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“Learn of Me”

by Cody Freeman

In Matthew 11:29 Jesus said, “Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me...”. The earthly ministry of the Son of God, in addition to the primary purpose of dying for our sins, was to teach us about God and to show us a better way of life. It has often been said that there is no better way to teach than by example and Jesus proved this by showing us God face to face and in the flesh. “For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” Col. 2:9. He not only teaches us about God, but He also teaches us how to live for God. A good guideline for doing right, aside from knowing what the word of God has to say on the subject, is to ask yourself the question, “What would Jesus do in this situation?” Following this philosophy can accomplish a lot of good in this sinful world. Let us consider some things that the church must learn of Christ.

LEARN TO HAVE PITY

The grace of God by which we are saved is an act of pity. God saw mankind lost in sin and bound for an eternal hell and was moved to have compassion on us. The Bible tells us that Jesus saw the multitudes of people and had compassion on them because He saw them as sheep without a shepherd. If the church is to learn anything about doing the will of God, we must adopt this attitude of Christ and learn to have pity on those who are still lost in sin.

LEARN TO SEE POTENTIAL

We, too often, are tempted to have a pessimistic attitude about life and people. We see the bad side of life and all the drawbacks associated with the work of the church, and we are all but ready to give up. Jesus, however, was able to see potential in every situation. He once called to some uneducated fishermen and said that he could turn them into “fishers of men.” He saw a man named Saul, who was as hard-hearted against Christianity as anyone you could meet, and yet Christ saw in him someone who could turn the world upside down for the gospel. Some of the world’s greatest sculptors have said that the way to create a masterpiece is to see the finished product in the stone, and cut away everything that doesn’t belong. We need to see the potential for God’s kingdom that exists in our lives and others around us.

LEARN TO UTILIZE POWER

Christ ministered by the power of God in His life! He possessed that power by His very nature, but He strengthened it through daily communion and prayer with His Heavenly Father. When He faced a difficult problem, He first spent much time in prayer. Many times we try to go forth to do the work of God without the power of God. When Jesus was preparing the disciples for the work of building the kingdom, He told them to “wait for the promise of the Father” and they would “receive power” (Acts 1:4, 8). With that power they became bold in their witnessing and saw thousands of people saved. We, of the church today, have that same power at our disposal, but we often overlook it in our attempts to get things done. Let us not try to turn the power of God on and off like a

switch for our own convenience, but through a close walk with God, let us keep the presence of the Holy Spirit guiding and empowering our lives.

LEARN TO BE PATIENT

One of the greatest attributes of God, at least from the viewpoint of this writer, is His patience and longsuffering. The Bible is full of examples of how God has put up with the stubbornness and stupidity of mankind down through the ages. Peter said the fact that Jesus has not yet returned to judge the world is proof of God’s patience, and His desire to see more souls brought to repentance. Jesus showed a remarkable amount of patience in dealing with His disciples. This probably could be explained by referring back to Jesus’ ability to see potential. He knew that they would eventually get beyond their blundering stage to a point where He could use them.

It is important for us to learn how to be patient. This is true in our relationship with God, our fellow man, and ourself. Perhaps it would be helpful for us to be patient toward God if we would look to Romans 8:28 and God’s intention for all things to produce good in our lives. We must learn to wait for the good! We might also be a little more patient toward our fellow man if we would remember some of our own mistakes and the limitations of humanity. Patience for self is sometimes difficult, but it is important because Satan tries to discourage immature Christians into giving up. Remember that most of the Biblical illustrations of the Christian life are based on a building or growth process. It takes time and effort to become a mature Christian but with God’s help it will happen!

LEARN TO SEEK PERFECTION

Applying the word “perfection” to our lives is a scary thought and yet Christ has commanded that we do so. In the middle of His sermon on the mount, Jesus said, “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” Perfection must be the goal of every child of God. We must strive for that moral purity which the word perfection brings to mind, but we must also remember that perfection speaks of completeness. In Luke 13:32 Jesus said, “...and the third day I shall be perfected.” Now we know that Jesus was totally pure and without sin and yet He spoke of being perfected. Here Christ was referring to completing God’s plan for His life, which had to include His crucifixion and resurrection.

To be perfect and complete, each person must be ready to fulfill the will of God for his own life. You might be doing as much as anyone else in the church and yet if you are not fulfilling God’s will for your life, you can never be complete. Total perfection will be achieved when we stand before God in glory, but for now we must be like Paul, and “press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

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With Our Churches

REPORT FROM FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH — SPRINGFIELD, MO — Praise the Lord, we are growing! After long months of praying and planning, it was time to start. We broke ground September 10, 1990, and hope to be able to start using the new building the first of March. This new building is full of classrooms, with a large children's church upstairs. Downstairs we have more classrooms plus a fellowship hall with a complete kitchen. To help pay for all of this, everyone is pitching in. The preschool children are all saving aluminum cans and have collected \$104. The Children's Church had a rock-a-thon. They brought their rocking chairs and rocked in \$721.58. The CTS class had a bake sale which brought in \$200.17 and are now saving coupons. A substantial amount of funds were raised by the following: Women's Auxiliary, Senior Citizen's Group, Men's Prayer Breakfast, Monday Night Bowling, Church League Bowling, Softball Tournament, Craft Sale, Individual Pledges & Contributions, Benefit Singings (The Keith Family & Sounds of His Coming), White Elephant Sale, Yard Sales, Cookbook Sales, Pizza Sales, C.C.A. Points Program, and Walk-a-thon. The church has been able to raise nearly \$100,000 for the project in just over one year and more projects are in the planning stages.

With the recent war in the gulf we need to pray nonstop until peace is regained. We would like for you to remember our families, friends, and loved ones stationed overseas in your prayers: PFC First Class Scott Peryer, Garin Jones, Dany Elison, Sgt. Stanley Harriman, Airman First Class Brian Wright, PFC First Class Lonnie Peryer, Bradley Murray, Dewayne White, Eric Murray, Noble Roundtree, Toby Barton, Enid Volner, Jeff Toliver, Dennis White, J. Wilson, and Keith Essix.

