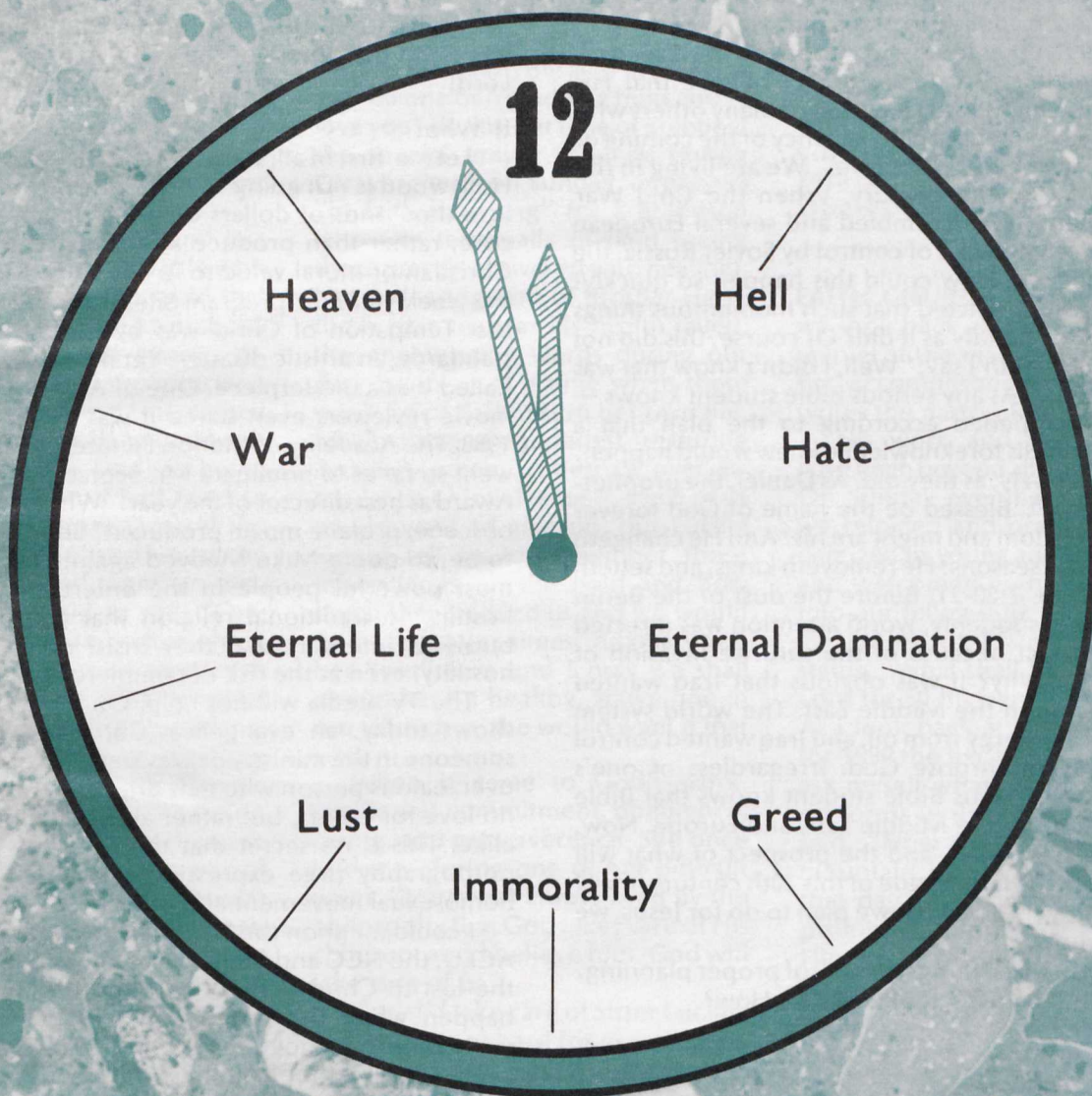


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A New Year Has Begun — One Step Closer to Christ's Return

"See then that ye walk circumspectly....redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

— Ephesians 5:15-16

Double in a Decade

by Clarence Burton

"Where did 1990 go?," someone asked me. Well, I made an intelligent reply and said, "It went the same place as 1989 — it went in a hurry." And it did.

As we look back in retrospect at the year 1991, can we think of anything that we did, that we have not done in previous years, that made a definite impact for the cause of Christ? Are we planning to do anything differently this year, 1991, that will make a greater impact towards winning the lost to Christ?

Most folks that fail to serve the Lord as they know they should, don't plan to fail. The problem is they fail to plan! You have heard this said before, I suspect, but let me say it again — What we want to do for Christ, we should do quickly! I am not a date setter as to when Christ will come again. I would be foolish to state that He is coming in November, 1991, for as Jesus said, the angels in Heaven do not know the time. But in my soul I believe that His coming draweth nigh! And I have heard many others who love the Lord say, "I sense an expectancy of the coming of Christ that I have never felt before." We are living in the last decade of the 20th century. When the Cold War melted, the Berlin Wall crumbled and several European countries put off the yoke of control by Soviet Russia, the world was shocked. How could this happen so quickly! Who would have predicted that such momentous things would happen as rapidly as it did? Of course, this did not surprise God. He didn't say, "Well, I didn't know that was going to happen." As any serious Bible student knows — these events happened according to the plan that a Sovereign God in His foreknowledge knew would happen, exactly and precisely, as they did. As Daniel, the prophet-statesman, said, "...Blessed be the name of God forever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And He changeth the times and the seasons: He removeth kings, and setteth up kings..." (Dan. 2:20-21) Before the dust of the Berlin Wall had settled, suddenly, world attention was directed to the Middle East because of the surprise invasion of Kuwait by Iraq. Why? It was obvious that Iraq wanted control of the oil in the Middle East. The world system draws most of its energy from oil, and Iraq wanted control of it. This did not surprise God. Irregardless of one's eschatology, any serious Bible student knows that Bible prophecy unfolds in the Middle East, and Europe. Now, with what has happened, and the prospect of what will likely happen in the last decade of this 20th century, may I say this loud and clear, "What we plan to do for Jesus, we need to do it now."

May I suggest three things, by way of proper planning. (1) The What? (2) The Who? and (3) The How?

I The What?

Let's simply do what Jesus commanded (not suggested) we do following His resurrection and before His ascension. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I

have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:19-20) To compliment this the Bible states in Psalms 126:5, 6 "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

The ingredients that are involved in soul-winning and edifying the Christian will do more to fight some of the major battles the Christian faces than anything else. We are in a war against the world, the flesh and the devil! To win we must go on the offensive. There is the battle against drunkenness, drugs, pornography, alcohol, illicit sex, homosexuals and others. I am convinced that the only way we will win the battle in the fight against these evils of the devil is to lead that lost person to Jesus and help him or her claim the power of the Holy Spirit and grow in the Lord!

