

# **GEM** THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

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# “Washing The Saint’s Feet” A Church Ordinance

by Reverend Vernon Long

Part I

We as Free Will Baptists believe there are three symbolic ordinances taught in the New Testament. We realize that all of these ordinances have been misinterpreted, perverted and abused by other beliefs. Many have misinterpreted the ordinance of baptism as a means of salvation, we do not. Roman Catholics misinterpret the Lord’s Supper (“Eucharist”) as actually eating of Christ’s body and drinking of His blood. This is called transubstantiation. Loraine Boettner writes in his book, “Roman Catholicism,” and I quote:

“According to Roman teaching, in the sacrifice of the mass the bread and wine are changed by the power of the priest at the time of consecration into the actual body and blood of Christ.”

The Lutheran view of the Lord’s Supper is called “consubstantiation.” R.C. Sproul in “The Encyclopedia of Christianity,” explains consubstantiation:

“The term has reference to the co-existence of the substance of the body and blood of Christ with the substance of the elements of bread and wine. The substance of Christ is said to be really present “in, with, and under” the bread and wine. In this view the real, substantial presence of Christ in the sacrament is confessed without any metaphysical change of the substance of the bread and wine.”

As Free Will Baptists we believe the Lord’s Supper is “a commemoration of the death of Christ for our sins in the use of the bread which He made the emblem of His broken body, and the cup, the emblem of His shed blood.”

Most churches of our day interpret the words of Christ in **John 13:1-17** to mean that “we ought to be willing and eager to serve one another in all kinds of humble and menial tasks,” and do not recognize feet-washing as an ordinance. Before dealing with the question, “**Why do Free Will Baptists wash feet?**”, I want to quote from the West Virginia state paper what some prominent men said about feet washing:

Dr. Torry said: “It is in the Book; what are we going to do about it?”

Kitts says: “Feet-washing became, as might be expected, part of the observances practiced in the early church.”

Godfried Arnold says: “Among the services of duties which were observed by the first Christians, that of feet-washing was included.”

Henry Ward Beecher, in a sermon, declared that he could not understand why feet-washing never was made an ordinance. He said: “It sinks deeper than the Lord’s Supper. It has a profounder grip upon man’s nature, duty, and destiny.”

Dr. Lynn Abbott said: “Is the Lord’s Supper commanded? The language is not one-half so explicit as that which accompanied the rite of feet-washing, which the church discarded because it ceased to be profitable.”

Dr. Yoder said: “The same arguments that would dislodge feet-washing from the gospel as a church ordinance, would dislodge all other ordinances.”

Jesus said: “**If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done unto you.**” — **John 13:14, 15.**

I will address some questions in answering the question, why do we as Free Will Baptists wash feet?

**What is an ordinance?** There is no Scriptural definition given of a church ordinance. But it is from Scripture that we decide what the ordinances are and then define them. An ordinance is this: “**a divinely instituted rite that has symbolic meaning and is to be practiced by the church.**”

Some will ask, “**Wasn’t it a practice to wash feet during Biblical times?**” The answer is, yes, but the custom was for people to wash their own feet (cf. **Gen. 18:4; 19:2; 43:24; II Sam. 11:8**) You will find nowhere that the Lord or Master washed the feet of his guests, friends, or comrades, but water was provided and they washed their own feet. Peter would not have registered such shock in **John 13:6-9** if it had been a custom. Besides, it came at the wrong time —after supper (**John 13:2**). The custom of Biblical times was to wash their feet upon arriving.

**Is feet-washing then to be practiced and considered as an ordinance, or is it to be acts of hospitality to other believers?** In addressing this question, we must ask, **Was it practiced by the early church?** **I Timothy 5:10** indicates that it was, as Paul made it a condition, or prerequisite for the widows to receive aid from the church (**vv. 9,10**). It doesn’t say, if she has washed the feet of strangers, or her friends or children’s feet, but it says, “**if she has washed the saint’s feet.**” I cannot conceive of the idea of Paul just simply requiring the widow to wash the saint’s feet, and no one else being under obligation to do so.

Some would say, **Since feet-washing is mentioned only this one time in the New Testament epistles, isn’t that a weak argument for it as an ordinance?** The ordinance of the Lord’s Supper is mentioned only once in the epistles in **I Corinthians 10 and 11**. This reference doubtless never would have been made, had not the church corrupted the ordinance. True, the Lord’s Supper is mentioned in **Acts 20:7** as a practice of the early church. Most do not question the Lord’s Supper as an ordinance because it is only mentioned one time in the epistles.

(to be continued next month)

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## Reports from the Churches

### **NEW LIFE CHURCH, Licking, MO —**

The New Life Church is praising the Lord for the marvelous work He has been and is doing in the ministry of the church, writes the pastor, Reverend David Brawley. We have seen hearts healed, souls turning back to the Lord, and a great "turn-around" in the life of the church.

