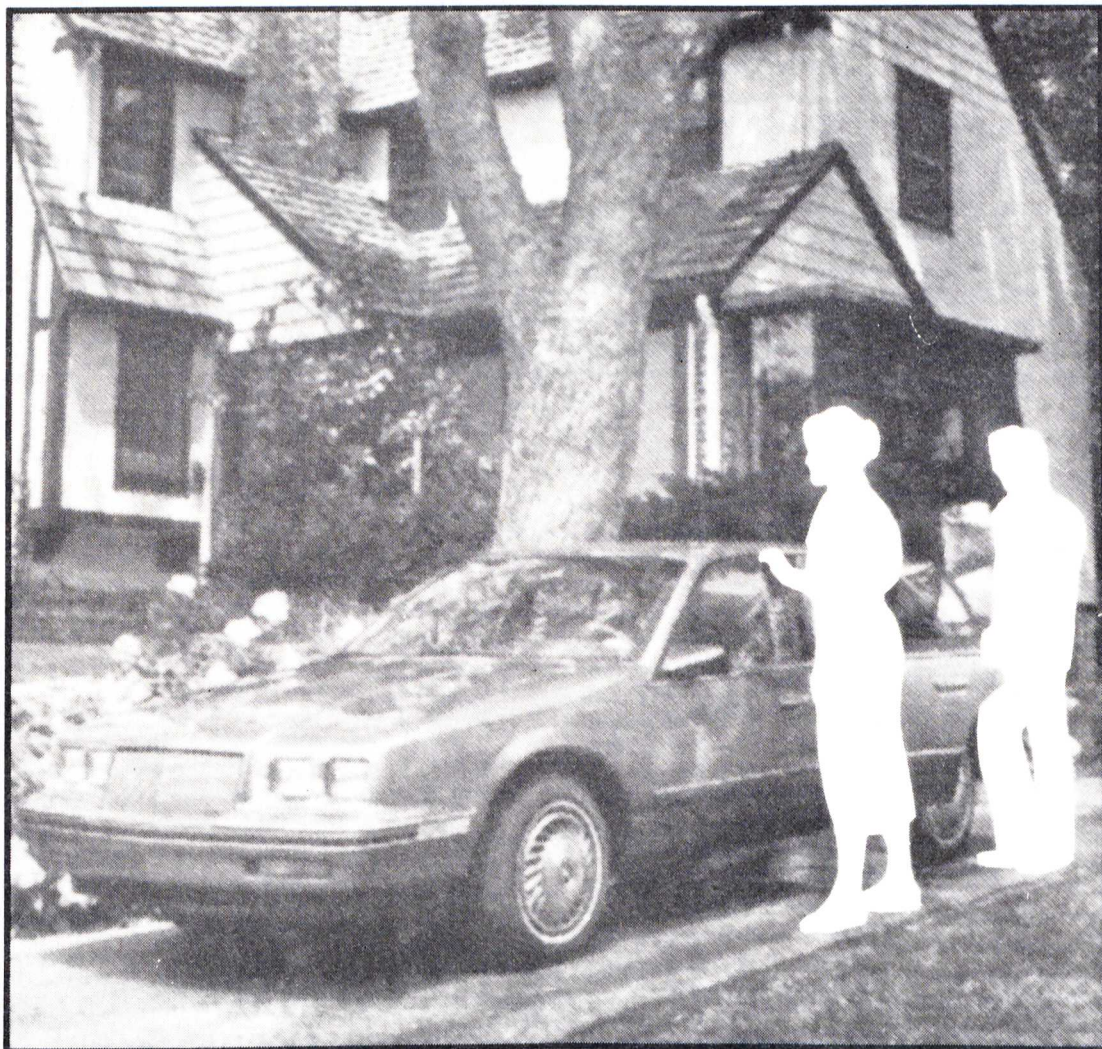


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# Choose Life in the 1990's

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## Deuteronomy 30:15-20

I was talking to one of the members of the church I pastor, over a cup of coffee, and he made this statement, "If we could only get people to understand that we are free to choose, that life is all about choices, and that we receive what we choose." I believe this young family man has grasped a spiritual truth that will build his life and the life of his family.

We hear a great deal of clamor about freedom: free choice, free speech, pro-choice, equal rights, alternate life styles, human rights, and much, much more. The trouble is that many times the liberals' definition of this freedom is "freedom to choose without responsibility of choice."

Without a doubt, God is speaking to this trouble in Deuteronomy 30:15-20, where He tells us we have the right to choose "life and good, and death and evil." The choice is yours, but remember that God holds you responsible for your choice. There are some truths found in Deuteronomy 30:15-20 that must be heeded if we are to survive in this generation.

### I. The Proclamation of the Choice. Verse 15.

God, from the very first couple, has always given the individual a choice. The choice has always been to choose good or evil, God's way or man's way, eternal life or merciless destruction. This choice is always as simple as obedience or disobedience.

### II. The Problem of the Choice. Verses 16 and 17.

Good carries with it responsibility, self-control and restraints to which fallen man has no desire to conform. Evil appeals to the senses of fallen man, and there is no responsibility, self-control or demanded restraints. Evil's motto is "I will do that which seems right in my own eyes." Solomon said, "Whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them." The problem of choice comes down to self-gratification or God glorification.

### III. The Personal Responsibility of Choice.

Verses 17 and 18.

God has made man free and given him a choice, but He demands responsibility for that choice. Fallen nature, flesh, Satan, and the world have convinced man that he can make the wrong choices and never bear the responsibility or pay the price for those choices. This is also the reason we see so many lives in the shambles of irresponsible choices. God has made us responsible for our choices even if we choose to deny His existence.

### IV. The Payment of Choice. Verses 18-20.

Evil has the payment of personal destruction, the loss of country, and a negative influence on our children. As one visits hospitals, jails, mental institutions and divorce courts, this fact of personal destruction cannot be denied. Also, as one reads God's Word, the eternal destruction of soul that is irresponsible cannot be denied. History reveals that the irresponsible nation who forgets God will soon perish with no hope for the next generation.

Verse 19 states that good has not a payment but a reward, life for one's self and children, fellowship with God, long life, and a country in which to enjoy God's blessings.

In conclusion, the absolute correlation between what we sow (our choices) and that which we reap is a spiritual law that cannot be broken. When we sow to the flesh (evil), we shall reap destruction. When we sow to the Spirit (good), we shall reap life. In the Bible, we find the answers to life's problems are simple. The only problem we face is to convince man that there is a God and to try God's way to abundant and eternal life. Remember that God is our Father and be convinced that he only wants the best for His children. Will you be responsible and choose life this day?

