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"He that gathereth in summer
is a wise son:
But he that sleepeth in harvest
is a son that causeth shame."

Proverbs 10:5

Are you a gatherer or a sleeper?

November Is National Home Missions Month!

November 18: National Home Missions Sunday!

Your gifts help make possible:

55 Home Missionary Families

15 Mexican National Pastors

8 Tentmaker Families

Missionary Builder, Blueprints

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Roll Call Sunday

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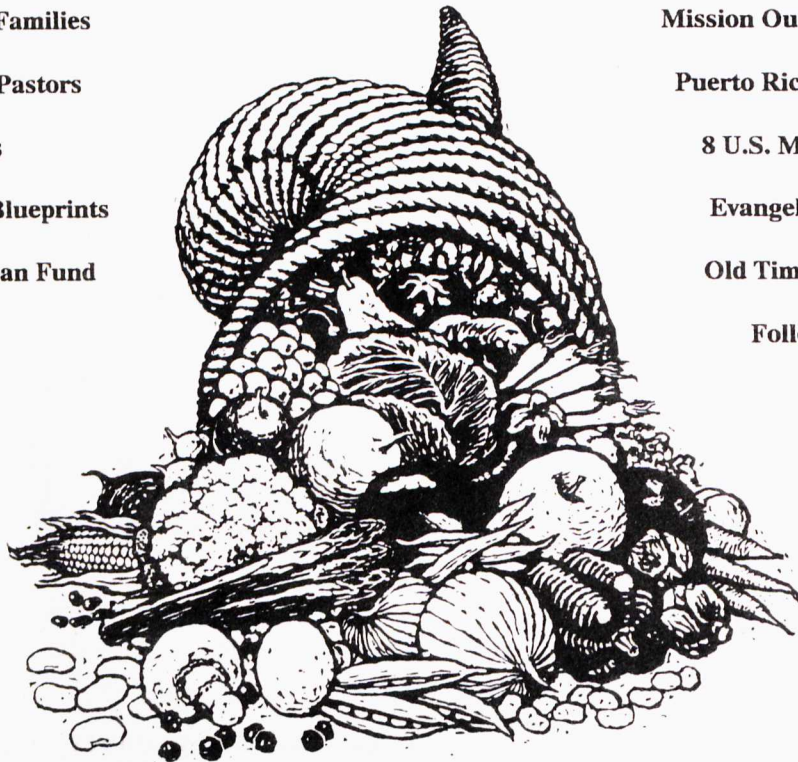
Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands

8 U.S. Military Chaplains

Evangelism Conferences

Old Time Camp Meeting

Follow Up Literature



Your gifts and prayers help build Free Will Baptist churches in the North American continent and U.S.A.-owned islands. The National Home Missions "General Fund" especially needs your help at this time. We challenge your church to give a special offering, and you as individuals to give sacrificially during November - National Home Missions Month.

*Please send offerings to:
National Home Missions Department
P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202*

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"Moore" Thoughts on Missions



by Ron Moore
Missionary to Cote d'Ivoire, Afrique

It is interesting to read how Jesus organized his disciples and went about meeting the needs of a hungry multitude in Mark 6. Do you remember His plan? He told them to arrange the crowd in small groups between 50 and 100, and then he said to feed the first group . . . Feed the first group . . . Feed the first group, and when they are fully nourished, go to the second, and feed the second . . . Feed the second . . . Feed the second, etc. until all 5,000 were fully satisfied.

It's obvious that this is not the way it happened, and it is ridiculous to imagine that Jesus would have ever followed such a short-sighted plan. The multitude would have never been fed because His disciples would have never gotten past the first group! Yet, as preposterous as this plan seems, it is identical to the one being promoted by many people in our churches and throughout our denomination.

God has divided the entire world into "people groups" and has instructed us to take the gospel to them. What's our strategy? Build strong churches at home . . . Build strong churches at home . . . Build strong churches at home, and when the home base is strengthened we will go to the next people group. Then, of course, we will continually repeat the process until we have reached all nations.

Many people justify their lack of commitment to foreign missions by saying that we need to build strong churches at home in order to build a larger base for sending missionaries overseas. This kind of "we need to meet our needs first" approach is in direct conflict with our Lord's command to preach the gospel to all nations. It is short-sighted and destined for failure. Not only will we fail to reach all nations with the gospel, our home base will ultimately be weakened.

Ninety-five percent of Christian wealth is spent meeting the needs of only 5% of the world's population. In other words, the church in the first people group is feasting ("meeting its own needs") while 95% of the world's population is starving without a gospel witness. This statistic may not cause us much discomfort (After all, they are only numbers, right?), but it undoubtedly grieves the Spirit of God.

Our churches will never become strong and our denomination will never be blessed with rapid growth until we commit ourselves to reaching the other people groups around the world. You may disagree, but you wouldn't if you were in the last group and still waiting!

Essentials of Evangelism



by Stanley Jones

We, who would accept the commission of Christ to go into all the world and evangelize, must be directed by divine truth and a few absolutes. The move in our day is away from absolute truth and authority. But the faith-sharing Christian must embrace some unchanging facts.

