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*Lift Up Your Eyes -
Look On The fields*

John 4:35



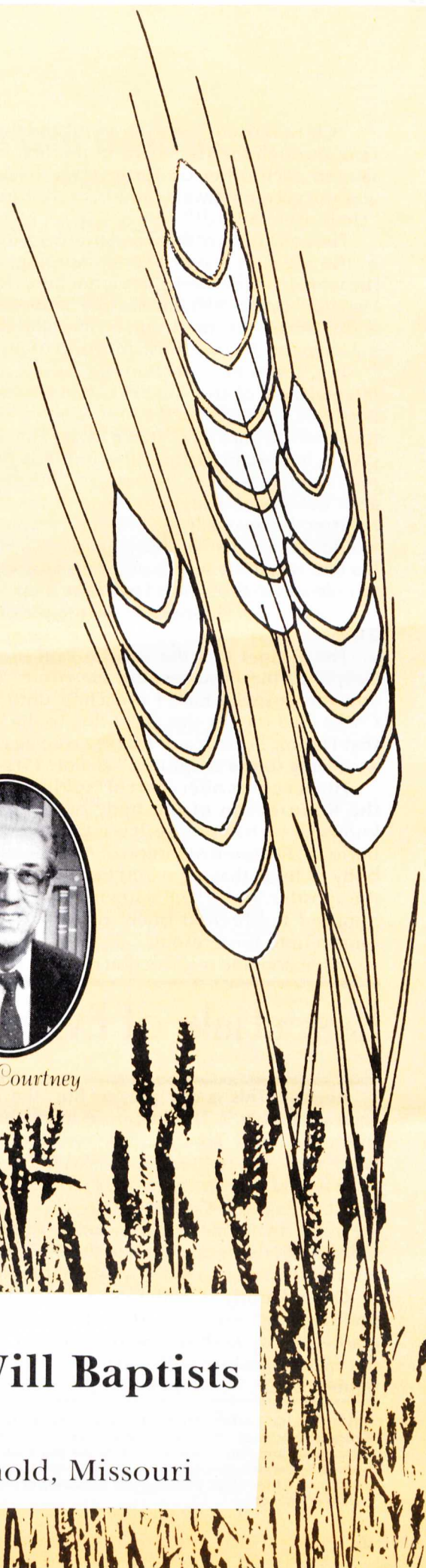
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**State Association of Free Will Baptists
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Grace Free Will Baptist Church - Arnold, Missouri

Christ Is Risen!

by Clarence Burton

"Christ is risen!" was the joyful and thrilling note that rang through the Christians of the first century, as they saluted each other on Easter Days. In response to this glorious greeting always came back the triumphant answer "He is risen indeed!"

The good news of this wonderful occasion was expressed by the angel on that first Easter morning, when he said to the women at the tomb, "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said." (Matt 28:6) The Gospel of the Christian Church is the Gospel of the Resurrection, and it is the needed message for the un-Christian world of our day.

The Bodily Resurrection of Christ is an essential and integral part of the Gospel. After His resurrection our Lord said, "It behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day." (Luke 24:16) The resurrection was just as important as the suffering in order to complete man's redemption. It "behooved Christ to suffer," and it also behooved Christ to "rise from the dead." His resurrection was a divine imperative. It seems that Christ would not discuss His death apart from His resurrection. Do you recall the words of John's Gospel, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (John 2:9) And John adds, "But He spake of the temple of His body." (vs. 21)

The Gospel that the apostle Paul preached was the Gospel of the Resurrection! He wrote, "I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you...how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures." (1 Cor. 15:1-4)

Higher critics offer a sort of "spiritual resurrection" for the Resurrection of the body of Christ, but the Bible knows no such nonsense. It was the body of Jesus that was buried in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, and it was the body of Jesus that appeared to Mary, the other women, the apostles, and as Paul states in I Cor. 15:6, "...above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present...."

What does the resurrection mean to the believer? I will

mention three things.

1) It assures the believer that the sacrifice Christ offered to the Father was accepted.

Paul states, "Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification." (Ro. 4:25) So long as Christ lay in the grave, there was no assurance that the sacrifice had been accepted. The fact that God raised Him from the dead was evidence the Father was satisfied with the "sin-offering" Christ had made for our sins.

2) It assures the believer that he has an Interceding High Priest.

The Bible states, "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." (Ro. 8:34) There is still need of daily forgiveness and cleansing of the Christian. Thank God we have a High Priest who can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities. Therefore, we are to come bodily to the throne of grace to find grace to help in time of need.

3) It assures the believer of his own resurrection and immortality.

What a beautiful declaration of this truth in Paul's statement, "Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus and shall present us with you." (2 Cor. 4:14) And in 2 Cor. 5:1 "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." The beloved John writes, "Beloved now are we the sons of God and it doth not yet appear what we shall be but we know that we shall be like him; we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:2)

There will be a "glad reunion day!" They shall come from the east and the west; the north and the south; the red, the yellow, the black and the white shall come as one family and give honor to the One Who loved us and gave Himself for us, the Wonderful, Precious Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ!

"He is Risen." Thank God, He is Risen Indeed!

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

Revival! This is our prayer. But, the question is, "a revival of what"? The response might be, "a revival of righteousness." That sounds fine. But, what is meant when the word righteousness is used?

It would appear to me that scriptural righteousness is our standing with God. If this conclusion is correct, then we surely do not mean to pray for the improvement of the individual's righteousness. For the Bible states clearly that our righteousness is as filthy rags in the sight of God.

Our relationship with God is twofold. First, there is a positional righteousness. This is that initial standing that is granted us by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible states that Abraham believed God and he was considered righteous. Or, he stood in a right relationship with God

because of his faith. This faith was associated with his attitude toward God. He believed God in his heart.