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The Gem will be published monthly beginning this month. This will enable the Gem to be more current and consequently more enjoyable. Because of this it is necessary to increase the subscription cost. The Missouri State Association voted while in session this past June to increase the subscription cost \$1.00. This seems small compared to the cost of increased publication. The Church Family rate will be \$4.00 and the individual rate will be \$4.50.

The Free Will Baptist Gem is one of the oldest active Free Will Baptist publications. Pray that the Lord may continue to use this to coordinate and promote His work through our State.





## Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

Is it right to have ambition? How about this matter of being success motivated? Should the man of God want to have a large successful church? Is the ambitious man always a carnal man?

We have to face these issues. We are being provoked by most religious leaders to feel intimidated by those who are convinced that success is an evil word. What is the real truth about this issue?

I am convinced that certain matters about this subject are true.

First, it is not necessarily evil or sinful for the man of God to have an earnest desire to build a large church.

Second, ambition is not sinful. In fact, it seems to me it is sinful not to be ambitious.

Third, God's heart beats for evangelizing the world. Does yours? If it does, you will want to start at home. If it doesn't, you will spend your time excusing your barrenness. We have far too much of that. Don't you really think the one who died for our sins, the Lord of the harvest, is dissatisfied with our barrenness?

As one travels around the denomination it becomes alarmingly clear that we aren't as interested or burdened about reaching the multitudes as the Bible commands. I am appalled at the satisfaction one finds in the midst of dying churches. In some states churches are closing at an alarming rate. Maybe, just maybe, we as pastors and lay leaders need a little more ambition for the growth of our churches. Frankly, I kind of like to be successful. It sure beats letting the church die, don't you think?



## The Youth Look

# Who's Stealing America's Youth?

by Ann Poletti

### Part I - SATANISM

I always enjoy visiting with young people and I am impressed with what I see in our Free Will Baptist youth. However, they are being faced with many of the same problems that the worldly young people are being faced with. How is that so? Satan is trying to destroy our future. Over the course of the next several months, I will be writing articles dealing with problems youth face — both at home, in some cases, and at school, in most cases. The first problem I'll be discussing is Satanism.

More often than we're comfortable with, the headlines scream the sad truth — another tragedy has resulted from Satanism. These headlines tell us the sad truth: Satan's plan to destroy America is by stealing its youth.

Though a "Satanist" can obviously be anyone, the "typical Satanist" is described as a young, white male from the upper-middle class of society. The same class of females are more likely to be drawn to the "safer, whiter magic of witchcraft." This means many of the young people that appear to be the most trustworthy could be the ones whose curiosity and adventuresome spirits took them farther than they ever planned to go.

I realize it's easy to say that we have no need to worry about our kids. However, Satanism is in the school systems whether we want to acknowledge the fact or not. Therefore, many young people will be faced with it — whether it be directly or indirectly. The important part is to make sure young people are educated and know how to handle the situation.

Some warning signs that experts say to look out for if one suspects someone to be dabbling in Satanism are as follows: obsession with music, books, movies, and videos whose

main theme deals with death and violence (this is a delicate subject since many of the actors and singers today are caught up in Satan's black magic/New Age movement and are subtly infiltrating their anti-Christian ideas into society by using the airwaves); personality changes such as loss of sense of humor, evasiveness, and secretive behavior; fascination with Satanic symbols — this may include doodling 666 in notebooks, a sudden admiration of pentagrams or bearing the symbol on T-shirts of an inverted cross. I am certain many young people will recognize these traits as being traits of some fellow students in their schools.

Sad? Yes. Scary? Yes. However, it's important to acknowledge the problem and discuss it with young people. There are some excellent\* books written from a Christian viewpoint for parents and young people available in Christian bookstores. Parents, pastors, teachers, youth workers — keep the lines of communication open, especially when it comes to subjects that young people may find difficult to talk about.

By doing this, we can put up a pretty good fight for the future of our young people — and I'm sure we all agree they are worth fighting for!

#### EXAMPLES:

*\*Ravaged by the New Age* by Texe Marrs  
*Satanism: The Seduction of America's Youth* by Bob Larson

(available at Lebanon Bible & Book Store)



Ann Poletti





# Churches, People & Events

## NEW MISSION AT POPLAR BLUFF

A preacher with a "burden" for a Mission Church in a city is like the Apostle Paul at Troas. He must follow the "Macedonian Call". This is the feeling of Rev. Don Richmann and the new work in Poplar Bluff, MO. This burden laid heavy on his heart for quite some time, and he and his wife, Donna, said, "By God's grace and help we will go."

When interviewed by the local newspaper in Poplar Bluff, regarding the new work, Brother Richmann stated, "I believe there is a place for a strong Bible-believing, Bible-preaching, Soul-winning Church. We will start out small, but by the help of the Lord and some committed Christians we do not intend to stay small. We want this church to be a blessing and help to this entire community. We have the Good News and it is our desire to share it with others."

The new work, Heritage Mission Church, is receiving some support from Missouri State Home Missions. For those churches or individuals willing to help in this labor, please send contributions to the treasurer, Rev. Dale Skiles, or it may be sent to the State Office, marked Heritage Mission.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: I was with Don and Donna the first Sunday in December. They are dedicated and committed servants of the Lord. Let's help them and share in this labor for Christ.*

## WINNERS IN THE FORWARD TO VICTORY CONTEST

In the Fall Sunday School Enlargement Campaign, sponsored by Randall House Publications, the Calvary Fellowship Church, Fenton, Missouri, placed first in Division "D" and the Cuba Church, Cuba, Missouri, placed second in Division "G".

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Congratulations!*

## PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY AT CUBA

Sunday, July 2, marked the 5th Anniversary of Pastor Rick Dablemont's resident ministry at the Cuba FWB Church. The congregation set aside this date to rejoice with and honor their pastor for his service.

Rev. Max Courtney, pastor of the First FWB Church-Springfield, delivered the morning message. Special music was provided by Joe & Shirley Weber. Ed Fields, a deacon of the church, shared some memories with the congregation and expressed gratitude for God's blessing upon the church. Following the services,



"They fed him, too."

L to R: Cecil Brown, Ed Fields, Pastor Rick, Steve Eads, Jim Harrison, and Andy Hawn.

dinner was served and "The Journeymen" ministered in heartwarming gospel music. Rick and his wife, Judy, were presented with a plaque and a cash gift by the congregation.

## REMEMBERING GOD'S BLESSINGS AT UNITED CHURCH

Sandy Morris, church reporter for the United Free Will Baptist Church at West Plains, writes, Some of our richest blessings, some of our best feelings, some of our greatest achievements are those not purchased with earthly gains of money or power or position; but those that are freely given to us by our Father, when we step out and give first, our hearts to Him and His Kingdom.