One, that sin is a reality. The problem with the immorality of man is not a disease, lack of education, suppressive traditional religious influence, or any other such humanistic cop-out. The problem is sin! It is the condition of man's heart that breaks God's moral law, goes his own

selfish way and disregards God's man-benefiting will.

Two, man cannot of himself correct the problem of sin. The most advanced result of man's efforts has resulted in religion. Religion provides ritual, but not release from guilt. It provides form for better conduct, but no forgiveness for bad conduct. No, the answer to man's sin problem is not in religion, but in a Person - Jesus Christ.

Three, faith in Christ results in change. That's what conversion means. We become new creations in Christ. Some seem to think the change is in

certain outward actions, while others say the inner man is changed with little concern for outward expression. The Bible speaks of the converted man being given a new heart. In other words, the very center or core of a man's person is transformed. If "central control" is changed, the attitude and outward expression of that changed attitude will be affected.

If we are not sure of the wrongness of sin, that Christ is man's only solution to sin, and that Christ makes a transforming difference in the converted life, our drive for evangelism will continue to wane.



Reports from the Churches



SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICE AT CONWAY — On Sunday evening, July 15, a special service for the Senior Saints was held at the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Conway, Missouri.

The service began with Brother Ted Matthews leading the opening prayer and Dorothy Shields directing the singing. Special singing included a duet by Dorothy Brawley and Diana Crawford, "Supper time"; Roxann Millard, "Jesus and Me"; Jeff Bennett and the Vernon Jones Family, "Time Has Made A Change In Me" and "When I've Travelled The Last Mile"; Sister Nina Pereryman, "Hide Thou Me"; the Teens, "Mansion Over The Hilltop"; and Sister May Walton played "What A Friend."

Before the special speaker, Brother Jeff Bennett, was introduced, the congregation was led in prayer by Brother Clifford Brawley. The Scripture selection for the message was Acts 12 and the subject was "God Is Able."

Following the Worship Service the congregation gathered in the fellowship area to give honor to the Seniors. The pastor, Rev. James Crawford, gave a brief history of the church. He also gave special recognition and honor to Sister May (Dinwiddie) Harper, for twenty-five years of faithful service. She helped in organizing the church, is a charter member, and served as the first church treasurer. Sister Harper was presented with a picture of the 'old' church building, which was torn down last year.

Sister Chloe Jones was also honored for twenty-one years of faithful service.

There were sixteen senior citizens present, with ages from 62 - 90. The writer of the article continues, We are so thankful for these precious ones in our church: May Harper, Chloe Jones, Neta Kinkade, Virginia Eubanks, Stella Swigert, Lon Cafey, Dale & Anna Anderson, F.E. & Hazel Holiday, and Jeff & Ester Bennett.

Brother Crawford presented each one a rose and a satin Bible marker as an expression of appreciation.

As the group gathered around the piano for some singing, cake and punch was served.

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH SADDENED BY LOSS OF TWO MEMBERS — The church reporter of the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Branson, Missouri, writes, Two very dear members of the church have been called home to be with the Lord. They are Dorothy M. Hawley, who passed away November 25, 1989, and Betty Kellerman, who passed away July 1, 1990.

Dorothy Hawley is survived by her husband, Marvin, one daughter and two granddaughters, all of Hollister, and other relatives and friends. She had been a member of the Friendship Church for seven years.

Betty Kellerman is survived by her husband, Bill Kellerman, two granddaughters of Florida, and other relatives and friends. She had been a member of the Friendship Church for two years and served as the church reporter.

The pastor states, We have been blessed with many out of town and state visitors. The church had Grandparents Day on September 9 and honored them with a Ham, Bean & Cornbread Dinner following the Morning Worship Service.

The church gave special honor to the pastor, Rev. Bud Arnold, on his birthday, September 9, 1990. This was held in conjunction with Pastor Appreciation Day. Everyone enjoyed having this special time for their dear pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES MARCH - AUGUST 1990

CHURCHES	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Belton	62		52	40	52	54
Calvary Fellowship	301	222	196	199	186	189
Cape Girardeau	72			62	51	58
Central	121	108	96	105	100	
Copper Mines	80	70	64	73		
Cuba	75	66	65	74		
DeSoto	213		202	195	189	194
Farmington	404	381	361	328	334	359
Flat River, First	179	151	120	119	126	128
Hannon	102	90	80	81	84	78
Harmony	84	78	69	68	64	90
Hartville	109	101	102	93	90	98
Hopewell	49			42		40
Houston	73	77	72	77	68	75
Lebanon, First	102	97	82	90	84	88
Myrtle	36	36	37	34	36	30
O'Fallon	40	40	33	38	33	38
Parkview	70	70	60	54	62	53
Richwoods	44	31	33	33	33	34
Rock Chapel	74	72	75	81	66	80
Springfield, First	134	128	125	122	129	126
Thayer		125		116	109	119
United, West Plains	190	203	172	187		
Victory, K.C.	88	73	72	75	65	71
West Plains, First	125					
Willow Springs		67	65	67		70

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

The Gospel Generation Singers Announce

2nd Annual South-Missouri Quartet Convention

Place: United Free Will Baptist Church, 607 Lanton Road, West Plains, Missouri

Date: Friday and Saturday night, November 3 & 4, 7:00 p.m. each night

The Gospel Singers for Friday night:

Howell Family, Chadoins, 3rd Generation, The Johnsons, The Chronisters

The Gospel Singers for Saturday night:

The Durbins, The Hickmans, Host Group - The Gospel Generation

Everyone is invited!