The Lord is blessing with more open praise, more willingness to serve, and people are doing this with joy in their hearts and a song on their lips.

We are challenging ourselves to increase our Cooperative giving this year and also to reach other goals for which we believe the Lord is leading.

Recently we have had many new visitors, souls have been saved, and some have united with the church. On Sunday, January 24, the Lord blessed with an attendance of 107. This was not a record breaker, but it did indicate an upswing.

We are thankful for the prayers of God's people for our labor with the New Life Church. May the Lord continue to bless as we trust Him for His blessings.

### **FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Lebanon, MO —**

The First Church held a Sweetheart Banquet Saturday evening, February 10. The theme was "Heaven In Your Eyes." The program began with a welcome by the pastor, Reverend Gary Sheets. This was followed by Stephanie Sheets singing "Wind Beneath My Wings."

Reverend Clarence Burton gave a devotional thought, "Reflections of Love." A humorous skit, "Adam and Eve," was presented by Bruce and Connie Myers.

The couples who had entered the King and Queen Contest were recognized. A humorous event that had occurred either before or after marriage was read when the married couples were announced. The entries were: Heather Myers & Landon Griffin, Brooke Weddle & Eric Boston, Sandy Anderson & Jeremy Myers, Errin Johnson & Philip Day, Loni Stansberry & Scott Anderson, Dennis & Virginia Boston, Marvin & Judy Cochran, Kenny & Judy Pierce, Calvin & Gerri Plummer, and Gary & Betty Sheets. The winners were: Double winners for Pre-Teen



Landon & Heather



Eric & Brooke



Philip & Errin



Calvin & Gerri

— Heather Myers & Landon Griffin and Brooke Weddle & Eric Boston; Teenage — Errin Johnson & Philip Day; Adult — Calvin & Gerri Plummer. Following the crowning of the Kings and Queens, Stephanie Sheets sang, "Heaven In Your Eyes."

A delicious dinner of Heavenly Delight, Cupid's Arrows, Heavenly Delicacy, Fleecy Clouds with Sweet Nothings and Raindrops was enjoyed by everyone. Special guests included Cupid and his Helper, who shot Valentine Arrows towards everyone.

The event raised almost \$500.00 for the Young People.

### **FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Monett, MO —**

We want to share with you how the Lord has blessed the church the past year, writes Mrs. Charles Smith, church reporter. Our giving to missions from November 1, 1988 to November, 1989 was \$25,119.67. In November we were involved in our annual Mission Conference, and our offering was \$7,676.00. We are thankful that we can share in fulfilling the Great Commission that preaches the gospel to the whole world.

**CHAPEL OF THE OZARKS, Rocky Comfort, MO —** The Chapel of the Ozarks Free Will Baptist Church at Rocky Comfort, Missouri united with the Indian Creek District Association the latter part of 1989. This was done under the guidance and leadership of Reverend and Mrs. Bill Barton who serve this congregation.

The Chapel of the Ozarks has very adequate church facilities. The sanctuary (auditorium) and education unit provide space for Sunday school and church growth. The church and Sunday school are experiencing growth. The pastor and congregation are excited about recent professions of faith and additions to the church.

Reverend and Mrs. Bill Barton state, "We love the people of this church and we enjoy working with them. We pray the Lord will continue to bless the labor of the church with souls being saved and Christians growing in the Lord."



Rocky Comfort Congregation



Rev. & Mrs. Bill Barton





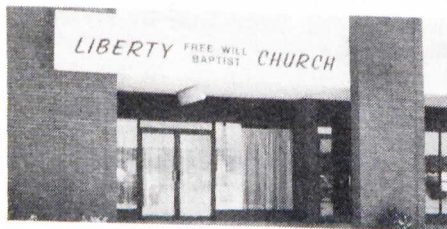
Leadington Parsonage

**LEADINGTON CHURCH, Leadington, MO** — The Leadington Free Will Baptist Church has, through careful planning and faithful giving, purchased and built a new modular house, writes the church reporter, Shirley Wills. This will be used as the parsonage. The pastor and his wife, Rev. & Mrs. Vernon Long, are enjoying the new facilities. It is located at 218 Woodlawn Drive in Leadington.

The church is engaging in "New Goals" that will enable it to be a full-ministering church. A group has been organized named the Sonshiners for 55 years and up. This organization will be ministering to Nursing Homes and folks confined to their homes in this area.

The Youth Ministry has sowed the seed and laid the groundwork for an outreach endeavor towards youth in the Leadington area. The men of the church, through a Prayer Breakfast ministry, are working at an endless task of enabling the church to function at its fullest potential.

The Lord has blessed with new converts and six new members in the church. May His blessings continue.



