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Winning The Lost At Any Cost

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Missouri
**State Association
of Free Will Baptists**

June 4 - 7, 1990

Nelson Community Center
Lebanon, Missouri



Ernest Harrison



Lonnie Skiles



Jim Mertz



John Williams

Program

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

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Nelson Community Center, Lebanon, Missouri

THEME: *Winning The Lost At Any Cost* - Luke 15

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 1990

10:30 a.m. Executive Committee Conference Room
State Office Building

1:00 p.m. General Board Conference Room

7:30 p.m. Evening Worship
Nelson Community Center
Cody Freeman, Moderator, presiding
Congregational Singing Jim Williams
Prayer Jack Day
Congregational Singing
Welcome Chuck Lotz
Response Mike Gardner
Convening the State Association
Joe Braddy, Clerk
Special Music The Gospel Generation
Worship in Giving Cody Freeman
Special Music Cave Springs Youth Choir
Congregational Singing
Message Jay Tilson
Invitation
Benediction

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 1990

9:00 a.m. General Board Conference Room

2:00 p.m. "The New Age Movement" . . . Lonnie Skiles
What Is It? How Do We Deal With It? and etc.
First Free Will Baptist Church Auditorium

Missouri State Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention Nelson Community Center

Theme: *"Beside Still Waters" Psalm 23:2*

Pianist: Linda Barton Organist: Stephanie Brawley

9:00 a.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. Congregational Singing Becky Gwartney
Prayer
Welcome
Response
Devotion Ruth McDonald
"Beside Still Waters He Restoreth"
Seating of Delegates
Appointment of Committees
Greetings from Missionaries and other
National Ministries
Recess

11:00 a.m. Congregational Singing
Offertory
Special Music Jessica Fry
Message Don McDonald
"Beside Still Waters He Giveth Directions"
Benediction

1:30 p.m. Congregational Singing
Skit
Business Session
Benediction

5:00 p.m. Fellowship at Nelson Community Center
International "Brunch"
"Munch to Alleviate the Missionary Crunch"
(tickets - \$5.00 - all goes to missions)

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 5, 1990

7:30 p.m. Evening Worship
Vernon Maggart, presiding
Congregational Singing Jim Williams
Congregational Singing
State Competitive Winners
Worship in Giving
State Competitive Winners
Message Jim Mertz
Invitation
Benediction

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 6, 1990

9:00 a.m. Congregational Singing Jim Williams
Credentials Committee Report
Seating of Delegates
Moderator's Message Cody Freeman
Partial General Board Report
* Reports: National Offices, Free Will Baptist
Bible College, Hillsdale & California Christian
College

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship R.E. Helsley, presiding
Congregational Singing Jim Williams
Prayer
Congregational Singing
Special Music Arlo Starnes
Message John Williams
Invitation
Benediction

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 6, 1990

1:30 p.m. Congregational Singing Jim Williams
Devotional Message Gene Howell
General Board Report
Executive Secretary Report
Lebanon Bible & Book Store Report
Youth Camp Board Report
Youth Ministries Board Report
Senior Adult Ministries Board Report
Home Missions Board Report
Christian Education Board Report
Reports from National Offices
Benediction

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 6, 1990

7:30 p.m. Evening Worship
Kent Hubbard, presiding
Congregational Singing Jim Williams
Prayer
Roll Call Presentation Jay Tilson
Special Music Mtn. Grove Trio
Worship in Giving
Congregational Singing
Special Music Mary Fortney
Message Ernest Harrison
Invitation
Benediction

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 7, 1990

9:00 a.m. Congregational Singing Jim Williams
Devotional Message David Pinkston

9:20 a.m. Reports Continued
Historical Commission
Resolution Committee
Obituary Committee
Placement Committee
Nominating Committee
State Association Convention Adjourns
Benediction

* Time may necessitate that some reports be given on Thursday morning.

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



Clarence Burton

The Executive Secretary Writes

Oftentimes we let opportunities slip by and wonder afterwards why.

If we enjoy Christian fellowship, gospel preaching and singing, we will enjoy the Missouri State Free Will Baptist Convention!

Four fine preachers have been asked to deliver messages for the Worship Services. These men are pastors: Pastor Jay Tilson, Pastor Jim Mertz, Pastor John Williams, and Pastor Ernest Harrison. These have varied backgrounds, but each one will pour himself into and preach a fine Bible message.

On Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 Rev. Lonnie Skiles will be speaking on the New Age Movement. What a timely subject! Brother Skiles is a member of the Commission for Theological Integrity. This will be helpful and informative. The session will be held in the auditorium of the First Church on Third & Van Buren.

The special singing will be done by a gospel singing family, a District Association Youth Choir, a Combined Choir, some of the winners in the State Youth Competitive Activities, experienced soloists and trio, and as always, lively congregational singing.

At the General Board meeting and at the State Convention we will hear reports from the Executive Secretary, the Lebanon Bible & Book Store, from the five Standing Boards of the State Association, the National Offices, and others.

Rev. Cody Freeman, the moderator, will be leading the business sessions, assisted by Rev. Gary Fry. Filling the clerk position will be Rev. Joe Braddy, assisted by Rev. Kent Hubbard.

I hope that you are planning to attend the State Convention this year at Lebanon, Missouri, June 4-7. Let us pray and trust God that it will be a great one!



Cody Freeman

A Word From The Moderator

We are looking forward, with great anticipation, to this year's Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. As we began a new decade, we have adopted a new theme for the decade, "Decade of Discipleship."

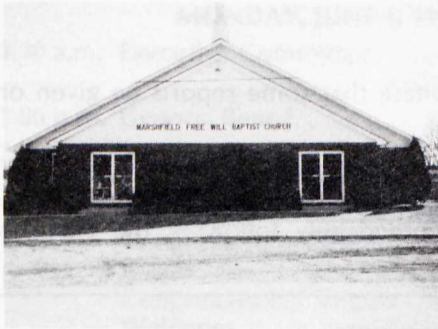
While this theme may be new as a focus for our program, its intent is as old as the Church, itself. The Scripture in Matthew 28:19,20 has always been accepted as the marching orders for Christ's Church. This passage literally says that we are to "make disciples of all people." We are often tempted to think that this passage is primarily directed toward our missionaries and their need to go. The "going" part of the verse, however, is not really the problem for the majority of Christians. We are surrounded by people who need the gospel; who need to be disciplined. They live in my town and your town and probably who attend my church and your church.

Discipleship, as a whole, includes many things. It is actually the process of God working out His plan through lives. It includes, of course, our conversion experience, but it goes beyond that. People who have been saved need to be baptized and become a part of the local church. They need to be taught to observe the commands of Christ and to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. This is a process that does not happen by itself. It takes dedicated Christian men and women who are willing to give time and effort to this purpose. This is why discipleship is such an important topic for the Church today.

Let me encourage you to come and be a part of the 1990 State Meeting. We would love to see every Free Will Baptist in Missouri, that can, attend this year. I feel confident that God will help us to make this theme a reality for our churches in Missouri.



Reports from the Churches



Marshfield Church

MARSHFIELD CHURCH, Marshfield, MO — On Sunday, March 11, 1990, Rev. Clarence Burton conducted a Mortgage Burning Service at the close of the Morning Worship. The \$40,000 note for the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall/Educational Area on the lower level was burned. The church reporter, Mrs. Jeanie Cummins, writes, The church property is now debt free, and we give all the honor and glory to God for making this possible. We praise God for His leadership and bountiful blessings that He has bestowed on the Marshfield Church.

A brief history of the church is: In June 1962 Rev. Cliff Bowman conducted a tent revival in Marshfield. Following the revival seven people met in the Sim Rader home and organized the Marshfield Free Will Baptist Church, and called Rev. Bill Reeves as pastor.

