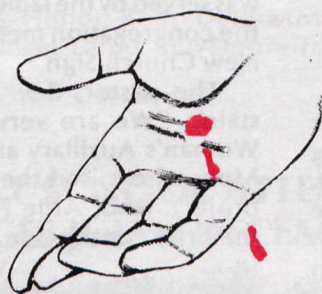


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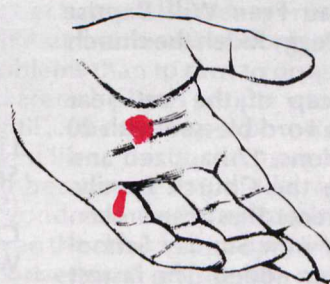
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Love

How Much Do I Love Thee?



I asked Jesus,
"How much do you
love me?"
And Jesus said,
"This much..."
And He stretched
out His arms
and died.



For God so loved the world
that He gave His only begotten Son...

— John 3:16

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With Our Churches

NEW PASTOR AT COPPERMINES — The Coppermines Free Will Baptist Church near Fredericktown, Missouri, recently called Rev. Herb McMillian to serve as pastor. He and his wife, Doris, have moved into the parsonage and are engaged in the duties as pastor and wife of the thriving rural church. They are the parents of three sons, and seven grandchildren.

Pastor McMillian was ordained to preach the gospel March 7, 1982, at the Hurrville Free Will Baptist Church. The church at Coppermines will be his third pastorate.

The church reporter writes, "We are looking forward to our labor with Brother and Sister McMillian. We pray that many great things will happen as we serve the Lord together. Pray for us that we will do the will of the Lord."

GREAT REPORT FROM CAPE GIRARDEAU — We want to share with Missouri what God is doing at the Cape Girardeau Free Will Baptist Church, writes Peggy Rider, the church reporter.

A short recap of the last year reveals that the Lord blessed with 20 first time decisions, 17 baptized and 24 additions to the Church Family. The attendance record has been broken twice, and four new Sunday School classes have been added. The fastest growing class is the New Convert.

The church had "September Days" on the 29th and 30th. This began with a carnival, complete with rides, cake



Rides - Cape Carnival

walks, booths, crafts, food, car bash, and a dunking booth. The day was ended with a huge Auction under the tent.



Car Bash - Cape Carnival



Ticket Booth at Cape Carnival

That Sunday, September 30, Sister Lillian Carson was to be at the Morning Service but due to illness, could not. (Sister Carson was able to be at the Christmas Banquet and Friends Day. We were all blessed by her ministry in song.) The old attendance record of 175 was broken with an attendance of 202. The pastor, Rev. Wes Rider, baptized eight precious people. The proceeds of the carnival, \$1,000, was put in the Building Fund.

The Youth Group raised \$1,000 last year for a trip to Chicago. They are working for their trip to Kansas City this year. The Youth Group now averages twelve in attendance and that includes the Wednesday Evening Service.

A Woman's Auxiliary was organized in November with 26 ladies in attendance at the first meeting. The Lord is blessing and we are excited!

GREAT REPORT FROM HARTVILLE

— The Lord has been blessing in a wonderful way at the Hartville Free Will Baptist Church. During the months of August and September the Lord blessed with thirteen saved and baptized. There were ten additions to the church.

The church experienced a record attendance three consecutive Sundays, with a record attendance of 156. The tithes and offerings have also increased.

The church reporter writes, "But what we give special praise for is the folks who have become more aware of their own personal ministry to the Lord. Great things are happening in our community, and we give God the glory."

Rev. Melvin Moon is the pastor.

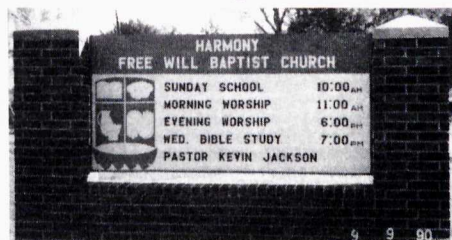
ATTRACTIVE NEW CHURCH SIGN AT HARMONY

— The Harmony Free Will Baptist Church, Parkville, Missouri, dedicated its new Church Sign at the annual Homecoming Service.

The special service was well attended with 109 in attendance for the Morning Service. Rev. Bill Christensen, former pastor, delivered a stirring and challenging message.

Following a delicious dinner that was served by the ladies of the church, the congregation met to dedicate the New Church Sign.

The pastor, Rev. Kevin Jackson, states, "We are very proud of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Master's Men, who raised the money for the project. And, Arlie Fagan, who laid the brick for the sign."



Harmony Church New Sign



Harmony Church at New Sign Dedication

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Elaine Spradlin with Pastor Long

ELAINE SPRADLIN HONORED AT LEADINGTON — Sister Elaine Spradlin, a long-time and faithful member of the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church, was presented a Plaque in appreciation of her faithfulness to the Lord and the Leadington Church.

In making the presentation, Rev. Vernon Long, pastor, stated, "Sister Spradlin was being recognized and honored for 37 years of faithful service as the Church Clerk.

UNITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL STUDENTS — Pastor Dan Talbot states that to make the Honor Roll at U.C.A. the student must qualify in three areas: (1) Memorize each monthly scripture; (2) Complete a prescribed amount of Pace work; (3) Make no lower than 90% or B average.

(A) Pastor's Honor Roll must have a 95% average or above. (B) Principal's Honor Roll must have a 90% to 94% average on all Pace work.

Pastor's Honor Roll: Christy Dawson, Matthew Dawson, Cassie Lewis, Jason McKinney, Jason Myers and Sarah Rubles.

Principal's Honor Roll: Deidra Mathews, Angela McKinney, Bridget Turner and Dustin Turner.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Congratulations!

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES JULY - DECEMBER 1990

CHURCHES	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Belton	52	54	56	57	63	66
Calvary Fellowship	186	189	202	257	222	221
Cape Girardeau	51	58	81	64		76
Central	100	96	98	99	91	100
Copper Mines	61	73	60	62	64	
Cuba	70	69	66	73	77	90
DeSoto	189	192	200	199	190	185
Farmington	334	359	374	356	419	290
Flat River, First	126	128	121			128
Hannon	84	78	85	87	81	83
Harmony	64	90	75	82	73	72
Hartville	90	98	116	103		
Hopewell		40	39	38	39	39
Houston	68	75	68	70	76	72
Lebanon, First	84	88	96	96	99	87
Myrtle	36	30	31	30	34	39
O'Fallon	33	38	44	44	49	37
Parkview	62	53	60	57	68	53
Richwoods	33	34	35	33	33	
Rock Chapel	66	80	70	81	72	71
Springfield, First	129	126	117	126	123	
Thayer	109	119	121	121	123	
United, West Plains		189	178			158
Victory, K.C.	65	71				
Willow Springs		67	71	67	66	59

Please send the Sunday School average attendance each month.



The Must Of Evangelism

by Mark H. Braisher

When beginning to write this article the schoolboy in me began to write a logical outline as to the need of evangelism. We could look at the command of the Savior, the Stewardship of the gift of the gospel, and the sincere need of people. We could list scriptural proof-texts for each of these points and the preachers who read it could preach it next Sunday evening to the faithful. I could've done that . . .

As I look again at the title I was reminded of the urgency. Why is it an urgent issue? It's not urgent because of clear logical outlines — it is urgent because of people.

It is urgent that God's people reach out to one and all because of the new family in town who have moved six times in the last year because they were never accepted since the caucasian mother is married to the Arab father. The sweet eight-year-old daughter truly enjoys, along with her mother, the opportunity to be in Sunday School and worship. Someone, somewhere, must get to them with the good news (gospel) that God loves them and so do we.

It is urgent because of the teenager who has never felt any acceptance at home and knows no other way to handle his problems than to turn to drugs and alcohol. In this perverted arena he finds people who accept him just like he is . . . until . . . he ends up in prison or in the hospital with a destroyed life . . . or in the morgue.

It is urgent because of the middle-aged couple who are ethically good and well-respected by family, community, and even the church. A couple who are productive with a good work ethic. A couple who contributes to their community — possibly even more so than the church. A couple who somehow have been convinced in their spiritual searchings that their good works will somehow make things "right."

It is urgent because of the young man who finds out that he can make big bucks quick and easy. Maybe it's not legitimate, legal, or ethical, but the pay is beyond his ability to resist this "business." He knows better. He wants out. He cries out within himself, but within him there is not enough strength. The will is there, but this prison will not let him out. Someone must save him — before . . . something happens . . . maybe he goes beyond reach. Someone must do something . . . somewhere . . . somehow.

It is urgent because of the single mom who is tired and worn. She wants to raise her kids "right," but the battle is so hard. Some look on at her weakening and ridicule her inconsistency, her failures, never realizing that we have no idea what she goes through unless we've been there. She's busy with all her responsibilities, but so lonely. Going home each evening — alone. Someone, somewhere must reach out to her — give her the good news and the love and support that goes with it.

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Somewhere, some way, someone must reach them. Not because of our doctrine, our theology, or our command, but because without us they'll continue to struggle aimless, alone, frustrated . . .

Someone must "make himself of no reputation, but take upon the form of a servant" and though we are "free from all men" must become "all things to all men, that by ALL means save some."

THE WRITER: Mark Braisher is serving as pastor of the Victory Church in Kansas City. The church has experienced steady numerical and financial growth under his leadership. He is serving as assistant clerk of the Greater Kansas City District Association and is actively involved in the State and National ministries.



Pastoral Changes

Rev. Howard Anderson to Willow Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Mountain Grove, MO 65711.

Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



"...and he let the men go and they departed. But he went in and stood before the master." II Kings 24b-25a.

This is taken from the familiar story of Naaman, the leper. However, the scripture is referring to Elisha's servant, Gehazi.

As we take a look at the scene presented in this verse, we see Naaman and his men leaving feeling pretty good about the healing Naaman had received and also the reward they had given for it. They thought God would benefit from their generosity.

Then, we also see Gehazi, Elisha's servant, going in to stand before his master. He felt as if he deserved something for helping God out in the situation. But, what a helpless feeling he must have had when he realized he was standing before someone who knew everything.

