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Reports from the Churches

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Springfield, MO —

The Springfield First Free Will Baptist Church had their dedication service for their new educational building on May 19, 1991, with 131 in Sunday School and 205 in the Morning Worship Service.

Reverend Clarence Burton brought an excellent, challenging message in the worship service and the dedication service followed with pastor Max Courtney reading from Matthew 7:24-27 and leading the congregation in a responsive reading from Proverbs 9.

Richard Reed of Reed-Kramer Construction Company presented the keys to the new building to Elder Kenneth Larimore, Chairman of the Church Board. He in turn presented the keys to the pastor who dedicated the building to the Holy ministry of Christian education in the name of the Lord. The prayer of dedication was by Elder Ronnie Boaz.

The dedication service was followed by a lovely dinner in the new fellowship hall. Our ladies outdid themselves in the new kitchen and everyone went away satisfied with full hearts and stomachs. We served 123 people at the dinner, having some visitors from other churches.

At 2 p.m. Reverend Clarence Burton led us in the laying of our cornerstone with a good crowd outside the building for the service. The stone was laid by the members of our board of deacons with Elder Fred Brown leading in prayer.

Architects for the new building was Casort and Associates of Springfield with Reed-Kramer Construction Company in charge of the building. Schoffield Asphalt Company was contractor for the parking lot.

Our building committee was Wayne Collier, Larry Garrison, Roy Abney, and Mike Eden. Trustees were Ward

Neasby, Rick Larimore, and Wayne Collier. Our deacons are Kenneth Larimore, Fred Brown, Ronnie Boaz, and Jerry Whittaker.

The old educational building was built as an auditorium in 1947 and has recently been damaged twice by fire. Some of the folks who attended the dedication service told us that they were here for the dedication of the old building in 1947.

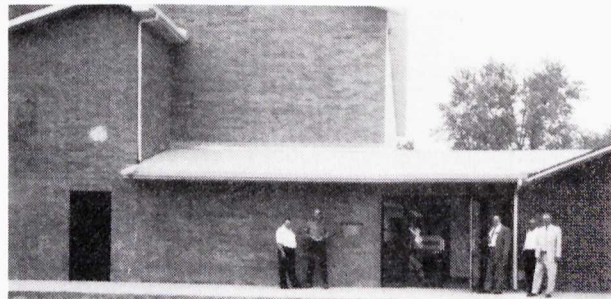
Much of the equipment inside the new building has been donated by our members. The tile and labor for the downstairs rest rooms was donated by Larry Garrison. The marble sinks in all of the rest rooms and nursery by Marvin Prosser of Ozark Marble. The kitchen cabinets were made on site by Rick Larimore and the kitchen plumbing donated by Russel and Eva Black of Town & Country R.V., Inc. Preliminary plans for the building was drawn by Mark Steele. Randy Myers donated all the electrical work for the building and upgraded the electrical system in the auditorium.

The new unit gives us a total of 10,000 sq. ft. of space with four rest rooms, a children's church, kitchen, fellowship hall, nursery, fourteen classrooms, and a spacious foyer. Total cost of unit was \$259,417.

We are grateful to our Lord for giving us this much needed building. We want *Gem* readers to rejoice and thank God with us and to pray with us that we may be able to fill this building with souls saved for service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reverend Max Courtney is serving as pastor of the church, and he prepared this article for the *Gem*.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Congratulations!



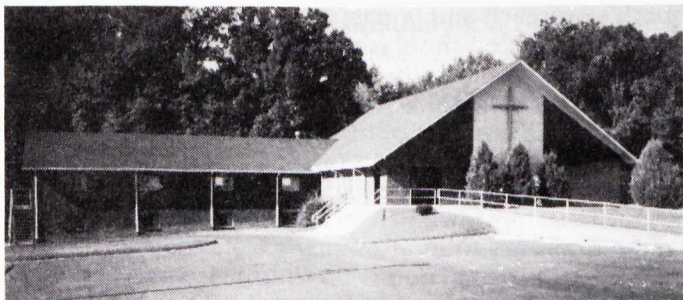
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BETHEL CHURCH BURNS MORTGAGE — Sunday, May 5, 1991, was a very important day in the history of Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Festus, MO. On this day, the church gathered to burn the mortgage on the church building and property. The church was erected in 1973, under the leadership of Pastor A.B. Brown. Since that time, God has enabled the church, not only to make the mortgage payments faithfully, but to make several extra payments so that the debt was retired early.

Present on this special day was Reverend A.B. Brown, who preached the thanksgiving message on Sunday morning. In the afternoon the congregation witnessed the burning of the mortgage, and enjoyed greetings from several former members, including Reverend Ken Goff, who pastored Bethel Church for several years, and was instrumental in getting a good part of the debt retired.