But, there is also the growing and increasing of initial faith that manifests itself in practical righteousness. Or in other words, right attitudes translate into right actions. Then are we saved by action, or that is, practical righteousness? No. Right actions produced by our own effort is "legalism." But neither does a one-time expression of faith at some point in the past assure one of salvation. That would be a "cheap-easy believism."

And so, the discussion bounces back and forth. Attitudes verses action. But our right standing with God is determined rather by a present active faith that sets in motion these actions that honor God. Right action is the expression of right attitude or faith. A faith that is never expressed will die from lack of exercise.

O Lord! Send me a revival of righteousness in our churches.

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Motel Information For Missouri State Association/Woman's Auxiliary

Date: June 3-5, 1991

Place: Grace Church - Arnold, Missouri

DRURY INN (located at I-55 & Hwy. 141. A short distance from the Grace Church).
Phone 314-296-9600 or 1-800-325-8300

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.

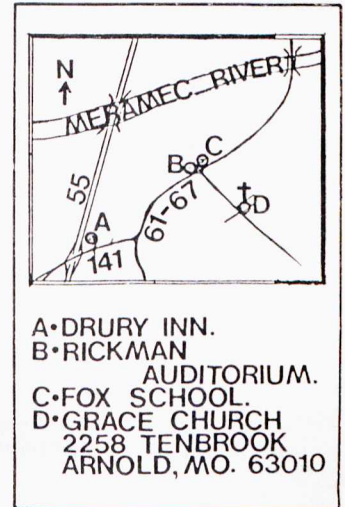
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Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

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MOTEL 6 (located at I-55 & Lindberg Boulevard)
Phone 314-892-3664

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!



Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

Is it right to have ambition? How about this matter of being success motivated? Should the man of God want to have a large successful church? Is the ambitious man always a carnal man?

We have to face these issues. We are being provoked by most religious leaders to feel intimidated by those who are convinced that success is an evil word. What is the real truth about this issue?

I am convinced that certain matters about this subject are true.

First, it is not necessarily evil or sinful for the man of God to have an earnest desire to build a large church.

Second, ambition is not sinful. In fact, it seems to me it is sinful not to be ambitious.

Third, God's heart beats for evangelizing the world. Does yours? If it does, you will want to start at home. If it doesn't, you will spend your time excusing your barrenness. We have far too much of that. Don't you really think the one who died for our sins, the Lord of the harvest, is dissatisfied with our barrenness?

As one travels around the denomination it becomes alarmingly clear that we aren't as interested or burdened about reaching the multitudes as the Bible commands. I am appalled at the satisfaction one finds in the midst of dying churches. In some states churches are closing at an alarming rate. Maybe, just maybe, we as pastors and lay leaders need a little more ambition for the growth of our churches. Frankly, I kind of like to be successful. It sure beats letting the church die, don't you think?



SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1990-91

CHURCHES	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
Belton	56	57	63	66	67	73
Buffalo, First	53	42	50	29	37	
Calvary Fellowship	202	257	222	221	216	
Cape Girardeau	81	64		76	67	
Central	98	99	91	100		86
Copper Mines	60	62	64			
Cuba	66	73	77	90		
DeSoto	200	199	190	185	176	201
Farmington	374	356	419	290		393
Flat River, First	121			128	114	
Hannon	85	87	81	83	84	88
Harmony	75	82	73	72	71	
Hartville	116	103		115	94	95
Hopewell	39	38	39	39	24	33
Houston	68	70	76	72	73	80
Lebanon, First	96	96	99	87	87	88
Myrtle	31	30	34	39	34	36
O'Fallon	44	44	49	37	45	
Parkview	60	57	68	53	53	60
Richwoods	35	33	33			
Rock Chapel	70	81	72	71	71	
Springfield, First	117	126	123		114	119
Thayer	121	121	133		126	
United, West Plains	178			158	175	183
Willow Springs	71	67	66	59	56	66

The above is only a partial listing — there are 170 Free Will Baptist churches in Missouri. Each church is encouraged to send in the Sunday School averages each month to be listed above.



Waves of Faith Quartet

Senior Adult Retreat

sponsored by

Senior Adult Ministries Board

**Stonecroft Conference Center
Branson, Missouri**

May 14-16, 1991

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

Program

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1991

1:30 p.m. Registration
5:00 p.m. Evening Meal
7:00 p.m. Congregational Singing
Get Acquainted Time
Waves of Faith Quartet
Message Rev. Gilbert Pixley
8:45 p.m. Snack Time

12:00 p.m. Lunch
2:00-
3:00 p.m. Waves of Faith Quartet
5:00 p.m. Evening Meal
7:00 p.m. Congregational Singing
Waves of Faith Quartet
Message Rev. Rupert Pixley
8:45 p.m. Snack Time

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

8:00 a.m. Breakfast
You may use Wednesday as you desire to visit the points of interest in the Branson area.
Please note: A video, entitled "The God Makers" will be shown at 9:00 a.m. and The Waves of Faith Quartet will be singing from 2:00 p.m. till 3:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Video: "The Godmakers"

THURSDAY, MAY 16

8:00 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Congregational Singing
Planning Session
10:00 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. Waves of Faith Quartet
Message Rev. Pixley
12:00 p.m. Lunch
Bye-Bye — The Lord Bless

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.