A Free Will Offering will be taken to help with the expenses.



Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

If you are going to rise in the denomination, you must realize you are part of a team with a great task to perform for God.

Like many others, I have been called to build a church for God. I do this through concentrated effort as a pastor.

Like other preachers, I have been called to win souls to Christ. I do this through evangelistic efforts.

Like others, I have been called to help other churches get started. I do this through supporting missions.

I have been called to help train others to do a work for God. I do this through supporting our Bible colleges and by sharing with other ministers.

I have been called to be a part of a world-wide ministry and a denomination can best do that.

As I merge my strength, resources, talents, money, and power with others, I fulfill the great commission given to the disciples of Christ.

So there we have it — to rise in the denomination one should care about the denomination; realize he is not the only boat in the water; realize he is a part of a team; and realize he is a part of a team with a great task to perform for God.



The Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

Recently, here in my hometown, the local Missouri Citizens for Life chapter established a crisis pregnancy center. The center, complete with a hotline, was designed to be there for pregnant girls in "crisis" situations. Having somewhere to turn when it seems there is nowhere to turn or no one to care is what the center's director hopes will prevent these girls from desperately choosing abortion as a solution.

This is very much needed — not just here, but in almost every town — and I totally support the idea. However, I must admit I felt sad that a pregnancy center was needed, not only because unwanted pregnancy is so prevalent in our society, but also because I'm afraid we (Christians and our churches) have failed to provide these same services.

In your church (and since a church is the people involved, apply these questions to yourself), how are crisis situations handled (in addition to unwanted pregnancy, these situations may include broken homes, drug abuse, alcoholism . . .)? Is there plenty of support, advice, and counsel to be found, or are these hurting souls viewed as social outcasts and hopeless, spiritual failures?

Would you/your church not only support and advise one at the onset of his/her dilemma, but be willing to stand by him/her all the way through it; or could one expect sympathy at the beginning and a cold, judgmental attitude as the crisis develops?

Could one trust his/her feelings to you, or would the delicate situation accidentally get out and become the talk of the congregation?

Most importantly, how well does your church/you emphasize the never-failing love of God? Do you effectively share and witness of God's power, or do you point out your opinion that God couldn't love such a vile, loathsome creature?

Hopefully, we/our churches are getting high marks in these areas. God expects us to have loving, Christ-like attitudes when dealing with others, even in less-than-ideal situations. We may be the difference in someone seeking help for addiction, choosing life over death, or simply being able to deal with circumstances.

Let us not forget that we all were in need of God's perfect love before salvation. Let's share the wonderful love of Christ by being Christ-like to even those who feel there's no one else to turn to. That's when God's power is most effective.

Choir Robes For Sale

The Grace Church in Arnold, Missouri, has purchased new choir robes and now has some used robes for sale. The robes are yellow/gold with orange and white trim, and white trim and orange and white reversible stoles (collars). Mr. Cecil Nettles writes, We have between 55 - 60 robes, various sizes (8th & 9th grade students - ages 14, 15, 16), in fair to very good condition. An additional 9 or 10 robes could be made usable through cleaning and minor repairs. The church is asking \$25.00 per robe or best offer.

For information please call Debbie at 314-464-7405 or 296-5707.

Church Van For Sale

12 passenger, Plymouth 1981 Van
Mileage - 80,000
Twin Oaks, OK
Phone 918-867-2918

Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



"But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

Hebrews 5:14

Basically, this verse speaks of two things: spiritual maturity and spiritual discernment. It is reasonable to conclude that those who have matured in their Christian lives are more capable of making the right decision concerning what is right and what is wrong.

Probably the reason people have such a difficult time discerning God's will for their lives and making proper decisions is their inactivity in spiritual exercises. Also, their appetites have not been for the meat of the word; henceforth, they make decisions that are questionable and sometimes childish.

Spiritual discernment comes after spiritual maturity. Therefore, my challenge for this meditation is that we

strive for maturity that will cause us to have more spiritual discernment.

A speaker at a Woman's Auxiliary banquet gave five steps to spiritual maturity in any relationship, whether between a husband and wife, employer and employee, or a Christian and Christ. Those steps are: 1) the honeymoon, 2) the disillusionment, 3) the misery, 4) the awakening to possibilities, and 5) the mature love.