Rev. Max Courtney, pastor; Brenda Cagle, reporter

REPORT FROM NEW HOME CHURCH, HARTVILLE — The New Home Free Will Baptist Church is thankful for the blessings of the past few months, writes the church reporter.

Rev. John Postlewaite accepted the pastorate in October 1990. He and his wife Leah have served as Home Missionaries and several pastorates in various areas of the United States the past forty years. They semi-retired when resigning the pastorate of the Fordland Church.

On Sunday, November 25, the church was pleased to have Don and Ruth McDonald, missionaries serving in Japan, with their children. Ruth is the daughter of Rev. & Mr. Postlewaite. A bountiful dinner was served and enjoyed during the noon hour. At the Afternoon Service, Brother McDonald showed slides of their work in Japan.

Following the Afternoon Service, a Baptismal Service was held at the Gasconade River. It was a beautiful 70 degree day for the several young people who followed the Lord in Water Baptism. They are: Amanda Young; Laura, Hannah and Emily Dowden; and Joanie and Jermy Vandivort, grandchildren of Brother Herbert Vandivort, a former pastor.

On Sunday, December 2, these united with the church: John and Leah Postlewaite; Norma Bohannon; and Leo

and Rebecca Dowden and their daughters, Laura, Hannah and Emily. Everyone is so thankful to have these unite with the church. Brother John has led four young people to the Lord and three for re-dedication since he began serving the church.

Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Emmerson, Hartville, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at the New Home Church on December 16, 1990. The lovely reception was hosted by their children and grandchildren. Their children are: Radell and Judy Emmerson, Mt. Grove; Dean and Elma Jo Skinner, Sini Valley, CA; and Gordon and Danette Emmerson, Bacchus Marsh, Victoria, Australia.



Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Emmerson

Even though it was a rainy day, a large crowd of relatives and friends came to congratulate and wish The Clifford Emmersons many more happy years together. This couple is loved and appreciated very much.

Katherine Emmerson is the clerk and treasurer of the New Home Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES AUGUST 1990-JANUARY 1991

CHURCHES	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
Belton	54	56	57	63	66	67
Buffalo, First	50	53	42	50	29	37
Calvary Fellowship	189	202	257	222	221	216
Cape Girardeau	58	81	64		76	67
Central	96	98	99	91	100	
Copper Mines	73	60	62	64		
Cuba	69	66	73	77	90	
DeSoto	192	200	199	190	185	176
Farmington	359	374	356	419	290	
Flat River, First	128	121			128	
Hannon	78	85	87	81	83	84
Harmony	90	75	82	73	72	71
Hartville	98	116	103			
Hopewell	40	39	38	39	39	24
Houston	75	68	70	76	72	73
Lebanon, First	88	96	96	99	87	87
Myrtle	30	31	30	34	39	34
O'Fallon	38	44	44	49	37	45
Parkview	53	60	57	68	53	53
Richwoods	34	35	33	33		
Rock Chapel	80	70	81	72	71	71
Springfield, First	126	117	126	123		114
Thayer	119	121	121	133		126
United, West Plains	189	178			158	175
Victory, K.C.	71					
Willow Springs	67	71	67	66	59	56

Please send the Sunday School average attendance each month.



Mary Beth (Durbin) Standley Home With The Lord

Mary Beth Standley was born in Fredericktown, Missouri, on July 28, 1964, and passed away at the St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis on January 29, 1991, at the age of 26 years. She died of what has been named "Jim Henson Syndrome," a rare infection that is incurable. She was the daughter of Lloyd and Janice Durbin. On December 3, 1983, she was married to Richard Standley, the son of Lawrence and Ozeline Standley, of Fredericktown.

Beth was well-known, not only in the Fredricktown community, but throughout the Midwest for her involvement in Gospel Music. She began singing with her family, The Durbins, at a very young age and sang with them until 1989.

For the past two years Beth, along with her husband, have been the Children's Church Directors at the Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church. Her husband Richard has been preparing to enter the Gospel ministry for the past two years.

On January 21, she gave birth to a baby boy which she and Richard named Isaac Neal. Isaac is a Biblical name meaning "laughter." Beth brought so much joy and laughter to so many, it is appropriate that her child be named Isaac.

Beth is survived by her parents; her husband; her son; a brother, Roger Durbin of Fredericktown; her grandmother, Blanche Rogers; sisters-in-law, Tammy Durbin, Mary Pat Duncan, Gloria Huskey; brothers-in-law, Scott, Robert and Lee Wayne Standley; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

The funeral services for Beth were held Friday, February 1, at Calvary Temple. Rev. Alan Berry (a cousin to Beth) was the officiating minister. Burial was in Mine La Motte Cemetery. Pallbearers were Lee Wayne Standley, Brian Mills, Keven Skaggs, Craig Bodenschatz, Jimmy Rogers and Richard Rogers.

A Memorial Fund has been set up at the Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church with donations going towards the Children's Church facilities in which Beth worked. Also, a fund has been set up at the Meadow Heights Baptist Church with all donations going to Richard Standley for medical expenses.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I have known Beth practically all of her life. She was a sweet, precious Christian. Her life touched my life and many, many others with her love for the Lord and her dedication to serve Him.

Announcement From Youth Camp Board

Reverend Vernon Long and Reverend Lonnie Skiles will be serving as Teacher and Curriculum Directors for the 1991 Youth Camp sessions. Anyone interested in teaching should contact one of these men.



The new Girl's Bathroom that will be completed by the end of March.

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

One important area of evangelism is being aware of opportunities. Jesus shows, by example, that a chance to witness may come at unexpected times. In John 4:35-38 Jesus shows that a harvest of souls is possible about anywhere.

There are three things to keep in mind as we anticipate a spiritual harvest:

1. Be aware of the ripeness of the harvest (vs. 35). Every opportunity has the potential for results.
2. Be aware of the reward of the harvest (vs. 36). The reaper receives wages for his labor. But there is also eternal life for the one who has been 'reaped'.
3. Be aware of the reapers of harvest (vss. 37, 38). That is you and me as we labor in the ripened field. We have been sent by Christ. And, we work in cooperation with other laborers.

It's a big job, but proper awareness does help to make the harvest a reality.

