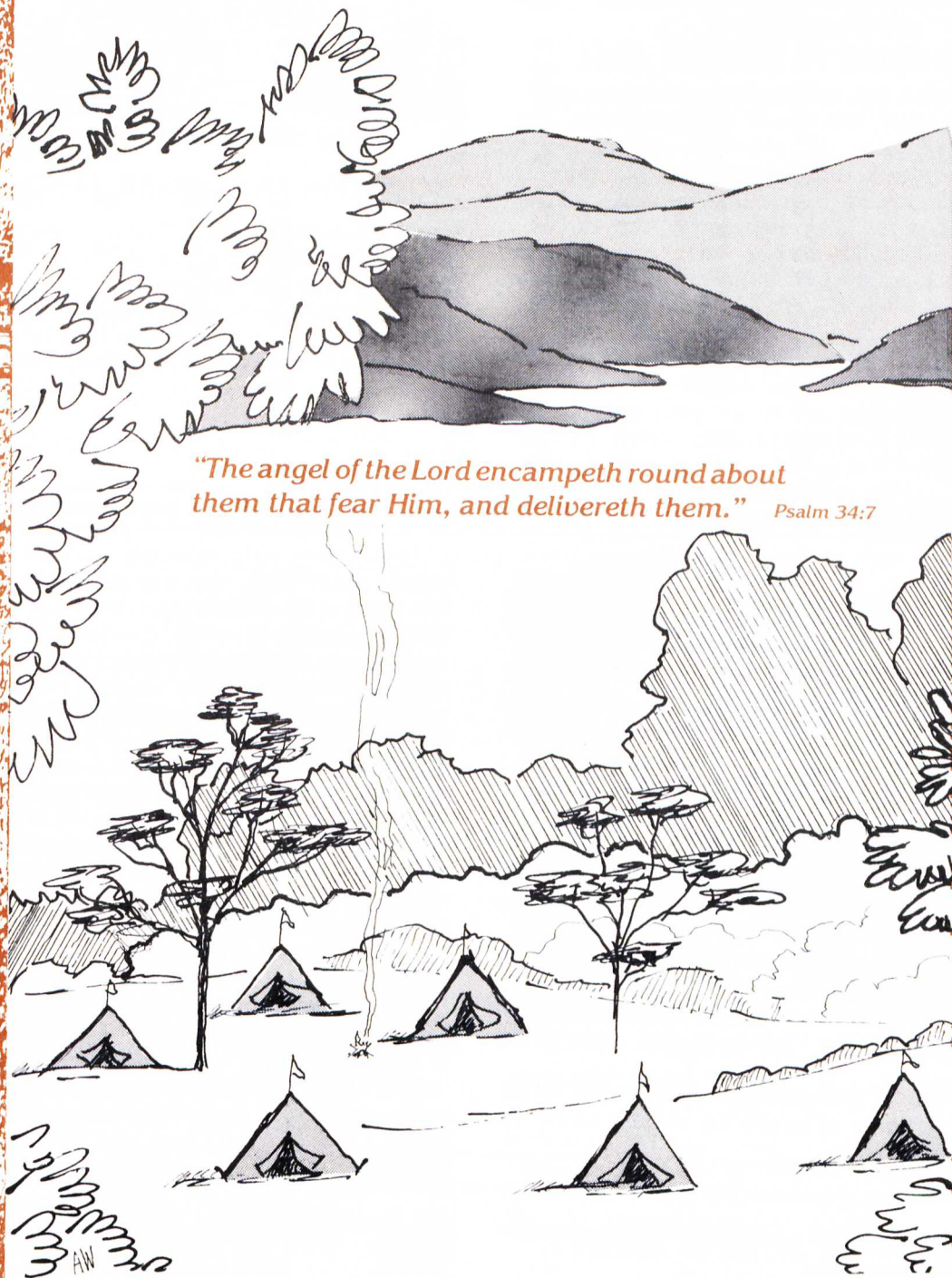


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## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1988-1989

CHURCHES	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Belton	31	31	32	36	35	35		36	47	51		47
Calvary Fellowship	198	188	202	231	287	202	225	223	222	254	233	201
Cape Girardeau	58	46	57	57	52	53	41	47	51	45	45	48
Central								78		105	90	
Copper Mines	85	86	88	75	79	84	90	81				
Cuba	74	73	70	68	75	79	66	64	62			
DeSoto	195	187	190	190	193	177		172	177			189
Farmington			363	353	346	343	341	300	309	381	323	302
Flat River, First	126		166	167	183	181	154	148	121	174	143	147
Grace	140	187										
Hannibal										21		
Hannon	77	79	72	77	73	72	77	78	77	102	81	94
Harmony				86	74	73	63		59	77		62
Hartville	90	89	94	82	94	93	98					
Houston	83	82	91	78	95	92			93	83		
Lebanon, First	87	88	91		88	90	80	89	83	87	94	86
Myrtle	35	41	39	34	35	38			31	37		
Neosho	74	78	103									
Parkview	69	63	66	60	55	57	64	53	44	61	61	55
Pleasant Home	57	83	90	85	87	77	86	75				
Richwoods	52	47	45	69	53	44	56	44	46	46		
Rock Chapel	77	64	70	62	63	63	68	59				
Southside	72	67	73	66	68	72	69	67				
Springfield, First	137	138	132	117	123	120	145	170	168	155	146	130
Thayer	129											
United, West Plains	115	108	112	128	125	137	137	133	138	164	128	
Verdella	83	84	74	79	85	82	90					
Victory, K.C.			57	71	75	68	77	76	64	95	70	66
West Plains, First	126	132	119	127	155	130	131	138				
Willow Springs	74	62	66	71	85	75	77		58	79	66	

**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.**

### Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



*And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh. St. Luke 21:28.*

There are many diverse theories about the Lord's return, and I'm not going to give you another one. This verse, however, does have an important message for us no matter how we believe about the end times. Like most shepherds who feed their sheep with a three pronged fork, there are three things I wish to share.