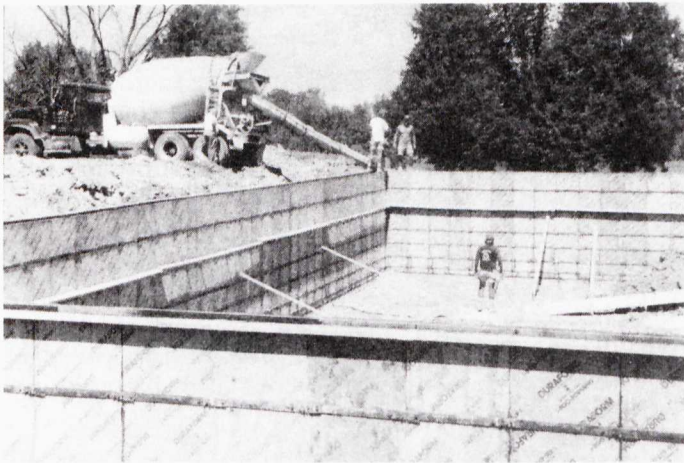
The maturity begins after the new wears off and we realize there are decisions we need to make. When we ask God for direction and don't quit when things get rough, we will eventually come to maturity. May God help us to be mature Christians, not miserable and disillusioned ones.

State Convention Reflections



From Our Home Missionaries:

JIM WILLIAMS IN CARTHAGE — Our attendance has done reasonably well for the summer, with an average of 79. We had 17 folks attend the National Convention activities in Phoenix. My account is still in the red, and yet we are so close to being self-supporting. Continue to pray for us and help us if you can, and we will be very grateful.



REPORT FROM YOUR WENTZVILLE MISSION —

At long last, I am so happy to report that the new church building has been started! At the time of this writing the footings have been poured and the basement walls are finished. We hope by October to have most, or all, of the building framed up.

Project Gideon, or the Chosen 300, has enabled us to begin. Presently, we have 120 that have signed up or given already to bring us to a total of \$33,000! However, we need the additional \$57,000 to finish the job or we stop in the middle. The pledges have come to somewhat of a standstill, so I pray you will consider that \$300 or more pledge offering, given as you choose, to help us finish this miracle project. Your love offering needs to be designated **PROJECT GIDEON** and sent to:

Missouri Home Missions
Rev. Dale Skiles, Treasurer
4534 McCullough
Springfield, MO 65804

Those who give the \$300 pledge will have their name placed on our "Chosen Ones" plaque to be in the entrance of our new church. Also, a nice picture will be sent to your home of the completed new church, and an invitation to our dedication. Our time is running out to accomplish this miracle in 1990. We as Missouri Free Will Baptists have an unusual opportunity to be a part of a miracle church in an area that is ripe unto harvest. Our Wentzville congregation is praying you will join us as God works through us all to see it happen.



I am also very happy to report in August we had our Vacation Bible School. We had a total registration of **127**. Also, we praise the Lord for the opportunity to counsel with all the young people at the altar and see **54** first-time decisions made. Many are anxious to be baptized in the new church at the first baptism!



We had an enjoyable time at the National Convention and was pleasantly surprised with Pastor Appreciation Day when we arrived back in Wentzville.

On behalf of my wife, Rose, and children, Angel and Matthew, we say thank you for the privilege to serve the Lord in Wentzville and establish a new Free Will Baptist Church. There have been many lives touched by our Lord Jesus because of the vision to start a new church here, your consistent prayers, and because of our dear people in Missouri who have faithfully given to make it all possible.

I am counting on all of our churches to help us. If we have the tools, we will finish the job. God will provide, and I believe He will provide through our faithful Missouri Free Will Baptist people.

Southeastern Free Will Baptist College Announces Missions Conference

"Follow Me" will be the theme at the eighth annual Missions Conference sponsored by Southeastern Free Will Baptist College, November 11-13, 1990.

Speakers this year will be: Foreign Missionary, Rev. Lonnie Sparks, Spain; Home Missionary, Rev. Mark Thomas, Colorado; Rev. Jack Rollins, Missionary Pastor; and Rev. Billy Bevan, President of Southeastern.

Make your plans now to attend.



Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

Children are gifts from God and are only ours (parents) for a short time. Sometimes though, as they move into those pre-teen and teen years, it is easy to forget what a precious gift they are.

The following article was recently sent to me by my mom. Having two teen-age daughters, it gave me some food for thought. Birth to graduation has almost elapsed for our older daughter. I can hardly believe she will be leaving for college in a few months. I'll never be able to turn back the clock and start over, but I can make the last year at home memorable to her by spending time on the things that will affect eternity and spending less time on those earthly things that will not matter but for a while.

SATURDAY WITH A TEEN-AGE DAUGHTER

"Are you going to sleep all day? ... Who said you could use my hairspray? ... Clean the dishes off the table ... Turn down the radio ... Have you made your bed? ... That skirt is much too short ... Your closet is a mess ... Stand up straight ... Somebody has to go to the store ... Quit chewing your gum like that ... Your hair is too bushy ... I don't care if everybody else does have one ... Turn down the radio ... Have you done your homework? ... Don't slouch ... You didn't make your bed ... Quit banging the piano ... Why don't you iron it yourself? ... Your fingernails are too long ... Look it up in the dictionary ... Sit up straight ... Get off the phone now ... Why did you buy that record? ... Take the dog out ... You forgot to dust the table ... You've been in the bathroom long enough ... Turn off the radio and get to sleep now" ... Another day gone, and not once did I say, "I love you." Dear Lord, forgive me.

