

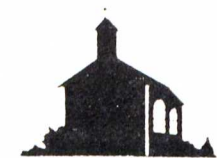
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*... he that doeth truth
cometh to the light, ...*

St. John 3:21



Reports from the Churches



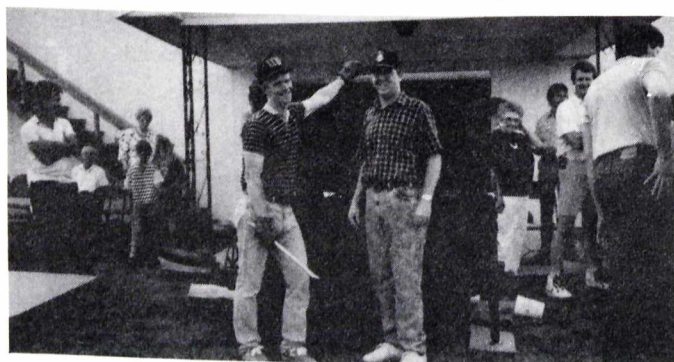
Calvary Chapel Church

CALVARY CHAPEL PLANS 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION — On Sunday, October 28, 1990, Calvary Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Buffalo, Missouri, will be celebrating its 10th anniversary.

Pastor Doug Earls writes, This day will be a 'Homecoming' for our members, friends, family and past pastors. Also, the new auditorium will be dedicated to the Lord on this special Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend this service.

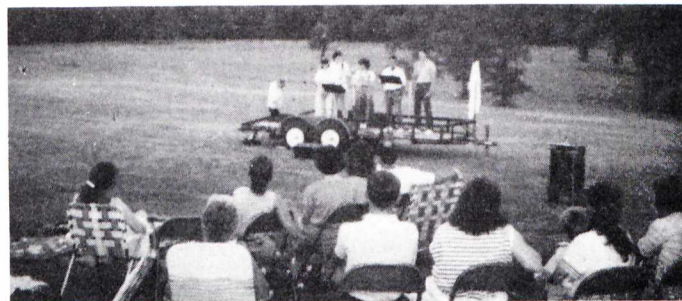
The Morning Worship Service, which begins at 10:30, will include special singing, testimonies, and Steve Grant, newscaster for KY 3 Springfield, who will deliver the morning message. Brother Grant was a special guest of Calvary Chapel when it was a Mission Church. Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the Morning Worship.

The Calvary Chapel Church has had a special service on the 4th of July for the past two years. Pastor Earls states, "The church has found that one of the most effective ways to involve the community is in a 4th of July Celebration."



Roasting the Pig — the Pastor and Dale Lane

The activities begin with a 'pig roast,' followed by an outdoor gospel singing, and closing with a fireworks display. The special singers were Betsy Earls (wife of pastor), Tina Burk, Betsy's sister, Steve Wills and Doug Livingston.



The Special Singers

"We began our annual God and Country and Church celebration to let the community know that we care and that we are thankful to be an American, a community member, and above all a Christian," states Rev. Earls. The success of this activity has been better than that which we anticipated. The attendance doubled this year with approximately 250 enjoying the Christ-centered activity.

The pastor continues, "This could not be done without the loving support of our membership. However, I can't think of anything worthwhile that is accomplished without dedicated and caring Christians."

100TH ANNIVERSARY AT NEW HARMONY CHURCH — On Sunday, September 30, 1990, the New Harmony Free Will Baptist Church, near Greentop, Missouri, will be observing its 100th Anniversary.

Mrs. Richard Talbert writes, The Morning Service will include the recognition and remarks by former pastors. There will be special singing by several groups. Rev. Clarence Burton, State Executive Secretary, will be delivering the Morning Message.

Everyone will enjoy a 'carry-in' picnic dinner at the noon hour. Following lunch the Wildwood Quartet will provide much of the singing for the Afternoon Service.

The New Harmony Church extends a cordial welcome to everyone to attend the services for this Special Anniversary Service.

Rev. Archie Cooper is pastor of the church.

SENIOR SAINTS AT LEBANON ENJOY ACTIVITIES — The Senior Saints of First Free Will Baptist Church, Lebanon, are having a wonderful time of fellowship. Brother and Sister Calvin Plummer are responsible for forming this organization. Freeda Griffin, chairperson of entertainment, writes, We owe much to them for 'putting this group together.'

The May meeting, a Fish Fry, was at the home of the Plummers. The Plummers and the Claudie Barbers had caught the fish in Florida. Other members brought the 'fixens' (cornbread, slaw, fried potatoes, baked beans and dessert). Thirty-two members were present. Entertainment was furnished by Rev. Howard and Dianne Anderson.

The June meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall at the church. The entertainment was furnished by Bill Graves and his son, Don. Bill plays the dulcimer and Don plays the guitar. The dulcimer was passed down to Bill by his grandfather, John Mowhee. John was a full-blooded

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Cherokee Indian. He made the dulcimer. Bill used a turkey quill for the pick and a noter. The noter is made of wood and produces a mellower tone than plastic or metal. Bill and Don played and sang old traditional hymns. The Seniors enjoyed the entertainment and joined in singing some of the songs.

