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## **The End of an Era**

(See back cover for story)





## With Our Churches



**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Waynesville, MO** — The CTS classes recently finished a study entitled "The Tabernacle - A Picture of Christ."

Along with the study the class built a wooden and cloth scale model of the tabernacle and the court yard, with its furnishings.

Pictured in the photo are members of the class: Michael McBee, Stephanie Roden, Lee McBee, Johnny Roden, Jenny Roden and the class teacher, Helen Bales. Not pictured, but in the class: Tabatha, Nikki and Kyle Balk, and Brian Baker.

Mrs. Bales expresses a special thanks to the men who helped with cutting and supplying the wood pieces, Dud Greer and Bill Bales.

**FRIENDSHIP CHURCH, Branson, MO** — Spring, here in the beautiful Ozark country, attracts many visitors, writes Evelyn Knowlton, church reporter.

Friendship Free Will Baptist Church has been greatly blessed with the presence of many fine folks visiting the regular services. Those who visit share not only their presence, but their talents and testimonies. It is the desire of the church that the visitors will be blessed and will come back often.

On Sunday, April 21, twenty-six of the church family lunched together and braved a cold, drizzling rain to witness four people follow the Lord in Water Baptism. The service took place in the icy waters of Table Rock Lake. Following the Baptism Service, everyone enjoyed the gracious hospitality and fabulous desserts at the Atwood's beautiful lakeshore home. Everyone returned to the church in time for the Sunday Evening Service.

The newly formed Youth Auxiliary is off to a great start. There is much untapped potential in this fine group of people. The Lord is blessing them, and the church, as we watch them grow and develop in the Lord. The future of Friendship Church seems to be in good hands.

To quote the song: "There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place, and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord."

## Sunday School Attendance Averages November 1990-April 1991

CHURCHES	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Belton	63	66	67	73	88	67
Buffalo, First	50	29	37			
Calvary Fellowship	222	221	216			
Cape Girardeau		76	67	98	102	75
Central	91	100	99	98	109	
Copper Mines	64					
Cuba	77	90	81	83	82	
DeSoto	190	185	176	201	212	
Farmington	419	290		393	438	401
Flat River, First		128	114	127	129	112
Hannon	81	83	84	88	117	102
Harmony	73	72	71	77	88	
Hartville		115	94	95	103	107
Hopewell	39	39	24	33		39
Houston	76	72	73	80	103	98
Lebanon, First	99	87	87	88	114	92
Myrtle	34	39	34	36	35	33
O'Fallon	49	37	45			
Overland	37	39	46	40		
Parkview	68	53	53	60	72	66
Richwoods	33	32	29	31		
Rock Chapel	72	71	71	75	70	69
Springfield, First	123		114	119	124	115
Thayer	133		126		139	128
United, West Plains		158	175	183	196	180
Willow Springs	66	59	56	66		
Verdella					65	67

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.

## Personnel Changes

Jeff Daniels to Eastern Gate  
Donnie Anderson to Verdella  
J.W. O'Neal to Happy Home  
Richard Duff to Cedar Ridge

## Pastor Appreciation Day In September

September may not be set officially as Pastor Appreciation Month, but it is a good time to show special appreciation to the pastor. This servant of the Lord whom the Lord has called into the ministry, and the local church has called under the leadership of the Holy Spirit to serve as pastor - honor him. Let him know by word and action that you appreciate his ministry to the local church and to you as a member of that church.

Do Something Special For Him And His Family. He will love you for it, and the Lord will bless the individual and church that loves and cares for the servant of God (Read I Kings 17).

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## Graduation & Awards Exercises At UCA

On Thursday evening, May 9, 1991, the Unity Christian Academy held its Graduation and Awards Ceremony. The service was held at the Unity Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon, Mo.

The Welcome was given by Angela McKinney; the Class Eulogy was given by John Price; and the Motto by Sister Kimberly Moody. The opening prayer was by Mark Watson and the closing prayer by Matt Dawson. Rev. Bill Knapp, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Buffalo, Mo., was the guest speaker.

Several awards were presented by Gene and Dorothy Reed. Brother Gene is serving as principal and Sister Dorothy as a Learning Center Instructor.

The pastor, Rev. Dan Talbot, presented several Christian and Honor Roll Awards. The many awards given reflected that the students had done extremely well academically, morally, and socially.

Those receiving Bible Memorization Awards were: Jason McKinney, Dustin Turner, Michelle Lewis, Deidra Matthews, Rachelle Watson, Angela McKinney, John Price, Matt Dawson, Rena Rubles, and Sarah Rubles.

Bridget Turner was graduated from Unity Christian Academy and was presented to Rev. Talbot by Gene Reed to receive her High School Diploma. Bridget received several awards from UCA and expressed her thanks to the administration and faculty as she gave her Graduate's Speech.



Unity Christian Academy



The graduate, pastor, and principal.



Rev. Bill Knapp

## Everett Usery Home With The Lord

Memorial Services were held for Everett Usery on Sunday, May 12, 1991, at the Baue-Davis Chapel in O'Fallon, Mo. Everett went home to be with the Lord Friday, May 10, at the DePaul Health Center in Bridgeton, Mo.