Bethel Church is thankful to God, who enabled it to retire the debt. We have beautiful facilities that are capable of handling more than 300 people without any further building, and all this is debt free. Bethel Church indeed stands as a testimony to God's goodness and faithfulness. To Him be the glory.

Reverend Lonnie Skiles is serving as pastor of the church.



Bethel Church



Holding the Mortgage - Lonnie Skiles and A.B. Brown. With them is former pastor Ken Goff and Board of Trustees at Bethel - Warren Bergmann, Dallas Henderson, and James Waymire.



Burning the Mortgage - A.B. Brown and Lonnie Skiles

FIRST CHURCH, Mtn. Grove, MO — The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Mtn. Grove, MO, held an "All Night Prayer Meeting." This has become an annual meeting at the church. Mrs. Sandy Ward is serving as president of the auxiliary and Reverend Gary Fry is serving as pastor of the church.

One of the features of the meeting was a slide presentation by Mrs. Vergie Jackson, of her and her husband and their "missionary working trip" to Guadeloupe. She also showed slides of a trip they had made to France.

The featured speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Laverne Miley from Nashville, TN. Jewell Spurgeon, reporter, writes, "Mrs. Miley challenged the ladies to a more dedicated walk for the Lord in their everyday activities." At the Prayer Breakfast, Mrs. Miley spoke of the wonderful experiences on the mountaintop, but reminded the listeners that this only comes about by the valley and "hill climbing" experiences. Several different ones spoke throughout the night.

Special music and singing was provided by the auxiliaries from Hartville, Springfield, and St. Louis.

Approximately one hundred registered for the meeting, with forty-seven engaging in the all-night service. The Evening Meal was served by the Charlotte Tallent Circle with the Morning Meal being served by the Emma Ruth Circle.



Supper Started



Breakfast Meal



Food Line

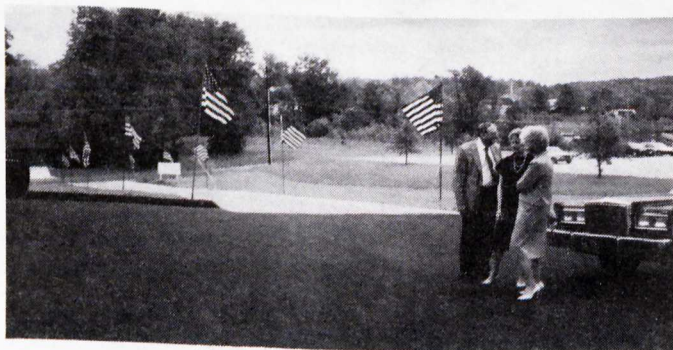
FIRST CHURCH, Cape Girardeau, MO — On Sunday, May 5, 1991, the First Free Will Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau, MO, held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for its Driveway and Parking Lot. These areas had been recently re-surfaced with asphalt. The ceremony followed the Morning Worship Service. Reverend Clarence Burton delivered the Morning Message and participated in the Ribbon Cutting Service. The driveway was lined with U.S. Flags, the lawn and shrubbery were immaculate, and the spirit was sweet.



Ribbon Cutting to the Canopy Entrance



Ribbon Cutting at the Main Entrance



The Driveway and Parking Lot

This was a result of hard work and sacrifice, writes Peggy Rider, wife of the pastor, and church reporter. On Easter Sunday the church took a Miracle Offering which consisted of over \$4,000 in cash donations, and over \$4,500 in labor and materials were donated. We praise the Lord for the wonderful folks at the Cape Church.

Just recently a family in the church purchased a 1988 Ford Van! What a blessing! It has been lettered, and is ready for its first big trip to Youth Camp.

The Riders just recently purchased a home in Cape Girardeau, and look forward to a continued productive ministry with the church. Peggy states, "We are so proud of our Church Family and the growth that we are experiencing. We anticipate adding on to the present facilities if the growth continues." We have utilized every space for classrooms, split the Children's Church and now

average 65 in attendance for the Wednesday Evening Service.

The ladies had their first Mother-Daughter Banquet, with sixty ladies in attendance. Sister Lillian Carson was the guest speaker. The Women's Auxiliary has averaged twenty-five in attendance, for which we are very thankful.

The Youth Group just keeps growing! The prayer of the church is that it will continue to minister to every age, and know that the Lord will give the increase as we labor for Him.

FRIENDSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Branson, MO

— We continue to rejoice over decisions being made for the Lord, almost weekly. In the wake of two of our young men surrendering for the ministry, three more young people have followed the Lord in baptism. Our youth are really zealous for the Lord and we praise Him for their enthusiasm. It is truly contagious, and we are seeing results of their fervor spreading throughout the entire congregation.