Such has been our united effort this past year here at United Free Will Baptist Church. We have undertaken

a building project and added on to our existing building. It has been our endeavor to achieve this goal with committed hearts, heads and hands under the divine guidance of God.

The Lord has richly blessed this project with varied talents within our own church family that has saved us **so much** in not having to hire the labor to achieve a great amount of the work. The Lord has again blessed us financially that we can (together) give our monies and find at the end of the project we are owing a small amount compared to what has been accomplished.

This building is nearing completion and has already, in our hearts, been dedicated to God and to enriching His kingdom and having the room for a growing church family. He has given us the ability and good judgement to use what we had available in a frugal manner. We have had the privilege of learning and growing in stewardship. For that, we are grateful.

On November 10 and 11, our own Gospel Generation Singers hosted the "First Annual South-Missouri Quartet Convention", and thus we celebrated our year's work with an Open-house atmosphere within our community and surrounding area. This convention was a great success and we all look forward to the next one in 1990. It was a wonderful time to share our blessings with others and to join together in praise to God. On Friday evening the following groups performed: Kelly Johnson Singers, The Chronisters, The Believers, The Johnsons, Soul Seekers and Gospel Generation, also the Countrymen. On Saturday evening, the Anchors Quartet, The Dwight Hickman Singers, The Howell Family, New Harvest Quartet, Gospel Generation and more were featured. The weekend was closed on Sunday with the Anchors Quartet being featured during our morning worship service. Our heartfelt "thanks" goes out to each of these groups and to all of you that shared in this glorious occasion with us and "thanks" to each of you that made this convention possible. May God bless you as you have blessed us. May we see each of you again next year, is our prayer. Until then, God Bless You and have a wonderful 1990.

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Craig Fry  
Featured Speaker

Three Hundred Sixty-Five registered for the Second Annual Missouri State Youth Conference that was held November 3, 4 at Camp Windermere near Camdenton, Missouri.

The Youth Ministries Board theme for the conference was "Road to Glory!" The featured speaker and singer/musician was Craig Fry. The seminar speakers were: Mark Braisher, Rick Chapman, Curt Gwartney, Kent Hubbard, Nathaniel Paige, Susan Jenkins and Michael Walker.

The conference began with Clarence Burton, executive secretary, leading the young people and adults in prayer. Before the time of prayer, Edwin Bowden, chairman of the Youth Ministries Board, speaking to the group said, "Those of us on the platform and the adult workers have had a time of prayer in the prayer room. It is our sincere desire that this entire Youth Conference will be saturated with prayer and that we will feel God's presence leading us from the beginning to the end."

It was evident in the opening prayer and throughout the Conference that the presence of the Lord was there. The Youth Conference can be expressed in three statements: It was a time of Spiritual Refreshing, A Time of Spiritual Renewal and A Time of Spiritual Re-Commitment.



## Youth Ministries Board

# Super Youth Conference



The Youth Group



Hamburgers & French Fries



The Lebanon Table



Craig Fry, Curt Gwartney, and Michael Walker



The Printing Factory



Representatives of FWBCC, Hillsdale, Randall House, and youth & adults.



Waiting for the Conference to start

**Request For Prayer:** Jacob Wetterling, age 11, St. Joseph, Minnesota was abducted on Sunday, October 22, 1989. He and his brother, and a friend were approached by a male subject, wearing dark clothing and carrying a handgun. Jacob's brother and friend were allowed to leave but Jacob was forced to remain. Jacob is 5' tall, weighs approximately 75 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, mole on left cheek. Also pray for Jena Robbins, age 9, from Texas who was abducted on May 14, 1989. If you have any information, call 1-800-255-1301. Every Christian is asked to pray for the safe return of these children.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: I was asked to place this in our State Magazine. Will every Gem reader pray and if you should have any information, I am sure you will call the above number.*



## LAYMAN'S CONFERENCE

The South Central Association will host its Second Annual Layman's Conference on Saturday, February 17, at the newly constructed Waynesville FWB Church. In the event that construction of the Waynesville Church is not completed, the conference will be held at the Cuba FWB Church.

### CLASSES

Praise in the Worship of God . . . . .

Pastor David Brawley

Prayer in the Will of God . . . . .

Pastor Rick Dablemont

Preparation in the Word of God . . .

Pastor Jay Tilson

Churches outside the SCA Conference are invited to participate. Bring your leaders and lay-people. Lunch will be served and there is no cost for participation in the conference.

## FARMINGTON YOUTH GROUP VISITS STATE OFFICE & BOOKSTORE



Farmington youth group & sponsors

The Farmington Youth Group, with their sponsors Randy and Linda Ragsdale, visited the new State Office and Bookstore Building in Lebanon, Missouri. The Youth Group was enroute to the Youth Conference at Camp Windermere.

Rev. Clarence Burton, executive secretary, and Warren Livingston, bookstore manager, stated that they were honored that the sponsors and the youth wanted to see the new facilities. The young people were given Grand Opening mementoes that will serve as a reminder of their visit.

The First Free Will Baptist Church in Farmington has been and is a strong supporter of Cooperative Giving and Designated Giving which supports the State and National Ministries.

## GREAT REPORT FROM BRANSON

Betty Kellerman, church reporter, writes, Pastor Floyd (Bud) Arnold, his wife Doris, the deacons and the congregation of Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Branson, Missouri, wish for you and yours a "Blessed Holiday Season with Heavenly Peace".

Three babies were given over to our Lord at the "Baby Dedication" service. May He always hold them in His hands.

In any given month in which there is five Sundays, that is "Youth Sunday". The youth of the church plan and participate in the services. We are very proud of our young people and they always have a wonderful program, with special love and guidance from Loana Wilson. We must give special acknowledgement to the fact that two of our youth, Christofer Wilson and Cheryl McGee, have been named to "Who's Who in America".

How good it was to have Bruce Moore, formerly our assistant pastor, his wife, Dede, and their new baby boy attending our Sunday services November 5th. He preached at both of the services and sang solos as Dede played the piano.

A four day Revival, beginning November 12, with the Rev. Jim Tooley as Evangelist, along with his wife Dee, from University Park, near Oskaloosa, Iowa, was well attended and was a good time for all to renew their dedication to our Savior in deeds and songs.

On November 19, one hundred and nine people joined us for services and fellowship for Old Fashioned Sunday. Many dressed in the old fashioned way — bib overalls, long dresses and bonnets. After the morning service a dinner on the grounds was enjoyed by all, with Jack Wilson and Jim Bob roasting a young pig, plus other wild game was served, along with a variety of covered dishes. A very special blessing was received by all at the Evening Service as it was conducted by kerosene lamps throughout and in all the windows. What a beautiful setting for the ending of the day by having Communion and Foot Washing. Praise God for a wonderful day.

