Adult Retreat at Stonecroft.

Rev. Glen Rehkop is serving as pastor and Rev. Rick Chapman as associate pastor of the Grace Free Will Baptist Church.

EXCITEMENT AT WAYNESVILLE CHURCH

Rev. Gary Parker, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church at Waynesville, states, There is a lot of excitement at the church. The Lord has blessed with some tremendous blessings!

Since last October the Lord has blessed with thirteen professions of faith and four rededications. Also, five families have placed their membership with the church. On Roll Call Sunday the Lord blessed with two receiving Jesus Christ as Saviour!

The Lord has given the church some very fine workers. A Youth Department has been started with Tim Mann serving as director. A Junior Church has begun with Ed Roden serving as director. A new Sunday School Superintendent, Bill Smith, has recently filled this important position.

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Brother Parker states, We appreciate these and the positions they are filling, but we are also thankful for the love and concern that each one has in serving the Lord. In order for the church to do a good work for the Lord each one must fill his or her place of service. Last year, eighteen people placed their membership with the church. We pray that this will continue, and we believe that it will as the church continues to labor in the spirit of love and unity.

Rev. and Mrs. Parker, with their son Gary Matthew, began serving the Waynesville Church in June 1987.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT UNITED, WEST PLAINS



Charter Members and Rev. & Mrs. Murray

The United Free Will Baptist Church, West Plains, celebrated its 10th Anniversary on Easter Sunday, March 26, 1989. The attendance goal was 250. The attendance was 265! The pastor, Rev. Glen Murray, expressed appreciation to the members and friends for their concern in making this Anniversary occasion a wonderful day!

Rev. Clarence Burton, Executive Secretary, expressed words of commendation for the growth of the church and the contribution it had made to the State and National Ministries of Free Will Baptists.



Church Choir

Special music for the Worship Service was given by members of the church and the church choir. A medley of songs, appropriate for the Anniversary Service, was presented by the choir. Everyone enjoyed the choir and the other special music. Rev. Murray recognized the charter members of the church present at the Morning Worship. (See photo) He commended them for their vision and their labor of love that had helped lead the United Church to its place of service today. He read a concise 10-Year History of the church.

The United Church held its first service at the home of Jack and Catherine Judd on Wednesday evening, February 28, 1979, with 36 present. The following Sunday the group met at the home of Ernest and Eudene Adkisson, with 37 present, and

the following Wednesday evening service was held at the home of Ulus and Genevieve Caldwell. At this meeting a name was selected for the church, United, and the Sunday School officers were elected.

On March 28, 1979, an organizational service was held with the help of Reverends Finis Johnson, James Lee Reed, Clark Stephens, Jesse Dunkin, Harry Beatty and Manuel Dunkin. At this meeting Brother Finish Johnson was elected as interim pastor, Catherine Judd as church clerk, and Geneva Easter as church treasurer. Trustees elected were Brothers Jim Walker, Carroll Hickman, Jack Judd, Hubert Holman and Randall Tate. The deacons elected were Brothers Tommie Adkisson, Ulus Caldwell and David Uhlmann.

On May 2, 1979, the church voted to purchase property and build on Lanton Road. On May 18 the church was accepted into the Cave Springs Association.

On Sunday evening, July 29, 1979, Brother Finis Johnson stated in the message, "Children, don't give up. I can see a beautiful church building on the hill." He went into the hospital on August 1, and passed away August 4. There was a Memorial Fund in memory of Brother Johnson which totaled \$814.00. This money was used to purchase the Pulpit, Altar, and Communion Table.

The building permit was obtained August 3. The digging began for the basement August 18 and the floor was poured on August 23, 1979. The ladies served lunch most every day, and they also helped with the building of the foundation and the roof. Ulus Caldwell, Othel Blankenship and Howard Mofield served as the Building Committee.

The first services were held in the basement on September 23. On October 12 the trusses were put up and on October 28 the church elected Rev. Jack Littlejohn as pastor. The church began holding regular services in the basement on December 2, with 73 in attendance for Sunday School and 83 for the Worship Service. The first service held in the new sanctuary was February 2, 1980.

Brother Ernest Adkisson was put on trial as a deacon in October 1979, and in October 1980 he was ordained as a deacon. He replaced his father, Brother Tommie Adkisson, who was having some health problems. Brother Tommie serves as an honorary deacon.

On March 11, 1981, the pastor, Brother Littlejohn, submitted his resignation. On May 3, Brother Glenn Murray was elected to serve as pastor. (Brother Charles Hollis served as interim pastor until Brother Murray could assume the work.) The church voted to build a parsonage in May 1982, and it was completed in September the same year.

The church has had 214 people join since it began. It has a fine history thus far. By the grace and goodness of God may it continue to be faithful in love and labor for the Lord.

Following the Morning Service a delicious noon meal was provided by the ladies of the church.