"Saturday With A Teen-age Daughter" was written by ALICE TEDDLIE.

The Beauty of Biology

by Pam Hudson

Bertrand Russell makes an astonishing statement in his "Why I'm Not A Christian." He says that when he was a child, "God" was given to him as the answer to the many questions he raised about existence. In desperation he asked, "Well, who created God?" When the response was, "No one, for God is self-existent," he said his entire faith collapsed. How foolish! For, if God were a created being, He would not be God.

Last month I stated that, as Christians, the idea of a supreme being, God, creating the universe is central to our belief. This is understandable. And we looked at this from the argument of Cause (Cosomological). That is, this vast universe, functioning in harmony, just happened, is more foolish and absurd than to believe that the United States Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. just happened. It is the height of foolishness to believe that the materials in that large edifice just happened to form into that beautiful, accommodating building.

This month let's look briefly at the argument from Design. If we have a key which fits all the wards of the lock, we know that it is the right key. If we have a theory which fits all of the facts in the case, we know that we have the right theory.

A watch proves not only a maker, but also a designer; a watch is made for a purpose. This is evident in its structure. A thoughtful, designing mind was back of the watch.

So it is with the world in which we live. Dr. William Evans states, "These 'ends' in nature are not to be attributed to 'natural results' or 'natural selection,' results which are produced without intelligence, nor are they the 'survival of the fittest,' instances in which 'accident and fortuity have done the work of the mind.' They are the results of a superintending and originating intelligence and will."

The New Curriculum Cycle - The Good and The Bad

Randall House Publications began a new 9-year cycle on the Adult level in December of 1989. We started with Matthew for the first two quarters. Then we shifted to Genesis for the summer and fall quarters of 1990. The studies in Matthew were very well received. The studies in Genesis are another story. There have been many complaints about the studies in Genesis.

Our lesson planners decided that a "different" approach in studying Genesis would be to follow a character study. Evidently this "different" approach has not been a good one.

The advantage of being on a cycle is that you can always change it. We will red flag these studies in Genesis and take a different approach when we repeat the cycle.

One of the factors about our denomination literature is that our people can express themselves about their likes and dislikes. We will listen! When we have enough people speaking to us about a problem, we will correct it.

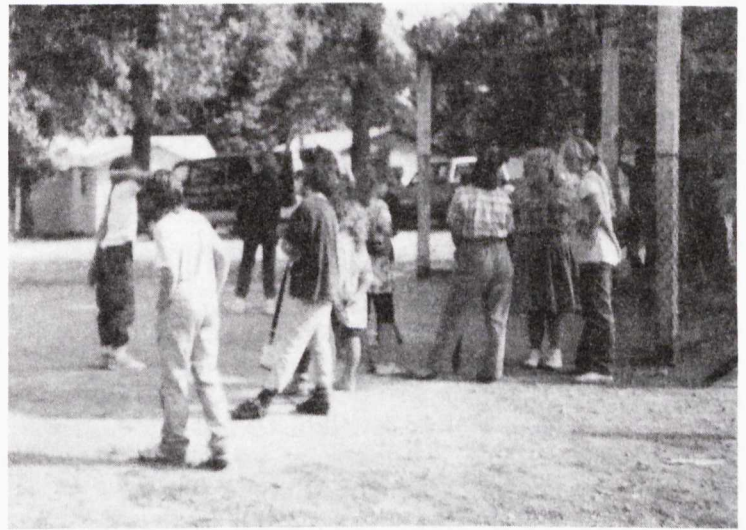
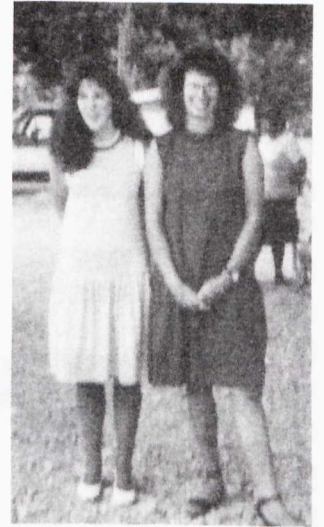
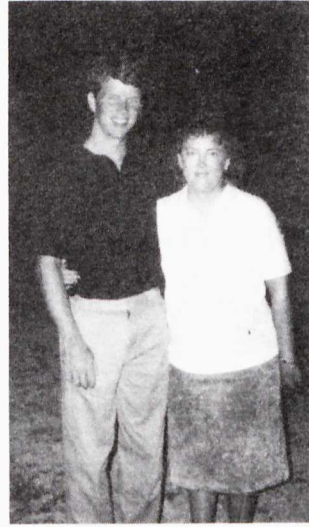
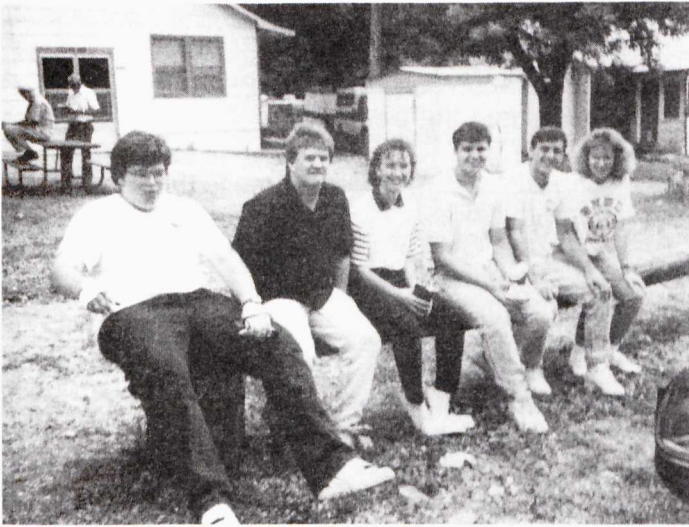
From time to time we receive letters about our writers. Some will like one while others will dislike another. We try to give our writers as much freedom as possible. However, we also restrict them in some areas. At times these restrictions have caused some writers to leave our employment. We never like to lose a good writer. Sometimes it cannot be helped.