Liberty Church

**LIBERTY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Sikeston, MO** — Just to let you know that the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church is alive and well, writes Wanda Hale, church reporter.

For the past two years the church has met in the home of the pastor since it was necessary for the previous church property to be sold. But the Lord has blessed, and we now have been able to move into a beautiful storefront building in an excellent location. We are looking forward to God's continued blessings on the work of the church.

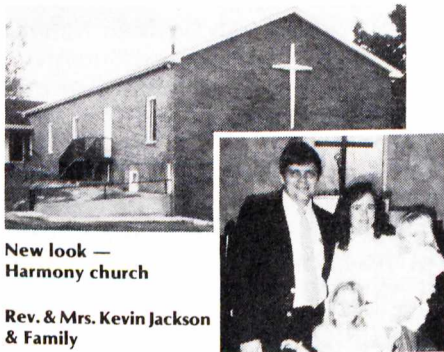
The Kids Korner Class recently

completed a series of lessons where, for one month, their classroom was transformed into a "Dinosaur Land." During this series their teacher, Wanda Hale, taught them about Dinosaurs and the Bible. They answered several questions such as, "Are Dinosaurs in the Bible?"; "Why did God create Dinosaurs?"; "Were Dinosaurs on the Ark?"; and "Could Dinosaurs be alive today?" They also learned that much of what is taught as fact today in schools and through news media is in conflict with what the Bible teaches. They were taught that the Bible and true science do not conflict and that when anything conflicts with the Bible, the Bible is always right.



Kids Korner Class

We request your prayers for God's continued blessings and growth for Liberty Free Will Baptist Church.



New look —  
Harmony church

Rev. & Mrs. Kevin Jackson  
& Family

**HARMONY CHURCH, Parkville, MO** — The Harmony Church building has undergone a "face-lift", writes the church reporter, Laymon "Red" Stamper. Brick has replaced the former siding. New stained glass windows have complemented the new look. Also, a beautiful cross has been attached to the front side of the building.

Improvements on the inside include a new baptistry. The church family is very pleased with the "New Look" and so thankful to the Lord for His blessings in making this possible. This was done under the leadership of the former pastor, Rev. John Bullard.

The church is enjoying the present pastor, Rev. Kevin Jackson, and his family in their new labor with the church.

**CENTRAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Grandview, MO** — A Stewardship Banquet was held at the Central Church on Wednesday evening, February 14. Prior to the time for the Banquet Dinner, the Youth hosted a "Get Acquainted and Refreshment Time."

Reverend  
Kent Hubbard,  
pastor



Stewardship Banquet



After Dinner

Following a delicious dinner, the pastor, Reverend Kent Hubbard, said, "Even though it is sleeting and cold on the outside, I am pleased to see a large number in attendance for the Stewardship Banquet." He introduced the speaker, Reverend Clarence Burton. In keeping with the theme, he presented two central thoughts, "A Loving Heart Sees the Need At Home, and At Church."

The pastor gave the opportunity for private commitments to the stewardship ministry of the church. A beautiful medley of "songs of consecration" was sung by Cheryl Hubbard.

**FRIENDSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Branson, MO** — The pastor

and the church extends a warm welcome to one and all to a Missions Conference, April 4-7, writes church reporter Betty Kellerman. The services will be held at the Friendship Church. This can be a time of meeting new friends and seeing old acquaintances.

The church is involved in saving "Best Choice Food Labels," especially the magnetic code lines on the labels. The funds raised will be applied to the Bus Fund. Please help us with this project. The mailing address is Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, P.O. Box 337, Branson, MO 65616.



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## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1989-90

CHURCHES	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
Belton	47	51	45	47	39	54	51	49	58	45	45	54
Calvary Fellowship	222	254	233	201	193	194	194	203	259	201	190	232
Cape Girardeau	51	45	45	48	47	39	38	35	39	39	60	
Central	88	105	90	96	91	96	90	105	105		110	112
Copper Mines	77	89	87	85	87	75	91	80				
Cuba	62	77	60	69	66	65	63	58	79	65	68	72
DeSoto	177			189	180	183	183	194	197	193	192	187
Farmington	309	381	323	302	313	300	312	321	333	337	310	325
Flat River, First	121	174	143	147	135	131	130		154	133	152	151
Hannon	77	102	81	94	73	72	83	77	94	81	85	91
Harmony	59	77		62	56		61	57	69		68	
Hartville	91	100	97	91	93	77	85	90	92	82	90	94
Houston	93	83	89	87	83	74	76	73	77	82	76	86
Lebanon, First	83	87	94	86	86	89	85	91	98	99	89	84
Myrtle	31	37			37	41	36	35			36	
Parkview	44	61	61	55	54	50	55	62	65	61	60	61
Richwoods	46	46										
Rock Chapel	63	65	63	60	59	62	65	57	69	69	59	65
Springfield, First	168	155	146	130	129	138	125	126	136	133	121	135
Thayer						122	129			133	128	
United, West Plains	138	164	128		158	145	132	162			174	180
Victory, K.C.	64	95	70	66	63	65	70	70	71	61	57	65
West Plains, First		129	116	111	112	124	141	131			135	
Willow Springs	58	79	66	67	66	65	69	77			62	68

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.





## Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

### Part II: "Who Is In Control Of Your Household?"

Recently my husband made a statement that sent chills down my spine. He commented, "If something doesn't change, we're going to lose a generation of children." I had never thought of it that way before, but deep down, I knew it was true. More and more, parents are expressing feelings of being overwhelmed and powerless in dealing with their children. This generation has children that are so strong-willed they are controlling the parents who are supposed to be leading and guiding them.

According to Proverbs 29:15, "The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." (Note also: Proverbs 13:24; 22:15) If we, as parents, do not give correction and guidance, our lives and the lives of our children will be

filled with heartache and sorrow.

What can be done to change the attitudes and behaviors of our children? The best resource guide I've found (other than the Scriptures) is "Assertive Discipline for Parents," by Lee Canter. The following are some helpful suggestions taken from his book . . .

(1) Take charge and be the BOSS. Tell your children you care too much about them to let them misbehave. Don't hesitate to say "NO." Set limits. Children need to know the boundaries. Teach your child respect. If he respects you, he will also respect teachers, police officers, church workers, etc.

(2) Communicate assertively . . . Tell your child exactly what you want or expect. Avoid vague statements like, "You're driving me crazy!" Instead, pinpoint the problem and communicate it to the child.

(3) When disciplining, stay calm, use normal voice, and look your child in the eye while you are speaking to him.

(4) Back up your words with actions. Let your child know there will be consequences for misbehavior. The consequences must be something that

your child does not like, but that will not be physically or psychologically harmful. To be effective, you must find something the child WILL NOT enjoy. Above all, BE CONSISTENT. When you continue to merely threaten to discipline and do not follow through, you are teaching that he need not listen to you, at least not until he's been threatened several times.

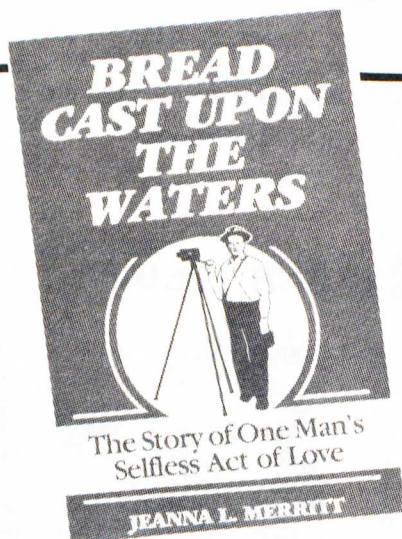
(5) Avoid arguing with your child. Use the broken record technique. With this, you simply repeat the same thing over and over.

(6) Last, but certainly not least, reinforce POSITIVE behavior.

Don't take their "good" behavior for granted. Let your children know that you appreciate it when they behave appropriately.

No one ever said parenting was going to be easy. It is an awesome responsibility, and parents today are challenged more than ever before. We must arise to the challenge. Our children are depending upon us. Their future is in our hands today!

"Assertive Discipline For Parents," by Lee Canter, 1988.



**BREAD CAST UPON THE WATERS** throbs with the missionary burden carried by Rev. Ken Turner, an early promoter of foreign missions in Free Will Baptist ranks. Mrs. Jeanna Merritt has succeeded in capturing his pioneering spirit and sacrificial ministry.

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3. Order the materials that will help you achieve your attendance goal.





## Missouri Exceeds Foreign Missions Goal For 1989

Nashville, Tenn. — Free Will Baptists of Missouri did it! They topped the 1989 state goal in giving to foreign missions by \$22,992.74. A total of \$262,992.74 was given to overseas outreach by the state during the year.

R. Eugene Waddell, general director for foreign missions, issued this commendation to Missouri Free Will Baptist: "Congratulations! All of us in the foreign missions family are thrilled with your faithfulness. Your continuing support will enable missionaries to keep winning souls and planting Free Will Baptist churches overseas."

Waddell continued, "Because of your success in exceeding your suggested goal, your state will receive special recognition at the National Association in Phoenix."

According to foreign missions records, giving by Missouri in 1989 increased by \$14,217.68 over the previous year.

Missouri's gifts are enabling many missionaries to share the good news of Jesus Christ overseas, including the Carlisle Hannas, the Jerry Pinkertons, the Jim McLains, Charolette Tallent, the Ken Baileys, the Stan Bunches, the Steve Reeves, the Steve Lytles, and the Ron Moores. Despite the increase in gifts overall, several of these families are urgently in need of additional support: Steve and Judy Lytle in Panama, Ken and Judy Bailey in Japan, and Steve and Linda Reeves who need to return to Spain.