On March 27, 1948, Everett was united in marriage to Virginia Wilkinson. To this union two sons and one daughter were born. Everett served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Among those who remain to mourn his passing are his devoted wife, Virginia Usery; one daughter, Vickie, and husband, Mike Edmonston, of St. Peters; two sons, Dennis Usery, and wife, Vicky, of Florissant, Kevin Usery, and wife, Carol, of St. Peters; four grandchildren, Matthew and Brian Usery, Amanda and Andrew Edmonston; four brothers, Granville Huitt, Harry Huitt, Charlie Usery, Jesse Usery; five sisters, Sarah Kaysinger, Hallie Evans, Florence Mayfield, Myrtle Wright, Jewell Britton; and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and a host of friends.

Everett was a faithful member of the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church for thirty-five years.

Rev. Clarence Burton, Rev. Jerry Fields, and Rev. Danny Martin, ministers who served at the Memorial Service, spoke many words of commendation for the faithful and committed life that Everett lived for the Lord. As was stated in the service, "Everett and Virginia set the example before their family that a Christian was to worship God, walk with God, and then work for God."

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Everett was like a brother to me. He and his family were always a source of encouragement and strength while serving as their pastor, and even following that time. He loved the Lord and his family. His life will live on and on through his family and his friends.*



## Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

Last month I wrote about the great number of fundamental preachers and laymen who are falling into sin and shaming the Lord. It is happening, and we know it is happening, but we don't seem to be doing anything about it. We neither try to prevent, nor do we have a program of restoration for those who fail. But we must, and we must start NOW.

First, we need a program of prevention. Several years ago there was a great deal of controversy in our denomination concerning the question of whether sin has any part in your relation to Christ. At that time it was a doctrinal game. We solved the theological question (if not the actual teaching) with an appendix in our Treatise that says we do not believe one is right with God if he is practicing sin. But it may be that we don't agree with that appendix. If we do agree with it, we need to start preaching that doctrine. We need to establish standards that honor our Lord and the church. I am not talking about the superficial preferences we try to make convictions, but sins that are identified in God's word as sin.

Second, we need a program of restoration. Ministers who fall need to have those who care enough to attempt to restore them. Our Free Will Baptist doctrine requires attempts to restore the fallen Christian. We should call on our denominational leaders to lead the way into a system of restoration. Why not demand it of our leaders. Let's do it now.