II Who?

Let me, first of all, say who is not going to do the going. Hollywood is not going to help. The movie industry will lose thousands of dollars on a film that is rotten to the core, rather than produce a film that has some family, Christian or moral value to it. Mike Medved, co-host of the weekly PBS TV program Sneak Previews, states, "The Last Temptation of Christ was by honest and objective standards, an artistic disaster. Yet many of my colleagues hailed it as a masterpiece. One of America's best known movie reviewers even stated it was the greatest film of 1988. The Academy of Motion Pictures, Arts and Sciences went so far as to nominate Mr. Scorsese for an Academy Award as best director of the year." Why was this ungodly, obscene, profane movie produced? Because there seems to be, to quote Mike Medved again, "For many of the most powerful people in the entertainment business, hostility to traditional religion that goes so deep and burns so intensely that they insist on expressing that hostility, even at the risk of commercial disaster."

The TV media will not help. On most prime time TV shows today, an evangelical Christian, whether it be someone in the ministry or a lay person, is portrayed as an overzealous person who gets drunk, is half crazy and has no love for others, but rather abuses family and friends, alike. This is no secret that the TV News Media favors pornography (free expression they say), abortion, the homosexual movement and other immoral activities.

I could mention the National Endowment of Arts, the ACLU, the NCC and others who will not help in winning the lost to Christ. I shudder when I think of what will happen when the Judgement of God falls on these perpetrators of ungodliness, filth and perversion. But when I think of the countless thousands of people who have been led and are being led by these perverts of the truth, I can say, Lord, swing your sword of judgement just as you did at Sodom and Gomorrah.

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With Our Churches

UNITED CHURCH, West Plains, MO

— Sandy Morris, church reporter, writes, Christmas is the time of year we find ourselves anticipating, procrastinating, and reflecting on things to come, the year that is ahead, and what the year we are leaving has brought our way — especially the changes.

One of the changes brought to us at United Free Will Baptist Church, West Plains, Missouri, is rather "bittersweet." When God calls a blessed "saint" home, we often find for those of us left behind, mixed emotions. We are truly happy for the one called home, yet the loss and void their passing leaves takes a lot of adjustment on our part.

Five years ago, my husband lost his father after a five week battle with cancer. The illness was so rapid that we found ourselves in a state of shock for the most part and afterwards. While reflecting on the situation with a dear pastor friend of ours, I mentioned how fortunate my husband had been in having such a great Dad and being so very close to him. I had tried to encourage him by pointing out all the things they had done together, all the time they had shared together, etc., and Brother Ray said to me, "One thing you will have to realize, those are the ones that have so very much to give up." I share that personal experience with you to say this, that is where we find ourselves with the death of Sister Lucille Beatty. There is so very much to give up. Where do we start? Lucille was so many things to so many people. She was truly one of the last of the "grand ladies." She was the product of a more genteel era, when hospitality and encouragement were a style of life.

There is no way to adequately sum up all the years of service she and Brother Harry gave to our denomination and do it justice. They worked all these many years locally and statewide as Pastor and State Coordinator. They were known both far and near in the State of Missouri and admired with great love and respect. They both, so loved God, and found a place in His service where they bloomed into beautiful roses. The legacy they leave is priceless.

When I think of Lucille, through tears yet, I think of seeing her on Sunday morning entering the sanctuary, all dressed up as if she were going somewhere special. She was. She was going to Church to worship God. She possessed an enthusiasm that was magnetic to the rest of us. There are so many things I remember with such a warm feeling — the raised hands during worship hour, singing in the choir, the "Amen's" to Brother Glenn's sermons; the Word of God always thrilled her heart, the altar prayers for a loved one or friend, the hugs and "I love you" during our time of greeting, the special prayer requests during "prayer time" on Sunday, or prayers "in faith believing" for a grandson who was terminally ill (and seeing those prayers answered with healing), her endearing care of Brother Harry these past years as his health failed, the encouraging words during our dark hours — at a time when there was a lot of darkness in her own life. Maybe some of my fondest are during Auxiliary when, in despair over attendance or involvement, some of us would want to give up, but Lucille would tell us to remember those missionaries on the field and how much they needed us and we would go on to better times. Auxiliary was her "pet" love and I pray we shall always have a healthy, active one in our Church — she would want it that way.

When it came to God's work, Lucille was commitment, obedience, caring, and perseverance. She once told me, during one of her difficult times, "Harry has always lived by the philosophy that God takes care of His children, and I believe him. God will take care of us."

God did take care of Sister Lucille. It is sometimes hard for us to accept, but death is complete healing and God was merciful, for which we are grateful.

It would be impossible to give a summation to so many memories, but I think the one thing that sticks in my mind foremost is Lucille's enthusiasm and unexhaustible energies for God's work in whatever she was called to do. We so miss her. I know time makes death easier to bear, talking

about her will become some easier, but the loss and void will always be as real as it is today. The torch has been passed, and it may take several of us to carry hers. Thanks, Lucy — for all the good times, the wonderful memories, the example you lived before us, and the influence you left with us — we love you!

Let us not forget; however, we are to be servants to the living and take a few minutes to turn our attention to Brother Harry, who is presently residing in Oklahoma near their son Kenneth. I know he needs the encouragement and love of his friends now more than any other time in his life. If you have the opportunity, mail him a card of cheer. He, too, has given so much, so willingly, for so long.

Reverend Harry Beatty
Baptist Retirement Village
c/o Evergreen Care Center
7410 N. 127 E. Avenue
Owasso, Oklahoma 74055

FAITH CHURCH, Lemay, MO — As we look back at the past months we marvel at the many good things God has accomplished at Faith Church, writes the pastor, Rev. Elvus Reed.

His work and accomplishments have been beyond all our expectations. On Sunday evening, October 28th, we rejoiced and praised God as we baptized six young adults and received and welcomed eight new members into our fellowship.

I think of Psalm 116:12, which states, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" As I look back at all of the blessings for 1990 the excitement builds, and I ask myself what great things will He do for us in the coming year? Caleb said, "Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord spake in that day..." We, also, can claim the promises of God for 1991, and praise Him for all of His mighty works.



These individuals were baptized at our service of October 28th. L to R, top row: Steven Hasty, Dale Mertz, and Cecil Magness; L to R, bottom row: Sandy Starns, Debbie Massey, and Carol Mertz.