The church has approved the organization of our men into a chapter of Master's Men. Steps are being taken to make this a reality. Hints of exciting things to come lead us to believe that this important step will strengthen the church's outreach and impact upon the community.

Vacation Bible School is planned for the last week in June and our people are busy recruiting and preparing for this important summer event.

Although a number of our regulars have been away vacationing or traveling, attendance has remained high because of the number of summer visitors who have come to worship with us. We appreciate their presence and their ministry to us in song and testimony.

The pastor of the Friendship Church is Reverend Bud Arnold. The church reporter is Evelyn Knowlton.

Sunday School Attendance Averages December 1990-May 1991

CHURCHES	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Belton	66	67	73	88	67	66
Buffalo, First	29	37				
Calvary Fellowship	221	216				
Cape Girardeau	76	67	98	102	75	67
Central	100	99	98	109		
Cuba	90	81	83	82		
DeSoto	185	176	201	212		206
Farmington	290		393	438	315	346
Flat River, First	128	114	127	129	112	111
Hannon	83	84	88	117	102	98
Harmony	72	71	77	88	72	67
Hartville	115	94	95	103	107	101
Hopewell	39	24	33		39	37
Houston	72	73	80	103	98	82
Lebanon, First	87	87	88	114	92	88
Myrtle	39	34	36	35	33	31
O'Fallon	37	45				
Overland	39	46	40			37
Parkview	53	53	60	72	66	52
Richwoods	32	29	31			
Rock Chapel	71	71	75	70	69	73
Springfield, First		114	119	124	115	
Thayer		126		139	128	130
United, West Plains	158	175	183	196	180	
Willow Springs	59	56	66		61	64
Verdella				65	67	61

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.

Informed Consent

The concept of informed consent for medical treatment is the right of the patient to be informed of his condition, in such a way that he can understand the need for available options and possible side effects of said medical treatment. To withhold known information about the patient's condition needing treatment, and thereby causing him to fail to get medical attention in a prompt manner, would be reprehensible.

We would strongly censure the doctor who failed to tell the patient about a potentially fatal cancer if he discovered it in the early stages, when a cure would have been possible. Likewise, we would view with horror a "quack" doctor treating a fatal disease with a placebo. Yes, we would say "That's terrible!" But what of those who have a fatal spiritual condition - sin? The Bible says "the wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23b) Oh? Who has a fatal spiritual disease? All. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

Many do not know they have a problem. Many others realize they have a spiritual sickness, but are going to a "quack" spiritual doctor. "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist." (II John 7)

So? Am I a spiritual doctor? Most definitely! "...For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." (Luke 12:48) Having received the knowledge of the truth, we are obligated to pass it on to dying mankind, that they might receive the love of the truth, and be saved. To withhold the knowledge of, and the treatment for, the fatal disease of sin would be reprehensible. Jesus said, "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: For I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Matthew 9:12, 13) Jesus transferred this responsibility to us when He appeared to the Eleven after His resurrection and said, "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things." (Luke 24:46-48) It is our job to tell that person with the fatal malady of sin about Christ, "Who was delivered for our offences and was raised again for our justification." (Romans 4:25) Thus we give the condemned one a chance to believe on Jesus, repent of his sins and receive remission. In other words, a chance to choose the cure for spiritual death. **We must** give our family, friends and neighbors, yea, everyone we can, the information they need in order to give informed consent as to their eternal destiny.

ABOUT THE WRITER: Betty McGuire is a member of the Parkview Church at Desloge, MO. Among her other activities in the Church is teaching. She has taught Sunday School classes, Bible School and at Youth Camp. This devotional message was given at CTS in the Parkview Church.

All Boards Meeting Preacher/Layman Retreat

Date: September 23 & 24, 1991

Place: Youth Camp - Niangua
Fun & Fellowship, 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Golf Tournament - Golf Course, Marshfield
Horseshoe Pitching and Ping Pong - Youth Camp
Evening Meal: 5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Message from the Moderator
Cody Freeman
6:45 p.m. Message "I Believe God"
R.E. Helsley
7:30 Boards Meet
9:30 Refreshments
(Boards may continue to meet as long as each one desires.)

Tuesday, September 24, 1991

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Morning Meditation with the Asst. Moderator
Gary Fry
9:30 Coordinating State Activities and Dates
Dismiss

The Executive Committee and the Planning Commission will be meeting during the time of the All Boards Meeting Preacher/Layman Retreat. The time for each will be at the discretion of the moderator. It is likely that one of these can meet on Monday evening following the Boards' Meeting. If not, then both will meet on Tuesday morning, following the Morning Meditation.