The Senior Saints enjoyed a trip for their July meeting. They made a trip to Jefferson City and California, Missouri. The group toured the Governor's Mansion. It is a beautiful old stately building and has served 29 first families, including Lebanon's own Phil Donnelly. It is one of the oldest governor's residences in the United States. In California the group toured Burger's Smoke House. The building with its unusual features and meats is very unique. In the Smoke House the group was shown the art of meat-curing. One of the unusual sites inside the house was five stories of hanging hams. Following some purchases of hams, bacon, ham hock, mustard, summer sausage and cheese, with some sandwiches and soft drinks from the Snack Bar, the group returned to Lebanon. And, the Senior Saints stopped for ice cream on the return trip home.



Hopewell Congregation

HOMECOMING AT HOPEWELL CHURCH — On Sunday, July 22, 1990, the Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church held its annual Homecoming Service.

Included in the Homecoming activities was a concise history of the church by Eva Marie Glor. "The first church at this location was a Union Church building that accommodated various denominations. Brother Willie Rush, Samuel and Hattie Allen, and Levi and Rosa Phipps met together and planned the organization of a Free Will Baptist group. Thirty-six joined the church with twelve joining two weeks later. Rev. Rush was the first pastor. Levi Phipps and Samuel Allen were the first deacons and William Coatney was elected as the treasurer.



Hopewell Singers

"On September 22, 1922, the new church joined the Niangua Association. In May 1942, Rev. Frank Linton, pastor, led the church into the new church building. Since

that time the church has been enlarged and redecorated. Rev. Linton had a long and productive ministry. He served as pastor longer than any other preacher. Brother Linton went home to be with the Lord a few years ago. The present deacons are Noah Barclay, Warren Stidham, Robert Jackson, William Bishop, John Slavens and Keith Cannon. The Church Clerk is Peggy Cannon. The church is in the process of calling a pastor. Rev. Bob Long, the former pastor, resigned in June."



Reverend & Mrs. Ruble

The Homecoming Day activities began with the regular Sunday School and the Morning Worship. Rev. Milan Ruble, a former pastor, delivered a very challenging message. A delicious dinner was served by the ladies of the church.

The Afternoon Service began with the opening prayer by Bob Jackson. Following that the Beginner Class sang, directed by Gayla Button. The History of Hopewell was given by Eva Marie Glor. Then, several special singing groups and musicians sang and played. They were: Gene & Janice McGuire and Kelly Edwards; Carl & Gayla Button; Lebanon First Church Quartet; Howard Miller; Don & Shelly Smith; Hopewell Singers and Musicians; and Mildred Doak.

It was a great day! As someone aid, "It was a spiritual uplift and sweet fellowship."

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES FEBRUARY - JULY 1990

CHURCHES	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
Belton	53	62		52	40	52
Cape Girardeau	69	72			62	51
Central	112	121	108	96	105	100
Copper Mines	72	80	70	64	73	
Cuba	69	75	66	65	74	
DeSoto	179	213		202	195	189
Farmington	352	404	381	361	328	334
Flat River, First		179	151	120	119	126
Hannon	86	102	90	80	81	84
Harmony	74	84	78	69	68	
Hopewell	40	49			42	
Houston	73	73	77	72	77	68
Lebanon, First	93	102	97	82	90	84
Myrtle	34	36	36	37	34	36
O'Fallon	44	40	40	33	38	33
Parkview	64	70	70	60	54	62
Rock Chapel	68	74	72	75	81	66
Springfield, First	123	134	128	125	122	129
Thayer	133		125		116	109
United, West Plains	180	190	203	172	187	
West Plains, First	123	125				
Willow Springs	58		67	65	67	

The above is only a partial listing — there are 170 Free Will Baptist churches in Missouri. Please send the Sunday School average attendance each month, and send those that have been omitted.



Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

How does one rise to become a denominational leader? One, by caring about the denomination and what happens to it; two, by realizing I am not the only boat in the water; three, by realizing I am part of a team.

As a team member, I must have the right attitude toward the other team members and discover my role in team play, and do it.

One, I owe the other team members *respect*. Honestly, sometimes it seems as though we preachers don't respect any other preacher. Our people detest that.

Two, I owe them *protection*. I must protect the image, reputation, ministry, and life of my other team members.

Three, I owe them *cooperation*. What a tragedy that many times we preachers who expect our church members to cooperate with us refuse to cooperate with other preachers, churches, and denominational leaders in fulfilling the great commission.

Four, I owe them *trust*. When I was in high school I played basketball on the varsity team. One night we were playing our toughest rival. There were just a few seconds left in the game and we were one point behind. We had the ball. The coach gave us a play to run. One man was to pass the ball in; I was to break toward the corner; my friend was to pass the ball to me and I was to shoot. Well, everything went according to plan until my friend touched the ball. Instead of passing to me, he shot, missed, and we lost the game. His problem was, he didn't trust me to take the shot. As a minister of the gospel, I owe trust to my fellow pastor.

Fifth, I owe the other team members *honesty*. I ought to be honest with, and to, my fellow ministers.

Sixth, I owe them *integrity* and *fairness*. Really now, I should be fair and square with my fellow pastor.

Seventh, I owe them *commendation*. I ought to talk to them and communicate with them.

If you are going to rise in the denomination, you must realize you are a part of a team.

Report On National Convention

In the three concurrent conventions, National, W.N.A.C. and N.Y.C., 4,372 were registered.

Delegates to the 54th Annual Free Will Baptist National Convention took a giant step of faith in Phoenix, Arizona, when they authorized the Executive Committee to proceed with plans to renovate the National Offices. The 25-year-old office building on Murfreesboro Road in Nashville, Tennessee, currently houses six national agencies - Executive Office, Board of Retirement, Free Will Baptist Foundation, Home Missions Department, Foreign Missions Department and Woman's Auxiliary. Three other agencies - Sunday School and Church Training Department, Randall Bookstore and Master's Men Department moved out several years ago because of inadequate space.

Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington said, "This gives us the flexibility to address present and future needs of the national agencies in light of projected growth." The recommendation to relocate or renovate came from the Management Committee, composed of directors of agencies in the National Office Building.

Delegates stipulated that the relocation or renovation process must be completed with a \$400,000.00 ceiling on a long-term indebtedness. If a new facility is purchased before the present building sells, the short-term debt ceiling cannot exceed \$1.4 million dollars.

The convention delegates adopted an \$11.7 million budget for the following agencies: Foreign Missions, \$4.1 million; Sunday School and Church Training, \$2.6 million; Home Missions, \$2.1 million; Free Will Baptist Bible College, \$1.9 million; Executive Office, \$404,000; Retirement and Insurance, \$298,000; Master's Men, \$111,000; Free Will Baptist Foundation, \$32,700; Radio & TV Commission, \$15,000; Commission for Theological Integrity, \$2,700; Historical Commission, \$2,300; Music Commission, \$1,500.

The delegates resolved, in light of continuing problems in Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast, West Africa) to ask churches, groups, and individuals not to send personnel to foreign mission fields who have not been approved by the Foreign Missions Department.

The delegates resolved disapproval

of the Supreme Court's decision upholding the right to burn the American flag.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A brief summary of the National Convention is for the benefit of those who were not able to attend the convention.

This story is dedicated to my uncle who was struck on the head by a pipe, which left him paralyzed from the chest down.

Accidents Happen

by Gayla Smith

Melinda sat restlessly looking out of her bedroom window. As her eyes scanned the children jumping rope and playing hopscotch at a neighbor's house, she felt tears rising. I'll never be able to do that again, she thought sadly. Her mind floated back to the nightmare that changed her life forever. It had been two years since that windy afternoon when the structure of their new half-built house had collapsed. She had been playing in the sand piles beside the house when the boards gave way, one of them striking her body. The impact had left her paralyzed from the waist down. She had had surgery once, but there was nothing that the doctors could do. The spinal cord had been snapped, and one of her vertebrae had been shattered, sending the broken pieces throughout her body. Now at ten years old, she was confined to a wheelchair, probably for the rest of her life, which meant that she would miss out on the majority of the games that the children play. Her mind came back to the present as she heard her mother calling.

"Hey, Mindy," her mother called, coming into her room, holding a tray. "I just finished baking the last batch of cookies. Do you want some?"

"Are they chocolate chip?" Melinda asked. At her mother's nod she replied, "Well, I guess."

"Only two of them. Supper will be ready in about half an hour and I want you to have a good appetite." She left the room carrying the tray of cookies with her.

Good old mother, Melinda thought. Always making her favorite cookies. Everyone has been so nice to her since the accident.

That night after supper, she went to her bookshelf and picked out her favorite book, *Little Women*. Even though she had already read it about

ten times, it was fun to go back and pick out the good parts and read them again.

The next day, which was Saturday, was a sunny day, so Melinda decided to go outside on the porch and read the rest of the book. She saw two of her friends walking down the street and waved to them, hoping they would see her and wave back. They did. At least I still have my friends after all this time, she reminded herself.

About three weeks before her birthday, Melinda asked her parents if she could have a birthday party. Luckily, they went along with her idea and promised to start mailing invitations.

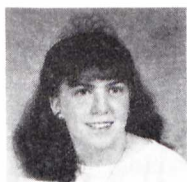
As her birthday drew closer and closer, Melinda started to get excited. She kept asking her mother if the cake would be ready and if all the decorations were bought. Her mother reassured her that everything was fine and told her to calm down and relax.

Finally the day came that had been circled in red on her calendar for weeks. Almost everyone she had invited had shown up except for one girl. Still, the party went on. They had wheelchair races, a pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey game, along with others. When the games were over, the cake was brought out and the children began singing "Happy Birthday to You." Melinda was so excited that when she blew out the candles, she accidentally blurted out her wish, which was to walk again. Deep down she knew that she probably wouldn't ever walk again, but now she had a silly excuse by saying that since she said her birthday wish, it wouldn't come true. When Melinda opened her gifts, she found that one of them was a book called *Suzy*. She decided to read it the next day. After she thanked everyone for the gifts and for coming, she went to bed.

The next day, she began reading *Suzy*. She found out that the girl in the book and herself had a lot in common. For instance, they both needed a wheelchair. A tree had fallen on the girl in the book. She liked how the girl had accepted her problem and went on with her life. That's how I'm going to be, she thought.

The year was moving slowly toward Thanksgiving. The family always had a big turkey with gravy, and mashed potatoes. As a tradition, everyone

told what they were thankful for. When Melinda's turn came, she said with a broad smile, "I'm thankful to be alive." Then she scooped out a plateful of turkey and potatoes and began eating.



Gayla Smith

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article written by Gayla Smith was a winner in the recent N.Y.C. at Phoenix, AZ. This was entered in the Herald Division, Creative Writing, Short Story. Gayla is one of the fine young people at the Mill Creek Church, Mill Creek, MO. The pastor, Rev. Lloyd Durbin, suggested that this be published in the Gem. May the Lord bless Gayla and every one of our precious young people.

Missouri N.Y.C. Winners

Missouri had several winners in the National Youth Conference. They are listed as they appear in the material provided by the National Youth Department.