I feel there is much to be learned from these verses. We, too, will stand in front of an all-knowing God someday. A Master above all masters. At that time Jesus Christ will judge us according to the Gospel. Will he find us guilty of deceiving people? Sometimes we get ahead of God and His will and it costs us dearly as it did Gehazi.

I hope you will read the entire fifth chapter of II Kings and feed upon God's mercy and grace but fear His righteous judgement.

Someone has said there are three lessons we can learn from Gehazi: 1. Keep our desires in order; 2. Religious advantages in themselves do not protect from grievous sins; and 3. The priceless value of truthfulness in the soul's life. May our hearts be challenged and changed for the glory of God.



Foreign Missions Board Appoints Curt and Mary Holland to Brazil

Curt and Mary Holland, serving as pastor and wife of the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church, near Liberal, Missouri, were officially appointed to missionary service in Brazil.

Curt and Mary are natives of Missouri, and both are graduates of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. Curt received the B.A. degree in theology and missions in 1986. Mary earned the A.A. degree in missions in 1984, then completed the B.S. degree in elementary education at Missouri Southern College in Joplin, Missouri, in 1989.

The couple went to Brazil as student missionaries in the summer of 1985 and worked with the Jim Sturgills in Campinas. In 1988 Curt accompanied an evangelistic team from Kansas City Youth for Christ as they toured portions of Brazil for two months. These experiences increased the Hollands' desire to serve the Lord on the mission field.

Curt and Mary have two daughters: Amber, who is four and one-half; and Kelsey, who is one year of age.

They will begin deputation in February 1991. Before they go to Brazil they will need \$45,000 in their cash account and \$3,500 in monthly support. If ever a field is "ripe unto harvest," it is Brazil. The missionaries serving in Brazil are reaping some of the harvest, but other workers are needed.

Please respond to this need by helping with the money needed in the Cash Account or Monthly Support. Perhaps you, the local church, or groups within the church can give to this need.

Laymen's Leadership Conference

The South Central District Association's Third Annual Laymen's Conference will be held on Saturday, February 16, 1991, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in DeSoto, Missouri.

Four area pastors will serve as conference speakers in a classroom format, providing motivational and instructional teaching in four different areas of discipleship. Participants may attend classes on any of the following topics:

"Praise in the Worship of God" . . . Pastor David Brawley
"Prayer in the Will of God" . . . Pastor Rick Dablemont
"Preparation in the Word of God" . . . Pastor Jay Tilson
"Perseverance in the Work of God" . . .

Pastor Charles Miller

Missouri Free Will Baptist

Youth Ministries

February 1991

Dear CTS Competitive Activities Supporter:

The Missouri State CTS Competition will be **May 10-11, 1991**, at **West County Assembly of God, St. Louis, MO.**

Friday evening activities will begin at 7:30 and conclude at about 9:30. All vocal solos and all instrumental entries will perform on Friday night. Saturday morning activities will begin at 9:00 and conclude in the afternoon with the presentation of awards.

Coaches and sponsors will meet in the band room for a brief orientation at 7:15 p.m. Friday (for Friday entries) and 8:45 a.m. Saturday (for Saturday entries). We encourage coaches and sponsors to help us set a proper Christian attitude among everyone involved in the CTS Competition. Begin praying now for God's blessings and direction for the activities and everyone involved.

Winners will represent Missouri at the National Youth Conference in Charleston, West Virginia, July 21-25, 1991.

There is one change in the dress code for boys. **A coat is no longer required. A tie is still required.** Other requirements are unchanged. **The Guidelines for Competitive Activities and Music and Arts Festival** have complete details (available from the Lebanon Bible & Book Store at 417/532-9516).

Explore all the activities available to your youth. The registration forms list over 50 different possibilities. There is an activity for every young person from grade 1 through age 24. Please note the entry limitations listed on the registration forms.

The registration deadline is **April 1, 1991**. No registrations will be accepted after that date. No refunds will be given after that date. Any changes must be made with registrar Curt Gwartney before April 25.

Competition sponsors will receive a competition schedule, a list of nearby motels, and other details. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Youth Ministries Board members listed below.

Jeffrey Gaskins, Treasurer
417/882-7802 Home
417/865-2450 Church
Springfield

Curt Gwartney, Registrar
314/431-5115 Home
314/431-3235 Church
Flat River

Michael Walker
417/926-6504 Home
417/926-5396 Church
Mountain Grove

Ministry to Youth in Ministry

Missouri State CTS Competition Bible Competitive Activities Registration Form

Please use a separate form for each entry. Additional forms are available upon request. Photocopies or handwritten forms are acceptable if the information is complete.

Church _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Sponsor/Coach _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Pastor _____
 Phone _____

CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORY:

_____ Grade 1 — Bible Memorization
 _____ Grade 2 — Bible Memorization
 _____ Grade 3 — Bible Memorization
 _____ Grade 4 — Sword Drill
 _____ Grade 5 — Sword Drill
 _____ Grade 6 — Sword Drill

List information for each participant:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Birthday _____ Grade _____ Sex _____

_____ Tic Tac Toe
 _____ Bible Bowl

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Birthday _____ Grade _____ Sex _____

REGISTRATION FEE:

Bible Memorization, Sword Drill — \$10.00 for each participant.