On December 1, a group of members attended the play "A New King is Born", at Shepherd of the Hills Outdoor Theater. The play was

professionally done with live camels, horses, a chariot and a cast of fifty. The play with the story leading up to the birth of Jesus was written by Jerry Coffelt, son of Margie Coffelt, a member of our congregation.

We are sorry to have to report the passing from this life of Mrs. Marvin (Dorothy) Hawley, November 25. We are glad for the many memories she leaves with us. She was a very faithful member of long standing that was suddenly taken home - a reminder for us to always be ready. We shall miss her.

Again this year we will have a New Year's Eve Watch Service with the expectation that our work in 1990 will be pleasing unto our Lord. As we reflect back on 1989 we are grateful to Rev. Clarence Burton, Rev. Cliff Bowman, and the Home Missions Board for the faith and foresight that we could make it as a church. Remember us in your prayers as we continue in praise to the Lord.



## PERSONNEL CHANGES:

Kevin Jackson to Harmony Church,  
Parkville, Missouri.  
Warren Hall to Bethel Church,  
El Dorado Springs, Missouri.  
Ken Dobson to First Church,  
Monett, Missouri.  
Dan Talbot to Unity Church,  
Lebanon, Missouri.  
Bill Barton to Chapel of the Ozarks  
Church, Rocky Comfort, Missouri.  
Gary Mitchner to Rock Chapel,  
Norwood, Missouri.  
Jerome Brewington to First Church,  
Salem, Missouri.  
Bill Eden to Sunnyview Church,  
Lebanon, Missouri.  
Jerry Pilgrim to New Life Church,  
O'Fallon, Missouri.  
Robert Berkepile to First Church,  
Houston, Missouri.  
Bill Coffman to Overland Church,  
Overland, Missouri.  
Melvin Moon to Hartville Church,  
Hartville, Missouri.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The Personnel Changes will be more current with the Gem being published monthly.*



# Reflections on 1989

The year, 1989, was a good year for Missouri State Home Missions. Not only from a financial standpoint, but also spiritually and numerically. Several of our mission churches saw substantial growth this past year.

The Branson Mission under the leadership of Bro. & Sis. Bud Arnold went self-supporting in April of this past year. They have shown an increase in attendance since that time.

The Carthage Mission is averaging consistently in the 70's and 80's on Sunday morning. This mission should be self-supporting within the next 2 years. They are already meeting all their normal financial obligations, and are sending a portion of their pastor's salary to the Mission Board each month. Bro. & Sis. Jim Williams are leading the Carthage Mission.

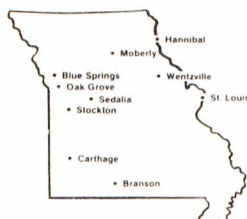
The Moberly Mission under the direction of Bro. & Sis. Donald Anderson is experiencing growth. They have a very active Day Care Program, with approximately 30 children in attendance. They have sent back more money toward the pastor's salary this past year than in the entire history of the mission.

The Hannibal Mission has a beautiful new sanctuary in which to meet for worship. They recently have shown some signs of numerical growth. Bro. & Sis. Dale Cochran are leading the Hannibal Mission.

The church in Sedalia recently purchased a piece of property, and are now erecting a new building. This church, under the leadership of Bro.

& Sis. Gary Bigelow, has shown substantial growth both numerically and financially this past year.

The Wentzville Mission recently broke ground for a new auditorium. They desperately need this new building as they have already outgrown the garage facilities where they are presently meeting. Bro. & Sis. Jim Mertz are leading in this mission work.



The Stockton Church, under the leadership of Bro. & Sis. Bill Ragsdale, is doing well. Bro. Bill accepted the pastorate of this church when the doors were closed. He only received token support from the Mission Board. Since that time, Bro. Bill has moved his family to Stockton and is full-time there. Bro. Bill, from the first month he was pastor, began to send back to the Mission Board, each month, almost as much money as we were paying him in salary. Thank God for men like Bro. Bill.

The Fourth Church in St. Louis probably will become self-supporting sometime this year. Bro. & Sis. Nathan Ruble have led this church in substantial numerical and financial growth in the past 2 years.

Our newest mission project is the Heritage Free Will Baptist Mission at

Poplar Bluff. Bro. & Sis. Don Richmann are working with the mission there. It has only been in existence for 4 months, but is already averaging in the 20's.

There are other missions across our State, led by faithful men, who are not under the auspices of the Mission Board. We thank God for faithful pastors who will move to a new area, take a secular job, and establish a church in that area.

The Mission Board has scheduled a Missions Retreat for all State Home Missionsaries and their wives, February 19-20, 1990. This retreat will be held in Lebanon, in the conference room of our State Office Building.

We, as your Missouri State Home Missions Board, humbly ask that you continue to pray for us and support the work of State Home Missions financially on a regular, monthly basis. Our budget is around \$15,000.00 per month. I truthfully believe that Missouri has the finest Mission Program in our denomination. And, this is so because you as Free Will Baptists across the State of Missouri have had a vision and a burden for the work. We can only accomplish what you allow us to accomplish, and what you support us faithfully in prayer and with your finances to accomplish. May I take this opportunity to say "Thank You" from the Mission Board to each one of you for your sweet spirit of cooperation in this matter of State Home Missions.

*Rev. Dale Skiles, Sec./Treas.*

## Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones



Many people in our churches today have developed an awareness of their various needs. They are very conscious of their educational needs, their recreational needs, their health needs . . . and the list could go on. The Bible admonishes Christians to keep a keen sensitivity toward spiritual needs as well.

In II Chronicles 7:14, we are reminded to maintain a keen awareness of ownership in our lives. That is, we should never forget who we belong to. The verse says, "If **MY** people, which are called by **MY** name . . ." No

matter how you look at the relationships in our lives, our greatest allegiance is to be to God.

Also, we are reminded in our verse that we need a consciousness of sin. ". . . turn from their wicked ways . . .". This verse deals with the sins of God's people, not the sins of the unsaved. It has been said that the church does not suffer for the sins of the world, but rather the world suffers for the sins of the church. We need a renewed consciousness of sin and a desire to deal with it.

Finally, II Chronicles 7:14 shows us our need of a sensitivity toward our need for God. ". . . Pray, and seek my face . . .". We always need God but, sometimes we forget that.

We need a revival in our personal lives and our churches that will give us a renewed consciousness of ownership, sin and our need of God. To this end, let us pray and examine ourselves.



## Brother Irish Home With The Lord

Rev. Earl Irish was born on May 24, 1924 in Denver, Colorado. He departed this life at the Harry S. Truman Veterans Hospital, Columbia, Missouri, July 28, 1989.