Please Print:

Name _____ Home Phone (_____) _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Church _____

Please return Registration Form to: **Senior Adult Ministries Board, 2040 Osage St., Lebanon, MO 65536** by May 1, 1991

Youth Ministries Board

Dear Friend,

Due to an increase in postage, along with the attendant printing expenses, the Missouri State Youth Ministries Board believes that our best stewardship of the Lord's money does not include direct mailing. Barring special circumstances, the Board will no longer be mailing information concerning CTS competition, the Youth Conference, or other Board activities to you. Information about the Youth Ministries Board's activities and registration forms will be available in the *GEM*. If you do not receive the *GEM*, please contact Clarence Burton in Lebanon for subscription information.

Missouri State Youth Conference Is "No Compromise"

Over 400 teens and sponsors from throughout the state gathered at Camp Windermere on November 9-10, 1990, for the third annual Missouri State Youth Conference. The theme was "No Compromise," and the main speaker was Eric Rochester, associate director of ministries for the Kansas City Youth for Christ.

The conference started off with a bang. A Friday night concert by Samson and Higher Ground of Springfield really got everyone excited. The energy level was high and everyone expected a great day on Saturday.

They were not disappointed. Eric and his wife Denise are talented musicians as well as teachers, and their singing was excellent. Eric was very up front with everyone, informing all who attended that he was going to ask them to make a decision that afternoon. His morning session with the students was enthusiastically received.

Meanwhile, the sponsors were in seminars conducted by Dean Stone and Jeff Turnbough. Both men did an excellent job. Many said that these were two of the best sponsor's seminars ever given at the Youth Conference.

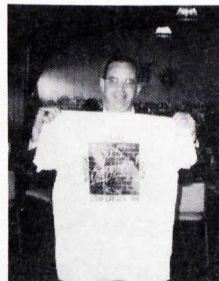
After lunch, things were reversed. The teens went with Jeff and Dean, while the sponsors stayed with Eric, who delivered a great workshop on planning youth activities for maximum effectiveness.

Saturday afternoon, many people, teens and sponsors alike, came to the altar, making the decisions that Eric had challenged them about.

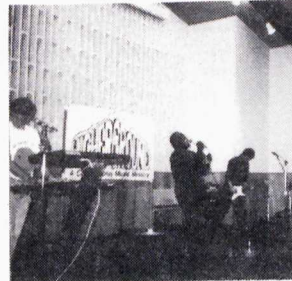
The next Youth Conference will be November 8-9, 1991. Watch these pages for more information.



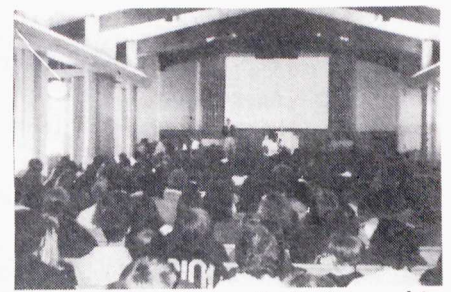
Jeff Gaskins and Jeff Nichols are swamped at the registration booth.



Modeled by Hillsdale president Jim Shepard. What a sport!



Samson and Higher Ground perform at the Friday night concert.



Nothing like sitting on the back row, eh?

Missouri State CTS Competition

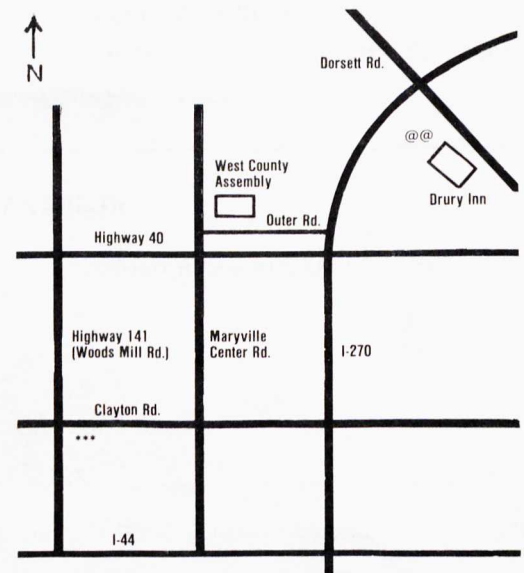
The Missouri State CTS Competition will be May 10-11, 1991, at the West County Assembly of God. The Missouri State Youth Ministries Board has reached an agreement with Drury Inn, St. Louis-Westport. Drury Inn is giving Free Will Baptists a flat rate of \$39.00, regardless of the number of people in the room. Reservations may be made by calling 1-800-325-8300. Please specify that you are with Missouri Free Will Baptists to receive the special rate.

Available restaurants are marked with either @@ or ***. The restaurants at the location marked @@ are Shoney's, Joe Hanon's, White Castle, Mr. Donut, Pasta House, Denny's, and Steak-and-Shake.

Restaurants at the location marked *** are J.J. Tippins Restaurant and Pie Pastry, Bow Bow China, Canton Inn Chinese Restaurant, Kentucky Fried Chicken, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Rib Crib Barbeque, Subway Sandwiches, and Rich and Charlie's Pasta House.

Lunch tickets will also be sold at the competition for \$3.00. This meal will be catered by Chick-Fil-A.

The map should provide you with adequate directions to all these locations.



Dear Youth Worker,

We want your help, and in exchange we will help you. The Youth Ministries Board wants to provide youth worker training seminars for you on a regional basis. These seminars would be held in your area on a Friday night and Saturday. We want to do this for you, the local church worker. Whether you are full-time, part-time, or just interested in youth work, we want these seminars to be for you.

In order to do that, we want to provide seminars that meet **your** needs, and to do that we have to know what your needs are. We have listed several topics below that **could** be covered in such a seminar. Read this list and check off the 10 topics that you would like to see covered. Rank them in order of importance; place a "1" next to the most important; "2" by the second; etc.

Thank you for doing this. It will be a tremendous help in planning our seminars.