## Missouri State Home Missions Board

### Project Gideon Is Launched For The Wentzville Mission

The Missouri State Home Mission Board has officially launched a new and dynamic program called "Project Gideon." To help meet the tremendous demands upon a new mission to build its first church building is the purpose for the project.

The Wentzville Mission, led by Pastor Jim Mertz, has been in existence for four years now, and it is time to build. However, due to the high costs of property and its present small house in which they are meeting, they cannot borrow to add to the already heavy mortgage. If they do not build, they stand to lose people and opportunities, pushing the date to establish the church further into the future.

Project Gideon is a simple plan in which we have asked the Lord for 300 (like Gideon's army) churches, individuals or groups within churches to give a \$300 offering sometime during 1990. The total would equal the estimated amount to build and finish the building. The love offering would amount to about \$6.00 a week or 89¢ a day! If this miracle could happen here in Missouri in 1990 in Wentzville, the money saved, the interest saved, the time saved could bring the mission years closer to becoming a self-supporting church.

Will you be one of the "Chosen 300" in Project Gideon this year? Those who give this offering will have their name or the name of a loved one engraved on our special "Chosen 300" plaque to be displayed in the

entrance to the new church and will receive a nice picture of the new building upon its completion.

Your offerings to this special program should be sent to:

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Lee Evans  
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Carrol Matthews (in memorium)  
Merritt Harless (in memorium)  
Jim Mertz  
Ken Koch  
Ixtus Teen Group, Wentzville  
Steve Smith  
Art Cook  
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Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit. (Make check payable to Ridgecrest.)



## Missouri Students On President's and Dean's List at Hillsdale

President's List with a 4.00 grade point average:

Marlene M. Hartman, Kansas City, MO - Sophomore

Dean's List with a 3.00 grade point average:

Gerald Bass, Fordland, MO - Senior  
Patricia Dinwiddle, Marshfield, MO - Sophomore

Ginger Harrison, Flat River, MO - Freshman

Kim Johnson, Parkville, MO - Sophomore

Scott Keith, Mansfield, MO - Freshman

Randall Lovelace, West Plains, MO - Sophomore

EDITOR'S NOTE: Congratulations!

## Southeastern Free Will Baptist College

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## FWBBC Family Exceeds \$75,000 Christmas Drive Goal

January was a big day at Free Will Baptist Bible College. This was the day set aside in chapel to tally all the money brought in by the College Family for the Paul Ketterman Memorial Christmas Fund Drive. Excitement was obvious as Brother Shockey called out each name and the amount raised. Imagine the thrill as the goal was met and passed. Chapel ended with a total of \$77,526.15 being tallied through the efforts of the College Family, with more on the way. The last figure was \$82,923.00, but more is coming!

## The Bible and Science

A group of scientists have made an amazing discovery - EVE! Trained in molecular biology, they looked at an international assortment of genes and picked up a trail of DNA that led them to a "single" woman from whom we all descended. "If it's correct, and I'd say that it is," says Stephen Jay Gould, the Harvard paleontologist and essayist, "it makes us realize that all human beings, despite differences in external appearance, are really members of a single entity that's had a very recent origin in one place. There is a kind of biological brotherhood that's much more profound than we ever realized."

The logical conclusion, why, Adam, of course. Once again modern science has scaled the mountain of knowledge to reach the peak and find the Word of God set firmly in truth.

— Pam Hudson

## From Our Missionaries

"It's A Boy!" is the happy message from the McDonalds in Japan.

EDITOR'S NOTE: From all of us in Missouri - congratulations!

"CPE Is Exonerated" is the good news from Abidjian, Cote d'Ivoire.

"Praise items for being able to end the year in the 'black' " is the good news from the Baileys in Japan.

"Thanks for your faithfulness for the past decade" is the good word from the Pooles in Brazil.

"Continue to pray for the work in Panama as the country rebuilds" is the news from the Bunches (on itinerant). "The Lytles are safe and well."

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The Roberts are available for revivals and concerts. Brother and Sister Roberts have been married for 30 years. Brother Roberts has been in the ministry for 33 years and has pastored churches in Missouri, Arkansas, Washington State, New Mexico and Kansas. Reference can be given if desired.

## Foreign Missions Praise Sheet & Prayer Guide

PRAISE THE LORD for his abundant provision through faithful supporters during 1989. Missionary deficits are at the lowest point in several years.

PRAISE THE LORD for safety for the Steve Lytles and the Christians in Panama during the recent turmoil.

PRAISE THE LORD for the Christian witness to the parents of Ruben, a member of the Villalba, Spain, church. The wedding ceremony for him and Maria Jesus was held in his parent's home in November. Jeff Turnbough performed the ceremony.