Bible Tic Tac Toe, Bible Bowl — \$15.00 for each team.

Please mail this completed entry form with the proper fee, making checks payable to:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Birthday _____ Grade _____ Sex _____

YOUTH MINISTRIES BOARD

Rev. Curt Gwartney
 P.O. Box 444
 Flat River, MO 63601

Phone: 314/431-5115 Home
 314/431-3235 Church

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Birthday _____ Grade _____ Sex _____

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE IN BY APRIL 1

PARTICIPANT'S PLEDGE (to be signed by individual entry or team coach/sponsor):

I certify that the information on this form is correct and that I (each team member) meet the requirements for the above competition as laid out in the Guidelines for Competitive Activities and Music and Arts Festival and I (and my team) promise to conduct myself in a manner becoming to a Christian and representative of my church, district, and state.

 Signature of participant or sponsor

Missouri State CTS Competition Music & Arts Festival Registration Form

Each church may have **no more than two individual entries in each age of each category and each division** in Music & Arts. Each church may have **no more than one group entry (two or more people) in each age of each category and each division** in Music & Arts. There is no limit on how many **different** categories that an individual or church may enter. Please use a separate form for each entry. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE IN BY APRIL 1.**

NAME OF PARTICIPANT OR GROUP _____
(list information about individual participants on the back of this form)

Church _____ Sponsor/Coach _____

Address _____ Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ City, State, Zip _____

Pastor _____ Phone _____

- 1) Check proper age
- 2) Check appropriate Category and Division

Entries in Categories 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 that include only **two** age groups must enter the **oldest** age category of the two ages. When 3 or more ages are included in one entry, they must enter the combination category.

_____ Category One: Vocal Solo

Category Two: Vocal Ensemble

- _____ Div. I: Duet
- _____ Div. II: Trio
- _____ Div. III: Quartet
- _____ Div. IV: Quintet
- _____ Div. V: Sextet

Category Three: Chorale and Choir

- _____ Chorale (7-14)
- _____ Choir (15 or more)

Category Four: Instrumental

- _____ Solo (other than Keyboard)
- _____ Div. I: Stringed (Bowed)
- _____ Div. II: Stringed (Fretted)
- _____ Div. III: Woodwinds
- _____ Div. IV: Brass
- _____ Div. V: Percussion

Category Five: Small Instrumental Ensemble (maximum of 6)

- _____ Div. I: String (Bowed)
- _____ Div. II: String (Fretted)
- _____ Div. III: Woodwinds
- _____ Div. IV: Brass
- _____ Div. V: Combination

Age

- _____ A. Learner (grade 1-3)
- _____ B. Adventurer (grade 4-6)
- _____ C. Herald (grade 7-9)
- _____ D. Crusader (grade 10-12)
- _____ E. Ambassador (age 18-24)
- _____ F. Combination of A through E

Category Six: Large Ensemble, Bands/Orchestras

- _____ Div. I: Large Ensemble (7 to 14)
- _____ Div. II: Bands (over 14)
- _____ Div. III: Orchestra (over 14)

Category Seven: Keyboard

- _____ Div. I: Manual (Solo)
- _____ Div. II: Electronic (Solo)
- _____ Div. III: Keyboard Ensemble (2-6)

Category Eight: Oral Communication

- _____ Div. I: Extemporaneous Speech
- _____ Div. II: Dramatic Selection
- _____ Div. III: Poetry
- _____ Div. IV: Prose
- _____ Div. V: Puppet/Ventriloquism (Solo)
- _____ Div. VI: Interp. of Scripture
- _____ Div. VII: Puppets/Ventriloquism (Group)
- _____ Div. VIII: Dramatic Duo
- _____ Div. IX: Readers' Theatre
- _____ Div. X: Skits

Category IX and X entrants must mail his/her entry with the proper fee and entry form, no later than June 1, directly to:

National Youth Conference Office
P.O. Box 17306
Nashville, TN 37217

Category Nine: Creative Writing

- _____ Div. I: Poetry
- _____ Div. II: Short Story
- _____ Div. III: Newspaper
- _____ Div. IV: Essay
- _____ Div. V: Play or Skit
- _____ Div. VI: Song

Category Ten: Multi-Media

- _____ Div. I: One-Min. Radio Spot
- _____ Div. II: Ten-Min. Radio Spot
- _____ Div. III: 8 mm Film
- _____ Div. IV: Video
- _____ Div. V: Multi-Image

Category Eleven: Creative Arts

- _____ Div. I: Sculpture
- _____ Div. II: Painting
- _____ Div. III: Graphics
- _____ Div. IV: Ceramic/Pottery
- _____ Div. V: Textiles
- _____ Div. VI: Photography, B & W
- _____ Div. VII: Photography, Color

BACK SIDE OF THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS

THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS.

Please check proper fee:

- _____ \$10.00 each participant: Categories I, IV, VII (Division I and II), VIII (Divisions I, II, III, IV, V, and VI), IX, X, and XI.
_____ \$15.00 each ensemble: Categories II, V, VII (Division III), VIII (Divisions VII, VIII, IX, and X).
_____ \$35.00 each large group: Categories III and VI.