The charter members were: Mr. & Mrs. Sim Rader, Mr. & Mrs. James Atkison, Mr. & Mrs. Claud Tate, Mrs. Nellie James, Rev. & Mrs. Finis Johnson, and Mr. & Mrs. Morgan Walker. The first location where the church held regular services was in the V.F.W. building on East Jackson. From there they went to the Hosmer Building, then another location on East Jackson, and finally to the present location, 522 South Locust. Rev. Reeves served as pastor until his retirement in April 1970.

Following Brother Reeves, the former pastors were: Brothers James Crawford, Robert Chapman, Gary McFarland, Dale Broyles, Grover Terry, Danny Talbot, Robert Sharry, and Troy Burney. The present pastor is Rev. Boyce Williams.



Pastor and Deacons

On April 21, 1976, the church voted to build a sanctuary and lower level as an addition to the present building. On Sunday, August 28, 1977, the new facilities were dedicated to the glory of God. At the service special recognition and remembrance was given to all who had faithfully worshiped and served in the church. Rev. William Reeves delivered the dedicatory message.

On Sunday, October 1, 1989, an ordination service was held for Brother Ron Cummins. He became the third deacon of the church. The ones presently serving as deacons are Brother Trellis Hathcock and Brother Robert Willis. The church is thankful for these dedicated men who have been chosen and are willing to serve the congregation in this capacity. In November 1989 the process to incorporate was begun, and it was completed by our pastor and deacons in January 1990.

On July 5, 1989, the church elected Rev. Boyce Williams as pastor. He, his wife, Shelia, and their children, Julie, Valerie, Beth Ann, Rebecca, and Daniel came from Arkansas. At this time the church was investigating the possibility of purchasing a parsonage. On August 6, 1989, the church voted to purchase the house and property at 422 Blinn Avenue in Marshfield, Missouri.

Mrs. Cummins continues, The Marshfield Church looks forward to the future, as God continues to bless the pastor, as he leads, and as the congregation labors together for the cause of Christ.

JONES CREEK CHURCH, Dittmer, MO — God is blessing in many ways, writes the pastor of the Jones Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Rev. Dale Smith.

The church now owns its parsonage, a 12' x 65' mobile home, donated by a precious member, Sister Otha Duing. The parsonage family now occupy the parsonage, having sold their house.

Through a labor of love, several sister churches in the St. Francois Association have made it possible for the Jones Creek Church to own and use a church van.

The Lord has blessed with three professions of faith and several rededications during the period of Revival. This has resulted in five following the Lord in water baptism. New members have been added to the church for the past three quarters, consecutively, totaling eleven new members in nine months. The average attendance for the Morning Worship in the month of March was thirty-four. This is an increase of thirteen from the year 1989.

We covet earnestly the prayers of our Free Will Baptist brethren. May this letter serve as an encouragement to that which God can do.



Merl's Chapel Church

MERL'S CHAPEL CHURCH, Cassville, MO — The church reporter, Mrs. Diane McClaren, begins this report with the scripture, Acts 20:28, "Take heed, therefore, unto yourselves, and to all the flock over which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood."

If any of you could visit Merl's Chapel Church these days, you would discover a joyful congregation, pleased with the new addition to the dining area, kitchen, and classrooms. Phase 2 of the remodeling program added over 500 square feet to the original church facility.

Phase 1 consisted of remodeling the existing kitchen and classrooms and creating a dining area. This was

completed in 1988. It soon became evident that the growth of the church required additional space for both classrooms and dining, precipitating Phase 2. This consisted of modernizing the kitchen, and creating efficient traffic patterns to facilitate food preparation, serving and dining. Two sound-proofed classrooms were added which can also be used for dining when required.

Rev. Fred Harris, pastor of the Merl's Chapel Church since 1987, wants everyone to know that the church has been enlarged and updated for efficiency without losing any of its country charm and friendliness. The church on the banks of Flat Creek continues in the faith, in a world crying for God's Word.

Will there be a Phase 3 at Merl's Chapel? Surely, as the Lord continues to bless this little church, there will be.

FIRST CHURCH, Farmington, MO —

The Fellowship Sunday School Class of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Farmington, Missouri, held a class banquet at Rosener's Restaurant. A delicious meal was served to the thirty-one in attendance. Mrs. Bessie Edwards, class reporter, writes, Everyone had an enjoyable time, and we are so thankful for our good teacher. It was especially nice to have the pastor, Rev. Roger Hogan, to attend the banquet and offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the food and fellowship.



Fellowship Class



Dedication Service

FIRST CHURCH, Waynesville, MO —

On Sunday afternoon, March 25, 1990, the First Free Will Baptist Church in Waynesville, Missouri, held a dedication service for the new facilities. Last year the church, because of fire, suffered a total loss of its buildings.



Pastor Gary Parker

The pastor, Rev. Gary Parker, welcomed the many friends, along with the members, to the special service. With a heart full of joy and appreciation he expressed thanks to God, to the members, and to the friends of the church for making this special day possible. He said, "We have never felt defeated; we have never felt that we could not go on. The people of this congregation determined that by God's grace and help we would have another building and it would be used to win souls to Jesus and edify the believers. The church has continued to work together in the spirit of love and unity, and today we can say the Lord has blessed, and we love Him for it."

The Durbin Singers presented the special music both in the morning and afternoon services. They always bless the hearts of the congregation.

Rev. Clarence Burton delivered the dedication message. He commended the pastor and the church for their ability to turn defeat into victory. He said, "I share with you as much as possible the joy that really is yours. You have seen the Lord do great things, whereof we are glad. This happens when Christians are dedicated, devoted and determined to do a work for the Lord. This is a beautiful and accommodating church facility. I am impressed. As we dedicate this to the Lord this afternoon, may it

always, as I am sure it will, be used for the glory of God."

The pastor, Rev. Parker, welcomed friends and members. He recognized former pastors, and pastors and churches who had gathered for the occasion. He also recognized some friends of the church who had been especially helpful and thanked them for their labor of love.

Rev. Charley Miller, a former pastor of Rev. Parker, led in the prayer of dedication.



Following the Dedication Service the ladies of the church provided refreshments in the spacious fellowship area.

MT. ZION CHURCH, Gower, MO —

Brother Marks Tyer, a longtime member of the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, went home to be with the Lord on February 24, 1990. The Memorial Service was held at the Mt. Zion Church with Rev. Vernon Maggart delivering the message.

Marks Tyer was born November 9, 1911, near Starfield, Missouri, where he attended the Mt. Zion School. On May 17, 1941, he was united in marriage to Thelma Norris.

Marks farmed for many years and also worked for the St. Joseph Light & Power Company. He retired from the Power Company in 1976.

Brother Tyer served as a deacon and was on the Board of Trustees at the Mt. Zion Church. He also served on the executive committee of the Northwest District Association and served on the Mt. Zion Cemetery Board.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma; one son, Bill, of Kansas City; two daughters, Janette Dunlap of St. Joseph and Marcia Porter of Easton; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; four sisters and other relatives; and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and three infant brothers.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Brother Marks Tyer was a wonderful Christian gentleman. He was a faithful worker in the church and will surely be missed by the church family and by other friends in the community.



"Mom" Mabel Willey

Coming Soon!

**The 1990
Woman's Auxiliary Retreat**

August 24-25, 1990
Stonecroft Conference Center

Theme: *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Special Guest Speaker:
"Mom" Mabel Willey
Veteran Missionary

**Missouri State Free Will Baptist
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY RETREAT**
August 24-25, 1990
Stonecroft Conference Center (near Branson, MO)

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
For those staying at the Conference Center

List the ladies that will be staying in the same room (each room has 2 double or queen size beds):

1/Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____
Church _____

2/Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____
Church _____

3/Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____
Church _____

4/Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____
Church _____

In order to accommodate the maximum number of 308 ladies attending, there will be 4 ladies in every room. Rooms will be assigned as reservations are received. Reservations will not be accepted before June 11.