Bible Competition:

Grade 2, 2nd place, David Mitchener
Grade 3, 1st place, Heath Housley

Bible Sword Drill:

Grade 5, 2nd place, Brian Scott

Instrumental Solo-String (Bowed)

Crusader, 1st place, Diane Walls

Instrumental Solo - Woodwinds

Crusader, 1st place, Nicki Howe

Large Instrumental Ensemble

Any Combination - Handbell Choir,
Mtn. Grove

Oral Communication -

Extemporaneous Speech

Crusader, 1st place, Philip Ledgerwood

Dramatic Selection

Crusader, 1st place, Philip Ledgerwood
Ambassador, 1st place, Betsy McMillian

Oral Communication - Poetry

Learner, 1st place, Randy Stephens
Herald, 1st place, Mitchell Walker

Prose

Adventurer, 1st place,
Anette Henderson

Oral Communication - Skits

Herald, 1st place, JMJ Productions,
Mtn. Grove

Short Story

Herald, 1st place, Gayla Smith

Creative Writing - Song

Ambassador - 1st place, Jeffery Duncan

Creative Arts - Graphics

Learner, 1st place, James Wilson
Ambassador, 1st place, Tammi Brinkoff

Creative Arts - Textile

Ambassador - 1st place, Kelly Shilling

Creative Arts - Photography, Color

Learner, 1st place, Joshua Hill
Crusader, 1st place, Shawn Hill



Looking Out My Parsonage Window

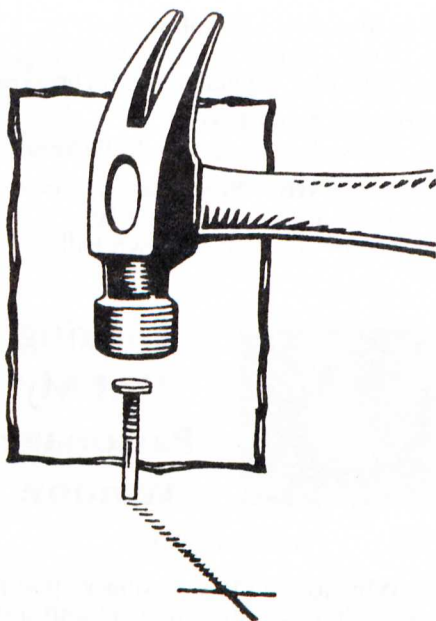
by Ve Ann Tilson

Why join ladies auxiliary, many ask. Isn't it a quilting bee, a band-aid assembly line or a place to find out the latest gossip? No, absolutely not! When I think of auxiliary, two things come to mind: missions and prayer. A true auxiliary is the mission arm of the church. According to Clara Picirilli, the aim is for the mission emphasis to reach around the world, but in doing so not to neglect the mission field in our own "backyard."

The National magazine published by the W.N.A.C. is entitled the *Co-Laborer*. Co - meaning together with, joint; and Laborer - being one who labors, with work characterized by physical exertion. Just think on that definition for a moment. If we as a group of people would labor together through prayer, giving, telling, and would work together with physical exertion, there would be no time for arguments, disagreements and misunderstandings. Instead we would all be working together for one cause: To win others to Christ, at home and around the world.

Since forming our auxiliary at Oak Hill the women have grown in so many areas. Prayer has been the focus of our meetings. We have become concerned for missions and missionaries and have begun to pray and support financially many whom we have never met. A nursing home visitation has been established and also a prayer circle. We've seen prayers answered from not only our church, but from churches all over the world!

Are you striving to make the best use of your time, abilities and possessions for the Lord's work? If not, give your local auxiliary a try... become a "Laborer together with God."



"Build My Church"

**Campaign Launched By
Home Missions Board**
Goal: \$1,000,000 For
Land For Mission Churches

Mission churches in growing metropolitan cities face staggering costs of land. In most major cities, land costs from \$30,000 to \$75,000 per square acre or more. Many cities require a church to have at least 5 acres before a building can be constructed on the property. This forces mission churches to meet in rented facilities for years. If they could just get into a building of their own, the money used to pay for rented facilities would pay for the construction of a church.

The the National Home Missions Board has launched a "Build My Church" Campaign to remedy this desperate situation. The goal of this campaign is to raise one million dollars in gifts to the Church Extension Loan Fund. This money will never be spent, but will always be used in a perpetual fund to build Free Will Baptist mission church buildings. WILL YOU HELP? If so, fill out the slip below, mail to Home Missions, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

"BUILD MY CHURCH" COMMITMENT (Please check commitment you desire to make.)

☐ Gold - \$10,000.00
☐ Silver - \$ 5,000.00
☐ Precious Stones - \$1,000.00

I plan to fulfill my commitment:

☐ Monthly at \$ _____ per month.
☐ One time gift.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____



The Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

A man visited his doctor. After the doctor examined the patient, he announced, "I am sorry to tell you, but your ailment is a terminal illness. I don't know just how long you have left, but live each day carefully — as though it were your last."

The patient became frantic. Instead of changing his lifestyle to make his last days more comfortable (changing his diet, getting more rest, getting proper exercise, strictly following his doctor's guidelines . . .) he spent every waking moment chasing the latest "How To Live Forever" scheme. He visited voo-doo doctors, scientists, and every medical specialist available. Their words became his truths and he followed their empty promises only to find himself more weakened. This inevitably led to an earlier death accompanied by more suffering.