The first part of this verse lets us know there will be things that will give us an indication that Christ's coming is near; unrest in nature as well as in nations. Second Timothy 3 tells us that His coming is near, even at the door.

The second part is the area that shames most of us. That is the expectation in which we should await the

return of Christ. Just as a bride awaits the marriage with the groom, we should await the Lord's return. How sad to say, most of the time, Christians are not looking up with heads held high. Instead they are going around with their chins down singing, "Wait a little longer please Jesus." We are looking to government, financial stability and everything else, when we should look to Jesus, "the Author and Finisher of our faith." Hold your head up, Christian! Not with pious pride, but with patience and persistence.

The closing part of the verse tells of the jubilation that Christ's coming will bring for the redeemed. Free at last from all the ills of time. No sorrow, no pain, no tears, no night, no curse, no death, and no separation.

It has been said there are two ways for people to look at Christ's coming. They will either dread it or delight in it. The thing that makes the difference is whether you've done what he asked you to do while he was gone.

Can't you see some indications that His coming is near? Is your expectation high for His return? Will there be jubilation for you when He comes? It's up to you.

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# Churches, People & Events



Rev. & Mrs. Arnold and Charter Members of Friendship Church

## ORGANIZATIONAL SERVICE AT BRANSON

On Friday evening, April 28, 1989, the Missouri State Home Missions Board held an Organizational Service for the Friendship Free Will Baptist Mission-Church at Branson, Missouri. Approximately one hundred people gathered for the special service and it was obvious the pastor and his wife, Reverend & Mrs. Bud Arnold, had excited and encouraged the people for this memorable occasion.

Reverend Cliff Bowman, chairman of the Home Missions Board, gave the order of service and introduced Reverend Dale Skiles to deliver the message. Brother Skiles is serving as treasurer of the Home Mission Board.

Reverend Bowman introduced Reverend Clarence Burton, State Executive Secretary, who read the Constitution and By Laws. Following this the Home Mission Board chairman gave the charge.

When the call was given for those who wanted to be Charter Members of the Friendship Church, a wonderful response followed. The photo shows those who responded with Reverend & Mrs. Arnold. The invitation for Charter Members was extended through the following Sunday services. A total of 66 became members of the church.

The ladies of the church served a delicious meal in the Fellowship Hall following the Evening Service. It was enjoyable to listen to the members and friends of the church talk about the excitement that was felt in the Organizational Service. It is evident the Lord is blessing the labor of the pastor and the church family. It seems there is a great future for the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church. If you are vacationing in that area or driving through, stop by and visit this friendly congregation.



Friendship Members and Friends



Gary Mitchener & Family

## NEW PASTOR AT ROCK CHAPEL

Reverend Gary Mitchener has assumed the work of the Rock Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Norwood, Missouri. He, his wife, Belinda, and three children, Christi, David and Rebecca, moved from Siloam Springs, Arkansas to begin this work in April.

Reverend Mitchener has done pastoral work in Arkansas, Kansas and in Missouri. He is actively involved in local, state and national ministries of the Free Will Baptists. He has a deep concern for Missions and local church outreach in the local community.

The Rock Chapel Church welcomes the parsonage family to the church and Missouri. The church also extends its prayers to the former pastor, Reverend Stanley Jones, who has entered full-time evangelistic work.



## 35TH ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING CELEBRATION AT THAYER

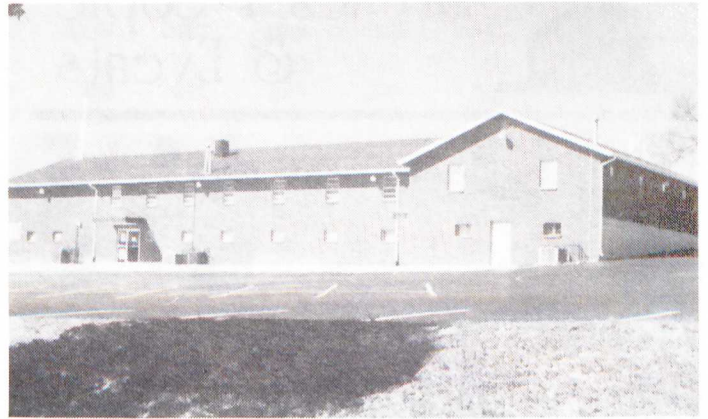
The Thayer Free Will Baptist Church is holding an All-Day Homecoming Celebration on its 35th Anniversary, Sunday, July 30, 1989. The guest speaker for the Morning Worship will be Reverend Clarence Burton, State Executive Secretary.