OAK HILL FWB CHURCH, Union, MO — On November 25, 1990, the Oak Hill Free Will Baptist Church of Union, Missouri, celebrated its Annual Homecoming. Lunch was served in the Fellowship Hall of the church following the regular Sunday School and morning worship services. The fellowship meal was enjoyed even better than usual, due to the newly finished hall. In fact, approximately 4,640 square feet of building space has recently been readied for Sunday School and other classrooms, besides the large fellowship hall.

At 1 o'clock p.m. the church met again in the sanctuary for a time of worship with the "Revelators" and several groups from the Oak Hill congregation who provided special music. Then promptly at 2 o'clock p.m. the order of service changed as the church prepared to ordain three men to serve as deacons. What a blessed service this proved to be. Brother John Camillo welcomed those assembled for this service and led in prayer. Our pastor, Rev. Jay Tilson, brought a message from Acts 6:1-7 and then gave a charge to the church. Rev. Hugh Stogsdill, a former member of the Oak Hill congregation, and the

current pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church at Bourbon, Missouri, gave the charge to the deacons. Brother Rich Webb, a layman at Oak Hill, led the prayer of ordination, while pastors from the association performed the laying on of hands.



Ordination Service — L to R: Rev. Hugh Stogsdill, Ron Witte, Rhonda Witte, Leroy Light, Pat Light, Sharon Light, Carl Light, and Pastor Tilson.

We are thankful for the pastors and people from our sister churches in the association who participated in this service. Since the ordination began at 2 o'clock p.m. on a Sunday, they had to rush coming and going in order to share with us in this service.

Each of the three men who were ordained as deacons have been faithfully serving Christ in the Oak Hill Church for over 12 years. All of these men, along with their wives, have and

do share in the ministry to and through the church. They too, are eager to learn and to enhance the ministry of the Oak Hill Church. The men ordained were: Carl Light, Leroy Light, and Ron Witte.

FIRST CHURCH, Kirksville, MO — Nine members of the Woman's Auxiliary, First Free Will Baptist Church, met at the home of Betty Jones on November 12, 1990, at 9:30, for a Thanksgiving Breakfast.

This was a special time of prayer, not only for our missionaries but for sharing our personal needs, writes Betty Jones.

Those present were: Esther Hediger, Elva Carawford, Velma Wellman, Leona Myers, Faith Hiatt, Lois Fore, Edna Bunton, Debbie Beck and Betty Jones.



Kirksville Prayer Breakfast



Personnel Changes

Ken Goff to Superintendent - Youth Camp, Niangua, Mo.
Gene Crewse to Fordland Baptist Church, Fordland, Mo.
John Postlewaite to New Home Church, Competition, Mo.
Robert Long to Pleasant Ridge Church, Urbana, Mo.
Shane Shockley to Hopewell Church, Tunas, Mo.
Lynn Beck to First Church, Kirksville, Mo.
Danny Douglas to Pleasant Home Church, Van Zant, Mo.
Zachary Williams to Union Grove Church, Norwood, Mo.
Herb McMillian to Copper Mines Church, Fredericktown, Mo.
Sterl Paramore to First Church, Flat River, Mo.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES JUNE - NOVEMBER 1990

CHURCHES	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
Belton	40	52	54	56	57	63
Calvary Fellowship	199	186	189			
Cape Girardeau	62	51	58	81	64	
Central	105	100				
Copper Mines	73	61	73	60	62	64
Cuba	74	70	69	66	73	77
DeSoto	195	189		200		
Farmington	328	334	359	374	356	419
Flat River, First	119	126	128	121		
Hannon	81	84	78	85	87	81
Harmony	68	64	90	75		
Hartville	93	90	98	116	103	
Hopewell	42		40	39	38	
Houston	77	68	75	68		71
Lebanon, First	90	84	88	96	96	99
Myrtle	34	36	30	31	30	34
O'Fallon	38	33	38	44	44	49
Parkview	54	62	53	60	57	68
Richwoods	33	33	34	35	33	33
Rock Chapel	81	66	80			
Springfield, First	122	129	126	117	126	123
Thayer	116	109	119	121	121	
United, West Plains	187		189	178		
Victory, K.C.	75	65	71			
Willow Springs	67		67	71	67	66

Please send the Sunday School average attendance each month.

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

Revelation 3:14-22 gives a clear picture of the church in need of revival.

The condition of this church is described as wretched and miserable. This is a state of affairs where pity is to be shown toward those found in this condition. The church was poor or lacking true spiritual treasures. She was blind or lacking spiritual perception. She did not understand her condition. In fact, she said of herself that she was rich and had need of nothing. She was also naked or exposed to the shame and embarrassment that follows where such a great lacking exist.

What has produced this condition in the church? The cause is found in her lukewarmness. The church had not vocally denied God. But, she had no heart for the God she professed to love. She had form and ritual, but no loving obedience to the principles of divine truth. As long as religious church people fail to take seriously the absolutes of a personal God, lukewarmness will prevail. Accountability to a sovereign God is difficult for some churchgoers to attain because it may interrupt what Francis A. Schaeffer calls their "personal peace and affluence."

The corrective measure for this condition within the church is the obtaining of fire-tried gold or true spiritual riches. Another thing needed is the white (unstained) raiment or the robe of Christ's righteousness. An eye salve is needed for the healing of spiritual perception. These are all found in the person of Christ, Who stands on the outside of the lukewarm church, asking to be invited in.

A revival, where Christ is invited in by a persuasion that His commands and teachings are to be incorporated into every area of our lives, is the only thing that will keep this type of church from being spewed out, or from falling under the judgement of God.

Where are we and our churches?

Country Churches

The little unpretentious country church
That stands beside a quiet, dusty road,
Regardless of how far and wide I search
Presents the most invitatory code.

No architectural splendor graces it,
No obvious kinship with cathedrals great.
One simple room, with pews that are a bit
Straight-backed and hard, but yet seem intimate.

An altar plainly hewn, its comeliness
Adorned with flowers and word of His decree.
There is an air of simple peacefulness,
A lack of artificiality.

I like quaint churches built on country sod
Because they seem so very near to God.

— Maysie Tuley Klein

Satanism...Is It In Your Community?

by Ve Ann Tilson

Before you immediately and emphatically say, "NO!," listen to what Moody Adams, an evangelist who has done research on the subject, has to say: "It's just now really getting to us. Nearly every community has been touched by it now. The public is in a state of denial about Satanism, but that is not going to make it go away."

We as parents, teachers, church workers, etc., can take the philosophy of the ostrich and stick our heads in the sand, hoping that Satanism will go away. But we have left a most valuable possession exposed . . . our children.