Cost is \$30.00 per person (which includes food, lodging and registration). **Total Amount Enclosed: \$** _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY (no cash please). THERE ARE NO REFUNDS!
PLEASE SEND A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE WITH THIS FORM TO: Shirley Jackson, 13 Highland Drive, St. Charles, MO 63303. Telephone: 314-946-1754.

(Please see form on page 7 for those not staying at Conference Center)

"SPECIAL INSURANCE NOTICE, PLEASE READ WITH CAUTION"

The Youth Camp Insurance Carrier (Heritage Insurance Managers), hereafter identified as (H.I.M.), agrees to the following:

1. To pay the first (\$250.00) on all covered medical claims involving injury or sickness incurred, while being a registered camper or worker at Mo. State F.N.B. Youth Camp.

2. In the event of an injury or sickness and after (H.I.M.) has paid the first (\$250.00), should there be any remaining unpaid balance, you will be notified by (H.I.M.), asking you to report this amount to your Personal Insurance Carrier. * If there is yet a remaining balance after payment has been made by your Personal Insurance Carrier, (H.I.M.) will then pay the remaining balance up to it's maximum limits, which are stated below. IT WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY FOR ANY AMOUNT EXCEEDING THESE STATED LIMITS.

A. PLEASE NOTE: THE INSURANCE COVERAGE PROVIDED BY MISSOURI STATE F.N.B. YOUTH CAMP IS VERY EXPENSIVE AND LIKE MOST INSURANCE CARRIERS, THEY ARE VERY STRICT REGARDING INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THEM. THEREFORE FAILURE OR REFUSAL ON YOUR PART TO SUPPLY ANY NEEDED INFORMATION (ITEM NO. 2), WILL AUTOMATICALLY MAKE YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY & ALL OF THE UNPAID BALANCE.

* B. PLEASE NOTICE: SHOULD YOU HAVE NO PERSONAL INSURANCE CARRIER, SIMPLY STATE (NONE) ON THE FORM SENT TO YOU BY (H.I.M.), BUT BE SURE TO RESPOND.

3. The insurance limits of (H.I.M.) are as follows:

- A. Accident Medical Limits - \$2,500.00
- Dreaded Disease Limits - \$2,000.00
- Sickness Medical Limits - \$ 600.00

4. In the event the Youth Camp Board would need to contact your Insurance Carrier, regarding any unpaid claim, please give the name and address/phone no., of your health insurance carrier.

5. The Youth Camp Board wishes to thank you for your cooperation regarding this very important insurance matter.

Name Of Insurance Company _____

Address _____

Phone _____

No Personal Insurance (Accident & Health) Available. _____

PLEASE PULL AND USE THIS CENTERFOLD
(MAKE COPIES AS NEEDED)

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

MISSOURI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP
HCR - 83, BOX 22, NINANGUA, MISSOURI 65713
PHONE: (417) 473-6444

CAMPERS NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NO. () _____ FRIEND _____

CHURCH _____ F.N.B. yes _____ no _____

PASTOR'S NAME _____ & PHONE _____

Have you been treated by a physician within the past 6 months? _____

Nature of your treatment? _____

Are you taking medication now? _____ Do you have it with you? _____

Are you allergic to any medicine? _____ What medicine? _____

Do you have allergies to weeds, pollen, insects, etc? _____

Please list what you are allergic to: _____

(All medicines must be dispensed by the Camp Medical Attendant at the First Aid Center. Your medication will be dispensed according to the directions of your physician on the bottle or prescription. This is done to insure the safety of your child as well as the safety of others).

IMPORTANT NOTICE: PLEASE NOTE THE INSURANCE AGREEMENT ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL ATTENTION! In the event of a medical emergency, a Youth Camp Representative will make every possible attempt to contact the parents of the camper. There are, however, times when this is not possible. For this reason, you are (REQUIRED) TO FILL OUT, IN FULL, THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL STATEMENT ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE. NO CHILD CAN BE REGISTERED AT CAMP WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION.

NO CHILD CAN BE ADMITTED TO CAMP WITHOUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND PERMISSION GIVEN BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.

PLEASE NOTICE THE CAMP DRESS CODE RULES:

GIRLS, PLEASE NOTE:

1. Dresses or skirts shall not be worn shorter than (knee length).
2. Wide and narrow leg garments are not to be shorter than knee length. (SHORTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE, PLEASE DON'T BRING THEM).
3. No upper apparel shall be worn that exposes the shoulder.

BOYS, PLEASE NOTE:

1. Pants are to be worn full length.
2. Shirts are to be full length and covering shoulders. (NO FISH-NETS, TANK-TOP, ETC).

SWEAT PANTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR BOYS OR GIRLS.

WE SUGGEST ALL GARMENTS WORN AT CAMP BE "LOOSE FITTING."

PLEASE BRING ONLY WEARING APPAREL THAT IS ACCEPTABLE BY THE ABOVE STANDARDS.

AFTER READING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS STATED IN THIS REGISTRATION FORM AND IF IT IS YOUR INTENT AND PROMISE TO COMPLY WITH THEM, PLEASE SIGN BELOW, NO ONE CAN BE REGISTERED AS A CAMPER, WITHOUT SIGNING!

By placing your signature upon the line following, you are making a promise to abide by the rules of the Youth Camp to the very best of your ability.

"I, _____, have read carefully the rules and regulations of the Youth Camp and do hereby make a pledge to keep these rules and regulations to the very best of my ability. I also understand that disciplinary action will be taken against me should I break the rules and regulations of the Youth Camp."

SIGNATURE _____

THE YOUTH CAMP BOARD

- REV. GARY PARKER, CHAIRMAN _____ PHONE (314) 774-6412
REV. KEN GOFF, TREASURER _____ PHONE (314) 431-2533
REV. DALE BLACKWELL, SECRETARY _____ PHONE (417) 962-3033
REV. DAVE PINKSTON, MEMBER _____ PHONE (314) 431-4787
REV. KENNY DODSON, MEMBER _____ PHONE (417) 235-5668

STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD: We look forward to serving you, to the best of our ability. We want to provide a safe, Christian atmosphere for all who attend the Missouri State Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. To do this, we must have the full cooperation of every one. We pray souls will be saved, and every saved soul will grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, WHOSE CAMP THIS IS!

EMERGENCY MEDICAL STATEMENT: "I, _____, do hereby (Parent/legal guardian) do, by my signature below, do hereby authorize the Youth Camp Board, or their representative(s) to authorize such emergency treatment necessary to maintain the life or health of my child whose name appears upon this form. I am signing this statement in the presence of a witness, and by my signature, I authorize the attending physician and/or hospital staff to treat my child for any injury or condition of health that would threaten the life or well being of my child."

FATHER OF CAMPER _____ (signature)
MOTHER OF CAMPER _____ (signature)

"I, _____ do hereby swear that I have seen the parents/legal guardian of this camper, read the above EMERGENCY MEDICAL STATEMENT. I have personal knowledge that the person/s who have signed this EMERGENCY MEDICAL STATEMENT are indeed, the parents/legal guardian of this camper. I do hereby further swear that I have personally witnessed the person whose signature/s appear above, place their signature/s upon this form. I further swear that I am an adult and of sound mind."