A Pot-luck Dinner will be served during the noon hour. In the afternoon the Gospel Generations and other special singing groups will be presenting special music. Also, the history of the church will be given.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to come join the celebration and enjoy the blessings of the Lord in this special anniversary of the Thayer Church!



## BRIEF HISTORY OF FIRST CHURCH, DESOTO



On Sunday, April 2, 1989, the First Free Will Baptist Church, DeSoto, Missouri, observed its Twenty-Third Anniversary and an annual Homecoming Service. Reverend Clarence Burton, State Executive Secretary, was the guest speaker and the evangelist for the preceding week of evangelistic services.

The church began as a Mission Church in March 1966. Two Free Will Baptist families, the Theoford Riders and the Henry Stephens, were instrumental in starting the work. Reverend Charles Moyers was the missionary pastor.

In June 1967 the Missouri State Home Mission Board organized the mission into a church. A month later, Brother Charles Miller came from the Parkview Church in Deloge, Missouri to preach for the newly organized church, and has been there since that time preaching and building.

The church began in basement facilities, then in a couple of years built the auditorium over the basement, completing the church building. As the Lord blessed with conversions and new members, the pastor led the church into another building program. This indebtedness of \$50,000.00 was paid off in three years, by the help of the Lord and faithful Christians. Today the church is continuing to grow. The expanding ministries include two Children's Churches, a Senior Adult Ministry and an active Youth Ministry.

Reverend & Mrs. Charles Miller have poured their lives into the labor of the First Free Will Baptist Church and as result the Lord has used them and the church to lead many souls to know Christ as Saviour. The church is known in that city and community and throughout the Missouri State and National Association of Free Will Baptists as a strong, loving, giving and caring church.



## COPPER MINES YOUTH TAKE FIELD TRIP

The Youth Church from the Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church took a field trip on May 21st to the top of Bald Hill, which is a landmark at Copper Mines. There were 20 children and 22 adults who made the journey. It was a 2½ mile round trip and took about an hour to get there. The last one-half mile was on foot.

Upon reaching the summit, which is about a 2½ acre rock glade, they enjoyed their sack lunch and spent a couple of hours looking around, allowing the children time to chase lizards and a rest period for the adults. The children found stinging scorpions, which are not too prevalent in this area. Points of interest to be seen from this location are City of Fredericktown, City Lake, Fredericktown Airport, Jordon Hill and Graner Ridge.

Those who sponsored this event were Vernon Sikes, who furnished tractor and wagon, Bob Hibbitts, Children's Church Director, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pirtle, Church Youth Leaders, and Elza Rehkop.

Observing from afar with a pair of binoculars was this writer. All information was obtained from the ones who made the journey. Bald Hill is on property owned by Roy Behan and we appreciate him allowing the Children's Church to use. Reverend Charles Lotz is the pastor of Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church. Clarice Rehkop is the church reporter.



## FIRE DESTROYS WAYNESVILLE CHURCH

On Wednesday morning, April 19, 1989, the First Free Will Baptist Church in Waynesville, Missouri was destroyed by fire. The fire was reported to officials at 8:22 a.m. and the fire chief, Danny Fry, said that it was engulfed in flames when the fire crew arrived. The loss of the building is approximately \$130,000.00.

Reverend Gary Parker, pastor, said, "We are trusting the Lord to guide us through this and we know that He will. The congregation will hold services in an appropriate place until a new building can be built. We are not giving up! The Lord has been blessing with some wonderful services prior to this and we believe that He will continue to do so."

It is evident the church is not giving up for Revival Services had been planned prior to the church building fire, and with an army tent provided by one of the members from Ft. Leonard Wood, Revival Services were held that following week.

Pastor Parker states, "With the help of the Lord we will begin building in the near future and we anticipate being in the new building this year, 1989."

*EDITOR'S NOTE: I was with the Waynesville Church on a Sunday evening following the fire. The pastor and church family reflected an optimism that can only be explained in the light of Romans 8:28.*

## MOTHER'S DAY DEDICATION SERVICE AT SCOTT CITY



Congregation at Afternoon Service



The Durbin Family Singers

On Sunday, May 14, 1989, the First Free Will Baptist Church at Scott City, Missouri held a Dedication Service. Because it was on Mother's Day, the mothers of the church were given special recognition at the Morning Worship.

The Durbin Family Singers from Mine La Motte, Missouri gave the special music in the Morning and Afternoon Services. Reverend Clarence Burton was the guest speaker. A delicious dinner was served by the ladies of the church.

Reverend Frank Giunta is the pastor of the recently organized church. He and his wife, Peggy, are enjoying their labor with the church family.



Thayer Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary

## RAINBOW OF DECISION

The Thayer Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary had an Enlistment Banquet with the theme "Rainbow Of Decision". The meeting was held in the month of March with twenty-three present.

The program and a Skit was presented by the officers and members of the auxiliary. The meal was a delicious Salad Dinner.

The Auxiliary Meeting was a blessing with hearts being blessed and challenged. The prayer of the Auxiliary is that we can do more this year for the Lord.





Peggy Rider and Cassie Gullede

### **CALVARY FELLOWSHIP YOUTH MINDED!**

The Woman's Auxiliary, at their May meeting, sponsored a Youth Camp Playground Shower. Peggy Rider and Cassie Gullede, Coordinators, are shown with some of the equipment which is much needed at our State Youth Camp! The response was so great we plan to make this an annual affair!