He served his country in the military service during World War II and was on the island of Guam at the time he was due to be discharged. He was honorably discharged at St. Louis, Missouri.

His employment included work with the Frisco Railroad, various other places of employment, and his last employment was with the Missouri State Department of Corrections.

Following his discharge from the military he was ordained as a deacon and later responded to the call to the ministry. He started a Free Will Baptist work in Jefferson City, Missouri and

worked with it until his regular place of employment transferred him to another location. A minister friend continued the work for approximately four years. Brother Irish helped in several revivals and various churches in Missouri. He was awarded a 50 year Certificate of Faithful Service by the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists at the State Convention in 1988.

He is survived by his wife of nearly forty-seven years, the former Juanita Aldridge; his son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Dortha; four grandchildren, Alica, David, Sarah and James Earl; five brothers and four sisters.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: This material was sent late because it was thought that someone else had sent it to the Gem office. Brother Earl Irish was well loved by the people of the Liberty Association and other areas where he and his wife lived and worked for the Lord. He will surely be missed.*

## A Mother's Prayer



Lord, help me to be caring,  
as I go my busy way.  
And help me to be patient  
With the silly games he plays.  
Help me to recall our joy  
That day when he was born.  
And the special bonding that we shared,  
As we held him that first morn.  
Help me to be loving,  
When he pulls the kitten's tail.  
Help me to be kind to him,  
When during Church he wails.  
Help me to endure all of  
The questions he asks.  
Help me not to be too busy  
With all my daily tasks,  
To love him and to hold him  
And to pull him, oh, so near.  
To tell him we are there for him,  
And that he need never fear.  
Help me to be brave for him  
When he bloodies up his knee.  
Help me not to utter complaints  
When he cries on endlessly.  
Lord, help me to remember  
The happiness we shared  
The first time he said, "Ma, Ma".  
Oh, nothing can compare.  
And help us to remember  
As he talks and plays and runs,  
How many times we knelt in prayer  
Asking for a healthy son.  
But, most of all, dear Lord, I pray,  
You'll watch over him from above.  
But while I raise him here on Earth,  
Please bless our Home with Love.

by Darla Trimble

## Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



*"Then Agrippa said unto Paul, almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." Acts 26:28*

We find in this verse an answer that has resounded numerous times in the past. In response to God's plea from His servant for the sinner to become a Christian, the person merely replies, "Almost or not now." But nevertheless, they go away lost. My personal feeling is they go away with a harder heart, less likely to be reached for Christ, than before.

Paul was always trying to persuade someone to become a Christian. In writing to the Corinthians he said, "knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." Even after the king had responded with "almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian," Paul said, "I wish everyone that has heard me today would be a Christian."

I doubt that Paul was disheartened by his failure to win King Agrippa. My reason for that is that no doubt Paul had learned his responsibility was to persuade men and desire all that heard him to be saved. He could not make their decision, but he could confront them with the facts of the Gospel.

Are you desiring that all that hear you become Christians? Or, are you even trying to persuade men? Are you almost persuaded that your responsibility is the same as Paul's?

Almost has never done anyone much good except to give them something to wonder about.

What **IF** we had won first place? What **IF** I had won the game? These are some of the things people ponder over in their minds. What **IF**?

How sad that some people have to say "what if I had totally surrendered to his will?" They are only left as King Agrippa, "almost thou persuadest me."

## Christmas Greetings From Our Missionaries

The Dale Cochran Family in Hannibal  
The Jim Mertz Family in Wentzville  
The Jim Williams Family in Carthage  
The Don Anderson Family in Moberly  
The Bill Ragsdale Family in Stockton  
The John England Family in Oak Grove  
The Nathan Ruble Family in Maplewood  
The Millard Sasser Family in Fresno, CA  
The Vergel Maness Family in Vineland, N.J.  
The Elmer Turnbough Family in St. Petersburg, FL  
The John McClure Family in Mexico  
The Steve Reeves Family in Spain  
(On Itinerant)  
The Stan Bunch Family in Panama  
(On Itinerant)  
The Jerry Pinkerton Family in Ivory Coast

The Clint Morgan Family in Ivory Coast  
The Mike Cousineau Family in Ivory Coast  
The Ron Moore Family in France  
(Language School)  
The Bobby Poole Family in Brazil  
Charolette Tallent in France  
The Carlisle Hanna Family in India  
The Ken Bailey Family in Japan  
The Dale Bishop Family in Japan  
The Don McDonald Family in Japan  
The Jim McLain Family in Japan  
The Steve Lytle Family in Panama  
The Dwain Crosby Family in Spain  
The Jeff Turnbough Family in Spain  
Lynn Midget in Spain (On Itinerant)  
The Robert Bryan Family in Ivory Coast

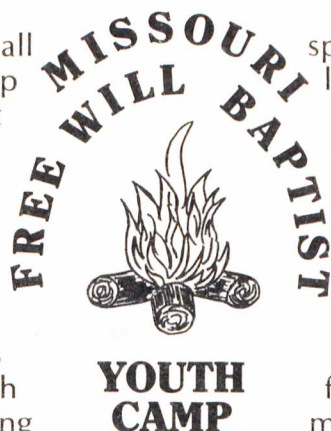
*NOTE: These are listed as they came to the State Office.*



## Youth Camp Board

# 1989 Camp Report

Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow! The Youth Camp Board would like to report that 1,296 registered, 168 were saved, there were 192 rededications and 134 other various needs at the 1989 sessions of Youth Camp. We would like to express our appreciation to all the churches and individuals who give and are giving through Cooperative and Designated giving and those who give through the service of working and laboring at Youth Camp. Youth Camp is a vital ministry in reaching young people for Christ and is providing



spiritual training and good fellowship among our Free Will Baptist Youth.

The Youth Camp Superintendent, Brother Dale McCurry, is available to represent the Youth Camp at any local church service. He will come at the request of the pastor and the church. An offering for the Youth Camp ministry will be appreciated. Please pray for your Youth Camp and Youth Camp Board.