WITNESS: _____ (signature)

Please list below the following information:

Family Physician's Name: _____
Physician's Phone Number _____ (area code) _____ (number)

Please list below, names and phone numbers where you may be reached in case of an emergency:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

CHILDREN MAY MAKE PHONE CALLS FROM CAMP, PROVIDING THEIR SPONSOR IS WITH THEM WHILE THE CALL IS BEING MADE. ONLY COLLECT OR CREDIT CARD CALLS ARE PERMITTED.

ALSO CHILDREN MAY RECEIVE IN-COMING CALLS BUT MOST OF THE TIME IT IS DIFFICULT TO FIND THE CHILD QUICKLY, THEREFORE IT IS SUGGESTED, SHOULD YOU CALL, LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOUR CHILD AND THEY WILL GET BACK WITH YOU AT THEIR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

SHOULD YOUR CHILD HAVE TO LEAVE THE CAMPGROUNDS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED DEPARTURE, FOR ANY REASON, SICKNESS ETC. IT WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PICK THEM UP.

GENERAL CAMP RULES

GENERAL INFORMATION

The cost for Tuition, Food & Housing, will be as follows:

All Campers-----\$35.00
Workers & Sponsors-----\$15.00
Children Under 7 Years-----\$ 3.00 *

(Must Be Accompanied By Parent) *

The Youth Camp Board would like to recommend that each church be responsible for workers and sponsors fee. We regret that we are forced to make a charge for sponsors and workers. The inflated cost of food and utilities has made the charge necessary.

PLEASE NOTE!

All Cabin Sponsors will Be Held Responsible, for conduct in your cabin. You are responsible for the safety and well-being of all those whom you are sponsoring. WHEN A CAMPER / CAMPERS ARE IN THE CABIN, A SPONSOR MUST BE IN THE CABIN ALSO. AFTER HOURS DISTURBANCES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

CAMPERS MUST NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED WHILE THE SPONSOR IS IN TEACHERS MEETING OR DINING HALL FELLOWSHIP, AFTER LIGHTS OUT!

THE YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Rev. Gary Parker ----- Chairman
Rev. Ken Goff ----- Treasurer
Rev. Dale Blackwell ----- Secretary
Rev. Dave Pinkston ----- Member
Rev. Kenny Dodson ----- Member
Rev. Bill Reeves ----- Honorary Member
Dale McCurry ----- Superintendent

CAMP RULES, PLEASE KNOW THEM AND OBEY THEM.

Everyone using these campgrounds shall remember that all property and equipment here has been dedicated to God. Please remember this when you use the equipment and facilities.

No one shall move any property from one place to another (including property in the cabins) unless given permission by the Youth Camp Board.

You will, at all time, conduct yourselves in a manner that will bring no reproach upon the name and cause of Christ.

No water guns will be allowed. No container or device shall be used to propel and project any substance upon any person or property. This includes shaving cream, water balloons, paint, etc. Anyone who violates the rule WILL PAY FOR ANY DAMAGES DONE AND WILL BE REQUIRED TO CLEAN UP THE MESS!

There shall not be allowed in the cabins such things as: Radio, Stereo, Tape Player, Television or other instruments to receive or reproduce voice or musical communications. (Musical instruments may be accepted, but must first be approved by the Camp Board).

No mixed swimming will be allowed. Bathing suits will be worn INSIDE THE POOL FENCED AREA ONLY! Bathrobes must be worn to and from the pool. No one will be allowed in the swimming pool any time without a qualified life guard on duty. (THIS INCLUDES ALL CAMPERS, SPONSORS AND WORKERS).

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INSURANCE STATEMENT:

No one shall leave the campgrounds, after being registered, WITHOUT FIRST NOTIFYING ONE OF THE CAMP BOARD MEMBERS, AND AFTER SIGNING A CAMP VERIFICATION FORM.

PROGRAM FOR THE 1990 SESSION OF THE MISSOURI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH ENCAMPMENT

TO BE HELD

June 17 through June 29
July 29 through August 10

ASSOCIATIONS IN GROUP ONE

Greater Kansas City
Northwest Missouri
South Central
St. Louis
St. Francois
Mission District
Central Western Missouri
South East

Teens: June 17 Through June 22
Pre-Teens: July 29 Through August 3

ASSOCIATIONS IN GROUP TWO

Greater Springfield
Northeastern Missouri
Liberty
Indian Creek
Bootheel District
Cave Springs
Nangua
Laclede District

Teens: June 24, Through June 29
Pre-Teens: August 5, Through August 10

MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP

HCR - 83, BOX 22
NANGUA, MISSOURI
417-473-6444

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

The Youth Campgrounds and the equipment thereon has been dedicated to the Lord for use in His service. You have elected your Youth Camp Board to act as servants of God's property. Therefore we will STRICTLY enforce the following rules:

- (1) No one shall disfigure, deface, destroy, or otherwise diversify any of the property or equipment located on the campground. The Youth Camp Board will require any person who violates this rule to pay for all damages.
- (2) No one shall bring tobacco, narcotics, or alcoholic beverages on the campgrounds. Those who do so may be expelled from the camp and refused further privileges.
- (3) No profanity shall be tolerated BY ANYONE AT ANY TIME!
- (4) When no campers are present the camp property is protected by guard dogs. WARNING! The Youth Camp will not be responsible for accidents or injury to anyone who is on the premises without authorization!

- (5) The dress code will be as follows: GIRLS,

- A. Dresses or skirts shall not be shorter than knee length.
- B. Wide and narrow leg garments are not to be shorter than knee length (SHORTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED, PLEASE DON'T BRING THEM).

BOYS,

- A. Pants are to be worn full length.
- B. Shirts are to be full length and covering shoulders (NO FISH NET, TANKTOPS, ETC.).

SWEAT PANTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR BOYS OR GIRLS.

WE SUGGEST ALL GARMENTS WORN AT CAMP BE LOOSE FITTING.

PLEASE BRING ONLY WEARING APPAREL THAT IS ACCEPTABLE BY THE ABOVE STANDARDS.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS, PLEASE NOTE!

- (1). All workers at the camp will work under the supervision of the Youth Camp Board.
- (2). The list of safety rules given by playground supervisor must be observed.
- (3). Attendance at all classes WILL BE REQUIRED, unless excused by the General Camp Director.
- (4). No one will be on the playground until the call for PLEDGE TO THE FLAG, except to go directly from cabins to restrooms and directly return.
- (5). Everyone is required to sign an agreement that they will fully obey all rules governing the camp. EVERYONE WILL BE EXPECTED TO ABIDE BY THEIR PROMISE!
- (6). No one under the age of (Twenty) shall serve as sponsor.
- (7). Each church sending campers shall have, at least, one sponsor for the boys and one sponsor for the girls. No campers shall be registered or assigned to a cabin, by the registrar, without a sponsor!
- (8). All campers and all workers and sponsors are required to attend the Evening Worship Service, unless excused by the Camp Director, Due To Sickness. (THIS MEANS EVERYONE!)
- (9). Due to State Health Regulations, no unauthorized people will be allowed in the kitchen area.
- (10). No special menus (diet, etc.) will be prepared by the camp cooks. (Please Don't Ask).
- (11). The First Aid Center will be closed from 9:00 - 12:00 each morning. In case of emergency, contact the General Director or one of the Youth Camp Board Members.
- (12). Pre-registration will be required by all campers. This year the registration forms and brochures are being published in the Gem. Please take a copy and if needed, make sufficient copies for all campers and workers in your church. We are hoping this method will work better than trying to mail copies to each church.
- (13). An EMERGENCY MEDICAL STATEMENT ON THE REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, BEFORE A CHILD CAN BE ADMITTED TO CAMP.