Sunday School Fall Enlargement Campaign

Outreach To The Unreached is the Enlargement Campaign Theme sponsored by the Sunday School and Church Training Department. This is for the Fall Quarter (Sept., Oct., & Nov.).

Materials available for this campaign may be ordered from Randall House Publications, P.O. Box 17306, Nashville, TN 37217.

Answers to Puzzle 4

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Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

"NEW AGE"/FACT OR FANTASY?

(continued from March GEM)

But what is the "New Age Movement?" According to Texe Marrs in "Ravaged by the New Age," it is "nothing more than the 'Old Age' dressed up in flimsy new garb." Kjos, in "Your Child and the New Age," defines it as "ancient occultism with a facelift. It is the beautiful side of evil." In "The New Age Masquerade," Doug Groothuis calls it "a smorgasbord of spiritual substitutes for Christianity, all heralding our unlimited potential to transform ourselves and our planet so that a 'New Age' of peace, light and love will break forth."

The current explosion of the "New Age" and today's brainwashing of our children began approximately four decades ago, when, according to a woman by the name of Alice Bailey, a demon entity appeared to her, and through her dictated a number of books. One of those books was titled: "Education in the New Age." Following are the 13 platforms found in this book. (Remember, this was first published in 1954!)

1. The children of the future will serve a One World (planetary) Government and live in a one world culture.
2. Patriotism to one's country must be abolished and all national barriers destroyed in order to build a new one world order.
3. Children will accept that Eastern mystical religion is to be married to the Christianity of the West, to forge a new unified social and religious order of "universal truths."
4. Teenagers and youth will rebel and revolt against their parents and against authority, to help usher in the New Age world order.
5. Youth and all of humanity must accept that the time will inevitably come when grown-ups who refuse to become part of the New Age will have to be killed. They are to be considered as lowly germs, an infection or blot on humanity, that must be stamped out and eradicated.
6. The traditional family unit is not desirable for the Aquarian, or New Age. Children belong to the government, to the world and the community — the human group — not to their parents. A new kind of family unit must inevitably come into existence.
7. Young people must be taught to believe in reincarnation and karma (the Law of Rebirth), rather than the resurrection and judgement teachings of the Bible. This belief must guide behavior, especially the sexual conduct.
8. Absurd and immature notions of "sin" and "guilt" must not be imparted to children by parents, teachers, pastors and other adults. A more permissive and worldly attitude must be adopted.

9. Children are to be taught that all religions — Christianity, Witchcraft, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judasim, Paganism, etc. — are equally worthwhile, and that it doesn't matter in which god one believes.

10. The new generation of youth must recognize that Jesus did not come to save or convert anyone, because no one is lost.

11. Christian doctrines, such as that of heaven, hell and judgement, must be discarded and the theology of the Old Testament must be repudiated.

12. A New Age World Religion must be established, without Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The Christian Church is dead and must be replaced.

13. The coming New Age world religion will emphasize the unity of all religions, while rejecting Jesus Christ's profound Biblical statement, "I am the way, the truth and the life." ("Ravaged by the New Age," 1989)

Do you see all these things happening today? The family unit being torn apart...youth revolting against authority...schools and government pushing for "global education" and a one world government...patriotism being attacked by teaching of a "world citizenship"...all religions, other than Christianity, being put in a positive light in public schools, and the TV and music industries pushing for an "anything goes" society...etc. Certainly, these things are happening on a very large scale today.

Where is America headed? How must the church respond?
(next issue)

ON CAMPUS DAYS
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HILLSDALE COLLEGE
April 5&6

Registration: 5:00 P.M.

Classes available for attendance at 2:00 P.M.

\$15.00 Toll Includes: Meals, Lodging & T-Shirt

*Formal pre-registration forms and agenda will be sent A.S.A.P.

Beauty of Biology

by Pam Hudson

BIRDS

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come...Song of Solomon 2:13

Is there any of God's creation that man has dreamed of and written of more than the bird?

Nearly every anatomical feature of birds can be related to their flight ability. Their bones are lightweight and hollow. They possess air sacs as a part of their internal respiration. The head is relatively small and light due to the horny beak replacing the jaws. The breastbone is enlarged and has a keel, to which the strong flight muscles are attached.

Flight requires well developed sense organs. Birds have particularly acute vision and excellent muscular reflexes. They can land precisely on small tree branches and swoop from great heights to capture small animals that are spotted seven or eight times further away than a human can see. Complex hormonal regulation and behavioral responses are involved in bird behavior. Some species migrate long distances twice a year, apparently using the sun and stars as compasses and even the earth's magnetic field to find their way on cloudy days.

Charles Darwin and his "neo-Darwinist" disciples today have completely failed to explain the origin of birds. The closest that can be found to an explanation is the fossil (only one and found about 75 years post Darwin) of the *Archeopteryx*. There are about as many different "artists' representations" of the fossil as there are artists. According to one biology textbook,

*Birds may be closely related to dinosaurs, although their poor fossil record makes it difficult to trace their history. **Archeopteryx**, the oldest known fossil bird, had several reptilian characteristics, including jaws with teeth and a long, jointed reptilian tail.*

The *Archeopteryx* had full wings and perfect feathers, and no evolutionist can explain where the wings and feathers came from. Are we supposed to believe that some reptiles grew appendages on the sides of their bodies that grew in size and complexity through millions of years until they finally gained the ability to fly? Even assuming that a reptile could grow such structures (which is absurd according to Mendelian genetics), how would they have survived the struggle to survive? According to Darwin's postulates of natural selection, they would have long been eliminated before they could fly.

Such amazing adapted creatures as the birds, could **never** have come into existence by a gradual and chance accumulation of mutations in the bodies of certain reptiles. *It is just as ridiculous to imagine that airplanes could be produced by attaching wings to the sides of trucks.* Flying birds **are** designed and **have always been** designed for flight. Every detail of their physical structure and instinct patterns contributes to this fact. At present, there are 8,900 species of birds in existence and not one of those species can be "traced" to any reptilian ancestor.