The Afternoon Service was enjoyed by everyone as the special singing was provided by a Gospel Singing Family Group from Mt. Pleasant, Arkansas, and also by the Gospel Generation and special groups from the church. It was a *Great Day!*



Mt. Pleasant Special Singers



Kevin, Darla & Nathan Trimble

BABY SHOWER AT BELTON

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Belton Free Will Baptist Church held a Baby Shower for Nathan Wayne Trimble on Sunday afternoon, March 19, 1989, in Fellowship Hall at the church.

Nathan is the son of the proud parents, Kevin and Darla Trimble, and the grandson of the proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jacks.

The afternoon occasion followed a delicious meal served by the ladies of the church.

SIX MISSOURI STUDENTS MAKE DEAN'S LIST AT FWBBC

With the completion of mid-semester exams at Free Will Baptist Bible College, 72 students emerged with grades of "B" or higher and were placed on the Dean's List of honor students. Six of these 72 are Missouri students. They are: *Donna Reeves*, Senior, Farmington; *Jeff Robertson*, Senior, St. Joseph; *Kevin Skiles*, Junior, Festus; *Kenny Simpson*, Freshman, Farmington; *Greg Smith*, Freshman, West Plains; and *Allen Pointer*, graduate student, Springfield.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Congratulations!

At "Welcome Days" held April 6 - 8 at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Missouri ranked second in prospective students that attended.

Youth Camp Sessions Begin in June!

Youth Camp is the time that many of our pre-teens and teens look forward to with great anticipation! It is a time to renew friendships, begin new friendships and anticipate a great number of professions of faith, rededications, and some who will profess special commitments for service to the Lord.

The Dates and Groups:

TEENS — Group I, June 18 - 23; Group II, June 25 - 30. PRE-TEENS — Group I, July 30 - August 4; Group II, August 6 - 11.

NOTE: The cost for each camper is \$35.00; for the camp worker, \$15.00. (This is a slight increase for the camper.)

There are several improvements at the Camp Grounds: teaching stations, ballfield, dining hall, and a new sound system.

Pastors, you are reminded to acquaint your campers with the camp rules and guidelines. Please do this as they prepare for attending the camp sessions.

The Youth Camp Board is looking forward to a great year. Proper planning has been done. With proper prayer and concern, this year can be one of the best!

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Hillsdale Alumni & Friends Homecoming

June 16 and 17, 1989

Celebrate Thirty Years With Us

Plans include a banquet at the Norman Sheraton Hotel on Friday night to celebrate our Thirty Year Anniversary. Saturday will include an alumni softball game and a time for the alumni to shine in "Alumni Follies."



The Youth Look

by Ann Cochran Poletti

"... out of the mouths of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise." (Matthew 21:16)

Children are a blessing in so many ways, and God has used various children to show Himself to me . . . most recently, it was one of the children I babysit quite frequently.

It was a Saturday evening, and I had dressed the younger boy, barely three years old, for bed. The older boy, age five, was watching television with my husband, and he felt quite proud that he had a later bedtime than his younger brother.

I carried the three-year-old to his bedroom, kissed him goodnight, and left the room. Normally a real good boy about bedtime, something was obviously wrong with him on this night. When he finally made himself clear to me, I realized what was bothering him: I had forgotten to allow time for him to say his bedtime prayers.

After prayers, I went into the living room to share this wonderful experience. With that, the five-year-old told my husband and me how important it was to say prayers for **everything** — "even in a restaurant . . ."

I noticed how — though young they may be — the boys (among others) were watching my life to see how often I practiced the importance of prayer. When this one 'slip-up' was brought to my attention, I was humbled to ask forgiveness from God **and** the children for forgetting.

Those simple words spoken by a young child's bedside taught me how true it is that a child pays attention when we don't think they understand . . . and they **do** live what they're taught. **And** I think God smiled that evening.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 31:6)

Gem Survey

It would be greatly appreciated if you would take the time to read the following information and **respond immediately** to the State Executive Office at the address listed below. This will help in planning regarding the Gem.

Subscription rates presently pay for only a portion of the actual cost of the Gem. The remaining cost is paid out of the Executive Office account. The Gem is presently being published six times a year (every other month). The subscription rate is now \$3.50 per year for individuals and \$3.00 if on the Church Plan. (\$1.00 of this goes for postage.) The full cost per subscription is actually \$5.00 per year or 84¢ per issue (based on six issues per year) for a 16-page Gem.

All the State boards and several individuals have voiced their desire for the Gem to be published on a monthly basis. The boards feel this would give them a better possibility to use the Gem in timely promotion of their respective endeavors. Each board has also considered the possibility of helping fund the Gem in order to place it on a monthly basis.

The cost of the Gem per subscription for twelve issues per year of twelve pages each would be \$8.50 per year or 71¢ per issue. With partial funding coming from the Executive Office as it does now, and each State board sharing a portion of the cost, and a \$2.00 per subscription increase, the Gem could be published on a monthly basis.