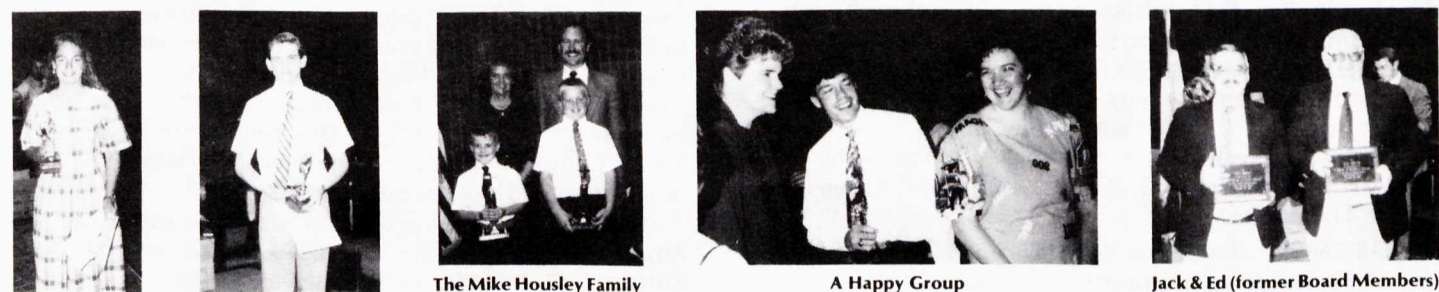


# Winners Of The 1991 Missouri State Youth Competition

(Category/Age Group)	(Names)	(Church)
<b>VOCAL SOLO</b>		
Learner.....	Mariesa Maggard	Beacon
Adventurer.....	Amber Maggard	Beacon
Herald.....	Emily Harrison	Beacon
Crusader.....	Jessica Fry	Mountain Grove
Ambassador.....	Michelle Brown	Grant Avenue
<b>CHORALE</b>		
Adventurer.....	Carthage Chorale	Carthage
Crusader.....	Fellowship Chorale	Fellowship
<b>VOCAL ENSEMBLES—SEXTET</b>		
Herald.....	Fellowship Sextet	Fellowship
<b>VOCAL ENSEMBLES—QUARTET</b>		
Adventurer.....	Beacon Adventurer Quartet	Beacon
Crusader.....	Grant Avenue Quartet	Grant Avenue
<b>VOCAL ENSEMBLES—TRIO</b>		
Adventurer.....	Amber Fowler, Shea Bassham & Stacy Sherman	Mountain Grove
Herald.....	Mary Ellen King, Michelle Lewis & Jamie Lewis	DeSoto Church
Crusader.....	Heather Dean, Jessica Fry & Cara Dean	Mountain Grove
Ambassador.....	Stephanie Johnson, Tamra Ragsdale & Suzanne Norris	Calvary Fellowship
<b>VOCAL ENSEMBLES—DUET</b>		
Learner.....	Amber Moore & Mariesa Maggard	Beacon
Adventurer.....	Amber Maggard & Christy Page	Beacon
Herald.....	Michelle Lewis & Jamie Lewis	DeSoto Church
Ambassador.....	Suzanne Norris & Tamra Ragsdale	Calvary Fellowship
<b>INSTRUMENTAL SOLO—STRINGED BOW</b>		
Crusader.....	Diane Walls	Trinity
<b>INSTRUMENTAL SOLO—PERCUSSION</b>		
Crusader.....	Jessica Fry	Mountain Grove
<b>INSTRUMENTAL SOLO—WOODWINDS</b>		
Herald.....	Kristen Hood	Monett
Crusader.....	Julie Dowden	Mountain Grove
Ambassador.....	Bill Weeks	Grace
<b>INSTRUMENTAL SOLO—BRASS</b>		
Herald.....	Heather MacCulloch	Beacon
<b>SMALL INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE—BRASS</b>		
Crusader.....	David Koester & Mark Phillips	Fellowship
<b>LARGE INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE</b>		
Crusader.....	Mountain Grove Hand Bell Choir	Mountain Grove
<b>KEYBOARD SOLO—MANUAL</b>		
Adventurer.....	Brian Scott	Calvary Fellowship
Herald.....	Lori Taylor	Mountain Grove
Crusader.....	Diane Walls	Trinity
Ambassador.....	Kyle Baker	Thayer
<b>KEYBOARD SOLO—ELECTRONIC</b>		
Herald.....	Jennifer Moore	Fellowship
<b>KEYBOARD ENSEMBLE</b>		
Herald.....	Rachel Friend & Joel Friend	Rock Chapel
<b>ORAL COMMUNICATION—DRAMATIC SELECTION</b>		
Adventurer.....	Heidi MacCulloch	Beacon
Herald.....	Heather MacCulloch	Beacon
Crusader.....	Philip Ledgerwood	Harmony
<b>ORAL COMMUNICATION—POETRY</b>		
Adventurer.....	Julie Gullede	Calvary Fellowship
Crusader.....	Philip Ledgerwood	Harmony
<b>ORAL COMMUNICATION—EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH</b>		
Crusader.....	Philip Ledgerwood	Harmony
<b>ORAL COMMUNICATION—PROSE</b>		
Crusader.....	Kevin Cook	Crossroads
<b>ORAL COMMUNICATION—DRAMATIC DUO</b>		
Crusader.....	Ryan Long/Charles France	Fellowship
<b>ORAL COMMUNICATION—SKITS</b>		
Crusader.....	Monett Crusader Skit	Monett
Combination.....	AC Players	Mountain Grove
<b>ORAL COMMUNICATION—PUPPETS/GROUP</b>		
Crusader.....	Grace Puppet Team	Grace
<b>CREATIVE ARTS—PHOTOGRAPHY/COLOR</b>		
Herald.....	Dianne Riley	Beacon
<b>BIBLE MEMORIZATION</b>		
Grade 1.....	Adam Housley	Rock Chapel
Grade 2.....	Darin Gwartney	Fellowship
Grade 3.....	David Mitchner	Rock Chapel
<b>BIBLE SWORD DRILL</b>		
Grade 4.....	Heath Housley	Rock Chapel
Grade 5.....	Nathan Nance	South Fremont
Grade 6.....	Brian Scott	Calvary Fellowship
<b>BIBLE TIC TAC TOE</b>		
Rock Chapel.....	Holly Helsley, Dawyne Serghide	
	Joshua Friend, Calab Junge	
	Rachel Friend (Alt.)	
<b>BIBLE BOWL</b>		
Rock Chapel.....	Shawna Helsley & Steven Moore	







The Mike Housley Family

A Happy Group

Jack & Ed (former Board Members)



## Calendar of Events

### 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

### NATIONAL CONVENTION - WNAC & NYC

July 21-25  
 Charleston, W. VA.

### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY RETREAT

August 23, 24  
 Stonecroft Conference Center

### ALL BOARDS MEETING - PREACHER/LAYMAN RETREAT

September 23, 24  
 Youth Camp, Niangua  
 (Golf Tournament, Horseshoe Pitching, etc.)

## Free Will Baptist National Convention

The National Association of Free Will Baptists meets in Charleston, West Virginia, July 21-25, 1991. Executive Secretary states that he expects an attendance of 6,000. The Marriott Hotel will serve as headquarters for the National Association Convention and the Woman's Auxiliary Convention. The National Youth Conference will be headquartered in the Holiday Inn Charleston House.

The major addresses of the National Convention will be delivered by Pastor James Raper, Pastor Keith Woody, and Pastor Billy Hanna.

Tuesday evening has been designated as Jubilee Celebration of Praise for Free Will Baptist Bible College's 50 years of service to the denomination. The 90 minute celebration will include a dramatic presentation, music by the college choir, a video production testimonies, and a sermon by Academic Dean, Dr. Robert Picirilli.

Meeting simultaneously with the National Convention are the 24th National Youth Conference with an expected 2,000 registrants and the 56th annual Woman's Auxiliary Convention with more than 1,000 expected. Missionary Steve Lytle will be the keynote speaker for the WNAC's missionary service. Dr. Mary Ruth Wisheart will speak at the Tuesday WNAC Fellowship Dinner. The four-day Youth Conference will rally around the conference theme, "Come, Celebrate Jesus."

Moderator Ralph Hampton will gavel the voting body through the 55th annual session, expected to approve a budget of 11 million dollars and electing more than 34 board and commission members.



The Keith Family

## New Keith Family Tape Available

The Keith Family, Mansfield, Mo., has a new tape titled "My Ship Shall Sail." This Free Will Baptist family, through their singing and devoted Christian lives, have blessed the hearts of folks all over Southwest Missouri and North-western Arkansas.

Bob and Glenda have been singing together for twenty-five years, and the family has been singing as a Family Group since 1985.