PLEASE NOTE: The Schedule on the following page is to be followed by (all) unless altered by the Youth Camp Board.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE ONLY

2:00	p.m.	Registration
5:15	p.m.	Evening Meal
7:30	p.m.	Get Ready Time
8:00	p.m.	Worship
9:30	9:30	Free Period
9:30 - 10:00	p.m.	Cabin Devotion
10:00	p.m.	LIGHTS OUT
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THE DAILY SCHEDULE

7:00 - 7:30	a.m.	Rise & Shine
7:30 - 7:45	a.m.	Salute The Flag
7:45 - 8:30	a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:00	a.m.	Workers Meeting
8:00 - 9:30	a.m.	Morning Devotion
9:35 - 10:15	a.m.	Class One
10:15 - 10:45	a.m.	Recess Break
10:45 - 11:30	a.m.	Class Two
11:30 - 12:00	noon	Announcements
12:00 - 1:00	p.m.	Lunch
1:00 - 2:30	p.m.	Girls Swimming
2:30 - 3:30	p.m.	Womens Swimming
3:30 - 5:00	p.m.	Boys Swimming
5:00 - 6:00	p.m.	Mens Swimming

4:00 - 5:15	p.m.	Supervised Play
5:15 - 5:45	p.m.	Evening Meal
5:45 - 6:45	p.m.	Supervised Play
6:45 - 7:15	p.m.	Get Ready Time
7:15 -	p.m.	Worship
9:30 - 10:00	p.m.	Free Period
10:00 -	p.m.	Cabin Devotion
	p.m.	Lights Out

SCHEDULE FOR CRAFT CENTER

Pre Camper Age	(a.m.)	10:10 - 10:30
Boys	-----	1:00 - 2:00
Adults (Tote & Regular)	2:00 - 3:00	
Girls	-----	3:00 - 5:00
(Check With Craft Director For Prices)		

SUNDAY THRU THURSDAY, TEENS ONLY

9:30 - 10:30	p.m.	Late Night Activity
10:30 - 11:00	p.m.	Cabin Devotion
11:00 -	p.m.	Lights Out
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SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY ONLY

7:00 - 8:00	a.m.	Rise & Shine
		(Pack-up, Load-up, Clean-up cabins)
8:00 - 8:00	a.m.	Worship
9:00 - 9:15	a.m.	Announcements
9:15 -	a.m.	Brunch & Departure
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Missouri State Free Will Baptist
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY RETREAT
August 24-25, 1990
Stonecroft Conference Center (near Branson, MO)

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
For those not staying at the Conference Center

List the ladies attending the retreat, but providing their own accommodations. Check which meals they will be eating at Stonecroft. The cost for registration and all meals will be \$21.75.

1/Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____
Church _____ \$ _____ Total
____ Registration Fee \$8.00 ____ Friday Dinner \$6.35
____ Saturday Breakfast \$3.15 ____ Saturday Lunch \$4.25

2/Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____
Church _____ \$ _____ Total
____ Registration Fee \$8.00 ____ Friday Dinner \$6.35
____ Saturday Breakfast \$3.15 ____ Saturday Lunch \$4.25

3/Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____
Church _____ \$ _____ Total
____ Registration Fee \$8.00 ____ Friday Dinner \$6.35
____ Saturday Breakfast \$3.15 ____ Saturday Lunch \$4.25

4/Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____
Church _____ \$ _____ Total
____ Registration Fee \$8.00 ____ Friday Dinner \$6.35
____ Saturday Breakfast \$3.15 ____ Saturday Lunch \$4.25

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY (no cash please). **THERE ARE NO REFUNDS!**
PLEASE SEND A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE WITH THIS FORM TO: Shirley Jackson, 13 Highland Drive, St.
Charles, MO 63303. Telephone: 314-946-1754.



Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

You have a new pastor. You have been told to ask God to help you love him. You must work with him — the future of your church depends on it. Your church can't afford a split. You don't want the attendance to go down. You can't accept a loss of membership. What are some things you can do to help the new pastor, and therefore help the church?

First, invite him over to your house, and more than once. Imagine for a moment this scenario. A church calls a new pastor. He moves in to the parsonage. What happens? After the third month he is alone. No one ever has him over for a meal. No one ever takes him and his family out for dessert. He is ignored. The only friends he has are in the church, and they don't have anything to do with him. He dies of loneliness. His family is isolated. In my opinion, it is a crime what churches do to their pastors.

Second, appreciate him. He visits (or should) the congregation. He is there when you need him. Funerals, weddings, receptions, baby dedications, baptisms, graduations, family reunions are all events that call for the presence of the pastor. Tell him you enjoyed and appreciated his sermon. Listen as he teaches. Tell your friends about your pastor. Brag on him — above all, pray for him!

Third, defend him. Preachers are a favorite target of everyone. Defend your pastor — he deserves it. Cooperate with him. Hear him out. Don't be afraid to discuss your differences with him. He is a man of God. Men of God can accept differences of opinion. They will honor your disagreements. Be sure you can accept his differences also. Remember, this is a two-way street. Don't expect of him what you are not willing to give.

Firman Skaggs, a precious saint at the Farmington church, told me when I tried out as pastor at that church, "You will be the leader and the church will follow." He was right. For twelve years that church followed and great things happened. However, I do believe I spent time earning this leadership role. But the church who checks out the references of a man, calls a man to do a particular job, allows him to use his skills, supports him, prays for him and loves him, will see good things happen at the church.

There is no reason why any pastor should have a church go down in attendance when he assumes the leadership. "Be as wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." You can do it, preacher. Church, you can do what is necessary to help your pastor. The results will be a surprise to a lot of people.

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

It had been a beautiful sunny day, but I hadn't noticed. Deep thoughts had lain heavy on my mind since the night before. That was when Mary* had approached my wife and me about talking to her husband, John*.

Like many couples we knew in their late twenties, Mary attended church faithfully. But, John? Well, he just didn't have any church interest. Not only was John disinterested, he was known to express a violent temper at times. Add to these two factors his six foot plus height and two hundred pound frame. All in all, it did not add up to what I expected to be a very pleasant evening.

But ready or not, evening did come. And with it the appointment promised to Mary. We drove into the country and found the mobile home near the main highway without incident. When we were invited in by Mary, it was obvious she had mixed feelings of gladness and apprehension.

They had just finished their evening meal and John was watching television. I broke every rule I had been taught in how to share your faith. The conversation rambled on for an hour about nothing in particular. Then finally in desperation

and with much prayer, I asked John about his spiritual need.

To my surprise and delight he did seem interested.

"I've given that some thought," he said.

A glance toward Mary revealed a prayer escaping from her quivering lips.

I continued, "Has anyone ever shown you from the Bible how those needs can be met?"

With John's "No" and my quick "Could I show you?" we were into the Scriptures.

In what seems now a very short time, we were all kneeling at the couch and John was asking Christ to be his Savior.

Before I knew what hit me I was in John's bear hug. I thought my lungs would cease to function. And I heard John, through his sobbing, exclaim, "Why did you take so long to get down to business?"

Reaching our car, my wife and I could still hear happy sounds in the mobile home behind us. We exchanged grateful smiles as we drove through the star-studded night.

It was a beautiful night. And I had noticed.

* Names have been substituted.

The Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

Who's Stealing America's Youth?

Part 4 of 4

It has divided young people and adults for more than thirty years. Though the reasons for disagreement vary, the issue remains the same — rock music.

(Before young people toss down this article thinking I am planning to preach at them about their choice of music, let me say that I have no intention of doing that. I simply want them to examine the rock music world and see if it really is right for their personal beliefs.)

Young people listen to **almost** as much rock music during their junior high and high school years as they spend in school — DURING TWELVE YEARS!!! With all of this influence, it is inevitable that some of the words of a song will have an impact on a teen's life, or that the lifestyle a certain performer (with whom the teen has spent most of his adolescent years) chooses to lead, will soon be compromised in even the most devoted Christian youth's eyes.