- (1) Do you receive the Gem on the ☐ Individual Plan or on the ☐ Church Plan?
- (2) Would you like to receive the Gem on a monthly basis? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- (3) Would you like to see the Gem used more to help promote activities in the state by the State boards? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- (4) Considering all the above information, would you be willing to assume the **full cost** of your subscription for a monthly publication (\$8.50 per year for Individual Plan or \$8.00 per year for Church Plan) in order to free the additional revenues coming out of the State funds to be used in other areas? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name (optional)

Please pray and consider your answers to this survey, then fill it out **immediately** and mail to: Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536, Attention: Gem Survey.

Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



To all the families, friends, and faculties of the high schools throughout Missouri as we think upon graduation — my meditation comes from the pen of Solomon: "To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven." (Ecc. 3:1)

In essence, what Solomon is saying is times change. God is the only one we can be certain about who does not change. "For I am the Lord, I change not." (Malachi 3:6) "Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

Because people, places and purposes change at some point in our lives we must take a look at what time it is. First, as we view the present we will call it the "crowning time of your life." Concerning this, I want to congratulate you upon your arrival to this special time, your graduation. The Apostle Paul said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." "Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." This is basically what all graduating seniors have done although there will be more races and more crowns as your life continues — races such as promotions, degrees, etc. However, the most important race we have to run is life itself, and the most important crown we may obtain is the crown of life.

Second, as we review the past for just a moment we will call it the training time of your life. Concerning this time I want to commemorate your survival of the last thirteen years. Survival may not be the proper word for all parents, graduates and faculty, but for some it is rather fitting. I'm sure all of you have many fond memories that have brought you to this time.

Third and possibly the most important of all, I would like to preview the future. This I'm going to call the "turning time of your life." Thinking upon this, I would like you to contemplate a revival of true morality and spirituality. Solomon again spoke in Ecclesiastes 12:1, "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth while the evil days come not nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say I have no pleasure in them." Don't let the excitement of being young cause you to forget your creator. Honor Him in your youth before the evil years come when you will no longer enjoy living. This is not an indictment against the elderly, but an injunction to the young.

I hope this day will be a turning time in all our lives to make our schools, our communities, America and the world a better place in which to live.

In closing, someone quoted an elderly gentleman as saying, "If I knew I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself." What is sad to say is many of our young people think they are having the time of their lives when in reality they are taking time off their lives.

Settlement Reached, New Missionaries Hired For Portland, Oregon



John Turner

The National Home Missions Board announces a settlement has been reached in the Portland, Oregon situation which returns the assets to the Free Will Baptist Church. The Board also announces the appointment of John and Karla Turner as missionaries to the mission church in Portland. The Turners are the parents of two teenage sons, Eric and Jason.

Reverend Turner is an alumnus of Free Will Baptist Bible College, and holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Pastoral Ministries. He has pastored 13 years in Arkansas and Missouri, with the past five years at First Free Will Baptist Church, Pocahontas, Arkansas.

There is an urgent need to get the Turners to Portland as quickly as possible, as the mission church is attempting to continue services in the absence of a pastor. (Rev. E. R. Mayo has been serving as interim pastor to help the Portland congregation survive during this difficult time. However, he will be unable to stay until the Turners arrive on the field.) Funds are desperately needed in this critical emergency situation. Gifts for the "John Turner/Portland, Oregon Account" should be sent to National Home Missions, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

Back Door Visitation

by Travis Harrison

Back door visitation is a term that I coined. I originally used it to refer to the indirect method that is used to talk to someone about their spiritual condition. However, I think the term also has a literal application.

Both applications have similar objectives; but while one refers to getting into someone's house, the other refers to getting into someone's mind and understanding where they are spiritually.

Let's first consider the literal meaning of "back door visitation." I have found that many people do not use their front door as their main entrance — perhaps because it is less convenient, or maybe other reasons. Probably their close friends and neighbors will use the same door that they do. The only people that will come to their front door will be people that are not close to them, salesmen, solicitors, etc.

If you are on visitation and come to the front door of a back door family, you may already have one mark against you. They are already prepared for you to be someone other than a close friend, neighbor, or family. Careful observations and common sense can help to identify back door families, and avoid this initial psychological obstacle.

Secondly, note the figurative application of back door visitation. Some people's minds are like their houses; they put up a psychological barrier when you

mention anything about religion, God, preachers, church, etc. And if you mention any of these subjects to them, they will immediately begin to be closed-minded. It will be almost as obvious as a neon light in a motel that says "no vacancy." So it is then necessary to try another approach and go around to the back door of their mind where there will be a friendlier reception. You might try something like this. Temporarily postpone telling them why you are there. Be friendly, and courteous. Begin talking about things they like to talk about. Try to understand their background and where they are coming from. And as the opportunity arises, direct the subject to their spiritual need.

This approach has enabled me to talk to many people about their spiritual needs that I may not have otherwise had a chance to. Why? Simply because some people have unconscious barriers that once you have penetrated or have gone around you can talk to them about their spiritual condition.