Scott is a student at Hillsdale College, and Brent and his wife, Susan, live in Hartville. Brent is employed by Contel Telephone, and Susan is an employee of the Wright County Bank. Bob drives a truck for Direct Ozark Transfer Company, and Glenda is employed at the Bank of Mansfield.

The Keith family attends the Wolf Creek Free Will Baptist Church and are actively involved in the work of the church. Rev. R.E. Helsley, pastor of the church, states, "This family is a blessing to the church, and any place that they are invited to sing. I believe that the Lord has anointed them, and is using them to bless and challenge people to come to Christ and follow Him."

Tapes are available from the Keith Family at this address: Bob Keith, Rt. 1, Box 83, Mansfield, MO 65704, Phone 417-924-3470.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a wonderful Christian family. I have this tape and it has blessed my heart!*

## Sunday School Winners Announced For The Spring Contest

In the Sunday School Spring Contest, "Outreach To The Unreached," sponsored by the Randall House Publications, the First Free Will Baptist Church, Farmington, Mo., won first place in Division C. Calvary Fellowship Church, Fenton, Mo., ranked 3rd in Division D.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Congratulations!*

## Financial Need For Water System At Youth Camp

The Youth Camp Board is asking the churches of Missouri to help with an emergency need at Youth Camp.

The new Girls' Shower/Restroom facilities have been built. In running the water line to the new facility, it was found that there were several leaks in the pipe, and it was noted that the present pipes were too small for the needed pressure of the new Girls' Shower/Restroom. A new pump had to be installed with a reservoir.

In response to this need, the Indian Creek Association has voted to raise \$2,000 for the new Water System. The Youth Camp Board is trusting that other District Associations and/or other churches will respond to this need.

Please send your contribution to Rev. Ken Goff, Star Route, Box 22, Niangua, Mo. 65713, or to Rev. Clarence Burton, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, Mo. 65536.



**"SPECIAL INSURANCE NOTICE, PLEASE READ WITH CAUTION"**

The Youth Camp Insurance Carrier (Heritage Insurance Managers), hereafter identified as (H.I.M.), agrees to the following:

1. To pay the first (\$250.00) on all covered medical claims involving injury or sickness incurred, while being a registered camper or worker at Mo. State F.W.B. Youth Camp.
2. In the event of an injury or sickness and after (H.I.M.) has paid the first (\$250.00), should there be any remaining unpaid balance, you will be notified by (H.I.M.), asking you to report this amount to your Personal Insurance Carrier. \* If there is yet a remaining balance after payment has been made by your Personal Insurance Carrier, (H.I.M.) will then pay the remaining balance up to its maximum limits, which are stated below. IT WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY FOR ANY AMOUNT EXCEEDING THESE STATED LIMITS.

A. PLEASE NOTE: THE INSURANCE COVERAGE PROVIDED BY MISSOURI STATE F.W.B. YOUTH CAMP IS VERY EXPENSIVE AND LIKE MOST INSURANCE CARRIERS, THEY ARE VERY STRICT REGARDING INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THEM. THEREFORE (FAILURE OR REFUSAL) ON YOUR PART TO SUPPLY ANY NEEDED INFORMATION (ITEM NO. 2), WILL AUTOMATICALLY MAKE YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY & ALL OF THE UNPAID BALANCE.

\* B. PLEASE NOTICE: SHOULD YOU HAVE NO PERSONAL INSURANCE CARRIER, SIMPLY STATE (NONE) ON THE FORM SENT TO YOU BY (H.I.M.), BUT BE SURE TO RESPOND.

3. The insurance limits of (H.I.M.) are as follows:

- A. Accident Medical Limits - \$2,500.00
- Dreaded Disease Limits - \$2,000.00
- Sickness Medical Limits - \$ 600.00

4. In the event the Youth Camp Board would need to contact your Insurance Carrier, regarding any unpaid claim, please give the name and address/phone no., of your health insurance carrier.

5. The Youth Camp Board wishes to thank you for your cooperation regarding this very important insurance matter.

Name Of Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 No Personal Insurance (Accident & Health) Available. \_\_\_\_\_

**PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**

MISSOURI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP  
 HCR - 83, BOX 22, NIANGUA, MISSOURI 65713  
 PHONE: (417) 473-6444

CAMPERS NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE NO. (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ FRIEND \_\_\_\_\_  
 CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_ F.W.B. yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
 PASTOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ & PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been treated by a physician within the past 6 months? \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of your treatment? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you taking medication now? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have it with you? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you allergic to any medicine? \_\_\_\_\_ What medicine? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have allergies to weeds, pollen, insects, etc? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list what you are allergic to: \_\_\_\_\_

(All medicines must be dispensed by the Camp Medical Attendant at the First Aid Center. Your medication will be dispensed according to the directions of your physician on the bottle or prescription. This is done to insure the safety of your child as well as the safety of others).

IMPORTANT NOTICE: PLEASE NOTE THE INSURANCE AGREEMENT ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL ATTENTION! In the event of a medical emergency, a Youth Camp Representative will make every possible attempt to contact the parents of the camper. There are, however, times when this is not possible. For this reason, you are (REQUIRED) TO FILL OUT, IN FULL, THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL STATEMENT ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE. NO CHILD CAN BE REGISTERED AT CAMP WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION.