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Your Personal Spirituality

_____ Great Ideas for Fund Raisers

_____ Essentials for Effective Youth Ministry

_____ Teaching Sexuality

_____ Discipline-Working with Rude, Obnoxious, or Apathetic Kids

_____ For Volunteers Only

_____ Involving and Ministering to Parents

_____ Creative Programming

_____ Spicing Up Youth Meetings

_____ 40 Great Ideas for Youth Group

_____ How To Get Kids Involved In Missions and Service

_____ Making Real Life Disciples

_____ Making Sunday School Come Alive

_____ Creative Video Ideas

_____ A Volunteer's Guide To Youth Ministries

_____ How To Teach So They'll Remember

_____ Essential Qualities For Working With Kids Today

_____ Other _____

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Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

Recently I was talking to a neighbor, during a time when much attention was turned toward the war. Someone had made the statement that war does three things to people.

1) It brings out the good in people. Almost immediately after the war began, people began donating food, money, etc., for the troops and their families. People began pulling together for a common cause, and they let their personal problems become secondary. And the word "pray" was resurrected nationally among so many people that normally fail to pray.

2) War brings out the bad in people. It's bad enough that anti-war protestors and folks that support the troops get into some strong, unpleasant situations. But when people are threatened because they are of a different race, that is going too far. Two examples happened where I live. A university student, originally from Pakistan, was assaulted at an establishment because he was of another nationality. Another man of foreign descent was threatened when a bomb was planted in his place of business. He was mistakenly assumed to be an Iraqi.

3) War brings out the patriotism in people. I don't remember seeing so many flags or so many flag symbols (jewelry, T-shirts, bumper stickers, etc.). I do not remember hearing as many patriotic songs and slogans as I heard during the war. People began displaying pride in our country and proclaiming appreciation for the freedom we enjoy. It was refreshing to hear complimentary remarks about our nation and our leaders.

It doesn't matter how one feels about the war, and surely no one wants war, even though sometimes it is necessary, there is a need for togetherness and love for country in time of trouble. Let's compare this to our spiritual life and its battles. Do we wait for a crisis before we see the need of living close to God? Do we have to experience severe trouble before we come together in close fellowship, as members of the family of God? Satan battles the Christian daily. He will try his best to hinder us, and even to crush us. Consequently, we need to have a strong patriotic Christian spirit every day of our lives. By living a bold and determined life for the Lord it will enable us to enjoy our fellowship with Him more. And to be sure, this "patriotic Christian spirit" will influence other members of the family of God to live a strong, victorious life in Christ.



Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

"The Classroom, Your Child, and the New Age"

According to Texe Marrs, "the New Age assault extends to every school in America..." Is this a fair assessment? I think the answer is "yes," but let me clarify. It appears to be more prevalent in some districts than in others. One school district in Franklin County Missouri is clearly immersed in New Age philosophy, while in other districts it is not so obvious.

First, let's examine the classroom. Students spend 75% to 90% of school time using textbooks, a fact that makes evident the powerful role textbooks play in education. Yet, most parents are not aware of the significant change in textbooks over the past two decades. A prevalent underlying philosophy found today throughout textbook curriculum is relativism: the belief that no absolute moral principles exist. There are no black-and-white answers; no right-and-wrong. A strain comes through that says "some things are okay in certain situations, such as stealing, cheating, and lying." These values are found in many textbooks.

According to Norma Gabler, "every time they try to clean up television, I say clean up your textbooks first, because...your children are a captive audience. They don't have the right to get up and walk out. Fifty years ago, parents would not have put up with what's going on in the classroom today." The Gablers are labeled as the most publicized and controversial couple in American education, due to their crusade against objectionable and offensive textbooks. They have almost single-handedly taken on the textbook industry in Texas, and have won many battles to keep questionable materials out of public schools. We need more Gablers in America.

The invasion into the textbook industry is no accident. According to Alice Bailey, it is a well thought-out plan. "To implement this process (New Age) will take much preparation. New textbooks will have to be written. The

nationalism will be thrown out and the "global community" will find its way into school textbooks."

One doesn't have to be involved in education to know "Global Education" is the buzz word of the 1990s (i.e.: one world order, global consciousness, global awareness, world peace, etc.). Should we be concerned about Global Education? The answer is "yes." It prepares students to live in a more pluralistic, international, intertwined system. One that is not bound by culture and time. It teaches children to accept all cultures and beliefs, and that no one culture or religion is preferred over another. It also tries to do away with nationalism and patriotism, pushing instead for internationalism and resocialization, just as Alice Bailey predicted years ago. Recently (1989), a National Commission recommended a number of changes in the traditional pattern of social studies courses taught in the public school system. In a document entitled "Charting a Course: Social Studies for the 21st Century," the commission recommended teaching U.S. History in the context of World History. To quote: "It requires a vision of a preferred future." One might well ask, "Whose PREFERRED future?" A close look at your child's history book will reveal to you that this process is being used right now. For instance, take a look at how our American heroes are being portrayed in these newer textbooks.

Another area targeted by the New Agers is in children's literature. If you have not taken time to visit the school library, or to read some of the current "award winning" books, I recommend you do so. I've always been careful in selecting books for my classrooms, but what a shock I received as I recently surveyed the books being used in our literature program. If profanity and violence are not enough, now children are introduced to meditation, occult activities, values clarification, etc. In a fourth grade literature book, a frog made his own wine, got drunk, and did a meditation exercise, all in one chapter.

Another shock came from the comic book section. Purchasing some comic books at one of small town America's favorite stores, our entire family was in disbelief at what we found. If the goal is to invade the minds of our children, their success in this endeavor is both staggering

and frightening. We as parents, better know just what is in some of those comic books our children are bringing home.