ABOUT THE WRITER: Brother Harrison, his wife and children are presently serving the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church. He accepted this church following his graduation from Free Will Baptist Bible College. He is very active in the St. Francois District Association, and very supportive of the State and National ministries.

Unquenchable Fire

by Darrell Strain

The preacher in his sermon affirmed
the fire in hell is unquenchable and dieth not the worm.
The scholar in his studies had found
the Bible was old and — he thought it unsound.
So the plan of salvation he would not accept
and devised a method of cunning precept
to escape the penalty of sin . . . Grace he rejects.
Then death his warm body . . . turns cold
and now he wishes he'd never told
his brothers and sisters the Bible was outdated and OLD.
From the depths of the darkness below
comes a cry that shatters the soul.
It's true what the preacher said about
the fire down here is unquenchable — no doubt.
It's too late — as I've found out
when you wait until death has dealt you a clout
To believe the SCRIPTURE the preacher spoke about
and then find the FIRE in HELL is unquenchable and is
never put OUT!

Make Plans To Attend

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

June 5 - 8

Lebanon, Mo.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 16 - 20

Tampa, Florida

Hotel Reservation

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Tampa, Florida

National Convention

July 16-20, 1989

- All reservation requests will be made through the NAFWB Housing Bureau—NOT WITH INDIVIDUAL HOTELS.
- Complete this housing form selecting your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice hotels and mail to the Housing Bureau. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1989. Send one form for each room request—duplicate this form if necessary.
- Changes and cancellations must be made directly with the hotel before 6:00 p.m. the day of your arrival.
- The hotel will require a deposit. Complete the credit card information on this form or send a check directly to the hotel AFTER you have received your confirmation.
- Information and inquiries ONLY: 800/826-8358.

Cutoff Date:
Received by
June 30, 1989

MAIL TO:
NAFWB
Housing Bureau
100 S. Ashley Drive, Suite 850
Tampa, FL 33602

YOUR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____





CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

PHONE: (WK) _____ **(HM)** _____

CREDIT CARD TYPE _____ **CC#** _____ **EXP** _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ **DEPARTURE DATE** _____

HOTEL REQUESTED (Please indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices.):

HOTELS	Choice	 Single	 Double	 Triple	 Quad
Hyatt Regency Tampa (Headquarters)		\$70	\$70	\$80	\$80
Tampa Hilton		\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55
Holiday Inn Downtown		\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Days Inn Downtown		\$45	\$45	\$52	\$52

TYPE OF ROOM REQUESTED:

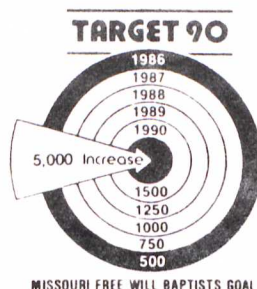
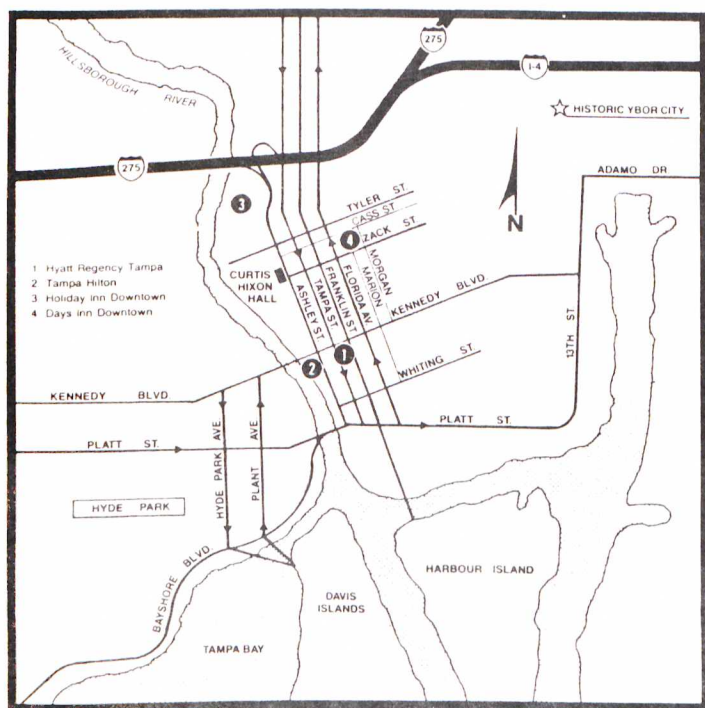
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TRIPLE/3 PEOPLE _____ QUAD/4 PEOPLE _____

NUMBER OF BEDS IN ROOM _____

PLEASE LIST ROOM OCCUPANTS:

HOTEL LOCATIONS



A Word From Our Missionaries

THE PINKERTONS FROM IVORY COAST: In this dry, dusty season there is much sickness . . . yet God has given us good health. We thank Him. Our families in the U.S. are doing well, also. When we see the photos of the two grandsons (James 7 and Danny 5), it seems that we have been back this term for much longer than just one year. We thank you for your prayers and faithful financial support.