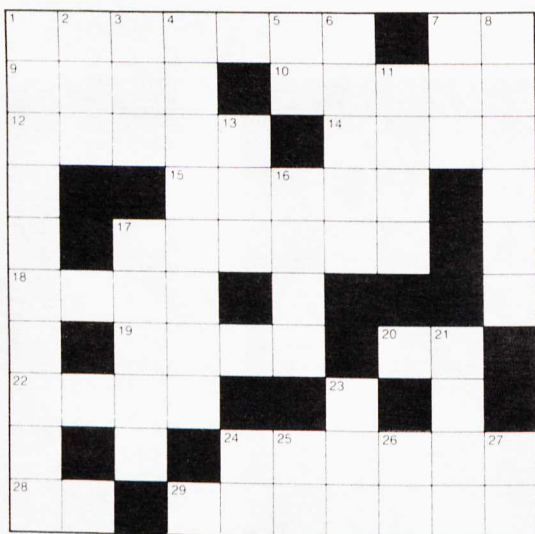
We are always searching for good writers who can meet the desires of our people. If any reader would like to apply for a writing responsibility, we would be more than happy to receive your application and resume. All writers of our curriculum must be approved by the Sunday School and Church Training Board.

Free Will Baptists should always feel free to write about their likes and dislikes in our curriculum. We do try to change our curriculum from time to time. Changes always bring response. Please let us hear from you about your opinions.

Randall House Publications
Dr. Roger C. Reeds, General Director

Youth Camp Memories





ACROSS

1. The Bible's first book
7. "... and the beasts of the field shall be _____ peace with thee." (Job 5:23)
9. Used for baking (Lev. 2:4)
10. "... Write the vision, and make it plain upon _____s..." (Hab. 2:2)
12. Disciple whom the Lord told to "... Feed my sheep." (John 21:15-19)
14. A burial place (Job 21:32)
15. Son of Jeduthun (I Chr. 9:16)
17. A nut (Num. 17:8)
18. A prince of Midian (Josh. 13:21)
19. The river of Egypt
20. "... of whom shall I _____ afraid?" (Ps. 27:1)
22. The sixth son of Jesse (I Chr. 2:15)
24. A Jewish exile (Neh. 10:23)
28. "... whensoever ye will ye may _____ them good..." (Mark 14:7)
29. Satan presented himself to Eve as a _____. (Gen. 3:13)

DOWN

1. The material of which Noah's ark was made (Gen. 6:14)
2. The first woman (Gen. 3:20)
3. Used to catch fish (Matt. 4:18)
4. A place near the Dead Sea (Ezek. 47:10)
5. "... _____ is meet for me to think this of you all..." (Phil. 1:7)
6. "... the God of peace shall bruise _____ under your feet..." (Rom. 16:20)
7. A word used to describe the Lord: _____ightly (Ps. 91:1)
8. The tenth month (Est. 2:16)
11. "The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are _____ as a lion." (Prov. 28:1)
13. Trumpets were made of the horns of _____s. (Josh. 6:4-6)
16. The second greatest commandment: You shall _____ your neighbor as yourself. (Mark 12:28-31)
17. Son of Ner (I Sam. 14:50)
21. A garden (Joel 2:3)
23. A poisonous snake (Rom. 3:13)
24. "... _____leadeth me beside the still waters." (Ps. 23:2)
25. "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; _____ else he will hold to the one, and despise the other..." (Matt. 6:24)
26. "... for _____ is risen..." (Matt. 28:6)
27. "... sat _____ Jesus' feet..." (Luke 10:39)