Guidelines for Golf Tournament:

- 2 Man Scramble
- 3 trophies will be awarded for the tournament -
 - A trophy each to first place finishers
 - A trophy each to second place finishers
 - A trophy for the ball closest to the hole off the tee on #7, par 3

REGISTRATION FOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Each participant will pay his own green fee.

Dale Skiles will be in charge of the Golf Tournament.

Mail the registration form to:

Dale Skiles

4534 McCullough
Springfield, MO 65804

Horseshoe Pitching and Ping Pong will not be an organized tournament, but rather open to those who want to play, when they want to play.



HEARTS ON FIRE is the theme for the **1991 Missouri State Youth Conference**, scheduled for **November 8-9** at the **Baptist General Assembly** at *Windermere*, on the Lake of the Ozarks. This will be the fourth year that the conference, sponsored by the *State Youth Ministries Board*, will be held.

The main speaker for the conference will be **Craig Fry**, speaker for the 1989 conference. He is a dynamic and relevant speaker. His impact at the '89 conference is still being felt across the state. If you need any endorsement of Craig, just ask someone who attended the '89 conference.

Paul and Nicole Johnson, of Nashville, TN, will be performing on Friday night. Paul and Nicole are graduates of Samford University in Birmingham, AL. They have been performing since February of 1988. Their performance credits read like a "Who's Who" of American Christendom. What was born out of a desire to take church drama past bathrobes and flip-flops has developed into a strong tool for communicating the truth of the gospel. Much of the Johnson's drama centers around the concept of grace. Their material stems from many different sources, but mainly from the Scriptures and life experiences.



*We shall not
be silent!*



Paul and Nicole Johnson

Watch these pages in the **GEM** for more information about *HEARTS ON FIRE: Missouri State Youth Conference '91*.

Two Missouri Students Graduated From FWBBC

Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, TN, conferred degrees on 28 graduates at Commencement Exercises held on the Nashville campus, May 16, 1991. Recipients included seven Bachelor of Arts degrees, 15 Bachelor of Science, and six Associates of Science in Business.

Reverend Bill Evans, Administrative Assistant in the Free Will Baptist Department of Retirement, brought the challenge for graduates to love God and people. Reverend Evans is a 1962 Free Will Baptist Bible College graduate.

Two from Missouri received degrees. They are Russell Ball, Monett, receiving a Bachelor of Arts, and Craig Cook, Independence, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Business.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Congratulations!

Missouri Students On Dean's List At FWBBC

Following the final exam for the second semester the names of 70 students were placed on Free Will Baptist Bible College's Dean List of honor students.

The following are Missouri Students:

"A" Honor Roll

Jamie Gates (Sophomore) Fenton

"B" Honor Roll

Kenny Simpson (Junior) Farmington
Greg Smith (Junior) West Plains
David Baker (Sophomore) Monett
Kevin Scott (Sophomore) Bridgeton

EDITOR'S NOTE: Congratulations!

One Missouri Student Graduated From Southeastern

Southeastern Free Will Baptist College had twenty-one students to graduate May 16, 1991. The exercise was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C. One from Missouri received a degree. He is Kevin Skiles, Festus, receiving a Bachelor Degree in Sacred Music.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Congratulations!



Bible College Honors Dr. & Mrs. Thigpen

Free Will Baptist Bible College honored Dr. & Mrs. Charles Thigpen during graduation week for thirty-nine years of service. The Thigpens have been associated with the college for 39 years of its 49 years of existence.

A service entitled "Along The Way" was held on Tuesday, May 12, 1991, in the college auditorium. Tributes were paid to the Thigpens by former Free Will Baptist Bible College President, Dr. L.C. Johnson; Dr. Robert Picirilli, Dean; Mrs. Maude Coffey; Mr. Paul Robinson; and Reverend Jonathan Thigpen, their son.

Mrs. Thigpen performed "The Three Stages of Matrimony," a skit she has done many times through the years. A scene from *The Rock*, which Mrs. Thigpen directed four times at the college, was presented by Reverend Bill Evans, who was featured in it in 1962, and Mrs. Debbie Payne Anderson, who was in it in 1985. Dr. Thigpen shared some of his favorite stories.

More than 400 guests were served at a reception held in the Thigpens' honor after the service.

Later in the week the Thigpens were presented a check for \$15,000 by the Board of Trustees, and it was announced by the board that the Patton I Building, beside the Administration Building, has been officially renamed in honor of the Thigpens.

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

In Haggai chapters 1 and 2 we note that God's people had recently returned from exile in Babylon. What had started as a promising adventure with God turned out to be a famine without God's blessings.