THE TURNBOUGHS FROM SPAIN: We praise the Lord that one of the young men in the church, Esteban, led a man with whom he works, Javier, to the Lord. This is exciting! Pray that this is just the beginning of a long and fruitful life for the Lord.

THE VANDIVORTS FROM ARIZONA: Thanks for your prayers and concern on our behalf. During these five months since surgery, I have made normal progress. The damaged nerve in my left arm has healed, and use is normal. We are proud grandparents of Mark William Vandivort, born to Phil and Valarie. We praise the Lord for eight people preparing for church membership.

THE MERTZS FROM WENTZVILLE: Thanks for all that you are doing. God is honoring your prayers and faithful monthly gifts to our ministry. We do need your continued support!

THE BAILEYS FROM JAPAN: We are so happy to be back in Japan, working with the Iriso Church. The Lord is blessing our labor, for which we are thankful. Thanks for your help in keeping our account in the black. God bless you!

Financial Information

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS FEBRUARY 1989

18.50%	Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 4,574.72
17.00%	Executive Office & Gem	4,203.79
3.50%	General Fund	865.49
8.50%	Youth Camp	2,101.90
1.75%	SS & CTS Board	432.74
1.75%	CE Board	432.74
4.50%	Senior Adult Ministries Board	1,112.77
5.00%	Mo. State Ret. Program	1,236.41
30.50%	Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & California Christian College	7,542.10
24.00%	Foreign Msn.	\$1,810.10
19.00%	Nat'l. Home Msn.	1,433.00
18.75%	FWBBC	1,414.15
18.75%	Hillsdale	1,414.15
14.00%	Executive Dept.	1,055.89
2.50%	Layman's Board	188.55
.50%	Radio & TV Com.	37.71
.50%	Theological Com.	37.71
.50%	Historical Com.	37.71
.50%	Board of Ret. & Ins.	37.71
1.00%	Calif. Christian College	75.42
9.00%	State Office Building	2,225.53
Total		\$24,728.19

"Let us give thanks unto the Lord for His goodness and His tender kindness." May His

blessings continue on His faithful pastors and churches, as they give to carry the gospel throughout the world.

FEBRUARY 1989 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE

Hannon	\$ 537.85
Happy Home	110.61
Union Grove	214.20
Cope	36.15
Hartville	270.04
South Side	340.90
Houston	341.32
Waynesville	140.46
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	109.85
Pleasant Ridge	70.00
Royal Oak	81.00
Columbia	75.00
Rolla	44.18
Merl's Chapel	161.18
Sedalia	172.43
Flat River, First	511.69
Hurryville	167.46
Bailey Chapel	70.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	71.90
Terrill Road	97.26
Parkview	379.80

Rock Chapel	402.38
Black Oak	233.14
Springfield, First	615.00
Hopewell	229.00
Kirksville	13.42
Riverview	326.40
Mountain Grove, First	952.95
United, W.P.	614.28
Hannibal	25.00
Tyrone	103.36
Mine La Motte	47.00
Fredericktown, First	433.00
Old Bethel	173.27
Fourth	181.00
Central	216.00
Thayer	480.00
Bethel, Festus	476.00
Fordland	438.44
Copper Mines	317.07
Cabool	311.32
Mountain Grove, First	979.95
Wolf Creek	267.10
Trinity	779.47
Marshfield	230.21
Stockton	97.60
DeSoto	840.00
Pleasant Hill	50.30

Lebanon, First	582.84
Farmington	1,426.27
Carthage	80.00
Victory, Alton	205.00
Joplin	436.97
Freeman Chapel	274.58
Leadington	400.00
Mill Creek	264.67
Cuba	301.70
Liberty	295.00
Mt. Pisgah	191.00
Eastern Gate	1,400.00
Potosi	77.62
Harmony	462.00
Belton	274.74
Grace	500.00
West Plains, First	286.56
Lingo	53.00
Salem	30.00
Potosi	113.41
Grant Avenue	708.53
Monett	703.63
New Rock Springs	79.00
Verdella	222.02
Verdella	170.93
Crossroads	150.00
Victory Hill	83.64
Number One	45.05
Rolla	62.41
Carthage	75.00
Willow Springs	209.65
New Harmony	24.07
Myrtle	235.10
Unity	224.60
Cape Girardeau	423.26
Total	\$24,728.19

YOUTH CAMP

Hannon	\$ 15.00
Hartville	10.00
Parkview	10.00
Leadington	20.00
Mountain Grove, First	10.00
Thayer	30.00
Bethel, Festus	25.00
Fordland	20.00
DeSoto	50.00
Trinity	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.99
Victory, Alton	25.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Grace	250.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Verdella	20.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Myrtle	23.00
Total	\$652.00