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Financial Information

AUGUST 1990

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50%	Mo. State Home Missions Board	\$ 5,107.11
17.50%	Exec. Off. & Gem	4,831.04
3.50%	General Fund	966.21
8.50%	Youth Camp Bd.	2,346.51
2.50%	Youth Ministries Bd.	690.15
2.50%	C.E. Board	690.15
2.50%	Sr. Adult Ministries Board	690.15

5.00%	Mo. State Retirement Program	1,380.30
30.50%	Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	8,419.82
	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	
	(\$84.19 included in \$8,419.82)	
9.00%	State Office & Bookstore Bldg.	2,484.54
Total		\$27,605.98

We thank God for His blessings and faithfulness, through the faithful churches that are so consistent in

supporting this unified plan of support. So we praise God, from Whom all blessings flow! 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 FWBBC & Hillsdale receiving an equal amount. C.C.C. will continue to receive the 1%.

AUGUST 1990 RECEIPTS

COOPERATIVE

Number One	\$ 47.82
Mill Creek	199.23
Overland	146.50
Unity	263.01
Carthage	115.00
West Plains, First	552.10
Blue Springs	150.00
Houston	304.20
Harmony	315.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	142.98
Verdella	220.28
Stockton	113.54
Pleasant Ridge	100.00
Royal Oak	94.00
Calvary, Conway	237.55
Cope	80.00
Farmington	2,746.57
Lingo	48.66
Potosi	99.71
Parkview	359.20
Monett	696.82
Mt. Zion, Gower	54.60
Bailey Chapel	60.00
Marshfield	227.24
Springfield, First	475.05
Black Oak	268.24
New Life Fellowship	558.14
Victory, Alton	154.00
Seymour	25.00
Rolla	64.89
Faith & Hope	95.88
Neosho	142.50
Chapel of Ozarks	347.47
Koshkonong	67.00
Thayer	482.00
Happy Home	118.12
Liberty	320.50
Victory Hill	77.18
Rock Chapel	388.10
Trinity	860.19
St. Francois Ass'n	16.50
Calvary Chapel	137.30
Fourth	200.00
Merl's Chapel	262.00
Terrill Road	126.00
Hope Well	146.00
Belton	392.36
Fredericktown	486.96
Mine La Motte	50.00
Columbia	75.00
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Heritage	75.02
Freeman Chapel	250.58
Hannon	396.98
Waynesville	212.86
Hannibal	100.00
Hannibal	100.00
United, West Plains	646.52
New Harmony	23.06
Grant Avenue	774.41
Flat River, First	484.18
Mt. Pisgah	202.00
Lebanon	509.94
Oak Grove, Norwood	109.99
Viburnum	210.00
Hurryville	173.00
Copper Mines	165.94
Wolf Creek	280.70
Mt. Zion, Thayer	66.29
Kirkville	53.75
Beacon	500.00
De Soto	750.00
Pleasant Hill	59.29
Cabool	439.95
Friendship	348.42
Byrd	93.75
Leadington	300.00
Grace	500.00
Pleasant Home	321.96
Bethel, El Dorado	47.90
South Fremont	662.00
Cape Girardeau	811.94
Eastern Gate	188.62
Salem	30.00
Macedonia	20.00
Bethel, Festus	432.00
New Rock Springs	75.00
Mt. Zion, Thayer	53.27
Hartville	314.44
Merl's Chapel	220.00
Willow Springs	184.17
Victory Hill	96.98
Myrtle	243.71

Kingsway	191.29
Central	709.72
Mill Creek	221.14
Number One	48.00
New Hope	21.30
Fourth	175.00
Tyrone	87.57
Verdella	161.19
Oak Hill, Union	395.00
Jones Chapel	331.76
Total	\$27,605.08

YOUTH CAMP

Verdella	\$ 20.00
Thayer	30.00
Trinity	14.00
Hannon	15.00
De Soto	50.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Leadington	20.00
Parkview	10.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Bethel, Festus	25.00
Fordland	20.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Hartville	10.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Myrtle	46.50
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Total	\$394.50

FWBBC

Thayer	\$ 25.00
Freeman Chapel	125.00
Grant Avenue	70.00
Farmington	175.00
Beacon	75.00
De Soto	35.00
Leadington	20.00
Parkview	10.00
Central	158.05
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Total	\$728.80

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 30.00
Hannon	50.00
Grant Avenue	10.00
Farmington	84.58
Beacon	75.00
Central	183.05
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Total	\$468.38

JOHN McCCLURE ACCOUNT

Verdella	\$20.00
Monett	15.00
Thayer	12.00
Farmington	10.00
Grace	30.00
Total	\$87.00

FIRST FWB CHURCH, CLOVIS, CA

Trinity	\$15.00
Grant Avenue	2.00
Fordland	3.00
Total	\$20.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Carthage	\$45.00
S. Hart	20.00
West Plains, First	5.00
South Side	282.39
Blue Springs	60.00
Houston	125.14
Richwoods	\$57.00
O'Fallon	35.00
Verdella	401.86
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Leonard Neasby	150.00
Parkview	299.41
Monett	712.00
South East District	25.00
Marshfield	20.00
Oak Grove, Cabool	65.00
N. Akeman	10.00
C. Layman	10.00