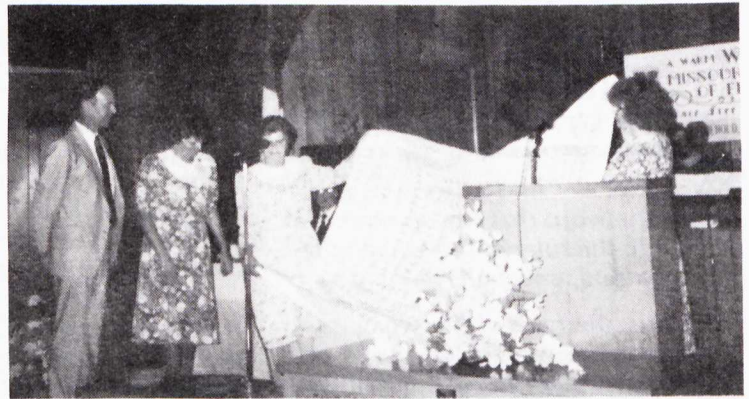
The people had redirected their interest from the things of God to their own ambition. Because they had allowed the house of God to go unattended (Hag. 1:9), so God had withheld His blessings (Hag. 1:10, 11).

A revival of interest was needed, so God sent His messenger to preach the Word (Hag. 1:1, 3). When the people were shown their neglect, they were stirred in their hearts and obeyed the Word of God and began to give renewed value to the work of the Lord (Hag. 1:12, 14). Their renewed obedience to God resulted in even greater blessings than before (Hag. 2:3, 9).

To experience God's blessings and glory being restored to our lives, our churches, and our nation seems simple enough - just recognize our shift in interest, hear and obey God's Word. But to stay under the glory of God is a call for a regular check-up on the object of our interest. Is our interest on His things or on our things?

State Association Memories





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Roll Call Sunday 1991

One hundred six Missouri churches totaled 14,555 attendance for Roll Call Sunday.

Top 10 Churches in 1991 Roll Call Sunday Attendance

1. Farmington First	511
2. Calvary Fellowship	342
3. DeSoto First	333
4. Fellowship	331
5. United, West Plains	308
6. Mountain Grove First	300
7. Springfield First	293
8. Flat River First	274
9. Grace, Arnold	224
10. Grant Avenue	211

Top 10 Churches in 1990 S.S. Average Attendance

1. Farmington First	355
2. Fellowship	228
3. Calvary Fellowship	220
4. DeSoto First	192
5. United, West Plains	180
6. Mountain Grove First	169
7. Olivet	134
8. Flat River First	128
9. Grant Avenue	128
10. Grace, Arnold	127



Top 10 Churches in Number Saved in 1990

1. Crossroads	64
2. Farmington First	57
3. Carthage	48
4. Columbia	45
5. United, West Plains	40
6. Calvary Fellowship	32
7. Terrill Road, Moberly	23
8. DeSoto First	20
9. Olivet	18
10. Belton	17
11. Cape Girardeau	17
12. Cuba	17
13. Fourth, St. Louis	17

Minute Meditation

by Gary Fry



Mark 5:36 — "And as soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe."

Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue at Capernaum, was greatly distressed. His little daughter was sick and he was fearful of her death. He came to Jesus with the request that He come and lay His hands on her that she might recover. To his great relief, Jesus started to his house only to be detained by a woman who attracted Jesus' attention by her simple act of faith. She was healed by just touching the bottom of His robe. Jairus might have been impatient at first, but when the woman's healing was made known, he was encouraged. If Jesus could heal this woman so easily, He most certainly could heal his daughter! Yet even as his faith was growing stronger, his hopes were dashed when a servant arrived with the news that there was no need for Jesus to come, the child was dead. Now his distress was greater. This was no longer a matter of healing the sick. His faith evaporated in the heat of this new calamity.

Can't you feel the wave of helplessness that swept across the soul of

Jairus. His daughter was dead and dead is the end! All the hope that had lived in him just a few moments ago was now gone with his daughter.

When Jesus saw what had happened he said, "Be not afraid, only believe." In that simple statement He described the great battle that those who have faith in God must fight in every "Jairus" situation. Faith vs. Fear.

We don't have any trouble believing that God can do what we ask, our problem is believing that He will do it for us. Doubt floods our minds. "Why should He do this for me. I haven't been living a good enough life for God to do this big thing I am asking. Maybe He wants to teach me a lesson or punish me." We are afraid that we will ask and that He won't do what we ask for, and that is the fear that Jesus told Jairus to abandon.

Let's not think that Jesus is going to do everything we ask of Him. But if you ask, He will show you His will and that's what you wanted from the start.

A pastor once chided his people for gathering at the church to pray for rain and none of them brought their umbrellas. We live much the same way. We believe He can, but often do not believe that He will.