I am addressing our Christian young people and their leaders (leaders at home, church, etc.) because rock music is not a problem found exclusively in the teenagers of
(continued on back cover)

Jim Williams Newsletter

Post Office Box 578
Carthage, Missouri 64836
March, 1990

Dear Supporters:

February was a good month for our mission church in Carthage. Since my last newsletter we have had 4 adults saved and 2 rededications from an unchurched family. This is possible only because of those who support this ministry.

We have set a goal for Roll Call Sunday of 150! Sounds like a high number, but we know it is possible... all things are possible with our God.

In February we averaged an attendance of 74 in Sunday School, 85 in Morning Worship, 47 for Sunday Evening and 33 in Mid-Week Hour of Power and Prayer. You can see from these numbers how God is blessing.

My account is still in the red \$2,172.36. I ask you to please continue to support us financially so I won't have to leave a growing work to raise more support. Our mission is currently paying \$500.00 per month of my salary, and have plans to increase that amount by summer. We need your continued financial support just a while longer until the church can become fully self supporting.

We have had some response to our "Marching To Victory" campaign that I wrote to you about, but still haven't had the response we expected. I'll give you a full report as soon as all the cards are in. If you can help in these financial needs, please send them to either the National Home Missions or to Rev. Dale Skiles and earmark it for either "salary" or "building" for Carthage.

God bless you for all you do.

In His Service,
Jim Williams

The Beauty of Biology

by Pam Hudson

Does the Bible teach that there was a universal flood in the time of Noah? Yes, I believe it does, and notice one thing that would give evidence of it.

The Ark that God instructed Noah to build was the greatest structure ever built to float upon the waters at that point in history. It was not until

the late 19th century that metal ocean-going vessels were constructed.

Assuming the minimum length of the cubit (18 inches), the Ark had a capacity of nearly 1,400,000 cubic feet. It was so huge that 552 modern railroad box cars could be fitted inside. And, since two each of all air-breathing creatures in the world today could be comfortably carried in 150 box cars, there was plenty of room in Noah's Ark for the creatures, their food, and Noah's family.

The enormous size of this Ark settles the question of whether the Flood was universal. Such a large structure would not have been necessary for a localized flood situation. Noah, his family, and the creatures could have migrated to another area that was unaffected by the Flood. When God gave the command to build the Ark, He knew that there would be no escape from the Flood, except in the Ark. Genesis 7:19, "And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered." Genesis 7:23, "And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things and the fowl of the heaven; they were destroyed from the earth; and Noah only remained alive and they that were with him in the ark."

Thank God that we have an Ark of Safety, today — Jesus!

In Memory

Charlotte Elizabeth McClure passed from this life on January 19, 1990, at the age of 77, after an illness. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, John F.; a son, John R. of Saltillo, Mexico; three daughters, Betty Christensen, Grandview, Wash., Dorothy Vanderpool, Branson, and Shirley Davis, Monett; 13 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren. She had been a member of Merl's Chapel Church, Cassville, since 1949.

CHARLOTTE MCCLURE

by
A FRIEND

There's a wise saying that states that one way of doing a great thing is by doing a little, day-by-day. Somehow, this thought is in many ways reflective of Charlotte's life. There were no earth-shattering events that

large numbers of people will recall; yet in a quiet way she changed the course of events in the lives of those she touched. We honor and remember her for her strong faith in God, in others, and in herself.

She possessed a special kind of generosity, first in attitude, then of herself, as well as in the sharing of material possessions. She was an "encourager," as well as a model of morals and ethics for her children, her family, her neighbors, and even the community at large. Her convictions led her to stand firm in the face of changing conditions and fluctuating values. But her strongest witness was her lifelong devotion to her church and to its work.

She was known to us as a hard worker. In her life there was no waste of time or material. Her special interest in children led her to serve for many years as a 4-H leader in the community and as a Sunday School teacher for nearly 40 years. Her sense of responsibility to drop a note or card, usually with a pertinent Scripture enclosed, to the sick, troubled, bereaved, or the lost was especially keen. Her lifelong interest in the missionary field certainly must have influenced her son John, now serving in Mexico, to his calling. Over the years she corresponded with many missionaries through her work in the Ladies Auxiliary, and served as an encouragement to them. She was usually the first to welcome a newcomer to the community, bringing her gift of home-baked bread and jam; never leaving until an invitation to come to Merl's Chapel had been given.

As we grieve our loss of a dear friend, let us commit ourselves firmly to the values and principles to be drawn from her example; not neglecting the smaller, less-visible, simpler, day-to-day tasks that make up a life well-lived. Things such as helping when help was needed, saying "No" when "OK" would have been easier, demonstrating concern for the welfare of others, especially their spiritual well-being, inspiring those around us to reach out for the best that is within them, and showing love through duty and a sense of responsibility. That's the kind of life that Charlotte McClure lived. Her example challenges each and every one of us to do the same.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Charlotte McClure, as stated in this Eulogy, was a very fine dedicated Christian. She will be remembered as a faithful and committed worker for the Lord.

Free Will Baptist National Convention To Meet In Phoenix

The National Association of Free Will Baptists meets in Phoenix, Arizona, July 15-19 for its 54th annual session. Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington says he expects more than 4,000 delegates and visitors from 40 states at Phoenix Civic Plaza for the five-day meeting. For the first time since the National Association organized in 1935, Arizona's 350 members and eight churches will host the national convention.

The Hyatt Regency Phoenix will serve as headquarters hotel for the national convention and the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. The National Youth Conference will be headquartered in the Sheraton Phoenix.

The 1990 convention theme is "Growing for God's Glory." Five ministers will deliver major addresses. The speakers include Pastor Kenneth Walker (Ashland, KY), Pastor J.B. Varney (Taylor, MI), Arkansas Promotional Director David Joslin, Hillsdale College President Jim Shepherd (Moore, OK), and Pastor Larry Powell

(Nashville, TN).

Meeting simultaneously with the National Association are the 23rd National Youth Conference with an expected 1,500 registrants and the 55th annual Woman's National Auxiliary Convention with more than 1,000 women anticipated. Dr. Kenneth Eagleton, medical missionary to Africa's Cote d'Ivoire, will keynote WNAC's missionary service. North Carolina educator and retreat speaker Rudene Kennedy will speak at the Tuesday WNAC Fellowship Dinner. Evangelist Tim York (Louisia, KY) and Pastor Jonathan Yandell (Garden Grove, CA) will lead NYC worship sessions.

The four-day National Youth Conference which includes Bible competitive activities as well as a Music and Arts Festival will rally around the conference theme, "Missions — Lighting a Darkened World."

The 1990 Woman's National Auxiliary Convention theme is "The Great Invitation." The July 16-17 convention will meet in Phoenix Civic Plaza.

PRAY FOR

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION
YOUTH CAMP SESSIONS
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



I Thessalonians 5:17
"Pray without ceasing."

In the last article, I mentioned I would be sharing some things that needed revived in our lives and churches; a spiritual re-stocking of empty shelves that have been depleted because of busy-ness, discouragement, or other reasons. I may not list them in order of importance, but hopefully I will touch on the things most visible to me.

Paul exhorted these people to 'pray without ceasing,' and that is most needful today, I might add. Someone has said that, "Prayer resists the power of Satan, releases the power of God, and reclaims the power of man." If this is true, and I believe it is, our desire should be to 'pray without ceasing.'

In II Chronicles 7:14, which is a text most often quoted concerning revival, prayer is the key to forgiveness and the healing of our land. If we were to look at the inner chambers of our heart, would we find an empty shelf on the aisle marked prayer? Has there been a depletion of our desire to pray?