CHILDREN'S HOME

DeSoto	\$50.00
Flat River, First	5.00
Myrtle	4.36
Total	\$59.36

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Clifford Hoover	\$ 30.00
Hannon	407.85
South Side	250.00
Brent & Cindy Thompson	25.00
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Calvary Chapel	50.00
Columbia	20.34
Merl's Chapel	100.00
Sedalia	286.24
Flat River, First	102.34
Parkview	271.87
Rock Chapel	169.00
Leadington	200.00
Carl Layman	10.00
Kirksville	25.00
Mountain Grove, First	227.46
United, W.P.	126.97
Tyrone	31.00
Fourth	35.00
Central	20.00
Thayer	54.00
Bethel, Festus	125.00
Fordland	253.44
DeSoto	300.00
Trinity	142.95
Calvary Fellowship	838.32
Marshfield	20.00
Nita Akeman	10.00
Oak Grove	65.00
Lebanon, First	105.00
Freeman Chapel	245.04

Leadington	75.00
Farmington	290.00
Joplin	10.00
Carthage	46.00
Mt. Pisgah	175.00
Unity	45.00
Belton	25.00
Grace	20.50
Salem	300.00
Beacon	870.00
Grant Avenue	590.18
West Plains, First	18.00
Monett	1,092.00
Verdella	323.02
Verdella	273.95
O'Fallon	20.00
Carthage	40.00
Willow Springs	48.52
New Harmony	120.37
Myrtle	106.00
Niangua	66.00
Total	\$9,131.36

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Clifford Hoover	\$ 5.00
Hannon	5.00
Columbia	15.33
Sedalia	36.24
Flat River, First	81.17
Parkview	50.00
Rock Chapel	162.68
Leadington	100.00
Kirksville	5.00
Mountain Grove, First	85.00
United, W.P.	35.00
Central	46.00
Thayer	87.00
Bethel, Festus	30.00
Fordland	5.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
DeSoto	200.00
Trinity	80.00
Leadington	30.00
Farmington	27.00
Carthage	5.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Unity	100.00
Fred Clayton	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Grace	105.00
Number One	135.57
Grant Avenue	26.00
West Plains, First	41.00
Monett	44.00
Verdella	15.00
Carthage	10.00
Myrtle	130.00
Total	\$1,836.99

JOHN McCLURE ACCOUNT

Flat River, First	\$ 51.17
Thayer	17.00
Farmington	20.00
Joplin	10.00
Grace	25.00
Monett	30.00
Verdella	20.00
Total	\$173.17

FWBBC

Parkview	\$ 10.00
Leadington	20.00
Fourth	10.00
Central	10.00
Thayer	25.00
DeSoto	35.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Farmington	150.00
Freeman Chapel	100.00
Total	\$395.75

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Hannon	\$ 50.00
Central	10.00
Thayer	75.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Farmington	150.00
Grant Avenue	10.00
Total	\$330.75

MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

Hannon	\$ 178.93
South Side	5.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Columbia	8.25
South East District Association	50.00
Parkview	5.00
Leadington	80.00
Mountain Grove, First	12.00

United, W.P.	16.97
Fourth	10.00
Thayer	120.00
Bethel, Festus	79.00
Fordland	55.00
DeSoto	50.00
Trinity	50.00
Calvary Fellowship	108.82
Marshfield	33.02
Lebanon, First	20.00
Leadington	10.00
Farmington	65.00
Joplin	25.00
Carthage	5.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
Belton	25.00
Grace	35.00
Beacon	250.00
Grant Avenue	14.00
West Plains, First	100.52
Monett	53.00
O'Fallon	20.00
Carthage	5.00
New Harmony	120.36
Myrtle	38.00
Total	\$1,682.87

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

MARCH 1989

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 5,080.80
17.00% Executive Office & Gem	4,668.84
3.50% General Fund	961.23
8.50% Youth Camp	2,334.42
1.75% SS & CTS Board	480.62
1.75% CE Board	480.62
4.50% Senior Adult Ministries Board	1,235.88
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	1,373.19
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & California Christian College	8,376.46
24.00% Foreign Msn.	\$2,010.35
19.00% Nat'l. Home Msn.	1,591.53
18.00% FWBBC	1,570.59
18.75% Hillsdale	1,570.59
14.00% Executive Dept.	1,172.70
2.50% Layman's Board	209.42
50% Radio & TV Com.	41.88
50% Theological Com.	41.88
50% Historical Com.	41.88
50% Board of Ret. & Ins.	41.88
1.00% Calif. Christian College	83.76
9.00% State Office Building	2,471.75
Total	\$27,463.81

How can we thank the Lord for His goodness and blessings? We will praise Him with our lips and honor Him with our lives. May His blessings continue on His work in our State and National Ministries.