Does it sound silly? A sick, dying man spending his last days searching for a hope - any hope - to extend his days of this life without having to make a change himself? Before we point fingers, let's examine the parallels:

Before salvation in Christ, we all are sick with a terminal illness, sin. Jesus is the only cure, but so many refuse such an inexpensive, painless, and simple cure and opt for their own "pain reliever" - self-righteousness, wants, things of the flesh - which, if left untreated, lead to eternal suffering and death.

Our days on earth are numbered and each day should be lived as if it were our last, giving special attention to making each day count for Jesus. Who do we see about such a cure? There is but One who offers such a plan — He's the Master Physician, Jesus, and no appointment is necessary.

September — Stewardship Month

September 30 is National Ministries Sunday. Every Free Will Baptist is asked to give \$34.81 that day to help underwrite the national ministries.

Bible College To Hold Evangelism Conference

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE — The six featured speakers at Free Will Baptist Bible College's 1990 Evangelism Conference, October 1-3, will include a full-time evangelist, three soulwinning pastors, a seminary evangelism teacher and the college's new president, according to Dr. Robert Woodard, conference director.

"Our purpose for this conference is to refocus our attention on our God-given responsibility to evangelize our communities for Christ," he says.

The following speakers are scheduled:

— *Dr. Calvin Evans* is founder/director of Evangelistic Outreach, Inc., based in Pedro, OH. Dr. Evans has conducted over 800 evangelistic campaigns and maintains a far-reaching radio/TV ministry.

— *Rev. Gordon Sebastian* pastors Peace Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, NC. He is a 1959 FWBBC graduate and is noted for his strong soulwinning emphasis.

— *Rev. Keith Burden*, a graduate of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, pastors First Free Will Baptist Church, Ada, OK. In addition to an active evangelistic ministry, he is Assistant Clerk of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

— *Dr. Randy Ray* has guided the Metropolitan Baptist Church of Madison, TN, from its beginning in 1976 to a consistent attendance of 550, with 800-1,000 on special days. He received his M.R.E. at Temple Baptist Seminary and his D.D. at Pensacola Christian College.

— *Dr. Roy Fish*, Professor of Evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, TX, supervises the ministries of some 200 student preachers in 30 states as director of Operation Penetration. He also preaches and teaches regularly in revivals and conferences. Among Southern Baptists, he is known as "Mr. Evangelism."

— *Rev. Tom Malone* became Free Will Baptist Bible College's fourth president on July 1. The 1963 FWBBC graduate pastored First Free Will Baptist Church, Florence, AL, for almost 20 years before accepting the call to lead the Bible College. He has earned a reputation both for soulwinning and for motivating others to win souls.

Dr. Woodard stresses that the conference will be practical. The speakers will cover areas such as:

- How to build a soulwinning church
- Evangelism in Sunday School
- Friendship evangelism
- Discipling new converts
- Training soulwinners
- Cross-cultural evangelism and more.

The Conference will begin on Monday evening, October 1, and will conclude on Wednesday evening, October 3.

A Conference fee of \$20 per person, \$35.00 per couple, will help to underwrite the cost. Meals and rooms on campus are available. Meals are \$3.75 for lunch or supper; \$2.75 for breakfast; \$18 for all six meals on Tuesday and Wednesday. Rooms on campus are \$6 per night, linens included. All rooms are in dormitories, double occupancy, men and women separate.

Plan now to attend. For more information, write or call:

Evangelism Conference
Free Will Baptist Bible College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, TN 37205
615/383-1340



Debbie Maggart Robertson

Debbie Maggart Robertson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Maggart of St. Joseph, Missouri, graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, on May 17. Debbie graduated summa cum laude (with very high honors). Debbie was one of seventeen seniors inducted into Who's Who Among American College Students. She also finished her four and one-half years at Free Will Baptist Bible College with an accumulative grade point average of 3.82 and was one of four graduating seniors inducted into the Delta Epsilon Chi honor society maintained by the American Association of Bible Colleges.

In addition to these honors, she was one of five seniors asked to speak during the Commencement Exercises. This was a portion of her testimony given at graduation. "I give the Lord all the glory for leading me here and for enabling me to make it through. My family is very sports oriented. As a very small child, my mom and dad always said, 'Don't quit. Whatever you start, finish it.' I got so tired of hearing them say that, 'Don't quit.' But here I am, Mom and Dad. I made it. To those of you who are still freshmen, or even high school students, don't quit. This is the reward. If you only knew what it feels like right now to be graduating from Free Will Baptist Bible College. Don't quit. Keep going. To Free Will Baptist Bible College - the faculty, the staff, the board, everyone who is part of it - I say 'Thank You.' I have grown spiritually and I have received an excellent education."

Debbie and her husband, Jeff, who graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1989, have accepted teaching positions at The Wise Christian School in Wise, Virginia.

Missouri Student Graduates From Free Will Baptist Bible College With Very High Honors

The Beauty of Biology

by Pam Hudson

Since the fall of 1969, when the textbook committee of the California State Board of Education unanimously passed a petition on the equal status of theories of creation and evolution, the age-old conflict between creationists and evolutionists has been in full swing. As one biology textbook states, "probably more words have been written on the origin of life by scientists, with fewer facts, and direct evidence, at hand, than any other topic in biology."

The idea of evolution is embraced by the world, largely, because it denies the existence of a more intelligent being than man, and therefore, man does not have to answer for his actions.

As Christians, the idea of a supreme being, God, creating the universe is central to our belief. It is understandable why Christians believe this.

