

# **THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM**

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## Reports from the Churches



**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, FLAT RIVER,** welcomes its new pastor and family to our state. Sterl and Debi Paramore along with their two sons, Brian and Brandon, moved to Flat River on January 12 of this year to assume their new pastorate.

A 1979 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Bro. Paramore has pastored

in North Carolina and Florida, performed assistant pastoral duties in Tennessee and Virginia and worked with youth in North Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, and Virginia.

"The first six months of our pastorate here have been very encouraging," Paramore states. "Our transition has been smooth and we are setting our sights on a long and fruitful ministry in Flat River. We are also looking forward to working with the other churches in our state."

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Welcome to Missouri!

**20th ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING AT SOUTH FREMONT** — Sunday, June 30, 1991, was a special day for the South Fremont Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri. The church observed its 20th Anniversary and Homecoming. Rev. Dale Skiles, pastor of the church, gave a warm welcome to the 185 members and friends gathered for the special occasion. There were 45 charter members present. He recognized several former members of the church, who came from several states: New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas. Rev. Bill Adkisson, a former pastor, was introduced. He brought greetings and thanks for the privilege of serving the church. Special guests were recognized from the Springfield Police and Sheriff Departments. Rev. Clarence Burton, State Executive Secretary, delivered a challenging message.

A brief history of the church is as follows: It was organized on June 27, 1971, under the leadership of the first pastor, Rev. Bill Adkisson. The first unit of the present building was erected and dedicated in 1972. Brother Adkisson resigned the pastorate in the fall of 1972 and Rev. Wayne Wagner was elected the pastor in January 1973. During Brother Wagner's pastorate the present sanctuary was built and dedicated in 1974. Brother Wagner resigned in January 1981.

On May, 1981, Rev. Dale Skiles was elected as pastor. During his pastorate the auditorium has been enlarged to accommodate a choir loft and a new wing added, which provides additional Sunday School space. Also, a lot adjacent to the Parking Lot has been purchased for

possible building expansion or added recreational area. The pastor stated at the Morning Worship, "It has been and it is a real joy to serve this fine group of Christian people."

The church provided a delicious noon meal with very accommodating facilities. It was served on the grounds with a "relaxed picnic atmosphere." Homemade ice cream was served in the afternoon. Everyone did an excellent job in planning and caring for the special day. Someone said, and expressed the feeling of everyone, "This has been a wonderful day!"



Pierponts, Hawns, and pastor & wife.



Choir



Congregation



Barbecuing the dinner.

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## Sunday School Attendance Averages January 1991-June 1991

| CHURCHES            | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Belton              | 67  | 73  | 88  | 67  | 66  |     |
| Buffalo, First      | 29  | 37  |     |     |     |     |
| Calvary Fellowship  | 216 |     | 273 | 207 | 198 | 192 |
| Cape Girardeau      | 67  | 98  | 102 | 75  | 67  | 56  |
| Central             | 99  | 98  | 109 | 95  | 91  | 99  |
| Copper Mines        | 63  | 70  | 68  | 55  | 60  | 63  |
| Cuba                | 81  | 83  | 82  |     |     |     |
| DeSoto              | 176 | 201 | 212 |     | 206 | 203 |
| Farmington          |     | 393 | 438 | 315 | 346 | 369 |
| Flat River, First   | 114 | 127 | 129 | 112 | 111 | 111 |
| Hannon              | 84  | 88  | 117 | 102 | 98  | 90  |
| Harmony             | 71  | 77  | 88  | 72  | 66  | 69  |
| Hartville           | 94  | 95  | 103 | 107 | 101 | 96  |
| Hopewell            | 24  | 33  |     | 39  | 37  | 33  |
| Houston             | 73  | 80  | 103 | 98  | 82  | 87  |
| Lebanon, First      | 87  | 88  | 114 | 92  | 87  | 86  |
| Myrtle              | 34  | 36  | 35  | 33  | 31  | 33  |
| O'Fallon            | 45  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Overland            | 46  | 40  | 46  | 40  | 37  | 32  |
| Parkview            | 53  | 60  | 72  | 66  | 52  | 57  |
| Richwoods           | 29  | 31  |     |     |     |     |
| Rock Chapel         | 71  | 75  | 70  | 69  | 73  |     |
| Springfield, First  | 114 | 119 | 124 | 115 |     | 122 |
| Thayer              | 126 |     | 139 | 128 | 130 |     |
| United, West Plains | 175 | 183 | 196 | 180 | 181 | 183 |
| Willow Springs      | 56  | 66  |     | 61  | 64  | 59  |
| Verdella            |     |     | 65  | 67  | 61  | 72  |

The above is only a partial listing — there are 177 Free Will Baptist churches in Missouri. Each church is encouraged to send in the Sunday School average each month.