MARCH 1989 RECEIPTS

COOPERATIVE

Houston	\$ 310.92
Merl's Chapel	146.75
Pleasant Home	282.63
Kingsway	260.24
South Side	292.40
Viburnum	128.42
Viburnum	218.49
Hartville	211.93
Union Grove	170.00
Pleasant Ridge	61.00
DeSoto	540.00
Columbia	75.00
Liberty	236.41
Sedalia	57.85
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	88.18
Victory, Alton	135.00
Thayer	387.00
Mill Creek	182.29
Royal Oak	92.00
Hazel Creek	456.04
Potosi	78.32
Hurryville	132.22
Rock Chapel	278.42
Olivet	400.00
Black Oak	162.74
Beacon	700.00
Bailey Chapel	62.00
Riverview, IA	253.25
Bethel, Festus	361.00
Victory, K.C.	348.67
Mt. Zion, Gower	52.10
Terrill Road	60.00
Fourth	211.00
Mt. Pisgah	189.00
Belton	242.19
Hannon	306.85

Fredericktown	450.00
Central	1,180.85
Seymour	130.00
Seymour	152.00
Jones Chapel	357.72
Springfield, First	539.71
South Freemont	411.00
Hopewell	143.00
Leadington	350.00
Harmony	352.00
Parkview	367.25
Tyrone	57.90
Fordland	391.58
Monett	571.62
Kirksville	11.88
Cope	25.32
Lebanon, First	461.28
Pleasant Grove	142.81
Neosho	142.50
Faith & Hope	104.74
Marshfield	181.48
United, W.P.	522.16
Flat River	371.24
Beacon	564.00
Trinity	631.05
Koshkonong	115.00
Berean	18.54
Grace	500.00
Freeman Chapel	185.37
Cabool	253.88
Wolf Creek	324.90
Boothel Association	10.81
Farmington	1,375.00
Copper Mines	250.83
West Plains, First	273.31
Pleasant Home	218.98
Twin Oak	644.44
Carthage	75.00
Macedonia	20.00
Pleasant Hill	41.44
Mine La Motte	38.35
Verdella	188.74
Oak Hill, Union	194.48
Grant Avenue	607.03
Salem	30.00
Cuba	313.70
Union Light	248.20
Number One	34.80
Eastern Gate	309.00
Lingo	45.00
Willow Springs	189.15
Victory Hill	73.47
Happy Home	75.44
New Rock Springs	59.50
Myrtle	340.03
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	80.60
New Life Fellowship	736.24
Rolla	54.08
Kingsway	253.95
Hickory Grove	38.44
South Side	310.00
Liberty	205.00
Merl's Chapel	213.50
Hannon	247.83
Victory, K.C.	327.47
Total	\$27,463.85

CHILDREN'S HOME

DeSoto	\$50.00
Myrtle	2.00
Total	\$52.00

MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

Unity	\$ 25.00
Mountain Grove, First	12.00
South Side	5.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
DeSoto	50.00
Columbia	8.25
Thayer	20.00
Richwoods	20.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
Bethel, Festus	52.00
Victory, K.C.	10.00
Fourth	10.00
Belton	25.00
Hannon	153.42
South East District	50.00
Central	62.00
South Fremont	50.00
Leadington	10.00
Fordland	58.00
Monett	53.00
Lebanon, First	20.00
Faith & Hope	76.87
New Testament	10.00
Parkview	5.00
Marshfield	18.14

United, W.P.	17.50
Calvary Fellowship	108.82
Trinity	75.00
Greater Kansas City District	286.43
Grace	35.00
Farmington	105.00
Leadington	80.00
West Plains, First	17.00
Old Liberty	50.00
Carthage	10.00
Oak Hill, Union	36.50
Grant Avenue	44.00
South East District	50.00
Union Light	18.00
Myrtle	45.00
Richwoods	15.00
Mountain Grove, First	22.00
South Side	5.00
Hannon	123.92
Victory, K.C.	10.00
Total	\$2,002.85

GIFTS TO JOHN MCCLURE

Thayer	\$ 17.00
Victory, K.C.	10.00
Central	30.00
Monett	65.00
Flat River, First	37.12
Grace	25.00
Farmington	10.00
Verdella	10.00
Victory, K.C.	5.00
Total	\$209.12

YOUTH CAMP

Mountain Grove, First	\$ 10.00
Hartville	10.00
DeSoto	50.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Thayer	30.00
Olivet	25.00
Parkview	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Hannon	15.00
Central	22.41
Fordland	20.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Trinity	10.00
New Harmony	50.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Leadington	20.00
Verdella	10.00
Willow Springs	10.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Myrtle	25.00
Mountain Grove, First	10.00
Hannon	15.00
Total	\$516.41

FWBBC

DeSoto	\$ 35.00
Thayer	25.00
Parkview	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Merl's Chapel Auxiliary	10.00
Farmington	150.00
Leadington	20.00
Total	\$285.75

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 5.00
Beacon	25.00
Hannon	100.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Beacon	25.00
Farmington	150.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Total	\$348.75