# PLEASE NOTICE THE CAMP DRESS CODE RULES:

## GIRLS, PLEASE NOTE:

1. Dresses or skirts shall not be worn shorter than (Knee Length).
2. Wide and narrow leg garments are not to be shorter than knee length. (SHORTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE, PLEASE DON'T BRING THEM).
3. No upper apparel shall be worn that exposes the shoulder.

## BOYS, PLEASE NOTE:

1. Pants are to be worn full length.
2. Shirts are to be full length and covering shoulders. (NO FISH-NETS, TANK-TOP, ETC).

SWEAT PANTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR BOYS OR GIRLS.

WE SUGGEST ALL GARMENTS WORN AT CAMP BE "LOOSE FITTING," PLEASE BRING, ONLY, WEARING APPAREL THAT IS ACCEPTABLE BY THE ABOVE STANDARDS.

AFTER READING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS STATED IN THIS REGISTRATION FORM AND IF IT IS YOUR INTENT AND PROMISE TO COMPLY WITH THEM, PLEASE SIGN BELOW. NO ONE CAN BE REGISTERED AS A CAMPER, WITHOUT SIGNING:

By placing your signature upon the line following, you are making a promise to abide by the rules of the Youth Camp to the very best of your ability.

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read carefully the rules and regulations of the Youth Camp and do hereby make a pledge to keep these rules and regulations to the very best of my ability. I also understand that disciplinary action will be taken against me should I break the rules and regulations of the Youth Camp."

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

## THE YOUTH CAMP BOARD

REV. GARY PARKER, CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (314) 774-6412  
REV. KEN GOFF, TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (314) 431-2533  
REV. DALE BLACKWELL, SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (417) 962-3033  
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REV. KENNY DODDSON, MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (417) 235-5668

STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD: We look forward to serving you, to the best of our ability. We want to provide a safe, Christian atmosphere for all who attend the Missouri State Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. To do this, we must have the full cooperation of every one. We pray souls will be saved, and every saved soul, will grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, WHOSE CAMP THIS IS!

# INFORMATION AND PERMISSION GIVEN BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL STATEMENT: "I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Legal guardian) do, by my signature below, do hereby authorize the Youth Camp Board, or their representative(s) to authorize such emergency treatment necessary to maintain the life or health of my child whose name appears upon this form. I am signing this statement in the presence of a witness, and by my signature, I authorize the attending physician and/or hospital staff to treat my child for any injury or condition of health that would threaten the life or well being of my child."

FATHER OF CAMPER \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER OF CAMPER \_\_\_\_\_

(signature)

(signature)

"I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby swear that I have seen the parents/legal guardian of this camper, read the above EMERGENCY MEDICAL STATEMENT. I have personal knowledge that the person/s who have signed this EMERGENCY MEDICAL STATEMENT are indeed, the parents/legal guardian of this camper. I do hereby further swear that I have personally witnessed the person whose signature/s appear above, place their signature/s upon this form. I further swear that I am an adult and of sound mind."

WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_

(signature)

Please list below the following information:

Family Physician's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

(area code)

(number)

Please list below, names and phone numbers where you may be reached in case of an emergency:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN MAY MAKE PHONE CALLS FROM CAMP, PROVIDING THEIR SPONSOR IS WITH THEM WHILE THE CALL IS BEING MADE. ONLY COLLECT OR CREDIT CARD CALLS ARE PERMITTED.

ALSO CHILDREN MAY RECEIVE IN-COMING CALLS BUT MOST OF THE TIME IT IS DIFFICULT TO FIND THE CHILD QUICKLY, THEREFORE IT IS SUGGESTED, SHOULD YOU CALL, LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOUR CHILD AND THEY WILL GET BACK WITH YOU AT THEIR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

SHOULD YOUR CHILD HAVE TO LEAVE THE CAMPGROUNDS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED DEPARTURE, FOR ANY REASON, SICKNESS ETC, IT WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PICK THEM UP



## The Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

I have to admit that I always notice slogans. Being stuck in a traffic jam means I get a chance to notice bumper stickers; standing in a grocery store line means getting a chance to read people's T-shirts, and everyone notices the latest billboards. Our society must be filled with this kind of people because in our society there is not - An issue, (1) Which does not have pro and con viewpoints printed on bumper stickers so one can show the world where he/she stands on the particular issue. (2) An "American Hero" who can't be easily recognized on a T-shirt, button, or keychain. (3) A product which doesn't rally more support by advertising on a town's largest billboard for every passerby to see.

People honor other people by identifying with them or with the product that is being promoted. Now, for someone to speak highly of a product, identify with it, and by choice use another product is inconsistent. Example: A person speaks highly about a Coke product but drinks a Pepsi Cola, or states how wonderful a Ford is, but drives a Chevy - this is the height of inconsistency.

Silly? It does seem trivial...yet people do this to Christ everyday. How many times have you, as a Christian, been disgusted with a driver who has a bumper sticker "I have Jesus," but drives inconsiderate and unlawful? How do you feel when you see someone wearing a T-shirt with a Christian slogan, and spewing out words that are filthy and vulgar? If we, as Christians, are offended, can you imagine how it is interpreted by someone who is not a Christian.

Let's remember, we live a testimony for or against Christ. Whether we wear it or not - what kind of "Ad" are you? What slogan does your life best reflect?

## Those Hands

With those hands God created life,  
The people, animals, and plants.  
With those hands God created everything,  
Even elephants and ants.  
With those hands God created a Son,  
So loved us he must.  
For His Son's hands were nailed to a cross,  
Where He died, to save all of us.