Individual participants should complete line one; duets should complete lines one and two; trios lines one, two, and three; quartets lines one through four; quintets lines one through five; sextets lines one through six; chorales and large ensembles lines one through fourteen if needed. If more space is needed for choirs, attach an additional sheet.

	Name	Address	City, State, Zip	Grade just completed (If applicable)	Birthday	Phone Number
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Please mail this completed entry form with the proper fee, making checks payable to: **YOUTH MINISTRIES BOARD**, Rev. Curt Gwartney, P.O. Box 444, Flat River, MO 63601. Phone 314/431-5115. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE IN BY APRIL 1.**

PARTICIPANT'S PLEDGE (to be signed by individual entry or team coach/sponsor): I certify that the information on this form is correct and that I (each member of my ensemble, chorale, or choir) meet the requirements for the above competition as laid out in the Guidelines for Competitive Activities and Music & Arts Festival and I (and my ensemble, chorale, or choir) promise to conduct myself in a manner becoming to a Christian and representative of my church, district, and state.

Signature of participant or sponsor

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones



The Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

"Current Christianity is 73 miles wide and half an inch deep."

I discovered this phrase recently while reading Anne Ortlund's book, *Disciplines of the Heart*. The more I pondered it, the more I realized its sad truth.

Our society is one in which its members have so many demands upon their lives, each member runs frantically about, living on the edge, "spreading oneself too thin" so there's enough self left to go around.

Sound familiar with job demands, home and family, school (young people can really relate here), social engagements, etc.? Now think about church life . . . Almost everyone, when they first read the opening quote, will picture someone who says he or she is a Christian and doesn't lead a holy, sanctified life. But for just a moment, let's focus on the time and energy we devote to our church activities and the attitude in which we

involve ourselves.

I'm sure we've all had weeks where we led the same frantic life trying to keep up with church activities — afraid to miss because someone may think your lack of involvement in youth night, choir practice, church softball league, etc. means you're not living a good Christian life.

Don't misunderstand me!! I am support of church activities and enjoy involvement, but check your motives. Do you live on the surface, skimming the top of each activity, so everyone will think you're Super Christian, or do you take special care to do all for the glory of God? Is the activity you're attending one you're being blessed by and one you deeply feel like giving of yourself to, or is it a social activity (a show) and one you resent because it occupies so much time?

Although the opening quote could take on many meanings, I chose to expound on the church life because it's such an important part of our lives. *73 miles wide and half an inch deep*; it is a trend which needs reversed.

How could we go about the reversal? Psalm 37:5 gives us the perfect outline (not just for this, but any area of our lives): *"Commit thy way unto the Lord: trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."*

Continuance! That is a word we need to hear in relation to evangelism.

The other day I was asked if doing the same thing over and over didn't cause that activity to lose its effectiveness. Well, eating is something we do over and over. It still seems fairly effective to me. The pistons, in a car motor, do the same thing over and over. But, it is that familiar, continuous action that gets us to our destination.

The Good News of the Gospel does not lose its effectiveness by repetition. Not when we remember those without Christ are still lost. And, that Christ is still the only means of salvation. Let us not grow weary in well doing. Especially, when that which we are doing is accomplishing eternal good. The words of the poet may be good to remember:

Tell it again,
Tell it again,
Salvation's story,
repeat o'er and o'er
'Till none can say of
children of men,
Nobody ever has told me before.

FWBBC Conference Speakers Announced

The Bible Conference, March 10-14, 1991, will feature three outstanding preachers, and will be highlighted by the inauguration of the school's fourth president.

The speakers for the conference will be Dr. Howard Bickers, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Missions and Church History at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, TN; Rev. Carl Cheshier, pastor, Cavanaugh Free Will Baptist Church, Ft. Smith, AR; and Rev. Henry Van Kluyve, a 1957 graduate, pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church.

The inauguration of Rev. Tom Malone is scheduled during the Bible Conference and it is hoped that many people will make plans to attend the conference and the inauguration.

Bible College Students Available For Summer Internships

Free Will Baptist Bible College Students are looking for pastors with whom they can serve for ten weeks as summer interns, according to Dr. Robert Woodard, director of pastoral studies. Students can assist in VBS, youth work, music and more.

If you would like to hire a student this summer, please contact Dr. Woodard, Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3606 West End, Nashville, TN 37205, 615-383-1340.