*Dale Blackwell, Secretary*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1989

CHURCHES	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
Belton		36	47	51	45	47	39	54	51	49	58	
Calvary Fellowship	225	223	222	254	233	201						
Cape Girardeau	41	47	51	45	45	48	47	39	38	35	39	39
Central		78	88	105	90	96	91	96	90	105	105	100
Copper Mines	90	81	77	89	87	85	87	75	91	80		
Cuba	66	64	62	77	60	69	66	65	63	58	79	
DeSoto		172	177			189	180	183	183	194	197	193
Farmington	341	300	309	381	323	302	313	300	312	321	333	337
Flat River, First	154	148	121	174	143	147	135	131	130		154	133
Hannon	77	78	77	102	81	94	73	72	83	77	94	81
Harmony	63		59	77		62	56		61	57	69	64
Hartville	98	85	91	100	97	91	93	77	85	90	92	82
Houston	84	82	93	83	89	87	83	74	76	73	77	82
Lebanon, First	80	89	83	87	94	86	86	89	85	91	98	99
Myrtle	35	33	31	37			37	41	36	35		
Parkview	64	53	44	61	61	55	54	50	55	62	65	61
Richwoods	56	44	46	46								
Rock Chapel	68	59	63	65	63	60	59	62	65	57	69	69
Springfield, First	145	170	168	155	146	130	129	138	125	126	136	133
Thayer								122	129			133
United, West Plains	137	133	138	164	128		158	145	132	162		180
Verdella	90											
Victory, K.C.	77	76	64	95	70	66	63	65	70	70	71	61
West Plains, First	131	138		129	116	111	112	124	141	131		
Willow Springs	77		58	79	66	67	66	65	69	77		

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.



# Financial Information

## COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

### OCTOBER 1989

18.50% Mo. State Home Msn. Bd.	
3.50% General Fund	\$ 5,084.29
17.00% Exec. Off. & Gem	4,672.05
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	961.89
1.75% Youth Ministries Bd.	2,336.03
1.75% Christian Ed. Bd.	480.95
4.50% Senior Adult Ministries Bd.	480.95
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	1,236.72
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & CA Christian Col.	1,374.13
24.00% Foreign Msn. Bd.	8,382.21
19.00% Nat'l. Home Msn. Bd.	2,011.73
18.75% FWBBC	1,592.62
18.75% Hillsdale FWBBC	1,571.66
14.00% Executive Dept.	1,571.66
2.50% Layman's Bd.	1,173.52
50% Radio & TV Com.	209.56
50% Theological Com.	41.91
50% Historical Com.	41.91
50% Bd. of Ret. & Ins.	41.91
1.00% Calif. Christian College	83.82
9.00% State Office & Bookstore Bldg.	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,482.66</b>

The Lord in His goodness and mercy continues to bless His work in the Missouri State Association. We love and thank Him for this. May His blessings be on His faithful workers.

## OCTOBER 1989 RECEIPTS

### COOPERATIVE

Old Bethel	\$ 179.51
Mine La Motte	25.62
Kirkville	12.39
Royal Oak	93.00
Victory, Alton	133.00
United, W.P.	497.58
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	110.95
Rolla	393.22
Parkview	365.13
Heritage, Poplar Bluff	66.85
Columbia	75.00
New Life, Licking	214.34
Southside	292.50
Springfield, First	600.85
Friendship	284.13
Carthage	75.00
Conway	194.25
Pleasant Home	220.59
Number One	38.47
Twin Oak	964.34
Jones Chapel	148.34
Fordland	395.52
Seymour	95.00
Victory, K.C.	587.16
Black Oak	205.44
Belton	224.26
Liberty	282.00
Bailey Chapel	60.00
Union Grove	172.25
Hickory Grove	44.10
Hannon	325.05
Oak Hill, Union	819.78
Kingsway	191.94
South Fremont	577.00
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Joplin	287.73
Happy Home	92.18
DeSoto	770.00
Fredericktown, First	411.15
Terrill Road	76.00
Stockton	98.97
Marshfield	197.68
Viburnum	187.59
Houston	245.99
New Life, Fellowship	340.64
Pleasant Ridge	60.00
Lone Star	33.25
Merl's Chapel	238.00
Hopewell	168.00

Flat River, First	468.43
Jones Chapel	168.43
Leadington	380.00
Bethel, Festus	361.00
Hurryville	150.29
Thayer	409.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	40.50
Lebanon	487.30
Freeman Chapel	193.87
Potosi	68.00
Wilderness	336.00
Sedalia	77.35
Jones Creek	160.00
Waynesville	182.23
Farmington	1,375.00
Union	120.00
Wolf Creek	310.80
Monett	696.95
Macedonia	20.00
West Plains, First	289.36
Trinity	715.00
Cope	35.90
Pleasant Home	282.08
Bethel, El Dorado	37.97
Olivet	400.00
Faith & Hope	80.78
Neosho	71.25
Chapel of the Ozarks	88.76
Berkeley	925.51
Riverview, IA	282.63
Harmony, K.C.	320.00
St. Francois District Assn.	19.50
Pleasant Hill	41.14
Copper Mines	191.75
Cabool	314.97
Mt. Pisgah	148.00
Grace	500.00
Fredericktown, First	339.38
Rock Chapel	269.59
Grant Avenue	653.52
Berean	14.90
Salem	30.00
Cuba	298.80
Verdella	151.16
Myrtle	243.50
Willow Springs	227.65
New Life Fellowship	375.49
Fourth	227.00
Kingsway	262.48
Purdy	646.00
Lingo	96.58
Lingo	55.00
Number One	48.93
Victory Hill	93.08
New Rock Springs	103.00
Unity	41.72
Cape Girardeau	379.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,482.66</b>

### CHILDREN'S HOME

Myrtle	\$ 83.17
DeSoto	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$133.17</b>

### YOUTH CAMP

Fordland	\$ 20.00
Hannon	15.00
DeSoto	50.00
Leadington	20.00
Bethel, Festus	25.00
Thayer	30.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Union	60.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Trinity	10.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Olivet	25.00
Parkview	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Verdella	10.00
Myrtle	27.50
Willow Springs	10.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$436.50</b>

### HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Victory, K.C.	\$ 58.72
Hannon	50.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Farmington	150.00

Grant Avenue	8.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$332.47</b>

### FWBBC

DeSoto	\$ 35.00
Leadington	20.00
Thayer	25.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Farmington	150.00
Parkview	10.00
Grant Avenue	65.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$341.10</b>

### McCLURE ACCOUNT

Victory, K.C.	\$ 15.00
Flat River, First	46.84
Thayer	17.00
Farmington	10.00
Monett	151.00
Grace	25.00
Verdella	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$274.84</b>