New Life Fellowship	25.00
New Testament	180.00
Faith & Hope	67.38
Neosho	456.00
Thayer	45.00
Rock Chapel	144.00
Trinity	184.03
Calvary Chapel	32.00
Fourth	30.00
Merl's Chapel	200.00
Belton	25.00
Columbia	20.48
Freeman Chapel	321.43
Hannon	426.98
United, West Plains	12.70
New Harmony	115.31
Grant Avenue	541.88
Flat River	103.81
John Schebaum	500.00
Mt. Pisgah	200.00
Lebanon	70.00
Beacon	195.00
Macedonia	10.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	73.34
A. Jenkerson	25.00
Viburnum	100.00
Farmington	770.00
Niangua	44.00
Kirkville	25.00
De Soto	300.00
Sedalia	52.57
Leadington	215.00
Grace	24.00
Pleasant Home	52.18
Parkview Mission Group	60.00
South Fremont	117.00
Eastern Gate	58.86
Bethel, Festus	85.00
Fordland	438.26
De Soto Kids Crusade	140.00
Merl's Chapel	200.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Myrtle	126.00
Central	\$165.00
Calvary Fellowship	867.32
New Hope	5.00
Fourth	30.00
Verdella	272.46
Oak Hill, Union	23.50
Total	\$10,538.29

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Blue Springs	\$ 10.00
Richwoods	47.00
Verdella	15.00
Parkview	33.00
Monett	10.00
South East District	25.00
New Testament	100.00
Faith & Hope	67.37
Thayer	174.00
Rock Chapel	168.06
Trinity	5.00
Columbia	20.47
Hannon	10.00
United, West Plains	60.00
Grant Avenue	41.00
Flat River	15.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00

Lebanon	15.00
Beacon	1,020.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	36.67
A. Jenkerson	10.00
Viburnum	53.00
Farmington	7.05
Wolf Creek	10.00
Kirkville	5.00
Beacon	260.00
Buffalo, First	100.00
De Soto	200.00
Leadington	100.00
Grace	125.00
Pleasant Home	10.00
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
South Fremont	37.00
Eastern Gate	15.00
Bethel, Festus	25.00
Fordland	15.00
Myrtle	131.00
Central	150.00
Verdella	15.00
Oak Hill, Union	20.00
Total	\$3,220.62

MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

Carthage	\$ 5.00
West Plains, First	45.00
South Side	15.00
Richwoods	15.00
O'Fallon	25.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Parkview	5.00
Monett	28.00
Marshfield	42.77
South Side	79.96
J.W. Rader	25.00
New Life Fellowship	25.00
New Testament	30.00
Thayer	75.00
Trinity	45.00
Fourth	10.00
Belton	25.00
Columbia	35.00
Hannon	198.49
United, West Plains	12.69
New Harmony	115.32
Grant Avenue	374.66
Flat River	265.87
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Lebanon	25.00
Macedonia	25.00
A. Jenkerson	5.00
Viburnum	13.00
Farmington	60.00
De Soto	50.00
Leadington	80.00
Grace	135.00
Pleasant Home	138.50
South Fremont	75.00
Eastern Gate	45.00
Bethel, Festus	35.00
Fordland	38.00
Myrtle	66.50
Central	15.00
Calvary Fellowship	248.87
Fourth	10.00
Total	\$2,582.63

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER — REVIVAL TIME

MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

November 9, 10

Camp Windermere

(complete information in August Gem)

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 5, 10:00 a.m.

Conference Room, State Office Building

The Cost Of Being A Christian

by Ken Turner

Matthew 16:24, *"Then said Jesus unto His disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me."*

Someone has said, "It costs too much to be a Christian." Well, it does cost something to take a stand for Jesus Christ, but it is worth it.

Paul and Silas were put in prison because they were preaching that Jesus arose from the dead; that He was and is Lord of Lords and King of Kings. But Paul had the assurance that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. That is a sweet and comforting thought.

Daniel was thrown into the den of lions. It didn't seem to trouble him. He came out of the den unharmed, and Daniel is listed in the Heroes of Faith (Hebrews Ch. 11).

Stephen was killed by stones being thrown at him. His crime: He preached Jesus Christ, crucified, risen and coming again. As he was making his exodus from this earth the Bible says that the Heaven opened and he saw

Jesus standing on the right hand of God. Don't you suppose that he heard Jesus say, "Stephen, come on home."

When dedicated Christians leave comfortable homes, family and friends to follow the Lord Jesus Christ; when they suffer sickness, heartache and endless toil; when they labor in the local church with little encouragement and sometimes battle jealousy and pride — sure it costs! But it will be worth it all when we see Him! Oh, glorious day! Even so Lord Jesus come!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rev. Ken Turner is one of the 'pillars' in the Free Will Baptist denomination. He and his lovely wife, Jewel, love God, love people and have a strong desire to preach and teach the Word. They are members of the Monett Free Will Baptist Church.

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