Our new Youth Director, Jeff Nichols, and his wife, Debbie, will be boarding buses in June and August this year as they head for Niangua! We are very excited about the job they are doing! They will also be taking a fine group of young people to the State Competition.

The Senior High Class, along with their teacher, Peggy Rider, and the Nichols, will be going to Chicago in June for a week of sight-seeing. June will also bring Vacation Bible School to Calvary. We are expecting this to be the biggest and best in the history of Calvary!

The recently remodeled Educational Building looks great, and the children certainly are enjoying the newly decorated classrooms! Lots of plans are in the making at Calvary concerning our Youth, the church of tomorrow! Thanks to the work of our Bus Captains and Drivers, we certainly have the young people and are very proud of them!



### **PASTOR'S WIFE HONORED AT WEST PLAINS**

On Sunday morning, May 28, 1989, the First Free Will Baptist Church, West Plains, Missouri honored Sister Linda Blanks, the pastor's wife.

Linda was totally surprised when she was called to the front of the auditorium and the special recognition

was given. She was presented a beautiful dress with accessories and a cash gift.

Rev. & Mrs. Blanks have been serving the First Church for three years. The church is very confident the Lord called this fine and lovely couple with their family to work with the West Plains church. The church is also appreciative of the accomplishments that have been made under their leadership.

The church reporter writes, With all the responsibilities of a pastor's wife, Sister Linda is never too busy to meet the many needs of the church family. It may be just one more visit, one more telephone call or one more dish of food — whatever the need, she never complains, but does what is needed. We feel grateful to God for her, her husband and the three children.

Taken from a poem that was written earlier — this is for Sister Linda:

### **There is Something Special About You**

*(The Kingdom of God is within you - Luke 17:21)*

There is something in the things you do.

A radiance comes shining through,  
God's presence there inside of you  
That shows for all to see.

There's something setting you apart,  
This gift of love within your heart,  
A lifespring that can only start  
With Jesus as the Key.

### **VERNON LONG CALLED TO THE LEADINGTON CHURCH**



Rev. & Mrs. Vernon Long

Sunday, June 4, 1989, was the first Sunday for Reverend & Mrs. Vernon Long as the newly elected pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church at Leadington, Missouri. They are both originally from that area. Brother Long's father, John Long, was the pastor of the Parkview Church at Desloge for a number of years.

Since leaving the area, the Longs have worked in the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Festus, Missouri, where he served as a deacon before entering the ministry. Upon completion of training at Free Will Baptist Bible College, they moved to Portsmouth, Virginia, where he served as associate pastor and taught at the Gateway Free Will Baptist College.

In 1979 they went as Home Missionaries to Jackson, Tennessee where Reverend Long served as pastor until his call to the church in Leadington.



## HOMECOMING AT BOURBON



First Church Congregation

On Sunday, June 11, 1989, the First Free Will Baptist Church at Bourbon, Missouri held a Homecoming Service.

At the Morning Worship service The Ellis Family gave the special music. They also sang at the Afternoon Service, along with other special singers. Reverend Clarence Burton delivered the Morning Message and encouraged the church to support the Cooperative Plan which ministers to every ministry of the Free Will Baptist labor. The ladies of the church served a delicious meal during the noon hour.

Reverend & Mrs. Hugh Stogsdill are enjoying a fine ministry with the church and anticipate growth and possibly someday expansion of the church facilities.



Rev. & Mrs. Stogsdill and Charter Members

## FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING SPONSORING REVIVAL-TIME CONFERENCE

The First Quarterly Meeting is sponsoring a Revival-Time Conference at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Houston, Missouri, September 28-29, 1989, writes Glenda Keith, clerk of the Quarterly Meeting. The speakers for the conference are Dr. Melvin Worthington and Rev. Milton Worthington. They will also provide special music.

The schedule for the conference is:

Thursday evening: Dr. Melvin Worthington  
Rev. Milton Worthington  
Friday morning: Rev. Milton Worthington  
Dr. Melvin Worthington  
Friday evening: Dr. Melvin Worthington  
Rev. Milton Worthington

The evening services will begin at 7:00 p.m., and the morning service will begin at 9:00 a.m.

The pastor of the Houston church, Rev. Jerry Myers, and the First Quarterly Meeting invite everyone to attend these services.



Rev. & Mrs. James Miller

## Sister Eunice Miller Home With The Lord

Sister Eunice Miller passed away May 25th at the age of 89 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. James F. Miller, who passed away in 1965. Brother and Sister Miller in their active years pastored churches in Missouri, Texas, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Upon retirement they made their home near Farmington, Missouri. They labored tirelessly in the Lord's work in difficult years. Rev. Miller served as moderator of the Missouri State Association for eleven years, served as moderator of the Western Conference of Free Will Baptists, and helped in the organization of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, serving as the second moderator for seven years. They worked for the establishment of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, and he served on the Board of Trustees for sixteen years. Sister Miller was a faithful wife and companion, supporting her husband in the work of the Lord.

Surviving are two sons, LeeRoy Miller of Johnson City, Tennessee, and J.W. Miller of Flat River, Missouri; and two daughters, Anna May (Mrs. Harvey) Faircloth of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and Lizzie Fay McLaughlin of Farmington, Missouri. Also surviving are six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and two step grandchildren; one brother, Clarence Davis, of Owensville, Missouri; three sisters, Jewel Swinford of St. Louis, Pauline Adkinson of St. Louis, and Edith (Mrs. Clinton) McCormick of Patton, Missouri.