But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee; and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. Who among all of 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

"Through The Eyes Of A Friend"

Mrs. Kellerman was a Christian lady in every respect. As a Charter Member of the Southside Free Will Baptist Church, she served her Lord and Saviour in every way. She was at every service, always ready and willing to do whatever was needed. She cooked and served at every church fellowship dinner, as long as her health permitted.

Everyone, of all ages, was welcome in the Kellerman home. The door was always open, regardless of the day or hour. After greeting you with a warm welcome, the next words were "have you eaten?" then "are you hungry?" "Come on in the kitchen and have some coffee and cake or pie" or whatever she had at the time. Sharing and caring always!

Many a young person may have gone astray, if Mrs. Kellerman had not given out her strict beliefs, and orders as to what God expected and the Bible taught! If you were frequently in her home, and friends with her children, you knew and respected her rules with love and honor.

Mrs. Kellerman was an example of a wife and companion to her husband, who shared her views and love of family and all people. He went to be with our Lord almost twelve years ago. Since then, her health has failed and we watched her faith grow as she grew weaker physically.

Sometimes, as we stood by her bed talking "light-heartedly" (to help her endure her pain), she would stop us and say, "Let's pray!" This always made us aware of where her real strength came from.

As a Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, Friend, our memories of Mrs. Kellerman will always be strong and good.

We will all miss her because of the emptiness of her special place in our lives. However, we feel, as her "very-young" granddaughter felt when she prayed, "Thank you, Jesus, that Grandma is up there with you."

She is no longer suffering. She is happy and at rest with loved ones gone on before. Mrs. Kellerman said many times as we were leaving her home or hospital bed-side, "Glad you came. I love you. We'll see you later."

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above article was written, as is titled, through the eyes of a friend. Sister Kellerman had a multitude of friends. She was my friend for many years. She has left for us a dynamic testimony of a Christian that loved the Lord and loved others. She is the mother of Mrs. Doris Arnold.

Now Available From The Christian Education Board "Towns On Teacher Training"

This video series consists of twelve 20-minute tapes that cover such topics as: What is a Sunday School Teacher?; What is Teaching?; The World's Greatest Sunday School Teacher; and The Laws of Teaching. The featured speaker is "Mr. Sunday School," Elmer Towns. The kit includes plans and ideas for using these videos in a local church setting, certificates of completion, handouts to be filled in while watching the video and complete transcripts of Towns' lectures which may be copied and distributed for future reference. Three Kansas City area churches (Beacon, Blue Springs, and Central) recently trained fifty teachers with these materials. The feedback was very positive.

“Every Home For Christ”

Some of the churches in the St. Francois District and the Bethel Church of Festus recently participated in an “Every Home For Christ” crusade. A total of 8,800 pieces of Gospel literature was used, and most of the churches have completed the distribution, and are now doing follow-up in the campaign.

The campaign was very effective, as there was much prayer offered to God before the campaign even began. Many signed up to pray for the campaign and several of them were “home crusaders” going from door to door with the Gospel message, “How To Find The Road To Happiness.”

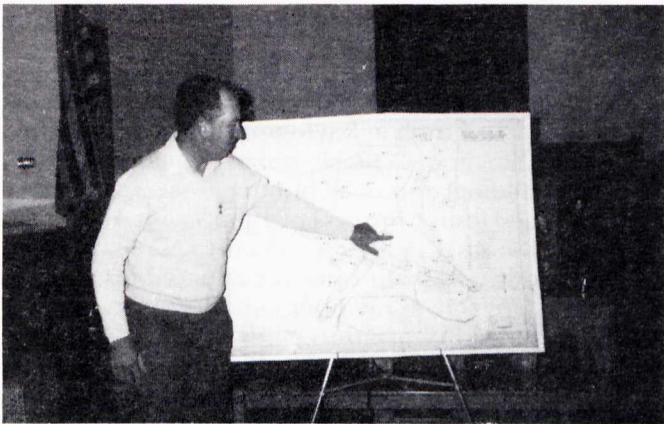
Previous to the campaign there were training sessions for the “home crusaders” at the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church, taught by the area coordinator, Brother Vernon Long. The training videos used were a real help to instill enthusiasm and dedication in the workers.

The campaign started with a Kick-Off Rally on September 28 at the Leadington Church with Brother Frank Guinta as the featured speaker. He is pastor at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Scott City, MO, and is also a field representative for “Every Home For Christ.” Peggy, his wife, and others sang in the rally service and it was closed with an altar of prayer for God’s blessing in the campaign.

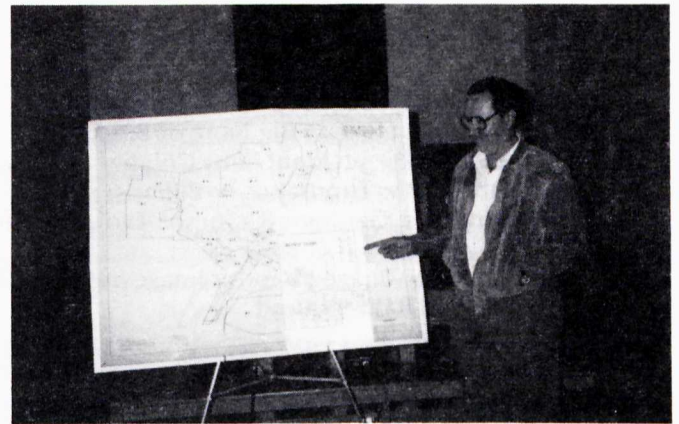
And what a blessing the campaign was! Some of the

comments from the pastors and workers were: “It has opened a lot of doors.” “The best thing our churches ever did together.” “Many thought we were Jehovah Witnesses.” (What an indictment this is to our churches for not doing what the Jehovah Witnesses and Mormons do!) “It works just like the training video said it would.” “We needed to do this.” “We have had new people attending our services.” “We had a former Jehovah Witness saved in our follow-up.” “We have had one teenager saved and a woman attending as a result of the campaign.” “There are new children in our Sunday School and Children’s Church.” “We had two who were involved in demonism saved and delivered.” “We have new children riding our bus.” “There were two saved in our Children’s Church.” “It was time we did such a crusade in the area.” “It has been a real blessing to our people.”