PRAISE THE LORD for the monthly faith-promise commitments totaling approximately \$275 made by the St. Nazaire, France congregation.

PRAY FOR Paul Sparks, son of missionaries Lonnie and Anita Sparks. Paul is undergoing chemotherapy treatments for acute leukemia.

PRAY FOR Sherwood Lee as he ministers at the hospital at Doropo, Cote d'Ivoire for several months. His wife and family remain in the U.S.

PRAY FOR Dwain and Debbie Crosby and their children as they adjust to life in Spain and begin language study.

PRAY FOR Christians in the European countries which have recently shaken the bonds of Communism. Ask the Lord to bless them as they are free to worship and witness more openly for Christ.

PRAY FOR Norman and Laura McFall in Brazil as they await the birth of their first child in January.

PRAY FOR Foreign Missions Month coming up in April. Pray for a good response to the World Missions Offering on Sunday, April 29.



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# Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

I realize I am dealing with a touchy issue. I know the subject, and certainly the conclusions I draw and the suggestions I offer will be unpopular with some, but I am convinced these are essential matters. This is a critical issue and we had better be concerned with solving this problem and bringing the crisis to a successful conclusion.

Why is it a fact that it is rare to find a church where there have been two successive successful pastorates? Why is it that one pastor builds a church and the next almost invariably takes it downhill to small attendance, small offerings, disunity, and increased trouble? In this article I will give what I think are some possible reasons for this plague.

First, the resigning pastor may con-

tribute to this plague. Though he has had a good and successful ministry, he may fail to prepare the congregation for his departure. He fails to plan for his successors. He may build the church around his personality and not around biblical ministry. He may, in fact, have a secret desire for the church to fail so he will look good and everyone will recognize how important he is to the church, and how indispensable he is to the success of the church.

Second, the new pastor may be the cause. He may be too anxious to become successful and fails to give the congregation time to adjust to a new man. He may be so insistent on becoming leader, destroying the influence of the previous pastor, making a name for himself, or feeding his own ego, that he insists on changes before they are needed, or will be accepted by the congregation. He may insist on fixing what isn't broken.

Third, the church and church board

may be the cause of this plague. They may choose the new pastor for the wrong reasons, without ample prayer, without asking the necessary questions, without requiring references, or without considering his inadequacies in directing this kind of church program. They may cause the demise of his ministry by refusing to accept his differences in ministry style. They may insist that he do everything exactly like the previous pastor.

All these may contribute to the destruction of the church: The old pastor, by not turning loose of the church even after he left; the new pastor, by feeding an over-riding ego; and the church board by turning against either the old pastor and offending a lot of his friends and followers, or by turning against the new pastor and shortening his ministry and destroying the hopes of the church. Regardless, whoever is to blame will one day answer to God for this damning work of death to Christ's bride.

## CLeaR-TV

Rev. Clarence Burton, Executive Secretary  
Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists  
Post Office Box 991  
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Dear Rev. Burton:

The boycott by Christian Leaders for Responsible Television is working! There was a 32% decrease of sex, violence and profanity between monitoring last spring and last fall, the largest decrease of any monitoring period for the past 12 years!

### SPRING 1989 REPORT

Network	Sex	Profanity	Violence	Total
NBC	4.01	5.33	3.87	13.21
ABC	2.08	4.06	3.05	9.19
CBS	2.59	5.77	3.31	11.67
TOTAL	8.68	15.16	10.23	34.07

### FALL 1989 REPORT

	Sex	Profanity	Violence	Total	DECREASE
NBC	3.25	3.38	2.25	8.88	33%
ABC	1.70	2.22	1.96	5.88	36%
CBS	2.21	3.41	2.93	8.55	27%
TOTAL	7.16	9.01	7.14	23.31	32%
DECREASE	18%	41%	30%		

The figures represent sex, profanity and violence incidents aired per hour. They confirm that CLeaR-TV has the attention of the advertisers. It is critical that we continue the boycott against Clorox and Mennen and bring it to a successful conclusion.

The Executive Committee will meet later this month to plan our next step. Your active support, prayers and participation in these efforts is greatly appreciated. Working together, we can help improve the quality of life in our society.

Sincerely,

*Donald E. Wildman*

Donald E. Wildmon  
Executive Director



# Financial Information

## COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS JANUARY 1990

18.50% Mo. State Home Msn Bd.	
	\$ 6,242.55
17.50% Exec. Off. & Gem	5,905.12
3.50% General Fund	1,181.03
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	2,868.20
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.	843.59
2.50% C.E. Board	843.59
2.50% Senior Adult Ministries Bd.	843.59
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	
	1,687.18
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & CA Christian Col.	10,291.79
Foreign Mission Board	
National Home Missions Board	
Free Will Baptist Bible College	
Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	
Executive Department	
Layman's Board	
Radio & TV Commission	
Theological Commission	
Historical Commission	
Board of Retirement & Insurance	
1.00% Calif. Christian College	
9.00% State Office & Bookstore Bldg.	
	3,036.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,743.56</b>

Cooperative giving for the first month of this year was unusually good! We praise God from Whom all blessings flow! We pray in faith that He will continue to bless this ministry throughout this year, 1990. May His blessings be showered on the faithful ones who are sharing in this.