Sister Miller's funeral was conducted at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Missouri, on Saturday, May 27, by Rev. James Barker and Rev. Ken Goff. Burial was in the Union Light Cemetery in Bollinger County, Missouri.

One of the songs used at Sister Miller's funeral service was "I will not be a stranger when I get to that city, I'm acquainted with folks over there." To the many thousands of people who have been blessed by their ministry, it surely was a great reunion when she arrived home.



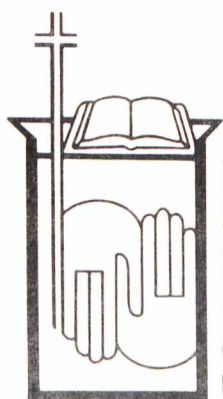
# STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION IN PICTURE STORY







(Additional photos  
next issue)



## National Ministries Sunday

*Missionaries are ready to go—Preachers need  
training—Students need collegiate education—  
Laymen ask for direction—National Ministries  
are ready to fulfill their potential.*

The 1989 gift goal for National Ministries tops \$6.6 million. In order to meet the goal each Free Will Baptist should give \$32.37 above regular gifts.

Your \$32.37 gift will be divided among National Ministries according to the Cooperative Plan formula.

**SEPTEMBER 24, 1989**

Total Budget \$6,616,602

My Share \$32.37

**National Ministries Offering  
P.O. Box 1088  
Nashville, TN 37202**

## Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

Evangelism in the local church follows many routes. We visit jails and neighborhood homes; we give to missions; we conduct VBS; we conduct Revival Meetings, and the list could go on. In Luke 8:38,39 Jesus gives a newly delivered man another area of evangelism. "Now the man out of whom the devils departed besought him that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, Return to thine own house, and shew what great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him;"

This man's field of evangelism involved his *Return*. He was to return to his own house. Going back was not a return to sin, but a return to where he was known. Surely our faith should be expressed in the community where people know us, before and after we have met Jesus.

His field of evangelism involved his *Relation*. This man was to return to his house. Or to be better understood, his family. If our Christian faith is not real at home, it's not real at church.

His field of evangelism involved his *Rehearsal*. He was to show what great things God had done for him. And he published these things throughout the whole city. He told what Jesus had done for him over and over.

A great field of evangelism awaits us as we return to our relation and rehearse what great things God hath done for us. Let's not overlook this important area of evangelism.



# Winners Of The 1989 Missouri State CTS Competitive Activities

These represented Missouri at the National Music & Arts Festival in Tampa, Florida July 16-20.

## BIBLE MEMORIZATION

Grade 1	Courtney Howard	Victory, K.C.
Grade 2	Heath Housley	Rock Chapel
Grade 3	Vicki Branson	Grant Avenue

## SWORD DRILL

Grade 4	Brian Scott	Calvary Fellowship
Grade 5	Annette Henderson	Hartville
Grade 6	Holly Helsley	Rock Chapel

## BIBLE TIC TAC TOE

Stacey Epperly, Jamie Rolandi	Hartville
Amy Coxen, Selena Simpson	Hartville

## BIBLE BOWL

Jessica Fry, Ronnie Gray	Mtn. Grove First
Tracy Morgan, Tracy Wells	

## MUSIC & ARTS COMPETITION

### VOCAL SOLO

Learner	Laura Terry	Monett First
Adventurer	Jamie Lewis	DeSoto First
Herald	Monica Brown	Carthage
Crusader	Jessica Fry	Mtn. Grove First
Ambassador	Karen Cowan	Monett First

### VOCAL ENSEMBLE—DUET

Crusader	Susan Ketel & Michelle Cropper	South Fremont
Ambassador	Jennifer Gloyd & Craig Cook	Beacon

### VOCAL ENSEMBLE—TRIO

Crusader	Rachel Jones, Sara VanGendren, Nathan Van Gendren	Rock Chapel
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### INSTRUMENTAL SOLO—STRINGED (BOWED)

Crusader	Diane Walls	Berkeley First
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### LARGE INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

Crusader	Hartville Instrumental Ensemble	Hartville
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### KEYBOARD SOLO—MANUAL

Adventurer	Amanda Terry	Monett First
Herald	Gayla Smith	Mill Creek
Crusader	Diane Walls	Berkeley First
Ambassador	Craig Cook	Beacon

### ORAL COMMUNICATION—EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH

Herald	Philip Ledgerwood	Harmony, Parkville
Ambassador	Karen Cowan	Monett First

## ORAL COMMUNICATION—DRAMATIC SELECTION

Learner	Heidi MacCulloch	Beacon
Adventurer	Jason Stephens	Calvary Fellowship
Herald	Chris Vore	Monett First
Ambassador	Betsy McMillan	Monett First

## ORAL COMMUNICATION—POETRY

Herald	Tonja Pedersen	Hartville
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## ORAL COMMUNICATION—PROSE

Adventurer	Holly MacCulloch	Beacon
Herald	Jessica Hatch	Hartville
Crusader	Jason Hatch	Hartville