Thirdly, watch out for programs through the COUNSELING area of your school. Values clarification, values education, meditation, self-esteem, death education, etc., are all programs that need to send up a RED FLAG for parents. Let me add, not all counseling programs are bad. Just be aware and informed of the programs being offered to your child at school.

Fouthly, as your child enters the junior high level, possibly sooner, watch for sex education. One program came across my office desk recently, entitled, "Abstinence Education, 'Just Say No' Is Not Enough." Know what your children are being taught.

But, you ask, "What can we do as parents to guard against this invasion?" Here are a few suggestions:

KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD IS LEARNING AT SCHOOL.

Talk with your child...visit the school...attend open house and parent/teacher conferences...look at textbooks, literature books, papers, etc....stay informed.

TEACH YOUR CHILD AT HOME THE VALUES AND TRUTHS OF THE BIBLE.

Diligently teach God's truth to your children, beginning while they are small. Instill in them God's love. Protect your children's mind and heart, by shielding them from the world's influences when possible.

EQUIP YOUR CHILD.

Be willing to listen to what is being discussed in the classroom.

Provide information concerning what IS right. Jay knew our daughters would encounter the theory of evolution (not only in science, but also in history texts), so therefore he talked with them about the contradictions BEFORE they started these classes.

Share God's values...There are absolutes which God has established both by His own nature and character, and by precept.

Pray together and encourage daily Bible study. Provide your child with the full armor of God.

May we raise our children to have the sort of determination and devotion to Christ as did Daniel, who "purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself" (Dan. 1:8).

Wentzville Mission News



We thank the Lord that progress continues smoothly on the new church building! Lord willing, we feel the building will be finished in June. Love offerings for Project Gideon are still coming in and we are so thankful for our brothers and sisters in the Lord who have not let us down in this great project.

Specifically, we would like to express our public and deepest appreciation to the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church for a most generous gift towards the building. Also, they have given a special offering to wipe out the deficit in our missionary account! Along with this, they

have given to our church a great number of items that will be used to furnish the church, its classrooms, and a vast number of office items which will save us literally thousands of dollars. The piano and organ were included in their many gifts. As their church is soon to be demolished by the airport in St. Louis, our prayer has been for these dear friends and for the influence and ministry of the great Berkeley Church to live on in its many former members across this land. God grant it!

On March 3, we celebrated our 5th Anniversary at Wentzville! What an exciting day indeed! There were 98 present that morning to celebrate and to also officially dedicate our Cornerstone from Jerusalem. It was brought back to us by Norman and Ethel Edwards while on a Holy Land Tour last year. It weighs 33 pounds, but they carried it all the way through Israel and Europe for over 10 days. During the dedication, a local St. Louis television station, KSD-TV Channel 5, came out and put us on the news on Sunday and Monday. (Perhaps some of you saw it.)

A great big thank you again for all of you dear friends across our great state who have given to help us start and continue the building. It looks like June for the finish of it. Thank you all so very much for standing with us at Wentzville each month with your offerings and faith pledges. We still need this consistent support until the job is done. But, we say again, thank you Missouri Free Will Baptists, for giving us the tools to do the job — praise God — because of you, we are getting the job done.

The Purpose Of The Christian School

by Kimberly Moody

When I first heard, three years ago, that my little sister Holly had begun attending a Christian School, I was concerned. I thought, how could she receive a proper education studying on an individual basis? She had a preschool teacher, but the next year she would be placed in the Learning Center with the big kids. There was not one teacher with a college degree in the Learning Center.

I must admit, though I had my doubts, I was very impressed by how much Holly was learning. Before going to the Learning Center she was put into the public school. The year was lost for when she was put back into the Christian School, she had to go back to the ABC's.

I have begun working in the Christian School, and I have learned so much about it. I am not easily impressed, but I am impressed with the effectiveness of this type of teaching and training.

The purpose of the Unity Christian

Christian School, which uses the "pace system," is twofold: it allows the student to work at his/her own pace and grade level, while teaching them about living for and glorifying the Lord.

Allowing each student to work at their own pace is very important. It helps students who learn slowly, to work at a pace where they can learn, without the pressure of being rushed. And, it does not hinder the progress of the more advanced students. At the same time it allows the gifted students to advance at the speed that is normal for them.

In this age in which we live, it is very important to be academically advanced and solid in that which has been learned. Many public companies have advanced equipment and they expect the employee to work with this equipment. It is more complicated and advanced than it was ten years ago.

The Christian School teaches the student about God and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Bible. Surely these things are the most important truths that can be instilled in the mind

of the child and the adult.

Our society has fallen so far from God. Prayer was taken out of the schools in the 1960s. It is interesting to note the problems before this happened and after this happened. Before the basic school problems were: running in the halls, trash thrown around, chewing gum, skipping school, and truancy.

After prayer was taken out the basic problems are: teen pregnancy, abortion, rape, drugs, gang violence, alcoholism, and venereal diseases. Teen pregnancy has increased 500% and each one of these problems is increasing yearly!

The Good News is, God is still as powerful, and He can save souls, and answer prayer. It is important that this is taught in the Christian School.

My role, as a monitor, is to answer spiritual and academic questions. A personal goal I have is to give each student love and understanding. I am not capable to love as Jesus can, but I can let Him love through me. Through this I hope that the students will grow in their love and compassion for others, especially those in the family of God.

Graduate Course To Feature Preaching On Prophecy

NASHVILLE, TENN. — FWB Bible College's next course in the graduate program will be "Prophetic Preaching," according to Ralph Hampton, Dean of the Graduate School.