## Information Concerning Missouri State Retirement Program

**NOTE FROM EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Following the State Convention, I mailed information to the ones I thought wanted it. It was more complete than this that I am giving in the GEM. But space, in the GEM, will not permit giving all the information. As I have stated at the end of this article, do not hesitate to call, write, or come by. I will be more than glad to help.

In order for a pastor, associate pastor, or full-time youth minister to participate in the Retirement Program, the church he is serving must support the Missouri State Cooperative Program with the full 10% of its regular tithes and offerings. As is shown in the cooperative disbursement each month, this ministry is funded through cooperative giving. (The associate pastor and/or full-time youth minister must receive his salary from the church as a full-time employee.)

A Retirement Pension Enrollment Form supplied by the State Office shows the two plans for participation in the program. Plan 1 is defined as Full Employer Participation with the church contributing at least 5% of the base salary.

Plan 2 is defined as the Individual Plan with the employer contributing at least 3% of the base salary. The term life insurance for \$25,000 is \$13.00 monthly for Plan 1, but optional for Plan 2. A \$10.00 Enrollment Fee is paid to the Board of Retirement & Insurance in Nashville, Tennessee. This may be paid through the State Office, but it goes to the Board of Retirement & Insurance.

**Tax Deferred Contribution Information:** Only 20% of base salary is allowed for total tax deferred contributions. The 20% includes both Salary Reduction Agreement (SRA) (this SRA form may be obtained from the State Office or the Board of Retirement & Insurance) and employer (church) contributions. Base salary is taxable income which excludes benefits such as housing allowance. Ministers may include compensation for honorariums, revival offerings, etc. Older ministers may, under certain circumstances, exceed the 20% by completing a form.

A new SRA may be filed once in any 12 month period. It is not retroactive. Increases may not be credited prior to the date of signature.

It is a member's responsibility to maintain and keep accurate records for tax liability and reports to IRS. It is recommended that you keep all SRA forms, semi-annual statements, and correspondence, and that you seek competent counsel in all tax matters.

All tax deferred contributions are subject to income taxes the year of withdrawal or distribution. Early withdrawals may be subject to an added 10% penalty. At retirement, distributions for ordained members may be designated housing allowance and tax free (determined by current IRS regulations). Distributions from tax deferred funds to unordained spouses are subject to taxes.

Twice each year, shortly following January 1 and July 1, the Board of Retirement & Insurance, who holds and handles the Missouri State Retirement Fund, will transfer the amount stated by the Missouri State Association to the account of the participant. Presently the amount is \$240.00. Before this transfer is made the treasurer of the local church is asked to sign a form, sent from the State Office, stating that the church has supported the Missouri State Cooperative Program with the full 10% of its regular tithes and offerings.

There are several options at retirement. Space will not permit including all of this information. This information may be obtained from the State Office. Please do not hesitate to call, write, or come by for any help that is needed.

### Answers to last month's Puzzle 5

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## In Memory of Doris Weston

On April 15, 1991, our friend and sister in Christ, Doris Weston, gave up her two-year struggle with cancer and went home to be with the Lord.

She leaves her loving husband, Lawrence Weston; daughter, Sherry; two grandsons, Jerrod and Justin; her brother and sister-in-law, Leon and Norma Hilton, who will greatly miss her love and concern for them.

Her father, Rev. Lester Hilton, was a Free Will Baptist minister, as was her father-in-law, Rev. W.K. Weston. She was a faithful supporter of her denomination, and she and her husband were long-time supporters of Sister Jenelle Billows. Mexican Missions was very close to her heart and she and Lawrence made several visits to that field.