Serving God is a two-way street. When we read the Bible, God speaks to us. When we pray, we speak to God.

There are two brands of prayer that should be re-stocked in our lives. One is private prayer and the other is corporate prayer.

Many books have been written and many songs have been sung prayer. May we sing "Teach me to pray" and really mean it.

Incidentally, this item of prayer is usually on the top shelf, and sometimes we have to reach for it.

Pre-Registration Form

for
National Association of Free Will Baptists
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
National Youth Conference
Phoenix, AZ / July 15 - 19, 1990

Name: LAST FIRST MIDDLE Phone #: / -
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Church: _____ City: _____
Hotel (if known): _____

Register Me for the Following: _____ National Association
(You may register for more than one) _____ WNAC
_____ NYC

Mail completed form(s) by June 30, 1990 to
Convention Registration
P.O. Box 1088
Nashville, TN 37202

If Registering for the **National Association**, please complete the following information:

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION:
(Check only one of the following):
MINISTER: _____ Ordained _____ Licensed (I certify that I am a member in good standing with the above named church and association which belong to the National Association.)

MISSIONARY: _____ Foreign (Country) _____
Home (State) _____

DELEGATE: _____ Ordained Deacon _____
State _____
Local Church (\$10.00) _____
National Board Member _____
National Officer _____

VISITOR: _____

Banquet Tickets: (please indicate quantity)
_____ Music Ministries Breakfast (\$6.00)
_____ Hillsdale FWB College Luncheon (\$9.50)
_____ FWBBC Alumni Luncheon (\$10.50)
_____ Master's Men Dinner (\$12.50)

If Registering for **WNAC**, please complete the following information:

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION:
(Check only one of the following):
DELEGATE: _____ State _____
Local (\$3.00) _____
District _____
WNAC Officer _____

VISITOR: _____

Banquet Tickets: (please indicate quantity)
_____ WNAC Fellowship Dinner (\$14.00)

If Registering for the **National Youth Conference**, please complete the following information:

Name called by: _____ Grade just completed: _____ Sex: _____ Birthdate: _____ / /
Parent's (or Guardian's) Name: _____

Youth Leader's Name: _____

CHECK ONE: _____
_____ \$7.50 (Individual)
_____ \$7.00 Family Plan A
_____ \$6.50 Family Plan B
_____ \$6.00 Family Plan C
_____ \$8.00 (after June 30)

Banquet Tickets: (please indicate quantity)
_____ Children's Banquet (grades 1-6) (\$7.50)
_____ Youth Banquet (grades 7 & up) (\$12.00)
_____ Youth Workers Breakfast (\$7.50)

Are you participating in NYC competition this year? ☐ yes ☐ no

Financial Information

MARCH 1990 COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board	\$ 5,230.57
17.50% Exec. Off. & Gem.	4,947.85
3.50% General Fund	989.57
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	2,403.24
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.	706.84
2.50% C.E. Board	706.84
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board	706.84
5.00% Mo. State Retirement Program	1,413.67
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	8,623.39
Foreign Missions Board	
National Home Missions Board	
Same Allocation:	
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% Calif. Christian College	
9.00% State Office & Bookstore Bldg.	2,544.61
Total	\$28,273.42

We thank God for His blessings on the faithful churches that are so consistent in supporting this united plan of support. We are blessed beyond measure, for which we are thankful!

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%.

MARCH 1990 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE

Lebanon	\$ 372.62
Springfield, First	554.05
Potosi	56.60
Hopewell	133.00
Willow Springs	203.43
Sedalia	110.51
Fredericktown	473.04
Hartville	320.28
Royal Oak	76.00
Victory, Alton	127.00
Hazel Creek	408.88
Merl's Chapel	187.00
Thayer	382.00
Hannon	377.48
Hurryville	158.36
Columbia	75.00
Columbia	75.00
Rock Chapel	316.90
Mine La Motte	44.44
Liberty	247.00
Crossroads	50.00
Cope	28.65
Bethel, El Dorado	42.62
New Harmony	16.16
Rolla	56.20
Mt. Zion, Gower	50.00
Berean	12.29
Bailey Chapel	55.00
Unity	226.92
Houston	284.90
Heritage, Poplar Bluff	70.18
Stockton	86.70
Hannibal	41.34
New Hope, Fredericktown	22.96
Berkeley	903.38
Happy Home	68.71
Black Oak	192.97
Belton	308.17
Mountain Grove	785.18
Pleasant Ridge	77.00
South Fremont	285.00
Lone Star	32.50
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Riverview, IA	287.25
Friendship	198.12
Bethel, Festus	408.00
Flat River, First	457.40

Terrill Road	86.98
Freeman Chapel	173.39
New Life Fellowship	375.86
Eastern Gate	217.73
Joplin	370.31
United, W.P.	677.50
Leadington	380.00
Harmony	310.00
Trinity	787.43
Central	567.93
Oak Hill, Union	361.70
Viburnum	175.05
Cabool	356.50
Mt. Pisgah	168.00
Cuba	259.40
Cuba	278.70
Kirkville	11.82
West Plains	439.00
DeSoto	740.00
Farmington	1,687.92
Monett	441.38
Copper Mines	236.51
Parkview	349.00
Berkeley	285.52
New Rock Springs	81.00
Carthage	100.00
Overland	125.86
Victory Hill	76.10
Marshfield	170.93
Koshkonong	97.90
Myrtle	324.57
Verdella	172.13
Wolf Creek	210.02
Pleasant Hill	44.92
Pleasant Home	197.72
Unity	242.34
Calvary Chapel	98.31
Fourth	193.00
Grace	500.00
Byrd	60.00
Chapel of the Ozarks	130.33
Neosho	71.25
Faith & Hope	39.44
Iwin Oak	755.12
Boothel Dist. Assn.	15.00
New Life, Licking	168.00
New Harmony	16.03
Number One	36.82
Macedonia	20.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	79.70
Merl's Chapel	260.00
Victory, K.C.	861.84
Harmony	373.00
South Fremont	305.00
Kingsway	230.23
Mt. Zion, Thayer	45.10
Grant Avenue	623.01
Mt. Zion, Gower	45.50
Tyrone	52.44
Willow Springs	190.14
Fredericktown	464.87
Viburnum	183.22
Monett	523.56
Cape Girardeau	558.20
Total	\$28,273.42

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Lebanon	\$ 75.00
O'Fallon	20.00
Willow Springs	20.00
South Side	200.00
Sedalia	324.01
Merl's Chapel	400.00
Thayer	54.44
Brent Thompson	25.00
Hannon	452.48
Rock Chapel	169.00
Columbia	57.98
Bethel, El Dorado	76.36
Stockton	66.35
New Harmony	160.98
Blue Springs	55.00
Houston	93.02
Berkeley	185.00
Carl Layman	10.00
Belton	25.00
South East Dist.	50.00
Mountain Grove	141.53
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
John Schebaum	125.00
South Fremont	150.00
Calvary Fellowship	818.32
Bethel, Festus	85.00
Flat River, First	91.48

Freeman Chapel	312.52
New Life Fellowship	20.00
Parkview Mission Group	100.00
Joplin	35.00
United, W.P.	70.25
Leadington	235.00
Trinity	123.11
Central	257.50
Viburnum	137.00
Mt. Pisgah	200.00
Oak Grove	75.00
Kirkville	25.00
West Plains	5.00
DeSoto	300.00
Farmington	275.00
Martinstown	100.00
Parkview	212.74
Carthage	50.00
Marshfield	20.00
Myrtle	100.00
Verdella	379.75
Pleasant Home	39.77
Fourth	70.00
Grace	20.50
New Testament	77.50
Neosho	160.00
Faith & Hope	31.25
Victory, K.C.	403.10
Grant Avenue	304.70
Niangua	48.00
Monett	1,204.34
Total	\$9,352.98