The course will be held at the college May 27-31. Teachers will be FWBBC faculty members Garnett Reid and Dr. Stanley Outlaw. Rev. Reid will concentrate on Old Testament passages while Dr. Outlaw presents those in the New Testament.

Rev. Hampton says the course will help preachers preach on subjects like the Second Coming and the Tribulation with the full authority of Scripture behind them. They will also study prophecy in the light of current world events and will develop principles for interpreting prophetic passages.

Tuition for the course is \$275, if taken for college credit, or \$130, if taken for non-credit. Room and board is \$80 for the week.

Full information is available from the college.

Foreign Missions Material Available For VBS

NASHVILLE, TENN. — As the time for planning vacation Bible school approaches, the Department of Foreign Missions, Nashville, Tenn., has suggested several valuable resources that can be requested for use in VBS.

Videotapes (VHS format) are available to help children see and hear the sights and sounds of the mission field. Two of these have been especially designed for young people. "Soldiers Just the Same" and "Children of the Lord" show God blessing children in Africa. Those who plan to receive a VBS offering for a foreign missionary can request the videos for showing free of charge.

Five exciting missionary stories, which appeared in *Heartbeat* magazine, will be sent free upon request.

A flip chart, "The Good Chief," presents the gospel in story form. Originally used in Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), West Africa, the parable and pictures appeal to American children also. A script is included which can be adapted to fit most time frames. The flip chart and script are available from foreign missions for \$15 plus \$2 for postage and handling.

Picture card stories based on the experiences of several Free Will Baptist foreign missionaries can be ordered from Randall House, P.O. Box 17206, Nashville, Tenn. 27127.

HERE'S AN EXCITING V.B.S. PROJECT!



Would You like to get your V.B.S. students excited about missions? The Home Missions Department has FREE lesson booklets available for your teachers for their missions emphasis and story time during V.B.S. These lessons will acquaint the students with home missionaries

serving in isolated places, and give them exciting mission projects for their V.B.S. classes.

Your V.B.S. can help Home Missions! The Department challenges your Vacation Bible School to give a good offering for Home Missions. You may want to designate it to the GENERAL FUND of Home Missions which undergirds the entire work of the Department, or you may designate it to any home missionary of your choice. Here are some ways your V.B.S. can help:

1. Set a cash goal and challenge your pupils to reach it.
2. Take a missions offering each day in V.B.S.
3. Give quarter folders (supplied free by the Department) and ask each pupil to fill one for Home Missions.

Use the order blank on the right to order your free V.B.S. Story Time Lessons on Home Missions and other materials.

Order Blank FREE V.B.S. Mission Lessons

- Yes! My church will plan for a V.B.S. offering for National Home Missions.
- Please send the following free materials to be used in our V.B.S.

(Quantity)

- V.B.S. Story Time Lessons on Home Missions (for teachers)
- Quarter Folders
- Prayer Cards for _____
- Missionary Maps
- Home Missions Directories
- Mission Grams
- Home Missions History Booklets
- Home Missions Study Course

Name _____

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Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



"Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say rejoice." Phil. 4:4

Alexander McClaren once said, "The Christian work is of such sort that the most dangerous opponent is simple despondency and simple sorrow."

Christ rose from prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane and found the disciples sleeping because of sorrow. He then told them to "rise and pray lest they fall into temptation." In writing to the Philippians, Paul put rejoicing as one of the rules or duties of the Christian. This is also made known in Romans 12:12 and First Thess. 5:16.

As we take a look at this verse we see the command to "rejoice." Then, we see the basis of our rejoicing, "in the Lord." Hannah's song of praise for Samuel was "my heart rejoiceth in the Lord." Mary said, "and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour."

Sometimes we rejoice about the wrong things. Like the church that lifted their hands in praise when they achieved their building fund goal, but would not pray with a young boy who came to the altar to be saved. A Biblical example is found in Exodus 32. When Moses and Joshua came back to camp after receiving the Ten Commandments and heard a noise in the camp, Joshua said it was the noise of war. Moses said it wasn't the sound of victory or defeat, just the sound of singing. The people were rejoicing over an idol that could do nothing but bring the wrath of God upon them.

We often rejoice when we have a lot of people in church, but Heaven rejoices when a new soul is born into the kingdom of God. We are told to rejoice because our names are written in Heaven, not because of some power we have.

Finally, we are told to continue rejoicing no matter what the circumstance. Nehemiah said, "The joy of the Lord is your strength." Paul and Silas rejoiced at midnight while in prison. They found the words of Nehemiah to be true. Our low times could be when a lost person is watching us the closest. Let's learn to rejoice always in good times and bad.

Are you rejoicing in the Lord? Or have you gone away grieved as the rich young ruler did in Mark 10?

Partners in Building His Church!



Your participation in this year's
World Missions Offering
on April 28, 1991

will help to provide

Prayer and Sending	Song Books	Bibles	Meeting Hall Rent
Films	Training	Tracts	
Mass Evangelism Campaigns			

These Evangelism Church Planting budget items on all fields call for a 1991 World Missions Offering GOAL of —

\$140,000



Your **World Missions Offering**
for **Foreign Missions**
will help every missionary account

All Night Prayer Meeting

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist church, Mt. Grove, Missouri, will be holding their Annual All-Night Prayer Meeting, April 26, 1991. The meeting will be held at the church.

The theme is "Songs In The Night." The guest speakers will be Lorene Miley, Nashville, Tennessee, and Joan Wood, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Jewell Spurgeon writes, "There will be lots of special singing and playing."

The Supper Meal will be 6 p.m. till ? Breakfast will be April 27, 7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Everyone (ladies only) is invited to attend. It is suggested that you wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

Bring your prayer requests, and as you prepare to attend, begin praying, now, that the Lord will bless in a special way.