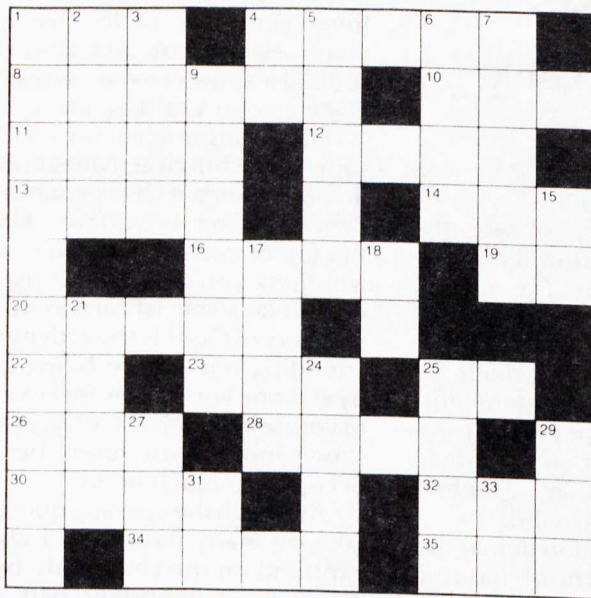
Prayer Request:

The husband of a family in the Indian Creek Association is asking the folks of Missouri to remember his family situation in prayer. He states, "Please pray fervently every day, as that is the only way the devil will be defeated. If he is not defeated, several lives will be deeply hurt. When the devil is defeated, God will be glorified."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Most of the Gem readers will not know this family, but at the request of the husband and the suggestion of one of the ministers, we are asking that you remember this need in your prayers.

Senior Adult Retreat — May 14-16, 1991
Stonecroft Conference Center, Branson, MO
Registration Form with program in March Gem

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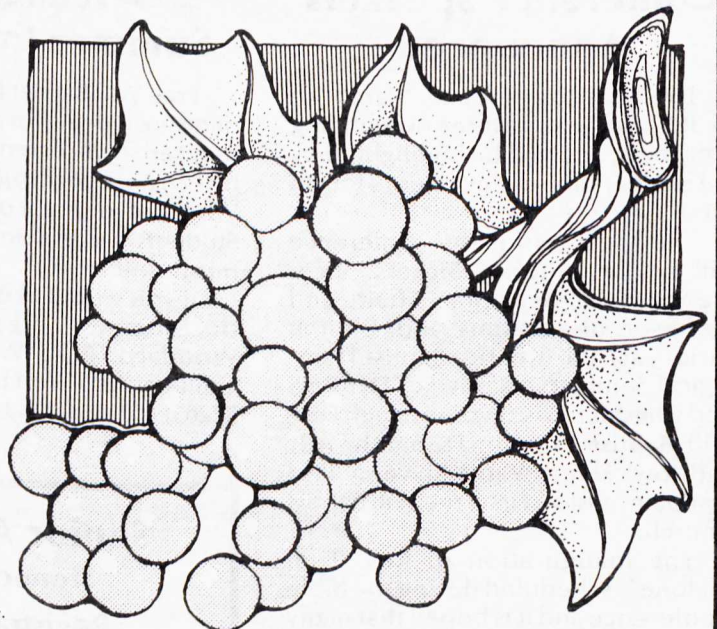


ACROSS

1. An insect (Prov. 6:6-8)
4. He made the golden calf while Moses was on Mt. Sinai. (Ex. 32:1-4)
8. A dried grape (I Sam. 25:18)
10. Paraffin (Ps. 97:5)
11. Pack animal (II Kings 5:17)
12. Metal used as money (Gen. 44:8)
13. The last word in the Bible
14. A tool used to cut stone (I Kings 7:9)
16. A measure of land (Is. 5:10)
19. "_____ it known unto you therefore" (Acts 13:38)
20. Wife of David (I Chr. 3:1-3)
22. Same as 31 down
23. A son of Aram (Gen. 10:23)
25. A man of gigantic stature, king of Bashan (Num. 21:33)
26. A town and district of Palestine (Josh. 11:2)
28. " . . . unto you is _____ this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11)
30. A prophet in Samaria (II Chr. 28:9)
32. Mother of Hezekiah (II Kings 18:1,2)
34. Bird sent out from the ark by Noah (Gen. 8:8-11)
35. Used to catch fish (Matt. 4:18-21)

DOWN

1. Great battleground of Palestine (Rev. 16:16)
2. An ancestor of Jesus. Hint: Spelled without the H in some revisions. (Luke 3:25)
3. A material covering roofs (Luke 5:19)
4. A royal city of the Canaanites (Ezra 2:28)
5. "Cursed be their _____" (Gen. 49:7)
6. Birds considered unclean (Lev. 11:17)
7. Son of Aaron called to Mt. Sinai with Moses and Aaron to worship (Ex. 24:1)
9. A city (Ezra 2:35)
15. " . . . for _____ have seen his star" (Matt. 2:2)
17. A people who were a friendly tribe to Egypt (Ezek. 30:5)
18. An ancestor of Jesus (Luke 3:28)
21. Adam and Eve were given a choice between _____ and evil. (Genesis 3:5)
24. " . . . _____ one another" (John 15:12)
25. Son of Judah (Gen. 38:4)
27. A color (Num. 19:2)
29. " . . . the bottomless _____" (Rev. 20:3)
31. " . . . love ye your enemies, and _____ good" (Luke 6:35)
33. Same as 19 across



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Financial Information

DECEMBER 1990

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board	\$ 3,663.00
17.50% Exec. Off. & Gem	3,465.00
3.50% General Fund	693.00
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	1,683.01
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.	495.01
2.50% C.E. Board	495.01
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board	495.01
5.00% Mo. State Retirement Program	990.01
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	6,039.00
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	
(\$60.39 included in \$6,039.00)	
9.00% State Office & Bookstore Bldg.	1,782.00
Total	\$19,800.05

This month completes the year 1990. The Lord has blessed in such a wonderful way. The amount received this year 1990 exceeded the amount received in 1989. Consequently, our budget goal was met and exceeded. We praise God from Whom all blessings flow! Every ministry in our State and National ministries has been blessed as a result of the faithfulness of faithful pastors and churches. May we continue to be faithful in our love and service to Him.