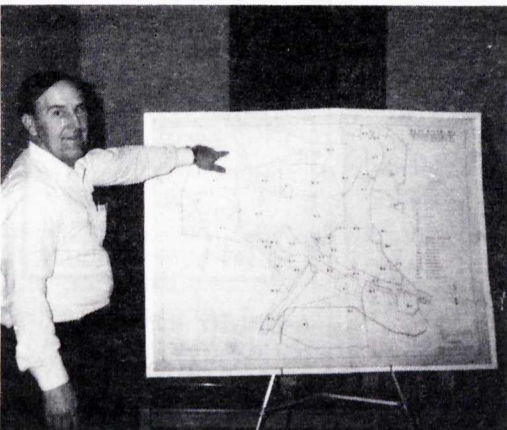
The accompanying pictures reveal the enthusiasm and dedication of those who were instrumental in being used of God to fulfill the Great Commission. As the Word has been distributed through the 8,800 pieces of literature, the “bread has been cast upon the water” and the promise has been claimed, “for thou shalt find it after many days” (Eccl. 11:1). The Bible tells us in Isaiah 55:11 that the Word “shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”



Gary Sloan was the campaign coordinator for the 1st Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River.



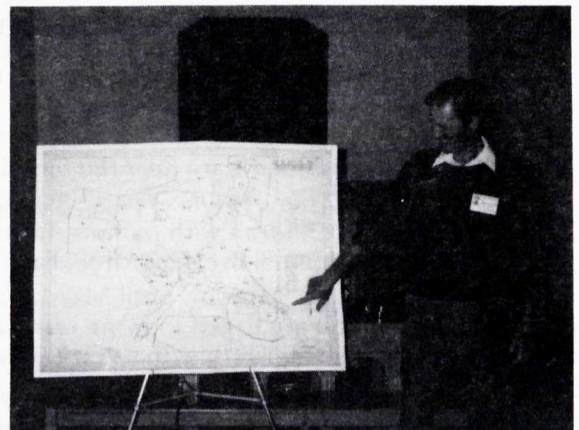
Pastor Larry Allison of the Gospel Light Free Will Baptist Church covered the Bonne Terre area.



Pastor Dave Pinkston of Parkview Free Will Baptist Church in Desloge showing the area his church covered in the campaign.



Frank Guinta speaking at the Kick-Off Rally.



Vernon Wilfong served as campaign coordinator for the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church.

Report From Christian Education Board

The theory of evolution may or may not be the most widely held view of the origin of man in America today. It most certainly is the most widely PROMOTED view in modern times. Evolution is taught as fact in the public schools. It is expressed as fact on such TV series as "Nova," National Geographic specials, and most every man, animal, or earth-centered program being shown. This theory is absolutely contradictory to the Bible, yet it has been received by numerous Christians. It has proven to be a very handy tool of Satan. The Christian needs to understand the Biblical truth about origins, and be able to explain to others why he/she accepts Creationsim.

— Jay Tilson, Chairman

Your MISSOURI CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD would like to inform you of a special seminar that will be held on Tuesday afternoon, JUNE 4, 1991, during the Missouri State Association this year. Mr. Bob Farwell, a teacher of science and lecturer on the "Creation/Evolution" controversy, will be our guest speaker. Mr. Farwell is a Christian, and a member of the BEACON Free Will Baptist Church of Raytown, Missouri.

Mr. Farwell's subject for this seminar: CREATION—EVOLUTION...THE CONTROVERSY OVER ORIGINS. Below is an outline of his seminar discussions:

- I. **From Evolutionist To Creationist: A Personal Testimony**
- II. **The Relevance Of Genesis 1-11**
- III. **Witnessing To A Pagan Society: Acts 17**
- IV. **Comparison Of Two Science Models**
 - A. What Is Science?
 - B. Is Evolution Science?
 - C. Is Creation Science?
 - D. Predictions From the Models
- V. **A Review Of The Evidence**
 - A. Origin of the Universe: Big Bang or Big Flop?
 - B. Origin of Life: By Accident or By Creative Design?
 - C. Age of the Earth: Thousands or Billions?
 - D. Fossils and the Geologic Column: Evolution or Flood?
 - E. Man's Ancestry: Image of God or Image of Animals?
- VI. **Origins: Spiritual Battleground**
 - A. Romans 1
 - B. 2 Peter 3
 - C. Show Yourself Approved...



Biographical Sketch: Bob Farwell

Born September 18, 1946, in San Diego, California, Bob was raised and educated in California schools. Attending the San Diego State University, Bob received a B.A. in the Physical Sciences.

Since 1970, Bob has taught Earth Science, Physical Science, Chemistry and Mathematics in the Raytown schools.

Bob lives in Lee's Summit, MO, with his wife Debbie and daughters Amanda and Alyssa. They attend Beacon Free Will Baptist Church in Raytown, where Bob teaches an adult Sunday School Class. His hobbies include gardening, model building, and fossil hunting.

Bob received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior August 28, 1978, at the Kansas City Billy Graham Crusade. Once a strict evolutionist, Bob has since reevaluated his science and is now an active member and lecturer for the Creation Science Association-Mid-America. Bob has appeared in the Dr. James Kennedy film, "A Case For Creation" seen on TV nationally for the last several years.

Missouri State Association, Woman's Auxiliary

Date: June 3-5 **Place:** Grace Church — Arnold, Missouri

Motels:

DRURY INN (located at I-55 & Hwy. 141. A short distance from the Grace Church).

These eating establishments are near the motel: Denny's, Steak & Shake, and McDonald's

1 pers., \$41.00; 2 pers., \$51.00; 3 pers., \$56.00; 4 pers., \$61.00 (does not include tax).

Children with parents, 18 years and younger - free.

Continental Breakfast, free. Each room, standard size, 2 beds.

Drury Inn will hold 50 rooms until May 13, 1991, for the Missouri State Convention.

You are urged to make reservations as early as possible.