WHO is attracted to Satanism? According to studies, adolescents, ages 11-17, from all walks of life. Many are from middle to upper middle class families. They are intelligent, creative, and curious children. Many have been loners and have low self-esteem.

The most frequent places WHERE children are recruited are rock concerts, game clubs, school, and private parties at some friend's house.

WHY do people get involved in Satanism? Some of the youth involvement is no doubt motivated by youthful rebellion. Rebellion is against parents, traditional religious values, school, and authority in general. On the surface, Satanism practices may appear as a means to acquire power and control over factors of importance in their lives. According to Adams, young people are attracted by three things: "power, pleasure, and pride."

HOW do we know if our child is being drawn into Satanism? Parents should know their children's friends and also should become acquainted with the parents of their children's friends. Notice the music that is listened to by your child. There has been an overwhelming amount of occult philosophy and symbolism in the entertainment arena. Heavy metal music, with lyrics of death, torture, drug usage, illicit sex, etc., are providing many children with more exposure to the occult than most parents realize.

What games do your children play? Fantasy role playing games like "Dungeons and Dragons" are dangerous. Monitor the movies and videos your child watches. Know what books and magazines your children are reading. What kinds of pictures and posters are they collecting?

WHAT can we do? We should educate ourselves and our families about Satanism and the occult. Attendance at community church sponsored seminars on the occult should be encouraged. Communication with your children is also crucial to overcoming this movement.

According to Adams, "It is going to be very difficult to turn the tide, until we get a return to solid values." This may be difficult, but it is not impossible. We simply must not take the "head in the sand" philosophy. Parents must communicate Christian values by example as well as by explanation, and build a healthy self-esteem in your child.

SOURCES: B.A.D.D. Inc., Sept. 1988
Franklin County, Mo. Sheriff's Dept.
Police Training Institute
Rev. Moody Adams

Greetings From Our Missionaries:

JERRY & CAROL PINKERTON, Cote d'Ivoire, Afrique — We plan to be in the United States around April 1. Following three years on the field a six month furlough has been requested. This will not be long to raise the needed money for our budget, but we are praying that folks will respond. Keep this in mind — gasoline is \$5.50 a gallon, a new tire is \$185.00 and three Missionary families (Daniels, Moores & Pinkertons) have 172 villages in the Bondoukou immediate area to serve. We praise the Lord for a new attitude among the Africans. There is love, joy, forgiveness and unity.

KEN & JUDY BAILEY, Tokyo, Japan — We recently had a joint meeting with our church in the downtown area of Adachi. It is our only other church in the Tokyo area. We have unsaved neighbors and some unsaved who are attending some of the church services — please pray for them. We need about \$1500 a month additional support. The dollar has lost against the yen. Gasoline is \$4.50 a gallon, 4 apples cost \$4.64 and the price of a Bible went up from \$26 to \$34.

STEVE & JUDY LYTLE, Panama — Six people from the Panama City area churches went to Rio D Jesus to give free medical attention to the poverty stricken people in that area and above all to share the gospel of Christ. Seven doctors, three nurses and one lab technician saw approximately 1,250 patients. In the meantime other believers were going door to door doing soul-winning visitation. The gospel was shared with 400 people and every person who visited the temporary clinic received a tract and gospel witness. Stan and Brenda Bunch with their three children arrived back in Panama August 28 — we praise the Lord for that! Thanks for your prayers and support — please continue it.

STEVE & LINDA REEVES, Spain — From November 29 - December we celebrated the sixth anniversary of the church with an Evangelistic Service each evening. Our Christmas Program was held December 23rd. Pray for us as we continue to look for land on which to build. The dollar has dropped from 106 pesetas to 93 since returning in June. That is a 12% increase in our cost of living. Please remember our financial needs in your prayers.

JIM & OLENA McLAIN, Japan — Two young mothers are studying in a new converts class. We are looking forward to seeing them baptized in the near future. Two of our young ladies who have been studying in our Bible colleges in the U.S. are back in Japan. It is good to have them back in our fellowship and see how they have grown in the Lord. We ask for your continued support in prayers and finances to sustain our ministry in Japan.

MARK & LOUISE VANDIVORT, Flagstaff, Arizona — Thirty years with Free Will Baptist Home Missions. We humbly thank each of you who have prayed for us and supported us. Pray for the Flagstaff Mission Church to receive sufficient funds to be able to build our first building.

THE RUSSEL JOHNSONS in Cheyenne, Wyoming — We had our first service in the new church building on October 7. There was a very good attendance, considering there was an 11 inch snow that fell on Saturday night. There have been two souls saved and two rededications recently for which we are so thankful. Thanks to everyone who has helped in this ministry. Please continue to pray and support us. We need it now more than ever.

HOWARD & PATSY GWARTNEY, Mesa, Arizona — We're excited about the great things that are happening at East Valley Free Will Baptist Church. Our attendance is increasing and new people are visiting the services. We have \$30,000 in our land fund but prime property is still priced at over \$60,000 per acre. Thanks for your support, but we need your continued prayers and financial support.

THE VERGEL MANESS FAMILY, Vineland, N.J. — We have just completed the installation of a heating system in the new church building. For this and many other blessings we are so thankful. Our prayer requests are: 1) for the new converts, that they reach stability; 2) my account is in the red over \$2000. Please remember us with a special gift.

EDITOR'S NOTE: These are not all of "Our Missinaries," but those from whom we have recently received letters. The Gem carries monthly reports on the Mission Work at Carthage and Wentzville.

THANK YOU!

from the
**National Home Missions
Department**
P.O. Box 1088
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

Your generous support in 1990 helped keep 56 Home Missionary families and 15 Mexican National Pastors on the field throughout the United States, Mexico, Canada, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. There were 16 missionaries who built new buildings, and more than 1,500 souls were won to the Lord by Home Missions personnel. We thank our faithful pastors, laymen, and churches who helped make all this possible. Please remember us in prayer as we labor in 1991 to place "Missionaries In Every State For Churches In Every City."

Teacher Needed for Missionary Children in Japan

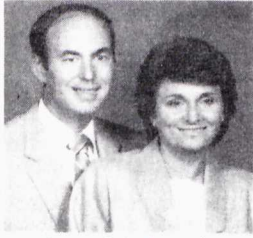
Nashville, Tenn. — A teacher is needed for the children of missionaries on the island of Hokkaido, Japan, for the 1991-92 school term. R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions, noted this is an opportunity for a retired teacher who would like to have a mission ministry, or for a teacher who is interested in a career on the mission field.