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Nita Akeman	\$ 10.00
Oak Grove	65.00
Kirkville	70.00
United, W.P.	14.33
Parkview	207.13
Columbia	17.11
Southside	220.00
Carthage	50.00
O'Fallon	10.00
Pleasant Home	91.40
Richwoods	226.21
Fordland	142.85
Victory, K.C.	330.00
Carl Layman	10.00
Belton	203.05
Brent Thompson	50.00
Hannon	325.05
South Fremont	90.00
Joplin	35.00
DeSoto	300.00
Marshfield	20.00
Houston	40.51
New Life Fellowship	20.00
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Merl's Chapel	200.00
Flat River, First	98.68
Leadington	200.00
Leadington	55.00
Bethel, Festus	70.00
Thayer	45.00
Calvary Fellowship	737.32
Lebanon	95.00
Freeman Chapel	332.26
Sedalia	277.62
Farmington	895.00
Monett	1,539.99
West Plains, First	15.00
Trinity	168.50
Pleasant Home	91.35
Olivet	80.00
Neosho	120.00
New Testament	60.00
Faith & Hope	48.00
Harmony, K.C.	80.00
Jerry Fields	60.00
Niangua	57.00
Liberty	107.95
Springfield, First	228.97
Parkview Mission Group	50.00
Viburnum	107.00
Mt. Pisgah	200.00
Grace	28.00
Rock Chapel	168.00
Hickory Grove	81.90
Grant Avenue	347.05
Cuba	172.49
Kirkville	5.00
Clifford Hoover	30.00
Verdella	365.77
Myrtle	112.00
Willow Springs	22.20
New Life Fellowship	35.00
Fourth	135.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,009.19</b>

## NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Kirkville	\$ 5.00
United, W.P.	65.00
Parkview	44.00
Columbia	12.11
Friendship	66.42
O'Fallon	5.00
Pleasant Home	151.47
Richwoods	27.00
Fordland	199.00
Victory, K.C.	50.00
Belton	10.00
Oak Hill, Union	5.00
South Fremont	35.00
Joplin	20.00
DeSoto	200.00
Marshfield	85.00
New Life Fellowship	20.00
Flat River, First	101.84
Leadington	110.00
Grant Avenue	310.00
Bethel, Festus	30.00
Thayer	100.00
Gospel Light	200.00
Walnut Grove	26.00
Farmington	42.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Monett	10.00
F. Clayton	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
West Plains, First	130.00
Trinity	95.00
O'Fallon	144.00
Pleasant Home	5.00
New Testament	30.00
Neosho	5.00
Blue Springs	10.00
Parkview Mission Group	20.00
Lone Star	245.00
Viburnum	53.00
Lebanon	207.19
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Grace	125.00
Rock Chapel	145.80
Grant Avenue	59.71
Kirkville	5.00
Clifford Hoover	5.00
Verdella	15.00
Myrtle	120.00
New Life Fellowship	210.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,712.16</b>

## COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

### NOVEMBER 1989

18.50% Mo. State Home Msn. Bd.	
3.50% General Fund	\$ 5,227.61
17.00% Exec. Off. & Gem	4,803.75
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	989.01
1.75% Youth Ministries Bd.	2,401.87
1.75% Christian Ed. Bd.	494.50
4.50% Senior Adult Ministries Bd.	494.50
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	1,271.58
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & CA Christian Col.	1,412.87
24.00% Foreign Msn. Bd.	8,618.49
19.00% Nat'l. Home Msn. Bd.	2,068.44
18.75% FWBBC	1,637.51
18.75% Hillsdale FWBBC	1,615.97
14.00% Executive Dept.	1,615.97
2.50% Layman's Bd.	1,206.59
50% Radio & TV Com.	215.46
50% Theological Com.	43.09
50% Historical Com.	43.09
50% Bd. of Ret. & Ins.	43.09
1.00% Calif. Christian College	86.19
9.00% State Office & Bookstore Bldg.	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,257.34</b>

The Lord in His grace and mercy, continues to bless His work in the Missouri State Association. We love and thank Him for this. May His blessings continue on His labor.



## OCTOBER 1989 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE

Columbia	\$ 75.00
Hartville	285.93
Scott City	150.00
Waynesville	193.10
Pleasant Ridge	90.00
Cape Girardeau	58.02
Houston	348.10
Royal Oak	161.00
Thayer	635.00
Carthage	110.00
Central	604.00
Riverview, IA	331.48
Bethel, Festus	759.00
Calvary, Conway	186.37
Unity	166.44
Heritage	101.67
Bailey Chapel	53.00
New Harmony	14.88
Merl's Chapel	220.00
Union Grove	204.50
Fredericktown, First	468.54
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	142.10
Terrill Road	92.54
Rolla	75.47
Pleasant Grove	107.64
Church of the Ozarks	81.49
Parkview	358.00
Belton	379.44
Hannon	383.81
Springfield, First	631.82
Mill Creek	210.55
New Home	111.48
Flat River, First	524.88
Cope	43.60
Liberty	373.00
Eastern Gate	239.00
Rock Chapel	375.69
Happy Home	122.10
Mountain Grove	800.76
Licking	115.06
Victory, Alton	121.00
Mine La Motte	50.00
Hurryville	220.79
Potosi	102.75
Cuba	395.70
United, W.P.	684.83
Mt. Zion	43.30
Faith	25.00
Pleasant Hill	61.51
Hopewell	204.00
Joplin	439.20
Viburnum	208.89
Cape Girardeau	155.41
Black Oak	264.67
Kirkville	13.51
Lebanon	614.04
Trinity	814.40
Freeman Chapel	287.43
Licking	139.23
Lone Star	53.10
Friendship	274.23
Leadington	400.00
Oak Hill	445.00
Olivet	400.00
Stockton	113.40
Marshfield	220.62
Farmington	1,375.00
Bethel, El Dorado	39.76
Mt. Pisgah	226.00
DeSoto	960.00
Cabool	382.80
Tyrone	65.82
Cape Girardeau	155.52
Copper Mines	183.65
Waynesville	216.40
South Fremont	584.00
Myrtle	157.83
Victory Hill	75.12
Liberty	258.00
Hartville	237.16
Fourth	201.00
Cuba	272.20
Pleasant Home	217.75
Lone Star	60.21
Cape Girardeau	72.39
Kingsway	210.04
West Plains, First	389.00
Grant Avenue	698.61
Grace	500.00
New Rock Springs	93.70
Cape Girardeau	116.40
Faith & Hope	55.88
Neosho	71.25
Macedonia	20.00

Jones Chapel	227.83
Wolf Creek	286.93
Harmony	467.00
Fordland	421.06
Central	639.28
Lingo	60.00
Carthage	90.00
Willow Springs	177.27
Conway	227.48
Merl's Chapel	210.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	98.96
Number One	36.63
Houston	283.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,257.34</b>

### CHILDREN'S HOME

DeSoto	\$50.00
Myrtle	4.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54.25</b>

### YOUTH CAMP

Parkview	\$ 10.00
Hartville	10.00
Thayer	30.00
Central	12.80
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Bethel, Festus	25.00
Hannon	15.00
Mountain Grove	10.00
Trinity	10.00
Leadington	20.00
Olivet	25.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
DeSoto	50.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Myrtle	34.00
Hartville	10.00
Fordland	20.00
Central	23.14
Willow Springs	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$428.94</b>

### HILLSDALE

Thayer	\$ 30.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Hannon	50.00
Farmington	150.00
Grant Avenue	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$275.75</b>