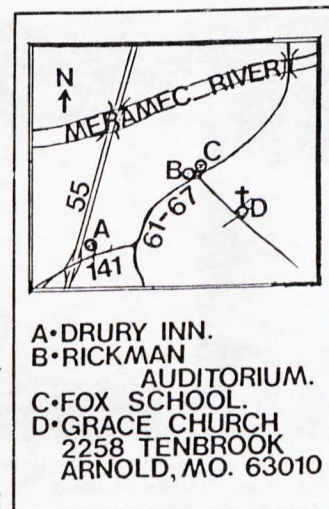
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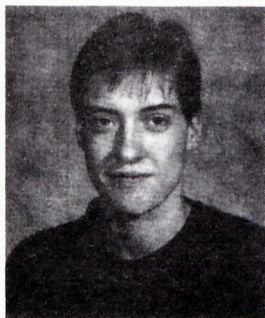
MOTEL 6 (located at I-55 & Lindberg Boulevard)

1 pers., \$26.95; 2 pers., \$32.95; 3 pers., \$38.95; 4 pers., \$44.95 (does not include tax).

Children with parents, 18 years and younger, free.

The month of June is vacation time for many people — **You are urged to make reservations early!**





Jason Trainer

Youth: An Example Of Believers

I Timothy 4:12

by Sherry Bradley



Alon Cage

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

Two key decisions handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court have fueled the winds of religious freedom on high school campuses in Columbia, Missouri.

Challenged by their youth minister Nathaniel Paige, sophomore Alon Cage from Rockbridge High School and Jason Trainer, a senior at Hickman High School, have answered the call to student evangelism. These two industrious young men from the "Dare To Be Different" youth group at Columbia Free Will Baptist Church, have exercised their right to form student-initiated Bible Study/Prayer Groups on their respective campuses.

Every Tuesday morning since November 12, 1990, Alon's group (as yet unnamed), has met before 1st hour classes. The meetings are held in the classroom of a fellow Christian, Mr. Dottridge.

The non-denominational group of 3-6 students opens and closes their 30-45 minute meetings with prayer. Except for an occasional guest speaker, the group generally sticks to a basic study of the scriptures. However, plans are being developed to expand the activities of the group.

"Our main goal is to grow closer as friends, united in worshipping the Lord, Alon says, but, it's good when someone stops in to check us out and says, 'It's cool and we'd like to come back.'"

While some teachers have complained on the issue of "separation of church and state," Alon says Mr. Dottridge has gone so far as to offer the use of video equipment. The school administration has posted no real opposition to date; however, Alon did say a posterboard held with duct tape advertising their group meeting mysteriously "fell down."

According to the June 4, 1990, ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court, students have the right to advertise the group meetings on school bulletin boards, in the school newspaper, and over the public address system. The Bible Study group may now attend club fairs too.

With the forcefulness and directness of a born leader, Alon boldly states, "I think it's a good idea for Christians to start something in the public schools to show they want to stand up for Jesus."

Upon graduation, Alon plans to attend college and major in education.

Jason, on the other hand, hampered by shyness, but committed to doing the Lord's will, sought to achieve a personal growth and form a good Christian association. Thus, the birth of Jason's group, "One Accord" whose motto is: "Real People, Real Problems, Real Solutions," occurred in mid-October 1990.

The group of 6-12 students meets every Thursday after school in the classroom of Mr. Linderman. Jason leads a 30-45 minute session with his youth pastor Nathaniel Paige standing by to lend moral support and clarification on uncertain questions that might arise. A devotional called "Youth Walk" provided by friend and group member Miriam Culley forms the basis for Jason's lessons. He, too, says the devotional was a terrific guide for any young person.

Coming from a variety of backgrounds, this group is comprised of Southern and Free Will Baptists, Assembly of God, Charismatics and Evangelical Free congregations, just to name a few. While the group's main topic for now is commitment to Jesus, other topics may later include: drugs, peer pressure, suicide, Aids, sex, pornography, rock music and stress.

Besides opening and closing with prayer, Jason plans to devote the first Thursday of every month to prayer only. Other ideas include: fifteen minutes of Christian music, open forum discussions with question and answer sessions, opinions and testimonies. While more guest speakers are planned, a recent visit by a missionary to France drew a crowd of twenty students.

The overall goal of the group is to build up Christians regardless of faith; with a special outreach targeted towards back-slidden and lukewarm Christians.

Jason has received support from a couple of teachers and a positive response from a school news reporter who sat in on one of the meetings, followed by an interview with Jason. Student response has been one of great curiosity.

"Because the school is overrun with so many different philosophies, I do expect some opposition; however, up to now my only complaint is denial by the administration to announce a change of date for the group's skating party," Jason said.

Jason is currently enrolled in the U.S. Army DEP Program. In closing, he asked all of you to pray for the success of "One Accord," that it might have a positive impact on the school.

These two examples of believers reaffirm what Coach Richard Taylor of Peoria High School in Tuscon, Arizona, said, "Kids need to be able to meet for prayer and Bible study."

If interested in forming a Bible Study/Prayer Group in your school, contact: Nathaniel Paige, c/o Columbia Free Will Baptist Church, 3316 Rock Quarry Road, Columbia, MO 65201.

For further information on the Supreme Court rulings, contact: C.A.S.E. - Christian Advocates Serving Evangelism, P.O. Box 450349, Atlanta, GA 30345.

Ione Perkins Home With The Lord

Ione Christeen Perkins was born on August 9, 1911, to John Harvey and Nancy Margaret (Roberts) Mitchell near Gower, Missouri. She was graduated from Plattsburg High School in 1929.

On March 25, 1936, she was united in marriage to Jesse Bryan Perkins. After their marriage, they farmed east of Gower, where they made their home. On March 7, 1980, her husband Jesse passed away. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers - Delaney Wesley Mitchell and Leonard Dowell Mitchell.

Ione was a long-time member of the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, where she served as Church Clerk and also a Sunday School teacher. She was president of the Mt. Zion Ladies' Aid and vice-president of the Campbell-Oakdale Club. She was also a member of the Gower American Legion Auxiliary Post 393. She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Raymond and Virginia Perkins of Gower; one daughter, Velma May of the home; one granddaughter, Romona Ann Perkins of Gower; one sister, Alma Iola Perkins of Plattsburg; several nieces, cousins, and other relatives and many friends.