The Hokkaido Christian Learning Center was begun in the fall of 1990 for the children of Free Will Baptist missionaries in Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan. This alternative to home schooling allows the missionaries to devote their time to the ministry of soul-winning and discipling Christians in Japan.

Anyone who is interested in this ministry should contact the Foreign Missions Department immediately. Write to Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202 or call (651) 361-1010.

Missionaries From Missouri

EDITOR'S NOTE: These photos have been sent to the *Gem* office as Missionaries from Missouri. I am placing them in the January *Gem*, that you might look, think of them and remember them in prayer and with your financial support. May the Lord bless the labor of these Missionaries, our State Missionaries and our National Home Missionaries.



Steve & Judy Lytle



Steve & Linda Reeves



Jerry & Carol Pinkerton



Ron & Linda Moore



Charolette Tallent



Stan & Brenda Bunch



Ken & Judy Bailey



Carlisle & Marie Hanna



Jim & Olena McLain

Missouri State Home Missions Board

From Our Home Missionary:

HANNIBAL MISSION CHURCH, Hannibal, MO — The pastor, Reverend Dale Cochran, writes, Brothers and sisters in the Missouri Free Will Baptist Association, the Hannibal Free Will Baptist Mission Church is alive and well. God continues to bless our efforts in Hannibal and the church is on a continual growth pattern. 1990 has been an exciting yet very challenging year for us. We have seen our congregation grow from the low 20's to the high 30's and even several Sundays in the 40's. Our offerings have increased from an average of \$100 a week to over \$300 a week. We are working to assume as much financial responsibility of our building indebtedness as possible and feel like we can project a self-sustaining status for our church within the next two years. The brothers and sisters of our congregation are maturing very well with a deep sense of the need for giving and serving the Lord in every aspect of church service.

As their pastor I am very proud of this congregation of people. I am asking you to please keep the Hannibal project on your prayer list, and maybe you would like to designate to the Hannibal Mission project. Please don't forget us in Hannibal. We love you and appreciate everything you have ever done or ever will do. I would like to pay special tribute to the following people for their personal gifts to the Hannibal Mission project.

Mr. & Mrs. Randy Matlock - Church Carpet
Mrs. Ruth Daniels - Church Organ
Mr. & Mrs. Phil Rocco - Desk, File and Kitchen Cabinets
Mr. & Mrs. Don Robertson - Stove
Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Bryant - Tape Deck System
Mrs. Mickie Parker - P.A. System
Mr. & Mrs. Chet Whitmer - Dodge Van
Ms. Teri Blackburn - Chairs

Oak Hill F.W.B. Church Women's Auxiliary - Tables and Chairs
O'Fallon F.W.B. Church - Copy Machine
Mrs. E. Camery, Mr. & Mrs. Archie Cooper, N.E. Association FWB, Missouri Home Mission Board, and Hannibal Congregation - Church Piano

We appreciate our many friends from Wentzville, O'Fallon, Kirksville, Rolla, and Hannibal who have donated labor and prayers for the building project. The congregation and staff of the Hannibal Free Will Baptist Mission Church says thanks and may God Bless you very richly.



Prayer of Dedication - Church Van

The going; the witnessing for Jesus will be done by that born-again believer who has a love for the unsaved and who believes that the Bible is the inspired, authoritative, irrevocable Word of God. The committed Christian will go because Jesus said "Go," and because he or she knows that there is no joy compared to that which one experiences when an unsaved soul is led to Christ. The one thing that is near and dear to the heart of God, that brings rejoicing in Heaven, is one lost soul that repents and trusts Christ as Saviour.

There are so many examples in Scripture: Jesus and Nicodemus; Jesus and the Woman of Samaria; Peter at the home of Cornelius; Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch; Paul and Silas and the Philipian jailer. The fields are white unto harvest but the laborers are few.

And finally, The When?

A recent compilation of more than fifty years of public opinion polls by the Gallup Organization shows that 94% of the public believe in God, 90% pray and 88% believe that God loves them. More than 75% say their religious experience has been a positive experience. Co-author Jim Castelli, "The People's Religion: American Faith in the 90's," said the thing that has surprised him is the percentage that went to church last week is basically the same percentage that went to church in the 1930's. Perhaps the reason is reflected in the fact that only 65% of "believers" are affiliated with a church organization. There is no commitment!

George Gallup, Jr., says many Christians are practicing a religion that is comfortable and titillating but not challenging. Gallup states "that is the central weakness of Christianity in the United States today." Is this just the weakness of "the others" but not us? The statistics reveal that Free Will Baptists are plagued with the same weakness as others.

The National Association of Free Will Baptists has adopted the challenge "Double in this Decade." There are some local churches that have adopted this challenge.

Is the challenge too great — Double in this Decade? It is not too great if, I said if, every committed Christian will accept this challenge and work and pray to see this goal met. We cannot follow the pattern that has been evident for so long — 25% of the members of a local church do 95% of the work and shoulder 75% of the financial responsibility.

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists can double in the decade of the 90's if every born-again Free Will Baptist will say "I will." It has pleased God to use these earthen vessels to bear the Good News that Jesus died for our sins; He rose again for our justification and whosoever will may come to Him for salvation.

No one else will do this precious ministry. The devil, the world and the flesh will fight it, but bless God we can do it as we submit and commit ourselves to Him!

I pray that every pastor will lead the church he serves to accept this challenge; I pray that every person who worships at one of our Free Will Baptist Churches will follow the leadership of the pastor and give his/her best to the One Who loves us and gave His best for us! Let's Double in a Decade!

EDITOR'S NOTE: The writer for the New Year Message had some unexpected interruptions in his schedule. Inasmuch as I do have the message I am using the one above.



Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

In my opinion there are certain areas in the church that can make or break the opportunities of growth. One of them is the music of the church.

In the surveys taken of the large fast growing churches, the five main reasons they grow and the people say they attend are: 1) they like the preacher; 2) they like the music; 3) they like the friendliness; 4) they like the location; and 5) they like the denomination.

There is no question that most people enjoy good gospel music. The charismatics, with all their doctrinal errors, have used music to attract people and draw them in to their church. We have failed to realize the potential in gospel music. Music can attract people; music can draw people into the church; music can touch the emotions; music can assist the preacher; music can help build the church.

In many of our churches music is second class. There is no organization, and little direction. Song books that are not even doctrinally sound are used instead of our own Free Will Baptist hymnals, or other recognized hymn books. The song service is often far too long, consisting of too many congregational songs, and too many special numbers that are too often ill prepared.

If the music program of the church is well organized, interesting, enjoyable, and inspirational, it will be a tremendous asset to the spiritual and numerical growth of the church.