## ORAL COMMUNICATION—INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE

Herald	Heather MacCulloch	Beacon
Ambassador	Chris Parrish	Monett First

## ORAL COMMUNICATION—DRAMATIC DUO

Crusader	Selena Simpson & Debbie Skinner	Hartville
Ambassador	Chuck Anderson & Joe Cloud	Monett First

## ORAL COMMUNICATION—READERS' THEATRES

Combination	Carthage Players	Carthage
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## ORAL COMMUNICATION—SKITS

Herald	Monett Herald Drama Team	Monett First
Ambassador	Monett Ambassador Drama Team	Monett First

## CREATIVE ARTS—PAINTING

Adventurer	Amber Raney	Grant Avenue
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## CREATIVE ARTS—GRAPHICS

Herald	Tim Clegg	South Fremont
Ambassador	Tammi Williams	Carthage

## CREATIVE ARTS—CERAMIC/POTTERY

Ambassador	Tammi Williams	Carthage
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## CREATIVE ARTS—PHOTOGRAPHY, BLACK & WHITE

Herald	Shawn Hill	Fordland
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## CREATIVE ARTS—PHOTOGRAPHY, COLOR

Learner	Mariesa Maggard	Beacon
Herald	Shawn Hill	Fordland

(Photos of the winners are on the following three pages.)















Houston	32.36
South Fremont	100.00
C. Layman	10.00
N. Akeman	10.00
Oak Grove, Tex. Co.	65.00
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Niangua	44.00
Rock Chapel	753.00
Belton	333.10
Verdella	265.41
Freeman Chapel	502.50
Joplin	25.00
DeSoto	300.00
United, W.P.	119.50
Calvary Fellowship	663.32
Lebanon, First	80.00
Kirksville	25.00
Fordland	175.85
Tyrone	25.50
Sedalia	286.02
Wilderness	88.00
Thayer	40.00
Royal Oak	389.99
Trinity	85.79
Pleasant Home	135.00
Leadington	250.00
Marshfield	20.00
Flat River, First	100.06
Cuba	279.30
West Plains, First	15.00
Mt. Pisgah	200.00
Martinstown	100.00
J. & L. Schebaum	100.00
Unity	10.00
Grace	21.50
Viburnum	86.00
O'Fallon	10.00
Grant Avenue	551.94
Willow Springs	22.25
Monett	513.00
Carthage	40.00
B. & C. Thompson	30.00
Total	\$8,097.67

#### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Fourth	\$ 50.00
Parkview	20.00
Bethel, Festus	30.00
Viburnum	53.00
Columbia	10.00
South Fremont	7.00
Rock Chapel	718.61
Verdella	15.00
Joplin	30.00
DeSoto	200.00
United, W.P.	15.00
Lebanon, First	5.00
Kirksville	5.00
Parkview	24.00
Fordland	5.00
Sedalia	36.02
Thayer	54.00
Trinity	60.00
Pleasant Home	53.85
Leadington	110.00
Flat River, First	75.03
Buffalo, First	50.00
F. Clayton	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Grace	105.00
Viburnum	43.00
Grant Avenue	61.00
Carthage	5.00
B. & G. Keith	20.00
Monett	15.00
Total	\$1,945.51

#### CHILDRENS HOME

DeSoto	\$ 50.00
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#### MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

Fourth	\$ 60.00
Bethel, Festus	72.00
New Harmony	70.50
Columbia	8.25

South Fremont	55.00
J. W. Rader	25.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Belton	25.00
Joplin	35.00
DeSoto	50.00
United, W.P.	14.50
Calvary Fellowship	108.82
Lebanon, First	5.00
Fordland	24.00
Thayer	15.00
Oak Hill, Union	5.35
Trinity	40.00
Leadington	90.00
Marshfield	27.16
Scott City	119.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Grace	35.00
O'Fallon	20.00
St. Louis Dist Ass'n	79.00
Grant Avenue	4.00
Carthage	5.00
Monett	70.00
Total	\$1,082.58

#### YOUTH CAMP

Hartville	\$ 10.00
Parkview	10.00
Bethel, Festus	25.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Faith, Lemay	75.00
Verdella	10.00
DeSoto	50.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Fordland	20.00
Thayer	30.00
Trinity	10.00
Leadington	20.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Total	\$ 419.00

#### JOHN MCCLURE ACCT

VERDELLA	\$ 10.00
JOPLIN	10.00
Thayer	15.00
Flat River, First	50.03
Total	\$ 85.03

#### FWBBC April 1989

Parkview	\$ 10.00
Freeman Chapel	50.00
DeSoto	35.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Thayer	25.00
Leadington	20.00
Lebanon	201.83
Total	\$ 377.58

#### HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Calvary Fellowship	\$ 35.75
Thayer	10.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Total	\$ 53.75

#### COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS MAY 1989

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 5,496.65
17.00% Executive Office & Gem	5,050.98
3.50% General Fund	1,039.91
8.50% Youth Camp Board	2,525.49
1.75% SS & CTS Board	519.95
1.75% Christian Education Bd.	519.95
4.50% Senior Adult Ministries Board	1,337.02
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	1,485.58

30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & California	9,062.05
Christian College	2,174.89
24.00% Foreign Missions	1,721.79
19.00% Nat'l. Home Mnsns.	1,699.13
18.75% FWBBC	1,699.13
18.75% Hillsdale College	1,268.70
14.00% Executive Dept.	226.55
2.50% Layman's Board	45.31
.50% Radio & TV Com.	45.31
.50% Theological Com.	45.31
.50% Historical Com.	45.31
.50% Board of Ret. & Ins.	90.62
1.00% Calif. Christian College	2,674.06
9.00% State Office & Bookstore Bldg	\$29,711.64
Total	

The Lord has blessed with a fine month for Cooperative giving. I wish that it were possible to say "thanks" to each pastor and each layperson who has shared in this equitable plan of support. May the Lord bless each one who has helped in this combined effort.