Memorial Services were held at the Mt. Zion Church. The ministers officiating were: Rev. Vernon Maggart and Rev. Larry Sample. The music was by Thelma Tyer.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I have known Sister Perkins for several years and will always remember her as a fine Christian who was dedicated to her task in serving the Lord.



Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

"Be still and know that I am God..." I read that part of Psalm 46:10 over and over, and I suddenly felt convicted. My day had been one of the busiest and most exhausting I had experienced in a long time. I decided to get in a 'quick devotion' before completing my list of things I wanted to do. I read the above verse and it ministered to me in a very special way.

Currently, I am working two jobs. One of them is teaching pre-schoolers. Any teacher who has worked with this age group knows well this verse of Scripture applies. We always tell them that they will not hear the directions unless they are quiet.

Sometimes it's easier to give directions than it is to take them, isn't it? It's usually when we are buzzing around, all caught up in our own affairs that we give God the leftovers, if we give Him any time at all.

We need and must remember, that we are the children and God is the Father in charge - reminding us, that we must 'Be Still' in order that we may learn.

Senior Adult Retreat

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Senior Adult Ministries Board

MAY 14-16, 1991

Stonecroft Conference Center — Branson, MO

GOSPEL PREACHING AND SPECIAL MUSIC

The Reverend Gilbert Pixley, from Van Buren, Arkansas, and the Reverend Rupert Pixley, from Fort Smith, Arkansas, will be preaching the messages during the retreat. They minister the Word of God with sincerity and enthusiasm.

The Pixley brothers are also members of the "Waves of Faith Quartet" which will be providing the special music during the retreat.

COST: Single, \$65; Couple, \$80; Triple, \$35 ea; Quad, \$30 ea.

DRESS: Casual

REGISTRATION FORM — SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

Please Note: A \$5.00 non-refundable deposit is required for each person. Please send the deposit with your registration form.

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Financial Information

JANUARY 1991

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board	\$ 5,535.87
17.50% Exec. Off. & Gem	5,236.63
3.50% General Fund	1,047.33
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	2,543.50
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.	748.09
2.50% C.E. Board	748.09
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board	748.09
5.00% Mo. State Retirement Program	1,496.18
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	9,126.70
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 (\$91.26 included in \$9,126.70)	
9.00% State Office & Bookstore Bldg.	2,693.12
Total	\$29,923.60

This month begins the New Year, 1991. We are trusting God to meet our Cooperative Goal this year, just as He has done the past several years. May He continue to work through faithful pastors and churches to meet this need.

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%.

JANUARY 1991 RECEIPTS

COOPERATIVE

Number One	\$ 38.26
Willow Springs	198.62
Royal Oak	64.00
Merl's Chapel	167.00
New Rock Springs	84.00
Columbia	75.00
J.W. & Carol Willoughby	1,000.00
Clifton	36.10
Mill Creek	147.10
Pleasant Ridge	100.00
Lone Star	32.55
Rock Chapel	230.38
Twin Oak	1,016.15
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Rolla	87.88
Riverview, IA	677.95
Bailey Chapel	47.00
Thayer	369.00
Fourth	155.00
Harmony	771.00
Overland	136.23
Hopewell	93.00
Myrtle	184.95
Lingo	59.14
Beacon	228.81
Houston	190.50
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	122.63
Central	983.45
New Life, O'Fallon	432.03
Victory, K.C.	1,487.84
Pleasant Hill	47.00
Verdella	154.08
Victory, Alton	127.00
Hartville	229.64
Hannon	599.10
Joplin	373.10
Joplin	354.59
Bethel, El Dorado	47.13
Belton	771.16
Mine La Motte	50.36
Potosi	99.86
Black Oak	197.40
Heritage	75.00
Waynesville	241.89
Stockton	87.50

Fellowship	10.00
DeSoto	725.00
Freeman Chapel	277.51
Berean	23.15
Seymour	66.00
Cope	27.40
Hickory Grove	72.07
Cabool	344.73
Liberty	172.00
Mt. Pisgah	168.00
Richwoods	396.00
Trinity	841.99
Flat River First	394.14
Jones Chapel	171.83
Jones Chapel	156.64
Grace	500.00
Springfield First	539.46
Berkeley	201.98
Leadington	270.00
Unity	153.74
Oak Hill, Union	297.35
Lebanon First	409.98
Hurricane	185.78
Faith & Hope	41.92
Marshfield	199.50
Victory Hill	40.74
Kingsway	192.73
Olivet	400.00
Macedonia	20.00
West Plains First	417.16
United, W.P.	791.15
Copper Mines	204.32
Kirkville	83.59
Oak Grove, Norwood	50.62
Mt. Zion, Gower	33.70
Calvary, Conway	187.61
Calvary Chapel	87.77
Viburnum	191.64
New Life, Ava	15.00
Terrill Road	122.00
Happy Home	83.24
Eastern Gate	217.40
Pleasant Hill	37.01
Grant Avenue	636.55
Tyrone	75.00
Alton	225.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	50.62
Waynesville	325.70
Beacon	750.00
Farmington	2,033.00
St. Francois District	16.50
Myrtle	288.26
New Hope, Fredericktown	11.38
New Rock Springs	50.00
Number One	34.06
Fourth	162.00
Victory Hill	54.37
Willow Springs	233.48
Kingsway	197.75
Verdella	165.31
Wilderness	335.00
Central	684.46
Carthage	110.00
Overland	138.45
Fredericktown First	443.70
Cape Girardeau	385.78
Total	\$29,923.60

YOUTH CAMP

New Rock Springs	\$ 20.00
Parkview	10.00
Thayer	30.00
Myrtle	96.50
Hartville	10.00
Hannon	15.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Fordland	20.00
DeSoto	50.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Buffalo First	50.00
Trinity	14.00
Olivet	25.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Dale & Carolyn Smith	500.00
Total	\$904.50

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Parkview	\$ 10.00
Thayer	25.00
Central	30.00
DeSoto	35.00

Freeman Chapel	25.00
Grant Avenue	60.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Beacon	122.00
Farmington	175.00
Dale & Carolyn Smith	1,500.00
Total	\$2,017.75