The argument from Cause: Cosmological. When we see a thing we naturally ask for the cause of that thing. We see the world in which we live, and ask how it came to be. Is it self-originating, or is the cause of its being outside itself? Is its cause finite or infinite? That it could not come into being by itself seems obvious; no more than nails, bricks, mortar, wood, paint and colors could, by itself, form into a well-built house. "Every house is built by some man," so this world in which we live was built by a designing Mind of infinite power and wisdom. Any other explanation is as building, a theory, on shifting and sinking sand.

The following articles will follow this argument from Design, Congruity, and Scripture.

Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



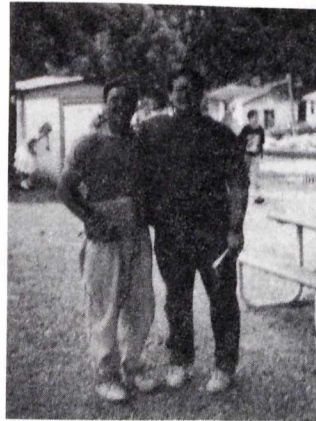
"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Galatians 5:1

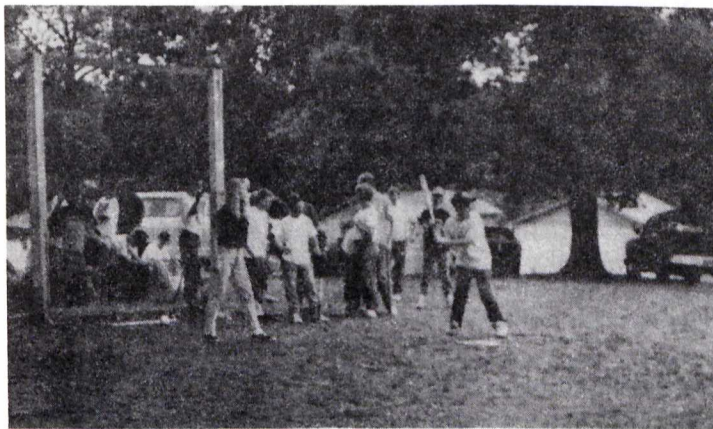
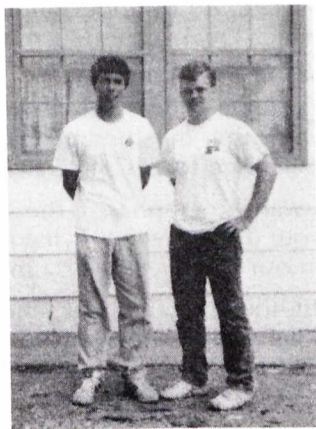
We find in this verse a challenge for Christians to maintain the freedom that has been given to them in Jesus Christ. It seems sad for the person that was fettered by sin and bound by the cords of their own iniquity, to again be bound by religious rituals and customs. It seems senseless for the person that has freedom in the Saviour, to allow themselves to again be entangled by tradition. For, Christ did not set us free to put us back in bondage.

I know a young man that was so entangled with sin that he could hardly exist. Christ touched his heart and he was saved. Through the encouragement of friends and relatives, he began to depend upon religious ceremonies, such as baptism and communion, to maintain the freedom in Christ. And, in a sense, Christ had become of no effect unto him.

Those that were fettered by sin and freed by the Saviour ought to show the fidelity of a servant by remaining steadfast in the Christian liberty that is found only in the Lord Jesus Christ. If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

Youth Camp Memories





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Language School: Why Is It So Stressful?

by Ron Moore
Missionary to Cote d'Ivoire

As we were leaving the States for Albertville, France, several missionaries jokingly said, "If your marriage survives language school, it will survive anything!" For some reason, however, the smile on their face could not hide the sincerity of their voice or the seriousness in their eyes. Even though our marriage relationship has remained strong, I must admit that their admonition was well founded.

Almost without exception, I believe every missionary would agree that language school is an intensely stressful period. This raises a logical question: **why?** What is it about language school that creates such a stressful environment? Though there are many reasons, the following are some of the main ones from our experience.

1. **SEPARATION.** For most missionaries, their departure to language study is the beginning of their first prolonged period of separation from family and close personal friends. As you know, these important relationships provide essential emotional and spiritual support and furnish a critical outlet for dealing with stress. Yet, overnight, they are interrupted, placed at an arm's distance, and restricted in their ability to provide this support. Eventually, new relationships will be established, but they will take time to develop. In the meantime, stress seems to sense this "void in relationships" and uses it for its depressive purposes.

2. **GUILT.** No Christian (much less a missionary!) should carry around a baggage of guilt. None-the-less, guilt has a way of packing itself in our suitcases when we leave the States. Because others are paying the bills and because our future ministry depends on our success in language school, there is a tendency to feel guilty if we are not "tops in our class" or if we take a much needed break from studies. This guilt makes us study harder and longer than we should; it produces mental, emotional, and physical fatigue; and, thereby, it creates a fertile environment in which stress intensifies.

3. **CULTURE.** To declare simply that there is a difference in cultures would be an obvious understatement. Even in France, a well developed and civilized country, there are more striking differences than similarities. To begin with, there is the language barrier, but this is only part of the problem. The people think differently, cook and eat differently, dress differently, shop differently, drive differently, and in general they approach almost every routine activity of life much differently than us. Adapting to these differences is more often than not frustrating; and is, therefore, a stressful experience.