Oh, by the way, Jairus asked Jesus to heal his daughter, but Jesus went miles farther — He raised her from the dead. That's what God does for those who believe, not that He can, but that He will!

Dr. Paul is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Medical School. During his residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN, he met Tammy, who was instrumental in leading him to the Lord. Later she became his wife. Tammy, a native of MO, is a registered nurse and received a B.S. degree from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville.

The Gentusos lived in Columbia, S.C., from 1989 to 1991 while Paul completed missions studies at Columbia Biblical Seminary and Graduate School of Missions. He worked as a family physician while attending school.

Both Paul and Tammy have been involved in various ministries in the local church. The couple served a short-term assignment at the Doropo hospital during the summer of 1986, and their call to the mission field was affirmed at that time.

The couple has two sons: Stephen Paul, born February 19, 1989, and John Micah, born August 23, 1990.

Hospital in Cote d'Ivoire Burns; Nobody Injured, Building Totaled

Nashville, TN — An apparent electrical short caused a fire on June 5 which totally destroyed the hospital building at the Free Will Baptist medical center in Doropo, Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast). According to associate missionary Robert West, two patients were in the hospital at the time but they were safely removed before the building was engulfed in flames. Nobody was injured.

The fire was discovered by Dr. Kenneth Eagleton and an African maintenance worker. No other buildings were damaged by the fire; however, the threat to the clinic caused Eagleton and the staff to remove medicines, supplies, and whatever they could in great haste.

West indicated that African volunteers went in to help and literally jerked out cabinets, plumbing, light fixtures, and the X-ray machine. The damages combined with the loss due to looting of medicines, etc., are expected to make the costs for recovery quite high. The Department of Foreign Missions has wired an advance of \$15,000 to help in repairing the clinic and to restock some medical supplies.

Eagleton reopened the clinic on Monday, June 10, on a limited basis although it was without water or electricity. He indicated one of the most urgent needs was for surgical gloves (sixes 6-6½ and 7-7½) which could be air mailed (green customs sticker) in packages not to exceed two pounds.

West reported the block walls of the hospital were badly cracked due to the intense heat and would require replacement. They expect to clear the spot and rebuild on the concrete slab, but plans and needs were not fully determined at the time of this release.

While reconstruction is a high priority, R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions, has urged Christians not to divert any regular missions giving to meet this need. Conservative estimates put the loss figure at approximately \$75,000. Details of needs and building plans will be made known as soon as all assessments have been made and plans have been finished.



Gentusos Appointed Medical Missionaries To Cote d'Ivoire

Nashville, TN — Dr. Paul and Tammy Gentusos have been appointed as medical missionaries to Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), West Africa. The appointment was finalized at the May 1991 meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions in Nashville, TN. The Gentusos, who are members of Donelson Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, will work at the medical center at Doropo.

Financial Information

MAY 1991

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board	\$ 5,390.74
17.50% Exec. Off. & Gem	5,099.35
3.50% General Fund	1,019.87
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	2,476.82
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.	728.48
2.50% C.E. Board	728.48
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board	728.48
5.00% Mo. State Retirement Program	1,456.95
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	8,887.47
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 (\$88.87 included in \$8,887.47)	
9.00% State Office & Bookstore Bldg.	2,622.52
Total	\$29,139.16

What a thrill to labor in the vineyard of the Lord! He leads us, and He provides for us those things that we need. He is surely supplying the needs for this year 1991. He never fails. May He continue to bless every faithful pastor and church as He works through them to meet our Cooperative Goal and the Designated Gifts. 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 FWBBC & Hillsdale receiving an equal amount. California Christian College will continue to receive the 1%.

MAY 1991 RECEIPTS

COOPERATIVE

Royal Oak	\$ 90.00
Rock Chapel	288.07
Unity	157.62
Friendship	240.26
Bailey Chapel	47.00
Number One	49.80
Waynesville	318.11
Central	653.62
Calvary, Conway	196.05
New Harmony	21.50
Tyrone	46.50
Hurryville	323.09
Happy Home	98.70
Heritage	101.60
Mill Creek	287.44
New Hope, Fredericktown	13.44
Flat River First	539.82
Rolla	74.74
Victory, K.C.	289.22
Stockton	124.30
Hartville	292.85
Seymour	54.00
Lingo	37.94
Victory, Alton	154.00
Columbia	75.00
Lone Star	42.30
Hopewell	141.00
Calvary Chapel	87.92
DeSoto	790.00
Pleasant Ridge	100.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	50.50
Fordland	473.51
Alton	225.00
Monett	548.50
Hannon	332.65
Thayer	548.00