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 30.00
Beacon	250.00
Central	54.00
Victory, K.C.	106.27
Hannon	50.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Farmington	84.58
Total	\$618.60

McCLURE ACCOUNT

Thayer	\$ 12.00
Victory, K.C.	25.00
Fordland	10.00
Grace	30.00
Berkeley	10.00
Farmington	10.00
Verdella	10.00
Total	107.00

CA. CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, JAN. 1991

Farmington	\$32.08
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CA. CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, 1990

Farmington	\$352.88
DeSoto	25.00
Total	377.88

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Cuba	\$ 79.14
Merl's Chapel	200.00
Bethel	90.00
Parkview	60.00
Columbia	13.52
Blue Springs	42.00
Pleasant Ridge	45.00
Rock Chapel	148.00
Southside	175.00
S. Hart	20.00
Thayer	55.00
O'Fallon	35.00
Fourth	95.00
Overland	250.00
Myrtle	312.00
Beacon	1,238.00
Houston	66.00
Central	165.00
New Life, O'Fallon	25.00
Victory, K.C.	532.25
Verdella	1,667.72
Fordland	124.00
N. Akeman	10.00
C. Thompson	50.00
Hannon	2,025.10
Irma Mouttet	25.00
Joplin	25.00
Belton	25.00
C. Layman	10.00
Richwoods	57.00
DeSoto	300.00
Freeman Chapel	286.62
Mt. Pisgah	175.00
Macedonia	10.00
A. Jenkerson	25.00
Oak Grove, Cabool	65.00
Trinity	231.30
Flat River First	78.82
Stanley Jones	10.00
Grace	27.00
Berkeley	50.00
Leadington	10.00
Oak Hill, Union	14.00
Lebanon	75.00
Faith & Hope	21.50
J. Schebaum	135.00
Olivet	100.00
West Plains First	50.00
United, W.P.	43.50
Niangua	42.00
Crossroads	40.00
Kirkville	25.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	67.48
Calvary Chapel	45.00
Eastern Gate	51.74
Grant Avenue	434.73
Calvary Fellowship	1,012.37
Viburnum	100.00
Farmington	227.00
Fourth	30.00

Richwoods	55.00
Verdella	265.21
Central	112.50
Carthage	60.00
Total	\$11,940.50

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Cuba	\$ 79.14
Parkview	10.00
Columbia	13.51
Rock Chapel	111.53
Thayer	164.00
Overland	250.00
Myrtle	461.00
Beacon	40.00
Central	635.00
New Life, O'Fallon	25.00
Victory, K.C.	55.00
Verdella	15.00
Fordland	15.00
Joplin	50.00
Richwoods	32.00
DeSoto	200.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Buffalo First	100.00
A. Jenkerson	10.00
Trinity	5.00
Flat River First	54.41
Grace	120.00
Berkeley	10.00
Lebanon	5.00
Faith & Hope	21.50
West Plains First	177.00
R. Keith	20.00
United, W.P.	55.00
Crossroads	60.00
Kirkville	5.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	33.74
Eastern Gate	10.00
Grant Avenue	21.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Viburnum	48.00
Farmington	38.00
Richwoods	27.00
Verdella	15.00
Central	127.50
Carthage	44.00
Total	\$3,223.33

MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

Cuba	\$ 79.14
Bethel	30.00
Columbia	35.00
Pleasant Ridge	25.00
S.E. District	25.00
Southside	10.00
Thayer	35.00
O'Fallon	25.00
Fourth	10.00
Myrtle	151.50
Beacon	2.00
Central	22.00
Victory, K.C.	35.00
Fordland	19.00
Hannon	299.56
Joplin	40.20
Belton	25.00
Scott City	153.81
Richwoods	20.00
DeSoto	50.00
Macedonia	25.00
A. Jenkerson	5.00
Trinity	25.00
Flat River First	39.41
Grace	45.00
Berkeley	10.00
Oak Hill, Union	16.00
Lebanon	20.00
Marshfield	19.95
West Plains First	45.00
United, W.P.	38.51
J.W. Rader	25.00
Eastern Gate	20.00
Grant Avenue	182.69
Calvary Fellowship	138.82
Viburnum	13.00
Farmington	85.00
Fourth	10.00
Richwoods	15.00
Central	20.00
Carthage	9.00
D & C Smith	1,000.00
Total	\$2,899.59

Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:14

This past week I was privileged to speak to the Fordland High School on the subject of goal-setting. As I was preparing for this, I faced the fact that I needed to set some goals for myself; and as I pondered this realization over, I came to grips with the reality that when God called me to salvation and to preach his word, my spiritual goal was set. I just needed to go straight for it.

The Apostle Paul was basically saying that God, in Jesus Christ, was sponsoring him, underwriting the expense and had put him in the race. His responsibility was to strive, looking not to the right hand nor to the left, and go straight for the goal. The crown of righteousness he wrote to Timothy about was the prize offered by virtue of the high calling.

The race will get rough, the adversities we face will be many, but the prize awaits those who forget the things that are behind, laying aside every weight of sin and press toward the goal. In a basketball game there are several goals made, but the ultimate goal is to win the game.

So there we have it. God put us in the race and at whatever point we find ourselves, we need to lay aside every weight, not look behind at past obstacles or failures, but look for an opening and go for the goal. We must trust in God that the prize is there and that will sustain us in the low points of the race.

Our goal as a Christian is set. Therefore, let's go for it, and as we do, we'll find all of our other goals will become secondary. What a celebration there will be when we obtain the prize.

**MO. STATE ASSOC. OF
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Calendar of Events

STATE YOUTH COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

May 10-11

West County Assembly of God, St. Louis, MO

SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

May 14-16

Stonecroft Center, Branson, MO

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION & WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

June 3-6

Grace Church, Arnold, MO

YOUTH CAMP

Dates:

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

Group I

Greater Springfield

Bootheel

Indian Creek

Central Western

Mission

Cave Springs

Liberty

Niangua

Group II

Greater Kansas City

Northwest

South Central

Northeast

St. Louis

St. Francois

Laclede

Suggestion:

Put Youth Camp information on Bulletin Board

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