Reverend Gary Fry is the pastor. Jewell Spurgeon may be contacted at (417) 926-5895.

Financial Information

FEBRUARY 1991

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board	\$ 4,863.93
17.50% Exec. Off. & Gem	4,601.01
3.50% General Fund	920.20
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	2,234.78
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.	657.29
2.50% C.E. Board	657.29
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board	657.29
5.00% Mo. State Retirement Program	1,314.57
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	8,018.92
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	
(\$80.18 included in \$8,018.92)	
9.00% State Office & Bookstore Bldg.	2,366.24
Total	\$26,291.52

This is the second month of 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 FWBCC & Hillsdale receiving an equal amount. California Christian College will continue to receive the 1%.

FEBRUARY 1991 RECEIPTS

COOPERATIVE

Oak Hill, Union	\$ 554.40
Hartville	411.10
Royal Oak	106.00
Merl's Chapel	190.00
Stockton	109.55
Mt. Zion, Gower	30.80
Monett	660.82
Hannon	294.20
Mill Creek	274.41
Crossroads	100.00
Friendship	746.82
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	89.27
Clifton	33.37
Rolla	88.12
Lebanon, First	540.02
Columbia	75.00
Bailey Chapel	60.00
Potosi	93.19
Leadington	330.00
Rock Chapel	417.22
Calvary, Conway	194.43
Springfield	862.65
Oak Grove, Norwood	146.42
Hopewell	211.00
Black Oak	215.15
Cape Girardeau	658.23
Victory, Alton	183.00
Unity	192.91
Calvary Chapel	161.70
Harmony, K.C.	417.00
Thayer	686.00
Heritage	91.58

Houston	253.50
South Fremont	395.00
Monett	584.43
Mine La Motte	53.00
Seymour	33.00
Freeman Chapel	203.80
Belton	326.27
Pleasant Ridge	90.00
Lone Star	20.00
Lingo	54.53
Fredericktown	481.57
West Plains, First	507.00
Berkeley	252.79
Kirkville	71.00
Mt. Pisgah	143.00
Joplin	353.83
Faith & Hope	59.87
Neosho	71.25
Liberty	286.74
Salem	60.00
Mountain Grove	686.71
Flat River, First	480.88
DeSoto	800.00
Cabool	313.48
United, W.P.	717.87
Pleasant Home	271.90
Farmington	2,374.91
Happy Home	100.34
Parkview	332.10
New Home	137.08
Copper Mines	204.32
Parkview	369.70
Viburnum	161.00
New Life, Ava	10.00
Wolf Creek	618.23
Marshfield	233.75
Terrill Road	86.00
Bethel, Festus	100.00
Pleasant Hill	64.22
Grace	1,083.00
Eastern Gate	334.16
Union Grove	194.00
Bethel, El Dorado	46.14
Macedonia	20.00
Olivet	400.00
Myrtle	178.14
New Rock Springs	85.00
Victory Hill	60.50
Calvary, Conway	195.59
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Kingsway	204.36
New Hope, Fredericktown	15.64
Verdella	183.01
Number One	50.62
Waynesville	273.42
Fourth	260.00
Central	714.12
New Harmony	35.67
Total	\$26,291.56

YOUTH CAMP

Hartville	\$ 10.00
Hannon	15.00
Thayer	30.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Parkview	10.00
Mountain Grove	20.00
DeSoto	50.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Fordland	20.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Olivet	25.00
Myrtle	49.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Total	\$353.00

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 30.00
Freeman Chapel	50.00
Parkview	10.00
DeSoto	35.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Farmington	126.00
Total	286.75

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Oak Hill, Union	\$ 16.00
Hannon	50.00
Thayer	35.00
Farmington	133.00
Central	24.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Total	\$293.75

JOHN MCCLURE ACCOUNT

Thayer	\$12.00
Monett	10.00
Berkeley	10.00
Mountain Grove	15.00
Farmington	10.00
Grace	30.00
Verdella	10.00
Total	\$97.00

CA. CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington	\$35.00
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FOREIGN MISSIONS

Oak Hill, Union	\$ 22.00
Merl's Chapel	200.00
Hannon	324.20
O'Fallon	35.00
Lebanon	75.00
Columbia	10.00
Blue Springs	75.00
Leadington	20.00
Rock Chapel	133.00
Southside	185.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	97.60
C. Layman	10.00
Calvary Chapel	20.00
A. Jenkersen	25.00
Thayer	45.00
N. Akeman	10.00
Niangua	54.00
Houston	123.00
S. Fremont	80.00
Monett	1,423.37
Freeman Chapel	302.33
Belton	25.00
Pleasant Ridge	45.00
St. Louis District	94.00
Berkeley	50.00
Kirkville	30.00
Mt. Pisgah	250.00
Joplin	60.30
S. Hart	20.00
Faith & Hope	59.00
New Testament	135.00
Parkview Mission Group	60.00
Mountain Grove	384.68
Flat River First	96.18
DeSoto	350.00
United	76.00
Pleasant Home	52.19
Calvary Fellowship	1,071.15
Oak Grove, Cabool	65.00
Pleasant Ridge	20.00
Farmington	415.00
Parkview	224.00
Macedonia	10.00
Parkview	458.00
Viburnum	100.00
Fordland	117.00
Marshfield	10.00
Grace	20.00
Eastern Gate	44.42
Olivet	100.00
Myrtle	128.00
Verdella	297.01