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Lebanon	\$ 10.00
Thayer	207.00
Hannon	5.00
Rock Chapel	155.93
Columbia	47.97
Blue Springs	15.00
Houston Children's Church	30.71
Berkeley	45.00
South East Dist.	50.00
Mountain Grove	15.00
South Fremont	4.00
Bethel, Festus	25.00
New Life Fellowship	20.00
Parkview Mission Group	20.00
Joplin	15.00
United	45.00
Leadington	115.00
Trinity	10.00
Central	134.50
Viburnum	53.00
Mt. Pisgah	75.00
Kirkville	5.00
F. Clayton	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
West Plains	2.00
DeSoto	200.00
Farmington	115.33
Monett	15.00
Parkview	58.00
Carthage	2.00
Myrtle	130.00
Verdella	15.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Pleasant Home	20.00
New Testament	30.00
Neosho	10.00
Faith & Hope	31.25
Bob Keith	10.00
Victory, K.C.	30.00
Grant Avenue	71.00
Monett	30.00
Total	\$2,052.69

JOHN MCCLURE ACCOUNT

Thayer	\$ 12.00
Berkeley	40.00
Joplin	10.00
Central	10.00
Farmington	20.00
Monett	25.00
Verdella	10.00
Grace	30.00
Victory, K.C.	15.00
Total	\$172.00

MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

Lebanon	\$ 15.00
O'Fallon	55.00
South Side	35.00
Thayer	35.00
Hannon	188.74

Columbia	70.00
New Harmony	160.97
Berkeley	40.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
Belton	25.00
Mountain Grove	7.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
South Fremont	120.00
Calvary Fellowship	118.82
Bethel, Festus	40.00
Macedonia	70.00
Flat River, First	101.48
Joplin	10.00
United	60.25
Leadington	85.00
Trinity	50.00
Central	10.00
Viburnum	13.00
West Plains, First	194.00
DeSoto	50.00
Farmington	75.00
Monett	106.00
Esther Bates	5.00
Parkview	5.00
Carthage	5.00
Marshfield	37.09
Myrtle	53.50
Pleasant Home	49.63
Fourth	30.00
New Testament	10.00
Kirkville	5.00
Victory, K.C.	50.00
Grant Avenue	222.30
Total	\$2,292.78

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 30.00
Hannon	50.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Central	24.00
Farmington	84.58
Victory, K.C.	152.18
Grant Avenue	155.87
Total	\$532.38

YOUTH CAMP

Willow Springs	\$ 20.00
Hartville	10.00
Thayer	30.00
Hannon	15.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Mountain Grove	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Bethel, Festus	25.00
Parkview	10.00
Leadington	20.00
Trinity	14.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
DeSoto	50.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Myrtle	33.50
Verdella	10.00

Total \$371.50

FWBCC

Thayer	\$ 25.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Central	24.00
DeSoto	35.00
Farmington	175.00
Grant Avenue	50.00
Freeman Chapel	50.00
Parkview	10.00
Leadington	20.00
Total	\$424.75

GIFTS TO MILLARD SASSER — TO CALIF. ASSN. HOME MISSIONS

Trinity	\$ 75.00
South Fremont	25.00
Lebanon	5.00
Flat River, First	10.00
Grant Avenue	2.00
Total	\$117.00

the world. It is common for our Christian teens as well, for a variety of reasons. Of course, all teenagers feel a great desire **and** a lot of pressure to "fit in" and not be different in the least. Very few have the desire or the courage to not "go along with the crowd." Another reason is that few Christian teens feel the challenge to be set apart from the world.

I feel that very few teens would actually **say** some of the things that are sung in the lyrics of some of the top songs today, nor would they want to hang around with the type of person who is often idolized as a rock star. However, it is often easy to justify a person's actions, if they are of star status, and forget that these people have a soul also and will be judged according to their actions as well as everyone else. As far as lyrics, it is often easy to hear something so often that one never notices what the message really is.

Examine a song's lyrics — would God be pleased hearing you say something like that? Does He receive the glory? If not, who or what is? Check into a musician's lifestyle. Is he a positive influence on young people or does he mock all the standards set to encourage them? Challenge yourself to holiness and pray for God's direction — Could God be using you more effectively if you could rid yourself of rock music? Is He pleased with your choice of music and the way you act when you listen to it? Check into Christian music and see if you could use it as a positive alternative to secular music.

This is a personal decision between you and God. Rock music, itself, will not send you to Hell; it's merely something that Satan uses to begin tearing into your life and trying to ruin your testimony. It can keep you from obtaining a close walk with God. We do want a good testimony for Jesus, don't we?

*I highly recommend Eric Barger's book **From Rock to Rock**. Barger was formerly a rock musician who turned his life over to God and wrote about the truth behind the rock music scene. He includes a rating system of singers and bands, plus a personality profile on several rock performers. His attitude is very impressive. He insists that Christians need to lay aside our judgments and prejudices and pray for rock musicians to find the Lord and use their influence for God.

Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

One of the greatest challenges that parents face is that of building and molding good character traits in their children. This is something that can not and should not be done by schools or left to the church. It is a function which parents should perform. But there is growing concern by many that parents are not taking this responsibility, and therefore, good character formation is at a critical low in America.

Listed below are some necessary elements of character building in the home . . .

1. **OBEDIENCE, THE FOUNDATION OF CHARACTER:** Our children should be taught to obey proper authorities. This trait is truly developed in the parent/child relationship. Parents should not allow their children to argue with them. Children argue because they know they may eventually wear us down and get their way. A parent must decide what is best for the child and then stick with it. This training must begin at an early age for maximum benefit.

2. **CHILDREN SHOULD BE TAUGHT TO WORK.** This builds an essential part of Christian character. Children should be given chores appropriate to their age levels. They should be expected to do these chores, even though at times it would be much easier for parents to do them, rather than hastling them to do so. They should also suffer consequences for not completing work assignments. **EXAMPLE:** "You chose not to clean your room, so you have also chosen to stay home on Friday evening."

3. **CHILDREN MUST BE TAUGHT COURTESY IN THE HOME.** This

begins with PLEASE and THANK YOU. The point was emphasized last week at a popcorn and movie party I sponsored at school. There were over 200 children in attendance, but I received only ONE "thank you" from that entire group. The party was EXPECTED by them, rather than APPRECIATED. Courtesy and good manners almost seem to be a thing of the past.

4. **THE ART OF LIVING PEACEABLY WITH OTHERS:** Children must be taught to respect one another's possessions and person. Some hold the belief that "what's mine is mine and what's thine is mine." I'm shocked at the number of students who help themselves to pencils, pens, paper, etc., from my desk at school, without asking my permission.

Children should be taught to share. The ME FIRST generation really has great difficulty with this. It is easy to share as long as it is convenient, but what if it requires some sacrifices???

Another key area of living peaceably is the ability to say three simple words, i.e., "I AM SORRY," or perhaps, "Please forgive me." Children need to be taught to forgive and to ask forgiveness for a wrong. (Adults need to practice this, too!) If this trait is worked on as a child, it will not be so difficult to practice as an adult.

Character is not built in a day. It is a day by day, week by week process. Parents should work as SANDPAPER, smoothing out those rough areas in their child's character. The process starts at birth and proceeds through adulthood. It is not easy, but it is well worth our efforts and our perseverance.

SUGGESTED READING:

"Character Building Blocks," by John R. Rice
"The Marriage Affair," by J. Allan Peterson

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