4. **ROLE REVERSAL.** No, I am not referring to a "house husband" and a "working wife"! What I mean is that most missionaries leave ministries of leadership, such as preaching and teaching. Suddenly, they are no longer the one who leads, but the one who is led; they are no longer the one who teaches, but the one who is taught. This is not difficult at first, because the missionary welcomes the "sabbatical" from these demanding responsibilities; but, because of the basic nature of most missionaries, a prolonged absence from such "active duty" generates restlessness, frustration, and a degree of guilt as well.

This is the basic point of frustration and source of stress for me while in language school. Simply put, I am frustrated because I am not able to do what God has called me to do! That is, I cannot **pray** with those needing comfort, **witness** to those needing Christ, or **teach** those needing maturity in the faith. Why? Because I cannot speak the language! Although this is a temporary circumstance, lasting between 1 and 2 years, for those of us who have been active in ministry, this short period of time seems to expand into eternity. These frustrations become an open door of invitation to the discouraging powers of stress.

Yes, the grace of God is more than sufficient to meet our needs and give us victory over the forces of stress at work in us while in language school. Why, then, am I sharing these things with you?

- I want you to sense the magnitude of the stress faced by missionaries while in language school, probably the most stressful time of their career.
- I want you to understand some of the forces at work which make this such a stressful period for the missionary.
- I want to incite within you a commitment to struggle with the missionary against these depressive and defeating forces through prayer.
- I want to emphasize the sincerity of our gratitude for your diligence in praying for us and, thereby, aiding us in our conquest over a most destructive enemy.

By the way, the next time you read in a missionary's newsletter that he is requesting prayer for language study, **fall to your knees in prayer. He means it!**

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

What relationship does humanism have with evangelism? First, let's consider a simple definition of humanism. According to Tim LaHaye, in his book *The Battle of the Mind*, "humanism is a man-centered philosophy that attempts to solve the problems of man and the world independently of God."

In fact, humanism teaches that man has no help outside himself. No God; no Divine power. This type of thinking expresses itself in "Individual Autonomy," and "Situation Ethics."

The humanist has no authority, but himself, to which he must answer. Accountability to a personal God is removed. Also, there are no absolute rules to live by. Sin depends on individual interpretation.

For the would-be soulwinner, he will have a difficult time dealing with the humanist. It will not be enough to deal with sin, and the need of a Saviour. The humanist accepts the reality of neither.

As humanism continues to grow, the task of evangelism increases. We must research ways to penetrate the false teachings of humanism, if evangelism is to be effective in our generation!

Financial Information

JULY 1990

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board	\$ 4,553.60
17.50% Exec. Off. & Gem	4,307.45
3.50% General Fund	861.49
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	2,092.19
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.	615.35
2.50% C.E. Board	615.35
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board	615.35
5.00% Mo. State Retirement Program	1,230.70
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	7,507.27
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	
(\$75.07 included in \$7,507.27)	
9.00% State Office & Bookstore Bldg.	2,215.26
Total	\$24,614.01

We thank God for the faithful churches that are so consistent in supporting this unified plan of support. We are blessed beyond measure, for which we are thankful! We thank God for His continued blessings on those who share in this ministry. 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%.

JULY 1990 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE

Conway	\$ 201.83
Stockton	94.05
Monett	529.21
Mine La Motte	44.62
Hopewell	123.00
Riverview, IA	290.23
Blue Springs	150.00
Calvary Chapel	108.82
Alton	225.00
Liberty	386.00
New Harmony	15.61
Rolla	74.94
Verdella	177.62
Mt. Zion, Gower	42.70
Pleasant Ridge	100.00
Columbia	75.00
Pleasant Grove	110.04
Merl's Chapel	207.00
Houston	281.86
Heritage	59.71
Victory, Alton	148.00
DeSoto	770.00
Berkeley	281.21
Springfield, First	505.61
Mill Creek	182.42
Freeman Chapel	197.59
Happy Home	86.75
Thayer	385.00
Hickory Grove	82.84
New Hope	19.27
Overland	110.82
Parkview	313.21
Hannon	345.18
West Plains, First	417.00
Hurryville	121.43
Hartville	282.19
Mt. Pisgah	210.00
Lingo	60.17
Tyrone	85.20
Lone Star	42.50
Belton	280.36
New Home	102.55

Royal Oak	95.00
Harmony	382.00
Leadington	380.00
Rock Chapel	314.95
Farmington	1,438.88
New Life Fellowship	436.01
Oak Hill, Union	355.24
Grant Avenue	615.31
Wilderness	365.00
Potosi	80.15
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Central	587.13
Central	629.14
Lebanon, First	516.74
United, W.P.	655.43
Seymour	25.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	99.36
Joplin	323.08
Trinity	915.87
Flat River, First	440.92
New Life, Licking	536.73
Friendship	284.21
Pleasant Home	207.43
Copper Mines	143.40
Waynesville (Part of June)	65.00
Viburnum	156.68
Grace	500.00
Richwoods	422.00
Macedonia	20.00
Pleasant Hill	52.61
Wolf Creek	262.83
Terrill Road	212.00
Koshkonong	84.63
Black Oak	211.36
Kirkville	8.97
Victory, K.C.	1,133.26
Olivet	400.00
South Fremont	784.00
Cape Girardeau	425.46
Bethel, El Dorado	40.87
New Rock Springs	95.00
Berkeley	347.77
Kingsway	266.08
Myrtle	271.07
New Hope, Fredericktown	11.99
Willow Springs	210.51
Hartville	398.25
Lone Star	55.15
Total	\$24,614.01
*Chapel of the Ozarks	592.76
Inadvertently shown for Merl's Chapel (July - Gem)	