Fourth	100.00
O'Fallon	25.00
Central	97.50
New Harmony	178.33
Total	\$8,537.26

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Oak Hill, Union	\$ 15.50
Hannon	15.00
Lebanon	5.00
Columbia	10.00
Blue Springs	20.00
Rock Chapel	94.39
Oak Grove, Norwood	48.80
A. Jenkersen	10.00
Thayer	152.25
S. Fremont	27.00
Monett	10.00
West Plains First	3.00
Berkeley	10.00
Kirkville	5.00
Mt. Pisgah	100.00
Joplin	10.00
New Testament	65.00
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
Mountain Grove	155.00
Flat River First	63.09
DeSoto	200.00
United	20.00
Pleasant Home	15.00
Farmington	14.44
Parkview	45.00
Buffalo First	100.00
B. Keith	10.00
Parkview	35.00
Viburnum	48.00
Fordland	5.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Grace	125.00
Eastern Gate	10.00
Myrtle	160.00
Verdella	15.00
Central	122.50
Total	\$1,763.97

MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

Oak Hill, Union	\$ 20.00
Hannon	147.10
O'Fallon	30.00
Lebanon	196.47
Columbia	35.00
S.E. District	25.00
Southside	10.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
A. Jenkersen	5.00
Thayer	35.00
S. Fremont	85.00
Belton	25.00
Pleasant Ridge	25.00
Berkeley	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Joplin	5.00
Faith & Hope	59.00
New Testament	20.00
Mountain Grove	187.90
Flat River First	48.09
DeSoto	50.00
United	76.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.00
Farmington	145.00
Parkview	10.00
Macedonia	25.00
Parkview	5.00
Viburnum	13.00
Fordland	27.00
Marshfield	33.37
Grace	25.00
Myrtle	79.00
Fourth	10.00
O'Fallon	5.00
Central	10.00
New Harmony	178.33
Total	\$1,730.26

The Beauty Of Biology

by Pam Hudson

ARE YOU A PRODUCT OF CHANCE?

Last week, one of my older biology students, (Iletha is in her 60s), was in my office asking me to clarify some points from a lecture on circulation. After we had talked a few minutes, she made the statement, "My, I knew that we were wonderfully and fearfully made, but oh, **so much more wonderfully** than I had ever known."

How long would it take an earth full of lifeless chemicals under perfect conditions to produce life? Even a tiny protozoan? The simple bacteria *E. Coli* has within itself enough genetic information to fill 100 million pages of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*. Obviously, it could never happen. To simplify, how long would it take a monkey, pounding irrationally at a typewriter, to come up with the words of Genesis 1:1 ("In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth")? Increase the number of monkeys to one million and let them type twelve keys per second (a

record speed) on simplified typewriters with only capital letters.

Try to think of a rock so large that if the earth were at its center, its surface would touch the nearest star (which is so far away that light from it takes more than four years to get here, traveling 186,000 miles every second). If a bird came once every million years and removed an amount equivalent to the finest grain of sand, **FOUR SUCH ROCKS** would be worn away before the million monkeys would be able to type Genesis 1:1. (Calculations of William Feller, *An Introduction to Probability Theory and Its Implications*, Wiley, 1950, 1,266.)

Sir Fred Hoyle stated that the chance of life evolving from non-living matter is comparable with the chance that "a tornado sweeping through a junkyard might assemble a Boeing 747 from the materials therein" (*Nature*, Vol. 294, Nov. 12, 1981, p. 105).

The mathematical absurdities of evolution are astounding. If we can realize just how "wonderfully and fearfully made" we actually are, we can never be so blind as to believe we have been made by chance.

Hotel Reservation

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Charleston, West Virginia National Convention July 21-25, 1991

- * No telephone reservations until after the cutoff date.
- * All reservation requests will be made through the NAFWB Housing Bureau—NOT WITH INDIVIDUAL HOTELS.
- * Complete this housing form selecting your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice hotels and mail to the Housing Bureau. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1991. Send one form for each room request—duplicate this form if necessary.
- * Changes and cancellations must be made directly with the hotel before 6:00 p.m. the day of your arrival.
- * The hotel will require a deposit. Complete the credit card information on this form or send a check directly to the hotel AFTER you have received your confirmation.
- * Information and inquiries ONLY: 800/733-5469.

Cutoff Date:

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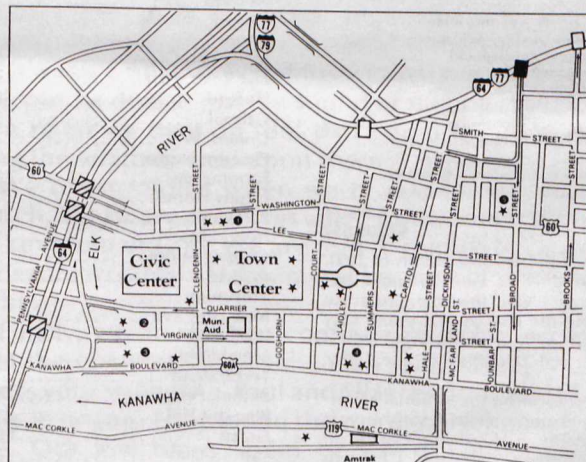
HOTELS	Choice	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
Marriott Hotel (Headquarters)		\$68	\$68	\$68	\$68
Holiday Inn Civic Center		\$56	\$56	\$56	\$56
Elk River Town Center Inn		\$46	\$46	\$46	\$46
Holiday Inn Charleston House (NYC Hdqrs.)		\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
Holiday Inn Heart of Town		\$45	\$45	\$45	\$45

TYPE OF ROOM REQUESTED:

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NUMBER OF BEDS IN ROOM _____

PLEASE LIST ROOM OCCUPANTS:

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- 1 Marriott
- 2 Holiday Inn Civic Center
- 3 Elk River Town Center Inn
- 4 Holiday Inn Charleston House
- 5 Holiday Inn Heart Of Town

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