Morning Moments

The birds singing; the sun rising,
The grass is wet with dew.
Morningtime is a special time
When everything is fresh and new.

Yesterday has now passed away;
A new day has just begun.
The darkness has been pushed away
With the rising of the sun.

With each new day, a ray of light,
And hope springs up anew.
For God has created a brand new day
To form the moments, we are free to do.

For each new day is a treasure,
That we may choose to unfold.
As the moments lie before us,
The story remains to be told.

So, look out of your window!
Praise God for this glorious morn!
Yesterday is gone; tomorrow still awaits,
But this moment is just being born.

— by Darla Jacks Trimble

The Beauty of Biology

by Pam Hudson

A VERY SPECIAL ANIMAL

The duck-billed platypus of Australia is a most astounding combination of physical features. It is so completely different than most known animals that scientists in England, who first saw a dead specimen, believed that it had been sewn together by Chinese merchants to deceive the British! Their confusion is understandable.

The platypus has a duck-like beak, five webbed toes, swims like a fish, and lays eggs. Like a bird, it makes a grass-lined nest and hatches its eggs by curling up on the nest and warming them. It must therefore be some kind of special bird. On the other hand, the platypus has four legs, a fur hide, a large flat beaverlike tail and claws like many mammals. It must, therefore, be some kind of a special mammal! However, when it is small it has teeth which in the adults are replaced by horny plates, unique among reptiles. Furthermore, it uses echo location like a dolphin or a bat; a hollow spur on the inside of its heel connects with a poison-gland, making it the only venomous furred creature. Its legs are short as a reptile's but it has large cheek pouches like a squirrel or a monkey. The platypus has recently (1985) been reported as being "plugged in": with its bill it can sense electrical fields, the first higher vertebrate found to have that ability.

Evolutionists have no means of classifying, or explaining the development of animals like the platypus. The "duckbill" of the platypus as well as the other structures, create a shattering blow to the credibility of the theory of evolution. These "weird" combinations of traits simply do not fit into the concept of a "tree of life" as explained by neodarwinism or even saltationism. For the Designer and the Creator of the world, however, the platypus is no problem at all! Each animal possesses characteristics through which God intended to display His wisdom to men.

But now ask the beasts, and let them teach you; and the birds of the heavens, and let them tell you. Or speak to the earth, and let it teach you; and let the fish of the sea declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this, in whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind? (Job 12:7-10)

Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



A prudent man foreseeth the evil and hideth himself; but the simple pass on and are punished. Proverbs 27:12

I would like for us to look at the two types of people mentioned in this verse. By doing so, we will see that it is very important for us to look ahead before we make decisions. In the words of an old cliché, "look before you leap."

The prudent man is one who perceives things as they are and finds protection. The simple person goes on blindly and lets happen what will happen, and often times to their own destruction.

A good definition for prudence is "the penetrating consideration which precedes action." A good definition for simple is "the weak in the mind." One person has paraphrased this verse to read "a sensible man watches for problems ahead and prepares to meet them." "The simpleton never looks and suffers the consequences."

A lot of problems will confront us as we enter into the new year; earthquakes, recession, social and spiritual worries. Hopefully, we will look ahead and see that our lives need to be hid with Christ in God. We need to have the mind of Christ at all times and trust Him for the answers.

As we see the day approaching,

we ought to assemble together in harmony and expectation that Jesus Christ is our hiding place. Some hide in social positions and some in financial security. The prudent man will hide in Christ.

Two types of people. What makes the difference? The answer is Jesus Christ and His Word giving us direction through the coming year. So, therefore, be prudent, and not simple. It may determine your eternal destiny.

I want to end with a few verses that explain more about the simple and prudent. "The simple believeth every word; but, the prudent man looketh well to his going." Proverbs 14:15. "Now I beseech you brethren mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple." Proverbs 16:17-18. "The simple inherit folly; but the prudent are crowned with knowledge." Proverbs 14:18.

In this coming year don't just pass on, but look where you are going.

Bible College to Offer Student Aid Programs

Nashville, Tennessee — Students now attending Free Will Baptist Bible College, as well as those who enroll next semester, may qualify for federal financial aid, according to Tom Sass, Treasurer.

The college has already been approved to offer Pell Grants, the largest direct aid program administered by the Office of Student Financial Assistance. Students who demonstrate a definite financial need may qualify for up to \$2,300 per year. Even students enrolled for the current fall semester will be able to apply for Pell Grants.

The college is awaiting final approval for several other Title IV student financial aid packages. These include the College Work Study Program (CWS), the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program (SEOG), the Stafford Loan Program, Supple-

mental Loans for Students (SLS), and the Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students Program (PLUS). FWBCC officials are hopeful that the Stafford Loan Program, the SLS Program and the PLUS Program will be available by the time students enroll for the spring semester. The CWS and SEOG programs will be introduced in the fall of 1991.

The Board of Trustees began several years ago to investigate the possibility of securing federal aid for FWBCC students. Many students now attending the Bible College come from homes where college expenses put their families in a financial strain. These financial aid programs will make federal funds available to these students and to their families.

The college has been cautious about accepting federal funds, even
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in the form of student assistance. However, Chancellor Charles A. Thigpen says that the college's involvement in these programs will require no more than what the college has been doing for years by making GI Bill benefits available to veterans.

FWBBC President Tom Malone says, "We are offering these programs

to help our students and their families. This aid is to our students, not to the institution." He added, "We do not see this as opening the door for government control of the college. In 1965, the college pulled out of these assistance programs because of attempts to impose guidelines we were not ready to accept. If we detect such attempts in the future, we have the

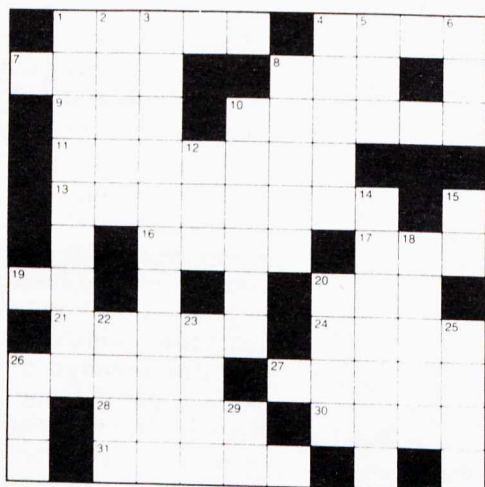
right to do the same thing."