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

DECEMBER 1990 RECEIPTS

COOPERATIVE

Lebanon, First	\$ 491.21
Houston	290.99
Stockton	98.70
Hazel Creek	374.24
Clifton	34.10
Oak Grove, Norwood	96.94
Royal Oak	95.00
New Hope	11.19
Mine La Motte	48.28
Cope	43.00
Seymour	89.00
New Life Fellowship	727.98
Lone Star	31.35
Rock Chapel	311.38
Rolla	79.49
Victory, Alton	143.00
Columbia	75.00
Hopewell	119.00
Mt. Pisgah	212.00
Liberty	235.50
West Plains First	436.91
Potosi	101.76
Calvary Chapel	106.22
Central	722.56
New Life, Ava	15.00
Bailey Chapel	56.00
Springfield, First	515.77
Mill Creek	210.17
Verdella	220.00
Belton	299.97
Trinity	746.58
De Soto	840.00
Thayer	565.00
Flat River First	408.37
Black Oak	242.53
Friendship	206.54

Kirksville	75.00
Cabool	283.34
United, West Plains	553.32
Fredericktown	424.05
Happy Home	93.18
Pleasant Home	202.50
Lingo	31.57
Pleasant Ridge	100.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	45.30
Byrd	18.40
Byrd	35.82
Heritage	55.40
Grant Avenue	644.81
Freeman Chapel	209.25
Bethel, El Dorado	47.73
Koshkonong	83.31
Hurryville	251.06
Oak Hill, Union	404.92
Fordland	64.11
Copper Mines	273.33
New Life, Licking	137.91
Monett	694.32
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Leadington	250.00
Parkview	317.56
Farmington	1,721.30
Bootheel Dist. Ass'n.	13.09
Viburnum	198.35
Terrill Road	83.39
Salem	60.00
Eastern Gate	264.50
South Fremont	560.00
Macedonia	20.00
Wolf Creek	310.74
Grace	500.00
Carthage	135.00
New Hope	17.65
Marshfield	180.22
Faith & Hope	101.22
Neosho	142.50
Chapel of Ozarks	864.17
Total	\$19,800.05

YOUTH CAMP

Calvary Fellowship	\$ 39.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Trinity	14.00
De Soto	50.00
Thayer	30.00
Parkview	10.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Fordland	20.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Total	\$238.00

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Calvary Fellowship	\$ 35.75
Central	24.00
Thayer	30.00
Beacon	150.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Farmington	84.58
Total	\$332.33

FWBCC

Calvary Fellowship	\$ 35.75
Central	24.00
De Soto	35.00
Thayer	25.00
Beacon	150.00
Grant Avenue	60.00
Parkview	10.00
Freeman Chapel	150.00
Freeman Chapel Mem. Fd.	890.00
Farmington	175.00
Total	\$1,554.75

JOHN McCCLURE

Verdella	\$ 10.00
Thayer	12.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	100.00
Farmington	10.00
Grace	30.00
Total	\$162.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Lebanon	\$ 70.00
Houston	306.08
Blue Springs	80.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	64.60

New Hope	5.00
New Life Fellowship	40.00
Rock Chapel	143.00
Southside	120.00
Calvary Fellowship	982.31
Columbia	16.78
O'Fallon	60.00
Mt. Pisgah	210.00
Macedonia	10.00
West Plains First	284.10
Oak Grove, Cabool	65.00
Central	136.00
Verdella	423.67
Belton	277.30
Martinstown	110.00
Trinity	963.22
DeSoto	310.00
Thayer	64.30
Flat River First	81.68
Carl Layman	10.00
Kirksville	25.00
United, West Plains	22.44
A. Jenkenson	25.00
S. Hart	20.00
Niangua	41.00
Pleasant Home	30.25
N. Akeman	10.00
Pleasant Ridge	65.00
Parkview Mission Group	60.00
Grant Avenue & SS Class	360.61
Freeman Chapel	264.12
Oak Hill, Union	17.00
Fordland	137.00
Monett	681.00
Leadington	20.00
Parkview	237.50
Farmington	421.50
Viburnum	80.00
Eastern Gate	56.45
Calvary Chapel	45.00
South Fremont	95.00
Grace	20.50
Carthage	46.00
Marshfield	20.00
Faith & Hope	101.00
New Testament	110.00
Neosho	460.00
Carthage	150.00
Indian Creek Auxiliary	45.00
Jones Chapel	179.77
Joplin	200.00
Macedonia	2,607.00
Merl's Chapel	273.00
Monett	360.22
Neosho WA	120.00
Pleasant Grove	156.32
Purdy	52.00
L. Wormington	25.00
Total	\$12,472.72