### FWBBC

Parkview	\$ 10.00
Thayer	25.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Freeman Chapel	140.00
Leadington	20.00
Farmington	150.00
DeSoto	35.00
Grant Avenue	69.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$485.61</b>

### MCCLURE ACCOUNT

Thayer	\$ 12.00
Farmington	20.00
E. Berrong	50.00
Grace	25.00
Central	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>117.00</b>

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Parkview	\$ 50.00
Columbia	44.45
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Richwoods	59.00
Southside	240.00
Houston	97.76
Thayer	45.00
Carthage	49.00
Central	100.00
Calvary Fellowship	874.62
Bethel, Festus	80.00
New Harmony	74.44
Merl's Chapel	200.00
O'Fallon	10.00
Parkview	226.10
Belton	25.00
C. Hoover	30.00
B. Thompson	25.00
Hannon	433.81
South East District	25.00
Flat River, First	111.10
Niangua	13.00
J. Shebaum	60.00
Rock Chapel	169.00
Mountain Grove	248.96
Oak Grove	65.00
N. Akeman	10.00
United, W.P.	35.56

Joplin	35.00
C. Layman	10.00
Kirkville	25.00
Lebanon	50.00
Trinity	188.44
Freeman Chapel	255.17
Leadington	30.00
Leadington	200.00
Olivet	100.00
Niangua	18.00
Houston	56.45
Marshfield	20.00
Farmington	220.00
Farmington	120.00
Mt. Pisgah	200.00
DeSoto	300.00
South Fremont	115.00
Myrtle	100.00
Fourth	30.00
Pleasant Home	76.39
Niangua	10.00
West Plains, First	15.00
Grant Avenue	410.58
Grace	18.35
Niangua	10.00
Sedalia	310.51
Faith & Hope	76.67
Merl's Chapel	250.00
Pleasant Grove	267.00
Purdy	183.00
G. Elders	5.00
Macedonia	1,888.96
Jones Chapel	164.52
Indian, W.A.	42.50
Neosho	120.00
New Testament	60.00
Carthage	200.00
Fordland	353.11
Central	160.00
S. Hart	20.00
Richwoods	64.00
Carthage	69.00
Willow Springs	14.00
Merl's Chapel	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,493.45</b>

### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Parkview	\$ 20.00
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Columbia	39.44
Richwoods	29.00
Thayer	185.00
Central	127.00
Bethel, Festus	30.00
Parkview	48.00
C. Hoover	5.00
South East District	25.00
Flat River, First	15.00
Rock Chapel	191.18
Mountain Grove	10.00
United, W.P.	90.00
Joplin	11.00
Kirkville	5.00
Trinity	205.00
Leadington	15.00
Leadington	100.00
Farmington	82.00
Mt. Pisgah	75.00
DeSoto	200.00
F. Clayton	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
South Fremont	182.00
Myrtle	246.00
Pleasant Home	10.00
West Plains, First	12.00
Mt. Zion, Thayer	77.94
Grant Avenue	58.00
Grace	200.50
Sedalia	60.51
Faith & Hope	38.33
Merl's Chapel	125.00
Pleasant Grove	133.50
Purdy	91.50
G. Elders	2.50
Macedonia	944.49
Jones Chapel	82.26
Indian, W.A.	21.25
New Testament	30.00
Carthage	100.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Fordland	40.00
Central	165.00
Richwoods	32.00
B. Keith	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,250.40</b>

## Calendar of Events

### STATE HOME MISSIONARIES RETREAT/SEMINAR

February 19-20, Conference Room,  
State Office Building.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SPONSORED SEMINAR

March 16-17, Stonecroft Conference Center.

### YOUTH CAMP WORK DAY

May 5.

### STATE YOUTH COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

May 11-12, Stephens College, Columbia.

### SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

May 15-16, Stonecroft Conference Center.

### MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION, WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

June 4-7, Nelson Community Center,  
Lebanon, MO.

### YOUTH CAMP

**Group I, Teens:** June 17-22

**Group II, Teens:** June 24-19

**Group I, Pre-Teens:** July 29-August 3

**Group II, Pre-Teens:** August 5-10

### NATIONAL CONVENTION, WNAC & NYC

July 15-19, Phoenix, AR.



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## Christian Education Board

# Parenting Youth — Family Life Seminar Stonecroft Conference Center

**March 16 & 17, 1990**

**Friday, 12:30 p.m. to Saturday, 12:00 noon**

This year's family life schedule will include discussion on the following topics by Dr. Bill Kirwan, a minister and practicing psychologist with "Psychiatric Associates," an affiliate of Missouri Baptist Hospital of St. Louis, Mo:

1) Emotional Problems and the Christian — the Overall Focus of Spiritual/Psychological Functioning

2) The Culture of Narcissism (love of oneself) — The "Me First" Generations Needs, Problems, and Pitfalls

3) Family Functioning — The Place of the Young Person in the Family Matrix

4) Identity and Self-worth — The Crisis of Adolescence and the Church's Response

5) Handling the Adolscnt's Feelings — Handling the Parent's Feelings

Dr. Kirwin has served as a professor of psychology and counseling at two seminaries: Evangelical School of Divinity of Chicago, IL, and Covenant Seminary of St. Louis, MO. He has shared in numerous seminars on the subject of counseling and the family. Dr. Kirwan has taught a pastoral counseling session at the *Graduate School of Free Will Baptist Bible College*, and is the author of the book, "Biblical Concepts For Christian Counseling."

**Registration:** Accommodations on location at Stonecroft are limited. Space will be reserved in order received. No refunds for cancellations after February 15, 1990. You will be notified if lodging at Stonecroft is not possible and you may contact an area motel

directly for accommodations. If this is necessary, there will be no charge for lodging and meals as part of your cost of the seminar. You will be responsible for your own lodging and meal cost. Meal tickets may be purchased to eat at Stonecroft if desired.

**Cost:** \$45 per single (in double room accommodations with another single) including lodging and meals; \$70 per couple including lodging and meals.

**Dress:** Casual.

**Directions:** Approximately 45 miles south of Springfield, Mo. on Hwy. 65, (four miles south of Branson) turn right on 265 and stay left one mile to Center.

For further information, call Rev. Roger Hogan, (314) 756-1605.

## REGISTRATION FORM

### 1990 PARENTING — FAMILY LIFE SEMINAR March 16 & 17 at Stonecroft Conference Center

Please enclose \$35.00 non-refundable deposit for couples or \$25.00 non-refundable deposit for singles. Balance to be paid upon arrival. Mail to Rev. Roger Hogan, 316 W. Liberty, Farmington, Mo. 63640, (314) 756-1605. Please return by February 15, 1990 to assure registration.

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