YOUTH CAMP

Verdella	\$ 10.00
DeSoto	50.00
Thayer	30.00
Hannon	15.00
Hartville	20.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Leadington	20.00
Lebanon VBS	100.00
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Trinity	14.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Olivet	25.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Myrtle	39.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Fordland	20.00
Total	\$487.00

FWBCC

DeSoto	\$ 35.00
Freeman Chapel	25.00
Thayer	25.00
Leadington	20.00
Farmington	195.00
Grant Avenue	50.00
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Grant Avenue	146.55
Grant Avenue Sent Direct	90.00
Central	48.00
Total	\$680.00

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 30.00
Hannon	50.00
West Plains, First	101.00
South Fremont	200.00
Farmington	84.58
Grant Avenue	8.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Victory, K.C.	116.95
Central	48.00
Total	\$674.28

JOHN McCURE ACCOUNT

Monett	\$ 5.00
Verdella	10.00
Berkeley	20.00
Thayer	12.00
Farmington	10.00
Grace	30.00
Victory, K.C.	20.00
Total	\$107.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Monett	\$1,017.00
Blue Springs	60.50
Southeast District	25.00
Calvary Chapel	36.00
New Harmony	78.06
Verdella	398.42
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Columbia	29.52
Merl's Chapel	200.00
Niangua	60.00
DeSoto	300.00
Berkeley	50.00
Southside	185.00
Freeman Chapel	295.45
Thayer	188.50
Hickory Grove	50.27
New Hope	12.00
Parkview	311.00
B. Thompson	25.00
Hannon	390.75
Faith, Oak Grove	180.45
West Plains, 1st	5.00
Mt. Pisgah	200.00
S. Fremont	262.00
Belton	25.00
Leadington	222.00
A. Jenkerson	25.00
Rock Chapel	144.00
Farmington	350.00
New Life Fellowship	20.00
Grant Avenue	379.06
Wilderness	113.40
Macedonia	10.00
S. Hart	20.00
Eastern Gate	40.00
D. McGee	25.00
C. Layman	10.00
Kirkville	30.00
Victory	488.10
Olivet	100.00
Central	342.50
Lebanon, 1st	65.00
United, W.P.	33.19
Oak Grove, Norwood	66.24
Miss. Group	60.00
Oak Grove, Cabool	65.00
Calvary Fellowship	938.57
Joplin	340.00
Trinity	232.38
Flat River, 1st	93.47
Central VBS	110.63
N. Akeman	10.00
Pleasant Home	59.61
Viburnum	100.00
Grace	20.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Berkeley	55.00
Myrtle	118.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Fordland	185.50
Total	\$9,306.57

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Blue Springs	\$ 10.00
Southeast District	25.00
Verdella	15.00
Columbia	29.51
DeSoto	200.00
Berkeley	15.00
Thayer	194.50
Parkview	38.00
Hannon	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	75.00
S. Fremont	76.00
Leadington	100.00
A. Jenkerson	10.00
Rock Chapel	233.22
Farmington	31.35
B. Keith	10.00
Grant Avenue	41.00
Eastern Gate	15.00
Kirkville	5.00
Victory	40.00
Central	306.50
Lebanon, 1st	5.00
United, W.P.	30.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	33.12
Miss. Group	10.00
Joplin	5.00
Trinity	10.00
Flat River, 1st	15.00
Pleasant Home	15.00
Viburnum	48.00
Grace	115.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Buffalo, 1st	100.00
Berkeley	15.00
Myrtle	145.00
Fordland	10.00
Total	\$2,046.20

MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

Calvary, Conway	\$ 130.00
Monett	25.00
New Harmony	78.06
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Columbia	35.00
DeSoto	50.00
Berkeley	10.00
Southside	15.00
Thayer	55.00
Parkview	50.39
Hannon	172.59
West Plains, 1st	55.80
S. Fremont	130.00
Belton	25.00
Leadington	80.00
A. Jenkerson	5.00
Farmington	50.00
New Life Fellowship	20.00
Oak Hill, Union	19.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
Grant Avenue	184.36
Macedonia	25.00
Eastern Gate	65.00
Victory	55.00
Central	30.00
Lebanon, 1st	15.00
United, W.P.	23.19
Calvary Fellowship	108.82
Trinity	55.00
Flat River, 1st	103.20
Viburnum	13.00
Grace	35.00
Berkeley	10.00
Myrtle	59.00
New Hope	5.00
Fordland	34.00
Total	\$1,861.41

Fall Enlargement Campaign Theme Announced

"Count On Me, Lord" is the theme of the 1990 Fall Sunday School Enlargement Campaign scheduled for October. This contest is based on Matthew 9:37: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few."

The campaign will begin Sunday, October 7, and end Sunday, October 28. This contest is open to all churches in the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

If your church has never taken part in one of our enlargement campaigns, why not join with churches from across the denomination in this Fall's campaign? The present size of your church does not limit your chances of winning this contest. The divisions used for this competition are as follows:

Division A over 500 average
Division B 400-499 average
Division C 300-399 average
Division D 200-299 average
Division E 150-199 average
Division F 100-149 average
Division G 50-99 average
Division H under 49 average
Division I newly established
(works established since April 1990)

Sunday Schools in each division experiencing the greatest percentage of increase over the average attendance for Spring quarter (March, April, May) 1990 will be declared winners.

Awards will be presented to the first and second place finishers in each division.

Campaign materials are available from Randall House Publications, P.O. Box 17306, Nashville, TN 37217.

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