Joplin	400.25
Verdella	169.35
Smyrna	1,180.00
Freeman Chapel	195.83
Cope	38.00
Mt. Pisgah	240.00
Springfield First	559.93
Union Grove	132.00
Belton	441.50
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Viburnum	160.53
Harmony	957.00
Mine La Motte	33.16
Potosi	112.62
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	93.25
Houston	257.61
Lebanon First	526.18
Fredericktown First	533.31
Farmington	1,822.00
West Plains First	427.67
Riverview, IA	655.50
Black Oak	202.57
Trinity	926.75
Koshkonong	127.60
Cape Girardeau	536.48
Marshfield	200.63
Cabool	259.16
New Life, Licking	138.34
Byrd	13.00
Terrill Road	114.00
Bethel, Festus	100.00
Copper Mines	235.87
United, W.P.	658.42
Parkview	299.63
Kirkville	78.19
Macedonia	20.00
Wolf Creek	300.50
South Fremont	730.00
Willow Springs	256.21
Grant Avenue	546.97
Eastern Gate	242.40
Grace	1,031.00
Pleasant Hill	48.29
Bethel, El Dorado Springs	43.62
Leadington	298.60
Pleasant Home	247.58
Pleasant Home	190.68
New Rock Springs	85.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	91.57
Number One	36.24
Beacon	1,500.00
Central	597.04
Clifton	34.00
Victory Hill	66.48
Carthage	110.00
Kingsway	220.32
Friendship	243.39
Hartville	277.39
Fourth	180.00
New Hope, Fredericktown	9.19
Myrtle	204.44
Lone Star	59.71
Verdella	180.50
Monett	417.19
Calvary Chapel	100.77
Total	\$29,139.00

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington \$35.00

CHILDREN'S HOME

Desoto \$50.00

YOUTH CAMP

Hartville	\$ 20.00
Fordland	40.00
DeSoto	50.00
Monett Spec. Off.	222.00
Monett Reg. Offering	120.00
Hannon	15.00
Thayer	30.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Mountain Grove	20.00
Trinity	14.00
Buffalo First	50.00
Macedonia	10.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00

Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Myrtle	40.50
Total	\$705.50

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Central	\$ 48.00
Victory, K.C.	82.56
Hannon	50.00
Thayer	35.00
Farmington	133.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Beacon (Share the Vision)	45.00
Total	\$437.27

FWBBC

DeSoto	40.00
Thayer	30.00
Farmington	126.00
Grant Avenue	100.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Total	\$331.75

JOHN McCURE ACCOUNT

Victory, K.C.	\$ 15.00
Thayer	12.00
Mountain Grove	30.00
Farmington	10.00
Hazel Creek	254.25
Grace	30.00
Verdella	20.00
Monett	5.00
Total	\$376.25

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Rock Chapel	\$ 568.25
O'Fallon	35.00
Central	100.00
New Harmony	102.53
Flat River First	107.96
Southside	180.00
Blue Springs	247.50
Victory, K.C.	286.25
Fordland	134.00
Columbia	18.31
St. Louis District	106.36
Niangua	54.00
N. Akeman	10.00
Calvary Chapel	20.00
DeSoto	330.00
Pleasant Ridge	45.00
S. Hart	20.00
Fordland	117.23
Monett	894.00
Hannon	700.40
Thayer	285.00
Joplin	105.00
Verdella	287.90
Freeman Chapel	346.50
Mt. Pisgah	200.00
Belton	50.00
Mountain Grove	487.19
Joplin	524.55
Ruby Brown	5.00
Randall Rains	10.00
Joplin W.A.	139.60
Viburnum	105.00
Lebanon	75.00
Farmington	1,027.50
West Plains First	380.92
C. Layman	10.00
Trinity	780.35
Marshfield	10.00
O'Fallon	192.00
United	13.55
Parkview	226.00
Kirkville	35.00
Macedonia	10.00
S. Fremont	214.00
Grant Avenue	381.84
Eastern Gate	34.24
Grace	21.00
Calvary Fellowship	2,270.90
Leadington	15.00
So. Central Association	100.00
Oak Grove, Cabool	65.00
Pleasant Home	112.59
Mission Association	350.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	61.06

Beacon	372.00
Central	137.00
Carthage	52.00
Fourth	80.00
Myrtle	130.00
Verdella	225.63
Monett	619.68
Calvary Chapel	15.00
Total	\$14,639.79