The allocation for National Ministries goes undesignated for this year with FWBCC & Hillsdale receiving an equal amount. C.C.C. will continue to receive the 1%.

## JANUARY 1990 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE

Joplin	\$ 307.14
New Rock Springs	112.00
Grant Avenue	581.04
Eastern Gate	554.00
Myrtle	833.05
Columbia	75.00
New Life Fellowship	474.03
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	108.00
Thayer	474.00
Pleasant Ridge	80.00
Lone Star	36.42
Number One	65.80
Victory Hill	108.34
Waynesville	215.91
Royal Oak	104.00
Bailey Chapel	75.00
Victory, Alton	192.00
Byrd	115.05
Happy Home	193.52
Bethel, El Dorado	62.19
Houston	263.96
Mill Creek	336.49
Merl's Chapel	249.00
Kingsway	258.78
Black Oak	278.60
Liberty	300.00
Central	748.91
Hartville	386.25
Olivet	400.00
Cuba	336.30
Calvary, Conway	213.35
Mountain Grove	942.66
Heritage	64.71
Oak Hill, Union	418.60
Hopewell	157.00
Mt. Pisgah	182.00
Victory, K.C.	657.09
Mt. Zion, Gower	57.00
Moberly	76.23
Rolla	51.43
Hannon	428.00
Flat River, First	564.03
Bethel, Festus	403.00
Lebanon, First	495.44
Rock Chapel	365.11

Friendship	304.16
Richwoods	398.00
Hickory Grove	31.25
Crossroads	100.00
Parkview	418.67
Springfield, First	853.20
Stockton	120.96
Potosi	93.59
Union Grove	208.50
Berean	6.15
Hurricane	86.04
Mine La Motte	50.00
United, W.P.	1,112.23
Leadington	410.00
DeSoto	870.00
Sedalia	75.86
Freeman Chapel	255.24
Riverview, IA	312.09
Wilderness	393.52
Trinity	962.62
Belton	280.17
Farmington	1,375.00
New Life, Licking	205.52
Copper Mines	185.56
Marshfield	220.76
Viburnum	185.84
Salem	60.00
Faith & Hope	66.54
Neosho	71.25
Chapel of the Ozarks	203.48
Berkeley	2,493.88
Jones Chapel	377.04
Cabool	379.25
Monett	672.40
Wolf Creek	264.55
Pleasant Home	199.43
New Harmony	17.83
Tyrone	36.70
Pleasant Hill	54.70
West Plains, First	458.00
Fordland	416.40
Cope	32.00
Grant Avenue	705.47
Victory Hill	94.41
Black Oak	186.60
Merl's Chapel	175.00
Myrtle	224.35
Grace	500.00
St. Francis Association	16.50
New Rock Springs	106.00
Macedonia	20.00
Kirkville	15.21
Central	672.36
Number One	40.55
New Life, Fellowship	401.93
Willow Springs	218.32
Liberty	220.00
Royal Oak	78.00
Mill Creek	211.98
New Harmony	17.10
Unity	257.86
Cape Girardeau	647.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,743.56</b>

### McCLURE ACCOUNT

Thayer	\$ 12.00
Victory, K.C.	20.00
Berkeley	170.00
Grace	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$222.00</b>

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Rock Chapel	\$ 159.00
Joplin	35.00
Grant Avenue	336.31
Myrtle	238.00
Columbia	20.53
New Life, Fellowship	45.00
Thayer	45.00
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Niangua	121.00
Merl's Chapel	400.00
Richwoods	125.11
South Side	195.00
John Schebaum	120.00
Carl Layman	20.00
Central	262.75
Olivet	100.00
Cuba	51.61
Mountain Grove	213.00

Mt. Pisgah	200.00
O'Fallon	10.00
Parkview Miss. Group	100.00
Hannon	608.00
Brent Thompson	50.00
South East District	25.00
Flat River, First	122.80
Bethel, Festus	96.26
Lebanon, First	70.00
Crossroads	5.00
Parkview	202.00
Fourth	85.00
United, W.P.	26.51
Leadington	200.00
De Soto	300.00
Oak Grove	75.00
Sedalia	331.48
Freeman Chapel	352.30
Wilderness	56.45
Trinity	126.26
Belton	25.00
Farmington	175.70
Marshfield	20.00
Viburnum	97.00
Faith & Hope	71.71
Neosho	264.00
New Testament	190.00
Blue Springs	205.80
Beacon	160.00
Berkeley	104.00
Monett	2,323.95
Pleasant Home	50.00
New Harmony	174.70
Calvary Fellowship	768.32
West Plains, First	40.00
Fordland	179.39
Grant Avenue	413.38
Grace	25.00
Shelva Hart	20.00
Kirkville	30.00
Willow Springs	10.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,253.93</b>

### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Joplin	\$ 15.00
Grant Avenue	60.25
Myrtle	240.00
Columbia	15.52
Thayer	212.00
Buffalo, First	100.00
Fred Clayton	10.00
Richwoods	67.00
Central	287.00
Cuba	51.61
Mountain Grove	125.00
Mt. Pisgah	75.00
Victory, K.C.	35.00
Parkview Miss. Group	40.00
Hannon	15.00
South East District	25.00
Flat River, First	70.00
Bethel, Festus	30.00
Lebanon, First	15.00
Rock Chapel	173.41
Esther Bates	10.00
Parkview	145.15
United, W.P.	15.00
Leadington	110.00
DeSoto	200.00
Sedalia	31.48
Trinity	80.00
Farmington	25.00
Viburnum	50.00
Faith & Hope	71.71
Neosho	15.00
New Testament	85.00
Bob & Glenda Keith	10.00
Blue Springs	10.00
Beacon	95.00
Berkeley	182.50
Monett	15.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Pleasant Home	15.00
West Plains, First	34.00
Fordland	26.00
Grant Avenue	171.67
Grace	115.00
Kirkville	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,189.30</b>

### MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

Joplin	\$ 15.00
Grant Avenue	376.43
Myrtle	93.50
Columbia	35.00
New Life, Fellowship	45.00
Thayer	66.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Scott City	146.00
Richwoods	40.00
South Side	35.00
Central	57.75
Cuba	51.62
Mountain Grove	7.00
Oak Hill, Union	17.05
Victory, K.C.	40.00
O'Fallon	20.00
Hannon	314.00
Flat River, First	132.80
Bethel, Festus	45.00
Lebanon, First	15.00
Parkview	5.00
Fourth	30.00
United, W.P.	21.50
Leadington	85.00
DeSoto	50.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
Trinity	45.00
Belton	25.00
Farmington	50.00
South East Dist. (Union Light)	18.00
Marshfield	37.07
Viburnum	10.00
New Testament	20.00
Berkeley	284.90
Monett	53.00
Pleasant Home	53.12
New Harmony	174.69
Calvary Fellowship	108.82
West Plains, First	5.00
Fordland	52.00
Grant Avenue	152.29
Grace	45.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,912.54</b>

### FWBCC

Grant Avenue	\$128.65
Thayer	25.00
Central	49.00
Parkview Miss. Group	20.00
Leadington	20.00
DeSoto	35.00
Farmington	150.00
Berkeley	75.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$538.40</b>

### YOUTH CAMP

Myrtle	\$ 53.50
Thayer	30.00
Buffalo, First	100.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Central	12.70
Hartville	10.00
Olivet	25.00
New Home, Hartville	355.00
Mountain Grove	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Parkview Miss. Group	20.00
Hannon	15.00
Bethel, Festus	25.00
Leadington	20.00
DeSoto	50.00
Trinity	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Fordland	20.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Willow Springs	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>840.20</b>

### HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Grant Avenue	\$ 18.00
Thayer	30.00
Central	49.00
Victory, K.C.	65.71
Hannon	50.00
Farmington	150.00
Beacon	75.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$473.46</b>



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## Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



*"Then Jonah prayed unto the Lord his God out of the fish's belly." Jonah 2:1*

Jonah has been referred to as the book of a second chance. I sometimes wonder instead of having to pick up the pieces of our lives so often, why can't we get it right the first time.

I'm thankful for a merciful, loving God who is patient and prepares things to draw us back to him. It

seems, however, that it would be much easier on all involved if we just obeyed God to start with.

I would like to pick the first three words of this verse for us to consider. The words are, "Then Jonah prayed."

**THEN** denotes the time in Jonah's life. It was after disobedience, during affliction, and before God's deliverance. Did you ever wonder where Jonah would have been **THEN** if he had gotten it right the first time?

**JONAH** denotes the troubled man of God who was chosen to perform a specific ministry to a specific people. He wasn't in Nineveh because he was

sidetracked by his own hangups. Who would have been in the fish's belly if Jonah had gotten it right the first time? Probably what big fish usually eat.

**PRAYED** denotes the travail that he was in because of his realization that he was where he was because of disobedience. He threw himself upon the mercy of God, and the fish threw him up on dry land.

I'm thankful we serve a God of second chance; but as a boss of mine used to say, "Why do we have time to do things over when we don't have time to do it right the first time!"

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