#### MAY 1989 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Flat River, First	\$ 656.41
Hannon	333.05
Sedalia	199.80
Potosi	73.23
Mill Creek	265.53
Cope	48.00
Union Grove	204.00
Liberty	299.19
Hartville	312.76
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Rolla	72.78
Royal Oak	107.00
Lone Star	24.20
Bailey Chapel	100.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	103.56
South Side	381.67
Houston	378.46
Merls Chapel	195.00
Purdy	567.85
Number One	49.95
Myrtle	285.13
Kingsway	283.25
Victory, Alton	215.00
Fourth	294.00
Farmington	1,375.00
Harmony	500.00
Mt. Pisgah	218.00
Thayer	492.00
Mtn Grove, First	868.91
Pleasant Ridge	78.00
Victory Hill	108.55
Crossroads, Wentzville	230.00
Belton	267.71
Rock Chapel	368.15
Lebanon, First	552.86
Berean	20.49
Parkview	425.66
Mt. Zion Gower	77.40
New Life Fellowship	446.37
United, W.P.	642.91
Fredericktown, First	464.00
Mine La Motte	57.74
Terrill Road	84.00
Columbia	75.00
Marshfield	217.12
Hopewell	197.00
DeSoto	960.00
Cuba	420.00
Salem	60.00
Bethel, Festus	522.00
Viburnum	206.03
Springfield, First	1,274.96
Stockton	109.26
Hurryville	143.15
Seymour	143.00
Seymour	147.00
Tyrone	58.97
Monett	595.55
Kirksville	14.18
Happy Home	110.07
Olivet	400.00
Freeman Chapel	308.56
Leadington	400.00
New Harmony	14.51
Farmington	1,375.00
Trinity	796.42
West Plains, First	341.00
Copper Mines	247.03
Fordland	459.90
Union, Success	120.00



Pleasant Home	307.86
Bethel, El Dorado	58.79
Wolf Creek	287.15
Macedonia	20.00
Riverview, IA	306.65
Beacon	716.77
Cabool	328.63
Joplin	494.19
Oskaloosa	66.43
Pleasant Hill	61.36
Central	1,157.86
New Rock Springs	46.70
Neosho	71.25
Faith & Hope	98.10
Black Oak	163.83
Grant Avenue	822.83
Merls Chapel	153.00
Victory Hill	66.48
Number One	40.62
Myrtle	233.73
Hartville	226.96
Unity	317.71
Cape Girardeau	566.46
South Fremont	630.00
Total	\$29,711.64

YOUTH CAMP	
Hannon	\$ 15.00
Trinity, Cabool	386.26
Hartville	10.00
Myrtle	30.50
Victory, Alton	5.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Thayer	30.00
Mtn Grove, First	10.00
Leadington	20.00
DeSoto	50.00
Bethel, Festus	25.00
Parkview	10.00
Olivet	25.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Trinity	10.00
Royal Oak	55.00
Fordland	20.00
Union, Success	60.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Monett	120.00
Oskaloosa	30.00
Central	20.94
New Rock Springs	10.00
Merls Chapel	25.00
Myrtle	26.50
Hartville	10.00
Total	\$1,118.20

#### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Flat River, First	\$ 90.64
C. Hoover	5.00
Hannon	5.00
Sedalia	24.27
Myrtle	130.00
Fourth	100.00
Farmington	18.60
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Thayer	105.00
Mtn Grove, First	75.00
Crossroads, Wentzville	20.00
Richwoods	39.00
Rock Chapel	193.16
Lebanon, First	5.00
Parkview	34.00
United, W.P.	55.00
Leadington	100.00
Columbia	32.30
DeSoto	200.00
Bethel, Festus	30.00
Viburnum	63.00
Parkview	20.00
Monett	144.00
Kirksville	5.00
South Fremont	10.00
Leadington	10.00
Farmington	19.45
Trinity	85.00
West Plains, First	141.43

Fordland	5.00
Sedalia	41.94
Buffalo, First	50.00
F. Clayton	10.00
Pleasant Home	10.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Beacon	20.00
Joplin	10.00
Blue Springs	20.00
Central	312.00
South Fremont	15.00
Neosho	5.00
New Testament	63.83
Grant Avenue	60.00
Myrtle	130.00
Total	\$2,572.62