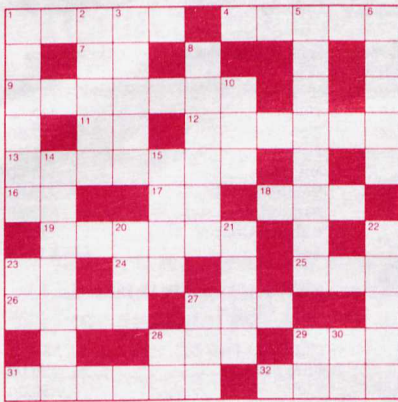
NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Rock Chapel	150.42
Central	125.00
Flat River First	68.98
Blue Springs	20.00
Victory, K.C.	30.00
Fordland	15.00
Columbia	3.31
DeSoto	200.00
Fordland	15.00
Monett	10.00
Hannon	10.00
Thayer	134.50
Joplin	35.00
Verdella	15.00
Mt. Pisgah	75.00
Mountain Grove	210.00
Viburnum	48.00
Lebanon	5.00
Farmington	23.21
Trinity	20.00
Buffalo First	100.00
Parkview	28.00
Kirkville	5.00
Wolf Creek	55.90
S. Fremont	47.00
Grant Avenue	21.00
Eastern Gate	10.00
Grace	125.00
Pleasant Home	20.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	30.52
Beacon	35.00
Central	115.00
Carthage	14.00
B. Keith	10.00
Myrtle	130.00
Verdella	15.00
Monett	10.00
Total	\$1,984.84

STATE HOME MISSIONS

O'Fallon	\$ 30.00
Central	20.00
New Harmony	102.53
Flat River First	58.98
Southside	20.00
Victory, K.C.	30.00
Fordland	20.00
Columbia	35.00
DeSoto	50.00
Pleasant Ridge	25.00
Fordland	13.00
S.E. District	25.00
Hannon	166.32
Thayer	135.00
Mountain Grove	279.00
Viburnum	8.00
Lebanon	65.00
Farmington	135.00
West Plains First	5.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
Trinity	75.00
Marshfield	30.06
O'Fallon	20.00
United	13.55
Bethel, Festus	10.00
Macedonia	25.00
S. Fremont	75.00
Grant Avenue	127.82
Eastern Gate	20.00
Grace	35.00
S. Central Association	100.00
Central	12.00
Carthage	5.00
Fourth	10.00
Myrtle	60.50
Total	\$1,866.76

PUZZLE 5



ACROSS

1. We have salvation through _____.
(II Tim. 3:15)
4. A fruit (Joel 1:12)
7. "He that heareth you heareth _____"
(Luke 10:16)
9. Last of the minor prophets. Hint: Last book of the Old Testament
11. A city of Moab (Num. 21:15)
12. Ingredient of the sacred ointment or incense (Ex. 30:34-38)
13. Prince or captain of the sons of Judah (I Chr. 2:10)
16. The witch or medium of ____-dor was consulted by Saul. (I Sam. 28:7)
17. "... O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even _____ thou wilt ..."
(Matt. 15:28)

18. Frozen water (Job 6:16)
19. A fisherman who became an apostle (Mark 1:16-18)
23. "If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that _____ my account." (Philem. 18)
24. "Lift _____ your heads, O ye gates ..."
(Ps. 24:7)
25. "Who did no _____ ..."
(I Peter 2:22)
26. The Lord went before them at night in a pillar of _____. (Ex. 13:21)
27. "... I will b_____ her chariots in the smoke ..."
(Nahum 2:13)
28. Jesus said, "Arise, take up thy _____"
(Matt. 9:6)
29. An insect (Isaiah 7:18)
31. "Hear, O _____: the Lord our God is one Lord." (Deut. 6:4)
32. Attached to the hem of the priest's robe (Ex. 28:34)

DOWN

1. A great shortage of food (Gen. 41:25-36)
2. Father of Micaiah the prophet, spelled with an *H* on the end (II Chr. 18:7,8)
3. "Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my _____ into thy bottle ..."
(Ps. 56:8)
5. Every three years, the ships of Tharshish brought gold, silver, ivory, apes and _____ to King Solomon.
(I Kings 10:22)
6. A prophet in the camp of the Israelites (Num. 11:26-29)

8. "... _____ you this day whom ye will serve ..."
(Josh. 24:15)
10. Jesus was born in a stable because there was no room in the _____.
(Luke 2:7)
14. High priest before whom Paul was tried (Acts 23:2-5)
15. A stringed musical instrument (Neh. 12:27)
20. "... in _____ season we shall reap, if we faint not." (Gal. 6:9)
21. "In the beginning was the _____ ..."
(John 1:1)
22. God's messenger (Dan. 6:22)
23. "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you _____ the common salvation ..."
(Jude 3)
27. A son of Bani (Ezra 10:34)
28. "... blessed _____ he that did take knowledge of thee ..."
(Ruth 2:19)
29. See 28 down.
30. Name of Jacob's altar at Salem: _____-elohe-Israel (Gen. 33:20)

Answers in next month's GEM

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