Katie Cooke, Pleasant Ridge Church



## Reverend Mike Parrot Announces Call To Full-Time Evangelism

Rev. Mike Parrot, Alton, Mo., has announced that the Lord has called him to serve as a full-time evangelist. Brother Parrot began preaching at the age of 17 and was ordained one year later in the Cave Springs Association. He has pastored for over eleven years in Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Rev. Parrot is a graduate of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College and is also a licensed Pastoral Counselor.

He and his wife Donna have been married for twelve years and have one son, Chad, age 7.

Mike states, "My family and I are excited about the new work, but also a little apprehensive. But we believe God, and we are confident in His provision and protection."

Brother Parrot may be contacted at this address: HCR 64, Box 117, Alton, Mo. 65606. Phone 417-778-7695.

## Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

The early morning breeze greeted me as I topped the ridge. My walk across the field was halted as I took in the view before me. It was May and everywhere life evidenced itself in green. The trees had new leaves, the wild flowers had their new blossoms, and the green grass was tall and thick.

The birds seem to know life had returned to the winter barren land. The three deer grazing on the sweet grass a short distance from me paused only long enough to investigate their surroundings that bustled with life's endless motion. I guess what really caused this spring morning to add beauty and meaning to me was the fact that I was viewing it while comparing it to the bleak winter which had just passed. A revival of life always seems greater in the light of the gray death that precedes it.

Could it be this is what we pray for? Do we pray that the spiritually gray winter might pass and in its place the bursting forth of new life? Perhaps we long for the spiritually new life with its motion and brilliant color.

May we join hands and hearts as we petition the Giver of life for such a revival!



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## Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

(continued from May)

### "NEW AGE AND THE MEDIA"

Recently, my daughter Lynn was watching cartoons before school one morning. She had also been helping me research the New Age movement, and this cartoon caught her attention. The main character indicated that the bad guy "was simply living out his karma." Another character was called "Dr. Lucifer." What was this cartoon? Believe it or not, it was the all-American "G.I. Joe."

Some Saturday morning take the time to watch the cartoons with your child. You will discover many are immersed in New Age thinking (self-realization, the occult, witchcraft, the power of oneself, everyone and everything is God, reincarnation, ESP, etc.).

Movies are definitely no better. Take for instance, "Ghost," with after-death fantasies, or "Star Trek V," in which the villains are a bunch of crazed believers, who follow a mysterious demonic force that they and the film's credits identify as "God."

Even Christian programming should carefully scrutinized. The cartoon series, "Kingdom Chums," is New Age thinking to the hilt, according to Texe Marrs, in his book entitled, "Ravaged by the New Age." Mr. Marrs states that New Age concepts, such as "the power within" and "believing in yourself," are throughout the series. He cautions parents about any material published by WORD, INC., and urges them to examine everything with extreme care. Even with Christian programming, make sure the material reflects your beliefs. Just because they are published under a Christian label does not make them Christian.

The argument that TV does not severely impact the minds of viewers can be readily debated. According to a recent government survey, children start imitating what they see on TV as early as 14 months of age. We have recently curtailed "Ninja Turtles" at our elementary school due to injuries resulting from playing out the charac-

ters. The children were simply imitating what they had seen on the screen.

Another student, age eight, made some horrible statements as to what he would like to do to me and my husband, Jay. I could not believe these words were coming from a child's mouth. In conference with the parents, we found he was quoting verbatim from a recent movie he had watched. He had become angry with me and imitated what he had recently seen on TV. The parent commented: "I didn't think he was listening . . ." I'm only thankful he only verbalized what he had seen rather than act it out.

What is the danger of this bombardment? I'm sure most of you have heard the tale of the frog and the pan of water. When placed in boiling water, the frog immediately sprang out of the pan. But when placed in warm water, with the fire turned on low, the change was less noticeable and the frog was cooked before he recognized what was taking place. This illustrates what is happening with America's children. They are slowly, but surely, being immersed in New Age philosophy. The heat is on, and if parents do not become aware and speak out, these children will be "cooked" before reaching adulthood, being polluted by the lies of the New Age.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?

1. Educate yourself on New Age terms and concepts. (You don't need to become an expert, just familiarize yourself with the basics.)
2. Monitor your child's TV viewing. Don't assume that because it is a cartoon or a kid's show that it is O.K.
3. Talk to your child about fantasy and reality.
4. Teach your older children about what to look for.
5. Most importantly, use God's yardstick to decide what's suitable for viewing. If we would be ashamed to have Jesus sitting beside us while viewing something, it most likely is not fit for watching. Instead, feed your mind with "whatsoever things are TRUE, whatsoever things are HONEST, whatsoever things are PURE, whatsoever things are LOVELY, whatsoever things are of a GOOD REPORT; if there be any VIRTUE, and if there be any PRAISE, think of these things" (Phil. 4:8).

### SUMMARY

In the past few months I have

attempted to discuss the far-reaching effects of the New Age movement and its comprehensive attack on many of the highest values of both the Christian Church and Western Culture. The examples that have been cited are not isolated cases. On the contrary, New Age philosophy can be seen from greeting cards to Sunday School curriculum. According to the late Dr. Francis Schaeffer, "those who embrace the humanist world view virtually control the general or popular consensus in our society, much of the media, much of what is taught in our public schools, and much of the arbitrary law being produced by various departments of government."

It is increasingly apparent that the goal to change our children's values from traditional values of home, family, and church is becoming a reality. It is evident that the moral conscience of American society has been steadily declining. A major contributor to this decline has been the subtle, steady propagation of New Age ideas.