Anyone who would like information on the Pell Grants, and on other financial aid programs as they become available, may request them from:

Office of Student Financial Aid
Free Will Baptist Bible College

3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205
(615) 383-1340

PUZZLE 3



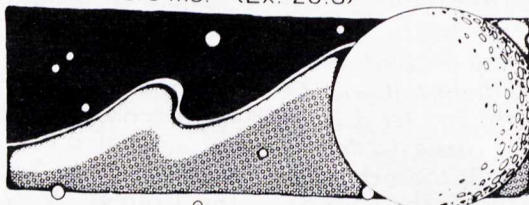
ACROSS

1. Our Saviour, the Son of God (John 1:29)
4. Sailed with Barnabas to Cyprus (Acts 15:39)
7. One of five kings killed by the Israelites (Num. 31:8)
8. A city of Simeon (Josh. 19:7)
9. "Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither _____ him" (Lev. 19:13)
10. Judas, who betrayed him, said, "_____, is it I?" (Matt. 26:25)
11. " . . . some have entertained angels _____s." (Heb. 13:2)
13. Zacchaeus climbed into a _____ tree to see Jesus. Hint: Use the modern spelling. (Luke 19:1-10)
16. A song of praise (Eph. 5:19)
17. Used in the Lord's Supper (Matt. 26:27)
19. _____-beth-el was the name of Jacob's altar. (Genesis 35:7)
20. So they took branches of p_____ trees and went to meet Him. (John 12:13)
21. An Ezrahite wise man (I Kings 4:31)
24. Because he burned the bones into _____. (Amos 2:1)
26. Father of Moses (Ex. 6:20)

27. A precious stone (Ezek. 28:13)
28. A Jew returned from captivity in Babylon (Neh. 10:26)
30. J_____ shai, a Gadite (I Chr. 5:14)
31. " . . . thy mariners, and thy _____s" (Ezek. 27:27)

DOWN

1. The sacred city and capital of Judah (I Kings 15:4)
2. Black heavy wood (Ezekiel 27:15)
3. " . . . lama _____ why hast thou forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34)
4. " . . . and remember his _____y no more." (Prov. 31:7)
5. _____ipas, a martyr (Rev. 2:13)
6. " . . . and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto _____." (Amos 1:5)
8. Moses' older brother (Ex. 7:7)
10. Jesus said, " . . . ye cannot serve God and _____." (Matt. 6:24)
12. " . . . I am the _____, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6)
14. When the moon passes between the earth and sun causing darkness during the day, it is an _____.
15. "I will lift _____ mine eyes unto the hills" (Ps. 121:1)
18. A town of Asher (Joshua 19:30)
20. Plant used as a perfume: _____s. (Ps. 45:8)
22. " . . . they set a _____" (Jer. 5:26)
23. An Asherite, the son of Helem (I Chr. 7:35)
25. _____n-geber: a town on the Red Sea (Deut. 2:8)
26. Chief of the Gadites (I Chr. 5:15)
29. "Thou shalt have _____ other gods before me." (Ex. 20:3)



Financial Information

NOVEMBER 1990

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board	\$ 5,300.94
17.50% Exec. Off. & Gem	5,014.40
3.50% General Fund	1,002.88
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	2,435.57
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd. ..	716.34
2.50% C.E. Board	716.34
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board	716.34
5.00% Mo. State Retirement Program	1,432.69
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College ..	8,739.38
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	
(\$87.39 included in \$8,739.38)	
9.00% State Office & Bookstore Bldg.	2,578.83
Total	\$28,653.71

How bountiful are the blessings from the Lord! The Lord is so good! We thank Him 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 pray 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. California Christian College will continue to receive the 1%.

NOVEMBER 1990 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE

Number One	\$ 57.40
Kingsway	194.30
Merl's Chapel	249.00
Liberty	238.00
Overland	147.24
Verdella	183.03
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	118.24
Riverview, IA	627.35
Willow Springs	260.79
Happy Home	90.19
Berkeley	258.65
Royal Oak	82.00
New Life, Ava	16.00
Bailey Chapel	60.00
Parkview	319.21
Calvary, Conway	189.30
Heritage	49.00
Clifton	37.53
Houston	266.62
Fredericktown	437.97
Blue Springs	160.00
Olivet	400.00
Neosho	213.75
Faith & Hope	171.80
Stockton	97.78
Oak Grove, Norwood	103.34
Calvary Chapel	68.40
Koshkonong	88.25
Thayer	477.00
Seymour	103.00
Victory, Alton	126.00
Hopewell	127.00
Unity	206.28
Rock Chapel	272.21
Mt. Pisgah	286.00
Lone Star	52.00
Springfield, First	563.17
Mountain Grove	800.76
New Hope, Fredricktown	13.00
Freeman Chapel	205.97
Carthage	110.00

Mine La Motte	50.45
DeSoto	800.00
Hannon	325.04
Belton	392.22
Potosi	92.40
Kirkville	69.89
Monett	602.80
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Pleasant Ridge	80.00
Lebanon, First	445.83
Bethel, El Dorado	47.39
Cope	40.00
Harmony	549.00
Mill Creek	179.83
Central	730.75
Columbia	75.00
New Harmony	14.77
Black Oak	195.70
Lingo	40.40
Rolla	68.33
Mt. Zion, Gower	38.30
Cabool	451.18
Pleasant Home	284.77
Pleasant Home	186.04
Grant Avenue	612.64
Copper Mines	106.04
Flat River, First	391.25
Joplin	371.56
Joplin	361.64
Grace	500.00
West Plains, First	429.60
Mt. Zion, Thayer	49.04
Waynesville	198.65
United, W.P.	457.07
Friendship	316.35
Oak Hill, Union	384.92
New Life, Licking	234.64
Terrill Road	71.00
Hurryville	270.29
Farmington	1,713.92
Macedonia	20.00
South Fremont	538.00
New Rock Springs	77.00
Trinity	688.84
Carthage	110.00
Eastern Gate	336.36
Pleasant Hill	57.24
Leadington	305.00
Viburnum	103.64
Number One	45.61
Fourth	212.00
Overland	143.20
Victory Hill	61.68
Willow Springs	180.90
Myrtle	435.50
Hartville	329.80
Wolf Creek	434.83
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	152.43
Jones Chapel	169.19
Merl's Chapel	193.00
Unity	215.79
Marshfield	153.92
Beacon	700.00
Kingsway	212.18
New Harmony	18.30
Hannon	278.20
Berkeley	265.69
Calvary, Conway	184.11
Cape Girardeau	744.17
Total	\$28,653.71

YOUTH CAMP

Willow Springs	\$ 20.00
Thayer	30.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Mountain Grove	10.00
DeSoto	50.00
Hannon	30.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Parkview	10.00
Fordland	20.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Trinity	14.00
Cabool	200.00
Myrtle	47.80
Hartville	10.00
Total	\$565.80