Doris loved everyone from the

tinest baby to the oldest person. She had a place in her heart for all, and this was evidenced by the many people who attended her funeral, the many floral contributions, and money that was presented for her church as a memorial to her Christian life and influence.

Her smiling face and strong voice were a part of every Sunday service as she sang in the choir. You can still see her there in your memory as she sang His praises.

She was a welcoming committee on her own, and always went around introducing herself to visitors and making them feel welcome. She never met a stranger that didn't turn out to be her friend. Before her sickness, she had a boundless energy and did many things for others that no one else knew about. Her activities included: food to the bereaved, flowers and visits to the shut-ins, friendly phone calls to those who needed someone to talk to, and even in the last few weeks, she always put forth the effort to go watch her grandsons play ball or be in a school play.

Her pastor, Rev. Ken Dodson, said she always had a smile and a word of encouragement for him, even when her body was filled with pain.

One of her favorite things to do

was collect Precious Moments Figurines. When I reflect on her life, I think Doris thought each moment of her life was precious and filled her life with the important things like family, being a friend, enjoying life, growing beautiful flowers, being a good wife and mother, prayer, and loving her God. The Lord was her shepherd.

I've personally shared many things with Doris, and always found in her something very special, which was her faith and love for God and her fellow man and her personal interest she showed in every problem I had. But, I guess the most important thing I'll always remember is her desire for God's will to be done in her life. Although it has been difficult for her family and her friends to understand, I believe it was God's will to take Doris on home where she is waiting for us. With God's grace we will see her smiling face and hear her welcoming voice when it's our time to go. Doris, we'll meet you by the river some sweet day!

*EDITOR'S NOTE: I have known Doris Weston for several years. She and her husband, Lawrence, are our good friends. She had all of the fine qualities mentioned in this article in her relationship to my family. She will surely be missed by her church and family.*



## Senior Adult Retreat Memories





## Selena Simpson Selected as Miss Teen Missouri

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Selena Simpson, an active member of the Hartville Free Will Baptist Church, was selected as Miss Teen Missouri. Because Selena is one of our fine young people in Missouri who has been involved in State Youth Activities, National Youth Competitive Activities and Youth Camp Encampment, I asked her to write a brief testimony. Selena is a beautiful, young lady and you will enjoy her beautiful Christian Testimony. Selena is 16 and will be a junior at Hartville High School this fall.*

If you were selected as Miss Teen Missouri, what message would you have for other young people? This was the judge's determining question in the Miss Teen Missouri Pageant finals. However, before the five finalists could answer that question, they had to have successfully competed in the six categories of judging, which included: Scholastic Record, Service and Achievement to School and Community, Personal Development of Talents, Hobbies and Skills, Written General Awareness Test, Personality Projection in formal wear, and Judges Interview.

There were 101 girls, ages 13-18, who competed in the Miss Teen of Missouri scholarship and recognition



pageant. This was held June 13-15 in Jefferson City, Missouri.

The message I have for other young people is, and I believe this is very important, "Trust in God, love your family, and respect yourself and your own God-given abilities." I never would have thought, ten years ago, when I first stood in front of our church congregation and recited Psalms 23 as a scared to death little six-year-old, that it was just the beginning of something I am enjoying, and I hope to continue the rest of my life.



## Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

How can we get our new members to practice our doctrine? I am talking about such doctrines as feet washing or tithing. We lead them to make a decision for Christ and then they are ashamed of our doctrine or feel that our church is not sophisticated or they consider Free Will Baptists to be less than what it takes to make them proud of their church.

First, be sure you teach the uniqueness of our church. We have a lot to be proud about. Wave the banner of Free Will Baptists. Indoctrinate your people. Also, familiarize your people with our denomination and its leaders, as well as its departments and ministries. Teach them one-on-one, as well as from the pulpit and in the classroom.

Second, make sure your church is not out of date with the time. Make sure your church program provides what your people need. Make sure they aren't leaving the church because it is really inadequate.

Third, provide real biblical leadership. Well fed sheep don't go looking for food, unless they have health problems. Be a leader.

Fourth, be distinguished in the pulpit. Don't be the town joke. Your people ought to be proud of their pastor.