The battle to gain control of people's minds is raging and the stakes are high. There are millions of children that are being innocently taken in by this deception. As Christians, we need to do the following:

**EDUCATE** ourselves with Biblical truths.  
**EXPOSE** Satan's lies and deceptions.  
**EQUIP** both ourselves and our children with the proper armor.  
**EVALUATE** all curriculum, toys, TV programs, movies, etc.  
**ENCOURAGE** other parents and fellow believers to stand fast.  
**EVANGELIZE** the world with the Gospel truth.

For a better understanding of how to combat this New Age thinking, we list the following resources. These should be available through the Lebanon Bible and Book Store.

*Ravaged By The New Age*

Texe Marrs

*Like Lambs To The Slaughter*

Johanna Michaelsen

*The New Age Masquerade*

Eric Buehrer

*A Planned Deception*

Constance E. Cumbey

*Your Child And The New Age*

Berit Kjos

*What Are They Teaching Our Children?*

Mel and Norma Gabler

*Unmasking The New Age*

Douglas Goothuis

*Confronting The New Age*

Douglas Goothuis





# Financial Information



## APRIL 1991

### COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board	\$ 5,789.76
17.50% Exec. Off. & Gem	5,476.80
3.50% General Fund	1,095.36
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	2,660.16
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.	782.40
2.50% C.E. Board	782.40
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board	782.40
5.00% Mo. State Retirement Program	1,564.80
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	9,545.27
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	
(\$95.45 included in \$9,545.27)	
9.00% State Office & Bookstore Bldg.	2,816.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,295.98</b>

The year 1991 is swiftly passing by. The Lord is continuing to supply our needs. He never fails. May He continue to bless every faithful pastor and church as He works through them to meet our cooperative goal. We thank Him and praise Him for everything He has been pleased to do.

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%.

### APRIL 1991 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE

New Hope, Fredericktown	\$ 12.60
Happy Home	116.84
Potosi	119.23
Central	921.92
Waynesville	235.83
Clifton	41.47
Heritage	171.16
Verdella	196.24
Carthage	100.00
Royal Oak	131.00
Hartville	432.20
DeSoto	777.00
Number One	83.67
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	138.37
Victory Hill	78.05
Myrtle	259.05
West Plains, First	497.56
New Rock Springs	87.00
Victory, Alton	139.00
Rolla	135.39
Mt. Pisgah	197.00
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Rock Chapel	395.18
Friendship	310.14
Cope	51.00
Merl's Chapel	227.00
Fourth	270.00
Hurryville	383.00
Pleasant Ridge	100.00
Thayer	676.00
Liberty	320.00
Beacon	750.00
Union Light	298.80
Lingo	57.35
Seymour	94.00
Lone Star	26.80
Hannon	424.30
Cape Girardeau	670.79
Belton	330.64
Bethel, Festus	100.00
Fredericktown, First	458.75

Unity	259.00
Mill Creek	273.23
Overland	362.16
Scott City	520.65
Columbia	75.00
Kingsway	288.40
Calvary Chapel	92.85
Oak Grove, Norwood	123.68
Hopewell	174.00
Calvary, Conway	229.84
Lebanon, First	658.39
Cabool	397.99
Black Oak	261.52
New Life, Licking	216.05
Mt. Zion, Gower	41.70
Wilderness	327.00
Berean	31.96
Flat River, First	589.94
Stockton	147.45
Leadington	460.00
Parkview	371.50
Monett	594.84
Richwoods	482.00
Springfield, First	734.00
Houston	369.35
Freeman Chapel	407.22
Mine La Motte	63.61
Farmington	2,309.31
United, W.P.	748.07
New Harmony	25.21
Pleasant Hill	65.11
Terrill Road	163.00
Grace	1,268.00
Copper Mines	243.01
Willow Springs	194.96
New Home	99.30
Kirksville	96.11
Marshfield	258.32
Union Grove	152.00
Bethel, El Dorado	63.74
Macedonia	20.00
South Fremont	450.00
Wolf Creek	328.28
Farmington Victory Budget	301.72
St. Francois District Assoc.	18.00
Trinity	999.80
New Rock Springs	112.00
Olivet	400.00
Tyrone	74.40
Koshkonong	121.25
New Life, Ava	15.50
Faith & Hope	74.88
Neosho	142.50
Byrd	113.67
Grant Avenue	831.17
Eastern Gate	395.97
Joplin	433.67
Salem	30.00
Carthage	121.00
Clifton	39.84
Overland	132.18
Fourth	170.00
Victory Hill	88.03
Liberty	234.00
Myrtle	197.75
Kingsway	233.57
Merl's Chapel	148.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,295.98</b>

### YOUTH CAMP

New Harmony	\$ 50.00
Hartville	10.00
DeSoto	50.00
Myrtle	81.50
New Rock Springs	20.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Thayer	30.00
Hannon	15.00
Parkview	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Macedonia	10.00
Trinity	14.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$404.50</b>

### JOHN McCLURE ACCOUNT

Verdella	\$10.00
Thayer	12.00
Monett	25.00

Farmington	10.00
Grace	30.00
Fordland	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$92.00</b>

### FWBCC

DeSoto	\$ 30.00
Thayer	30.00
Beacon	280.00
Parkview	10.00
Farmington	126.00
Grant Avenue	120.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$636.75</b>

### HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Central	\$30.00
Thayer	35.00
Beacon	125.00
Hannon	50.00
Farmington	133.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Grant Avenue	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$418.75</b>

### CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington	\$35.00
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### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Central	\$ 117.50
Verdella	295.83
Carthage	102.00
DeSoto	585.00
Richwoods	118.00
Myrtle	352.00
Mt. Pisgah	200.00
Rock Chapel	143.00
N. Akeman	10.00
S. Hart	20.00
Oak Hill, Union	18.25
Merl's Chapel	400.00
Fourth	301.75
Pleasant Ridge	45.00
Thayer	55.00
O'Fallon	35.00
A. Jenkerson	20.00
Beacon	832.00
Hannon	529.30
C. Thompson	50.00
Blue Springs	35.00
Belton	25.00
Bethel, Festus	10.00
Columbia	109.18
Calvary Chapel	40.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	82.42
Lebanon	75.00
Lebanon Children's Church	52.65
C. Layman	10.00
Wilderness	30.00
Flat River First	117.98
Macedonia	10.00
Southside	180.00
Leadington	10.00
Parkview	244.00
Monett	825.00
Houston	130.05
Freeman Chapel	331.50
Parkview Mission Group	85.00
Farmington	513.50
S. Jones	20.00
United, West Plains	28.04
Calvary Fellowship	2,115.00
New Harmony	126.05
Terrill Road	35.25
Grace	18.00
Calvary Chapel's S.S. Class	22.00
Kirksville	35.00
S. Fremont	125.00
Cuba	75.75
Trinity	254.96
Faith & Hope	66.00
Neosho	455.00
New Testament	75.00
Joplin	200.00
Grant Avenue	420.11
Oak Grove, Cabool	65.00
Eastern Gate	92.02
Joplin	130.00
Niangua	49.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,617.09</b>

### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Central	\$ 142.50
Verdella	15.00
Carthage	85.00
DeSoto	200.00
Richwoods	54.00
Myrtle	282.00
Mt. Pisgah	75.00
Rock Chapel	176.81
Oak Hill, Union	17.00
Thayer	221.00
A. Jenkerson	15.00
Beacon	270.00
Hannon	15.00
Columbia	11.47
Oak Grove, Norwood	41.21
Lebanon	5.00
Flat River, First	75.99
Parkview	45.00
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
Farmington	8.88
Buffalo, First	100.00
Terrill Road	5.00
Grace	125.00
Kirksville	5.00
S. Fremont	12.00
Wolf Creek	53.98
Trinity	10.00
New Testament	40.00
Grant Avenue	20.00
Eastern Gate	10.00
Joplin	35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,181.84</b>

### STATE HOME MISSIONS

Central	\$ 20.00
Carthage	10.00
DeSoto	50.00
Richwoods	30.00
Myrtle	121.50
Mt. Pisgah	20.00
Oak Hill, Union	22.00
Fourth	20.00
S.E. District Assoc.	25.00
Pleasant Ridge	25.00
Thayer	35.00
O'Fallon	20.00
A. Jenkerson	5.00
Hannon	212.16
Belton	50.00
Bethel, Festus	5.00
Columbia	35.00
Lebanon	60.00
Lebanon Children's Church	52.62
J.W. Rader	25.00
Flat River, First	58.99
Macedonia	25.00
Southside	20.00
Parkview	34.05
Monett	6.00
Farmington	174.68
United, West Plains	28.03
Calvary Fellowship	65.00
New Harmony	126.05
Grace	25.00
Marshfield	25.83
S. Fremont	65.00
Cuba	151.48
Trinity	45.00
Faith & Hope	66.00
New Testament	10.00
Grant Avenue	242.29
Eastern Gate	40.00
Joplin	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,056.71</b>





## Final Service At Berkeley Church

Over 350 people enjoyed Homecoming Day at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Berkeley, Mo., on Sunday, February 17, 1991. A thankful spirit prevailed with the realization of the Lord's blessings on the history and ministry of the church, writes Linda Walls, church reporter. It was noted that a number of preachers, missionaries, teachers, musicians, and trained laymen had gone out from the Berkeley Church to serve the Lord in many different places.

The final service held at the Berkeley Church building was on Sunday, March 17, 1991. The St. Louis Airport, Lambert Field, has purchased the church property. Members expressed a great appreciation to the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Fields, for their love and encouragement as well as leadership through the transition period. Members of the Berkeley Church are now serving the Lord in other St. Louis area churches.

## FAMILY OF BELIEVERS

Here we sit together;  
A family of believers.  
God has given unity  
In each of our endeavors.  
Our hearts have been as one,  
With joys and burdens shared.  
Courage and strength we've gained,  
Knowing our family cared.  
The times we've met to worship,  
The times we've met to pray  
Will soon be cherished memories,  
Forever in our hearts to stay.  
One chapter in our life  
Will soon come to an end,  
But we know God's hand will guide us,  
On Him we can depend.  
We'll face each day with open hearts  
And a willingness to serve,  
And though the ways be different,  
We'll work without reserve.  
Our purpose, Lord, will always be  
To follow You each day,  
Helping and encouraging  
Those we meet along the way.  
You've given us so many blessings  
And loved us beyond compare.  
Help us to always remember  
Your love was given to share.  
Help us awake each day with renewed zeal  
To lead the lost to You.  
Not only remembering yesterday  
But living for today and tomorrow too.  
We can recall the memories  
When some day we go Home  
And rejoice forever in eternity  
As we sit around the throne.

— Linda Walls (1991) —

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