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 30.00
Hannon	100.00
Beacon	80.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Grant Avenue	8.00
Farmington	84.58

United, West Plains	182.36
Central	62.00
Total	\$582.69

FWBBC

Thayer	\$ 25.00
Freeman Chapel	50.00
DeSoto	35.00
Central	62.00
Parkview	10.00
Grant Avenue	50.00
Farmington	175.00
Archie Cooper	31.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Total	\$473.75

JOHN McCURE ACCOUNT

Verdella	\$ 10.00
Berkeley	20.00
Thayer	12.00
Monett	15.00
Grace	30.00
Farmington	10.00
Unity	24.45
Total	\$121.45

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Merl's Chapel	\$ 200.00
Verdella	377.02
Willow Springs	10.00
O'Fallon	10.00
Berkeley	40.00
N. Akeman	10.00
Parkview	216.00
Houston	154.95
Southside	209.00
Blue Springs	40.00
Olivet	100.00
Neosho	752.00
New Testament	110.00
Faith & Hope	110.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	68.86
Calvary Chapel	38.35
Thayer	45.00
Niangua	65.00
Rock Chapel	143.00
Mt. Pisgah	200.00
Mt. Grove	283.00
A. Jenkerson	25.00
Freeman Chapel	295.44
Carthage	145.00
DeSoto	356.00
B. Thompson	25.00
Hannon	355.04
Belton	25.00
Kirkville	25.00
Monett	594.00
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
S. Hart	20.00
Lebanon	70.00
Central	170.00
Mission Group	60.00
Columbia	15.24
New Harmony	73.88
C. Layman	10.00
Stanley Jones	10.00
Fordland	153.00
Pleasant Home	107.32
Beacon	522.75
Oak Grove, Cabool	65.00
Calvary Fellowship	1,012.04
Grant Avenue	367.03
Flat River	78.26
Joplin	45.00
Grace	18.00
West Plains, First	5.00
United, W.P.	12.39
Macedonia	10.00
Oak Hill, Union	23.00
Farmington	315.00
South Fremont	98.00
Trinity	158.33
Carthage	40.00
Eastern Gate	63.63
Leadington	17.00
Viburnum	80.00
Fourth	70.00
Myrtle	126.00
Merl's Chapel	200.00
Unity	23.36
Marshfield	30.00
Beacon	890.00
Richwoods	59.00
New Harmony	91.49
Hannon	308.20
Kirkville	5.00
Berkeley	60.00
Total	\$10,543.58

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Verdella	\$ 15.00
Berkeley	10.00
Parkview	30.00
New Testament	70.00
Faith & Hope	110.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	34.43
Thayer	207.00
Rock Chapel	150.86
Mt. Pisgah	75.00
Mt. Grove	15.00
A. Jenkerson	10.00
Carthage	5.00
DeSoto	1,200.00
Hannon	10.00
Kirkville	5.00
Monett	10.00
Lebanon	10.00
Central	132.00
Mission Group	10.00
Columbia	15.23
Fordland	25.00
Pleasant Home	20.00
Beacon	25.00
Grant Avenue	21.00
Flat River	44.13
Joplin	47.00
Grace	110.00
United, W.P.	15.00
Royal Oak	400.00
Oak Hill, Union	14.00
Buffalo, First	100.00
Farmington	8.27
South Fremont	62.00
Trinity	10.00
Carthage	5.00
Eastern Gate	169.00
Viburnum	38.00
Myrtle	130.00
New Hope	46.93
Wolf Creek	10.00
Richwoods	47.56
New Harmony	162.00
Hannon	5.00
Kirkville	15.00
Berkeley	10.00
Total	\$3,664.41

MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

O'Fallon	\$ 25.00
Berkeley	10.00
Cabool	500.00
Parkview	15.00
Southside	20.00
Thayer	60.00
Mountain Grove	27.00
A. Jenkerson	5.00
S.E. District	25.00
Carthage	5.00
DeSoto	50.00
Hannon	162.52
Belton	25.00
Monett	3.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Lebanon	15.00
Central	32.00
Columbia	35.00
New Harmony	73.88
J.W. Rader	25.00
Fordland	52.00
Calvary Fellowship	138.82
Grant Avenue	149.67
Flat River	54.13
Joplin	5.00
Grace	45.00
United, W.P.	7.38
Macedonia	25.00
Oak Hill, Union	12.00
Farmington	62.00
South Fremont	95.00
Trinity	65.00
Carthage	5.00
Eastern Gate	20.00
Viburnum	8.00
Fourth	10.00
Myrtle	67.80
Grant Avenue	185.00
Unity	26.21
Marshfield	70.39
Richwoods	10.00
New Harmony	91.48
Hannon	139.10
Kirkville	15.00
Berkeley	10.00
Total	\$2,492.38



Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

Recently, I had the privilege of attending a seminar conducted by Bro. Lonnie Skiles, on the "New Age Movement." Being an educator for over 14 years, and currently a school administrator, my interest was quickened as the discussion turned to how the movement had infiltrated the public school systems of America. I admit, I was skeptical that it could be found in almost all public schools across our land. Surely he was mistaken. New Age ideology isn't being taught at the conservative, rural, and somewhat religiously oriented elementary school where I have taught these past several years...or so I thought.

Just to justify my thinking that this New Age philosophy was not in my school system, when I returned to school the following Monday after the Saturday seminar, I conducted my own investigation. Was I in for a surprise! As I started checking, I found traces of the New Age philosophy in our self-esteem materials, textbooks, worksheets, and library books. It **was** at my rural, conservative, etc., school, and right under my nose.

At that point I decided this movement was very well planned and organized, and that I, as a parent and an administrator, had better become more informed, so I could guard against its intrusion into our public school system.

Is your child being slowly immersed in this New Age philosophy? As parents, we had better know what is being taught in our public school systems. We need to become better informed on the subtle tactics being used to slowly mold the thinking of this generation of children, to embrace the thinking and reasoning and values of the New Agers.

In the next few months, I plan to address the issue of "New Age Concepts and Public Education." Stay tuned!

Spring Enlargement Campaign Theme Announced

OUTREACH TO THE UNREACHED is an enlargement campaign designed to inform, inspire, and stimulate active lay participation. The materials are simply written, colorful, relatively inexpensive and easy to use.

The campaign will begin Sunday, March 3, and end Sunday, March 31 (Roll Call Sunday) 1991. 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 Spring'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 after November 1990)

Sunday Schools in each division experiencing the greatest percentage of increase over the average attendance for Fall quarter (September, October, November) 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. Please place your order early.

All campaign entry blanks must be in our hands no later than March 1, 1991.

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