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

\$12,143.96	
Flat River, First	\$ 131.28
O'Fallon	30.00
C. Hoover	30.00
Hannon	333.05
Sedalia	524.27
Cabool	68.90
Lone Star	100.00
Grant Avenue	525.94
South Side	551.68
Houston	91.98
Merls Chapel	100.00
Myrtle	188.00
Calvary Chapel	134.25
Fourth	135.00
Farmington	330.00
Mt. Pisgah	225.00
Thayer	50.00
Mtn Grove, First	430.58
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Richwoods	63.85
Belton	25.00
Rock Chapel	169.00
Lebanon, First	353.90
Oak Grove, Tex. Co	65.00
N. Akeman	10.00
Parkview	202.00
United W. P.	122.00
New Hope	35.00
Leadington	200.00
Columbia	37.30
Marshfield	114.99
DeSoto	300.00
Bethel, Festus	125.00
Viburnum	80.00
Tyrone	17.50
Parkview	50.00
Monett	817.54
South Fremont	348.50
Olivet	80.00
Freeman Chapel	231.50
Leadington	60.00
New Harmony	72.59
Calvary Fellowship	832.32
Farmington	310.00
Trinity	452.14
West Plains, First	38.00
Fordland	558.02
Cabool	163.00
Sedalia	29.56
Pleasant Home	146.84
Beacon	165.00
JOPLIN	0.))
Oskaloosa	43.00
Blue Springs	120.00
Central	375.00
South Fremont	105.00
Indian Creek Ass'n	275.97
C. Layman	10.00
Grant Avenue	636.01
Merls Chapel	200.00

#### MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

O'Fallon	\$ 20.00
Hannon	166.53
Grant Avenue	293.28
Southside	109.56
Myrtle	97.00
Calvary Chapel	44.75
Fourth	20.00
Farmington	75.00

Mt. Pisgah	110.00
Thayer	20.00
Mtn Grove, First	7.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Richwoods	15.00
Belton	25.00
Lebanon	116.31
Parkview	5.00
United, W.P.	17.00
Leadington	90.00
Columbia	8.25
Marshfield	63.37
DeSoto	50.00
Bethel, Festus	61.00
Monett	60.00
South Fremont	80.50
New Harmony	72.58
Calvary Fellowship	133.82
Farmington	105.00
Trinity	60.00
West Plains, First	391.00
Fordland	64.00
Southeast Dist. Ass'n	50.00
Union, Success	117.00
Mission Ass'n	200.00
Wolf Creek	100.00
Clifton	36.45
United, W.P.	50.00
Beacon	260.00
Monett	620.00
Freeman Chapel	254.50
Joplin	20.00
Central	20.00
Neosho	200.00
South Fremont	57.00
Faith & Hope	68.32
New Testament	23.82
J. W. Rader	25.00
Grant Avenue	34.00
Blue Springs	25.00
Mrshfield	5.00
Total	\$4,587.04

#### NAT'L BD. RET. AND INS.

Grant Avenue	\$ 1.00
FWBBC	
Fourth	\$ 5.00
Farmington	300.00
Thayer	25.00
United	15.00
Leadington	20.00
DeSoto	35.00
Freeman Chapel	50.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Beacon	75.00
Indian Creek Ass'n	25.00
Grant Avenue	173.00
W.L.Evans	100.00
Parkview	10.00
Total	\$ 865.75

#### HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Hannon	\$ 50.00
Farmington	300.00
Thayer	30.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Beacon	100.00
Grant Avenue	10.00
Total	\$ 525.75

#### JOHN MCCLURE ACCOUNT

Flat River, First	\$ 65.64
Farmington	40.00
Thayer	19.00
Monett	258.00
Central	20.00
Total	\$ 402.64

#### CHILDRENS HOME

Myrtle	\$ 66.00
DeSoto	50.00
Total	\$ 116.00





## Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

Recently, at a laymen's conference, I attended a seminar entitled, "Prayer in the Will of God," which was led by Brother Rick Dablemont. He stated that in a recent survey of ministers (not FWB), the average time spent by them in prayer was about three minutes daily. This statistic astounded me. How can a church or a person grow with such a minimal time spent talking with God? The answer is, they cannot! And as we look across America, we see very few churches that are growing.

Prayer is as important today as it ever has been. We have taken power out of prayer, not God. According to James 4:2, "Ye have not because ye ask not." This sounds so easy, but most of us still fail to exercise this privilege. Why? One reason, rather excuse, is that we are too busy to pray, and so we are too busy to have power. By the time we fall into bed at night we do well to mumble a few words before drifting off to sleep.

Another reason for lack of prayer and power is simply due to a lack of personal concern. We've lost our zeal to see lost souls saved. Instead, we find ourselves living in the "I" generation. As long as things are going well for us there is little need worrying about other people or problems. Most of us need to get our "I's" back on God and His concerns.

Prayer will bring blessing upon a church and power upon the pastor. It will settle arguments and misunderstandings, plus change people's lives.

Remember the words of the old song . . . "How long since you prayed, how long since you stayed, on your knees 'til the light shone through?" One of my fondest memories of childhood was of waking up early in the morning and hearing my grandmother crying out in prayer for my family, our church, and lost friends. Let's give our children today such memories. Let's get the POWER back in our prayers!

### ★ NOTICE ★

The Budget Committee met following the organizational meetings of both the Standing Boards and the General Board. The object of the meeting was to account for the contributions necessary from the Standing Boards toward the publication of the GEM. The finding was that the contributions would cover less than 25% of the publication cost.

M/S/C to delay monthly publication of the GEM, until the January 1990 issue, due to this lack of funds. This order was executed by the Executive Committee serving as the Budget Committee at the direction of the State Association.

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