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Lebanon	\$ 10.00
Blue Springs	20.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	32.30
Rock Chapel	150.02
Columbia	16.78
Mt. Pisgah	\$185.00
West Plains First	3.00
Central	132.00
Verdella	15.00
Trinity	10.00
DeSoto	200.00
Thayer	174.25
Flat River First	55.84
Kirksville	5.00
United, West Plains	10.00
A. Jenkenson	10.00
Pleasant Home	31.66
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
Grant Avenue & SS Class	25.00
Fordland	15.00
Monett	10.00
Leadington	25.00
Buffalo First	100.00
Parkview	213.00
Farmington	95.00
Beacon	520.00

Viburnum	38.00
Eastern Gate	10.00
South Fremont	52.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Grace	130.00
Carthage	15.00
Faith & Hope	101.00
New Testament	50.00
Carthage	200.00
Indian Creek Auxiliary	45.00
Jones Chapel	179.78
Joplin	200.00
Macedonia	2,607.00
Merl's Chapel	273.00
Monett	360.22
Neosho WA	120.00
Pleasant Grove	156.30
Purdy	52.00
L. Wormington	25.00
Total	\$6,698.15

MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

Lebanon	\$ 30.00
New Life Fellowship	40.00
Southside	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	113.82
Columbia	35.00
O'Fallon	200.31
Macedonia	25.00
West Plains First	65.00
Central	10.00
Belton	55.00
Trinity	186.34
DeSoto	50.00
Thayer	35.00
Flat River First	45.84
J.W. Rader	25.00
United, West Plains	22.43
A. Jenkenson	5.00
Liberty	105.50
Pleasant Ridge	25.00
S.E. District	25.00
Grant Avenue & SS Class	211.14
Oak Hill, Union	16.00
Fordland	12.00
Parkview	51.50
Farmington	115.00
Viburnum	13.00
Grant Avenue	64.25
Myrtle	1,000.00
Terrill Road	15.00
Eastern Gate	20.00
South Fremont	70.00
Grace	25.00
Carthage	5.00
New Hope	5.00
Marshfield	28.02
New Testament	20.00
Total	2,780.15

Answers to Puzzle 3

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Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

"NEW AGE"/FACT OR FANTASY?

"Who controls the youth, controls the future" (Adolf Hitler). Who is controlling America's youth? Is it parents, schools, government, churches, or media? To answer this, let's spend a day with the "average" American child . . .

Waking at 6:00 a.m., he/she reaches for the radio. While dressing for school, the radio is blaring out, be it country or rock, lyrics so graphic they should not be published in a Christian magazine. Leaving for school, he/she spends the next seven hours learning about the evolutionary theory, sex education, and psychology, along with a history that contradicts Biblical teaching, and the newest rage, "self-esteem lessons," that emphasize self and self-importance. Coming home to an empty house, the TV is flipped on to watch such CARTOONS as the "Smurfs," "Care Bears," "Ninja Turtles," "Super Mario Bros.," and "Alf," all of which deal with the supernatural or magic. Next, come the sit-coms, with "Night Court," "Cheers," "Head of the Class," "Out of This World," or "Golden Girls," which deal with sex, vulgarity, drinking, etc. After the evening meal, and possible a LITTLE homework, the day is finished off by the evening programs, with "Roseanne," promoting the ANYTHING GOES philosophy; "Married People," featuring an exotic dancer; "Equal Justice," involving a case about an aids victim; and "Law and Order," a compelling drama about abortion. There is even enough time to play a game of "Double Dragons" on the Nintendo, before drifting off to sleep, ending the day as it had begun, listening to the radio.

Again, I ask, "Who's controlling our youth?" Is it realistic to expect the church to be very influential in molding a child who is so strongly and frequently subjected to such Biblically conflicting ideas and entertainment themes? Does the Christian parent have the predominate influence upon the ideas and behavior of a child who is

daily subjected to these anti-Christian ways?

It is evident in American society, that the Biblical convictions and standards have rapidly declined over the past two decades. The sins of our present society have indeed been with us from the beginning, but not without a sense of shame and guilt, and not with so little outrage from the masses. I believe there is strong evidence that there is a concerted effort on the part of certain educators, political activists, and entertainers, to remold the moral thinking and behavior of society. How is this being accomplished? In the words of Dr. Frank Alper, a widely quoted NEW AGE teacher,

"The key answer, believe it or not, is the children . . . If we take one generation of children and keep them enlightened, in three generations the whole world will be spiritually awakened . . . as the older generations die out. But we have to start with one generation of children. And . . . raise them that way . . ."

But what is the "New Age" movement? (next issue)

Calendar of Events

STATE COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

May 10-11, St. Louis

SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

May 14-16

Stonecroft Conference Center, Branson, MO

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

June 3-6

Grace Church, Arnold, MO

YOUTH CAMP

Teen Camp, Group I - June 16-21

Teen Camp, Group II - June 23-28

Pre-Teen Camp, Group I - July 28-August 2

Pre-Teen Camp, Group II - August 4-9

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

July 21-25

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