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Houston	\$ 77.00
Merl's Chapel	100.00
Mountain Grove, First	186.00
Pleasant Home	121.30
South Side	248.00
Viburnum	107.00
Cabool	47.43
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
DeSoto	300.00
Columbia	15.00
Sedalia	24.10
Thayer	45.00
Richwoods	51.00
Rock Chapel	168.00
Olivet	80.00
Carl Layman	10.00
Beacon	240.00
Bethel, Festus	95.00

Victory, K.C.	332.47
Parkview	50.00
Fourth	70.00
Mt. Pisgah	250.00
Belton	25.00
Hannon	506.85
Clifford Hoover	30.00
Bonnie Jean Francis	20.00
Central	452.00
Oak Grove	65.00
Nita Akeman	10.00
South Fremont	95.00
Leadington	70.00
Tyrone	25.50
Fordland	192.42
Monett	743.87
Kirksville	25.00
Cindy Thompson	25.00
Lebanon, First	65.00
Neosho	205.00
Faith & Hope	76.88
New Testament	70.00
Parkview	263.63
Marshfield	10.00
United, W.P.	122.50
Flat River, First	74.24
Calvary Fellowship	708.32
Beacon	905.00
Trinity	93.11
Greater K.C. District	1,911.16
Grace	21.00
Freeman Chapel	445.76
Farmington	310.00
Leadington	200.00
West Plains, First	27.00
Pleasant Home	125.00
Carthage	35.00
Verdella	285.83
Grant Avenue	478.65
Willow Springs	23.20
Myrtle	82.00
Richwoods	51.00
Mountain Grove, First	224.53
New Life Fellowship	37.25
South Side	258.00
Merl's Chapel	100.00
Clifford Hoover	30.00
Hannon	247.83
Total	\$13,178.83

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Mountain Grove, First	\$ 452.00
Viburnum	53.00
DeSoto	200.00
Columbia	10.00
Sedalia	24.10
Thayer	117.00
Richwoods	60.00
Rock Chapel	171.65
Beacon	45.00
Bethel, Festus	30.00
Victory, K.C.	35.00
Parkview	20.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Hannon	5.00
Clifford Hoover	5.00
Central	277.00
Leadington	17.00
Fordland	117.00
Monett	27.00
Kirksville	5.00
Lebanon, First	5.00
Neosho	20.00
New Testament	40.00
Parkview	39.00
United, W.P.	20.00
Flat River, First	92.12
Beacon	20.00
Fred Clayton	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Trinity	200.00
Grace	339.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Farmington	14.00
Leadington	200.00
Pleasant Home	38.46
Carthage	5.00
Verdella	15.00
Grant Avenue	219.93
Myrtle	140.00
Richwoods	32.00
Mountain Grove, First	85.00
South Side	103.22
Hannon	5.00
C. Hoover	5.00
Victory, K.C.	15.00
Total	\$3,436.38

Calendar of Events — 1989

SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

May 9-11, Stonecroft Conference Center, Branson, MO.

STATE CTS COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

May 12, 13, Stephens College, Columbia, MO

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION & WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, June 5-8, Nelson Community Center, Lebanon, Mo. (A Dedication Service for the new State Office and Bookstore Building will be held at this meeting.)

YOUTH CAMP SESSIONS

Teens: Group I, June 18-23; Group II, June 25-30

Pre-Teens: Group I, July 30-Aug. 4; Group II, Aug. 6-11.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, WNAC, NYC

July 16-20, Tampa, Florida.

MISSOURI WOMAN'S AUXILIARY RETREAT

August 25, 26, Stonecroft Conference Center.

ALL BOARDS MEETING—PASTORS/LAYMEN RETREAT, September 25, 26, Youth Camp, Niangua.

NOTE: Necessary information will be mailed out at the appropriate time by the ones sponsoring these events. This only gives an overview of the State Calendar.

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Essentials of Evangelism



by Stanley Jones

For over ten years the Free Will Baptists in Missouri have given me the privilege of sharing my concern for evangelism by means of this regular GEM article. With eager anticipation, I plan to continue the article as long as the editor, Brother Clarence Burton, feels that it is beneficial.

Brother Burton has been so good to encourage me, not only in the writing of this article, but in my personal ministry as well. It is at his suggestion that I am using the article in this issue **to announce my return to the ministry of revival and evangelism.** My last Sunday with the Rock Chapel Free Will Baptist Church as pastor was Easter Sunday. With great sadness, my family and I leave the Rock Chapel Church family. The four years with them have truly been a blessing to us. With confidence we commend the church to their new pastor and family, the Gary Mitchener's.

My revival work among Missouri Free Will Baptist churches will not be unfamiliar. To date, these churches have opened their doors to me as speaker in 127 revivals. For this, I am most thankful to the Lord.

My family and I are praying that God can use us effectively in this area of His great work. We ask for your prayers.

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