When I pastored the Farmington, Missouri, church, we reached a lot of professional people and they were down to earth and as loyal to our church as anyone else. Here at Harmony, we have doctors, business men and women, teachers, and other professional people. They wash feet, tithe, and are loyal to their church. It can be done. You don't have to lose people for these reasons.

I am so thankful for my church and the CTS Program. Not only have I learned more about the Bible, and the importance of a Christian life, but it has also allowed me to use my God-given ability to speak for Jesus. This has had an impact on my life.

There have been many Christian people who have had a positive influence on my life. As Miss Teen Missouri, I hope that I can have this same positive Christian influence on other young people.

I am thankful that I was selected as Miss Teen Missouri 1991. As a result, I was given a \$1,000.00 scholarship to the college of my choice, a prize package, and an all-expense paid trip to the national Miss Teen of America Pageant, which will be held in Rock Island, Illinois, July 1992.

## Praise Testimony From Youth Camp Board

Rev. Gene Howell, recently elected Youth Camp Board member and pastor of the Belton Free Will Baptist Church, writes, We praise God from Whom all blessings flow! God has certainly blessed the 1991 Teen Sessions of our Missouri State Youth Camp. Many meaningful decisions were made during both weeks of the Teen Camp. We will be sharing all of these statistics for this year's camp sessions following the pre-teen sessions.

The Missouri State Youth Camp needs some help. It was necessary to install a new Water System because of the increase water demand following the building of the girls' rest room. The cost of the Water System was not included in the budget for 1991 because it was not known that it would be needed. Therefore, it has placed a strain on the budget. Your help in meeting this financial need will certainly be appreciated.

Perhaps your church could send a special offering. Or, it could be a special offering from an individual or a Sunday School class, the Youth Group, Master's Men or Woman's Auxiliary. The gift will surely be going for a very important and helpful need at our Youth Camp.

Please mail gifts to Missouri State Association, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536 or to Free Will Baptist Youth Camp HCR 83, Box 22, Niangua, MO 65713.



## Report on Missouri State Association

*This report is through the "eyes of a layman," Leamon Killian. He is one of the finest Christian laymen in the Missouri State Association. He and his wife, Mildred, have been members of the Grace Church several years. He also took most of the photos for the State Convention.*

It was a great State Association! All of the services were well attended, even the Business Sessions. The Woman's Auxiliary, which met on Tuesday, had a large attendance.

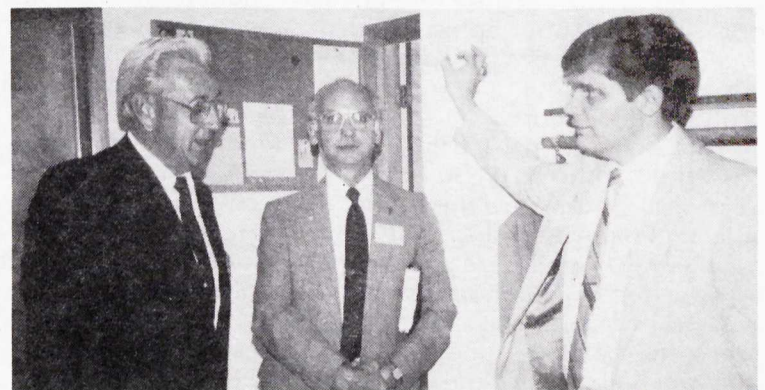
Brother Rehkop, pastor of the host church, was well pleased with the attendance of the folks from the Grace Church. He was also pleased with the cooperation of the people in their work as ushers, registration, and the choir.

It was good to see families from all over the state of Missouri in attendance. What a wonderful time we had enjoying the good blessings of the Lord. I believe that God was with us! This kind of meeting gives us a little glimpse of what Heaven is like: singing, preaching, and wonderful fellowship.

I am looking forward to next year. I believe that the Lord will be with us, as He has been, and we can do great and marvelous things through His power!

*EDITOR'S NOTE: I say Amen to this, Leamon! What a great State Convention! Great Singing, Great Preaching, and Great Fellowship! What a wonderful job Rev. Glen Rehkop and the folks of Grace Church did in hosting the convention. The Lord blessed again! And, We Praise Him from Whom All Blessings Flow!*

## State Convention 1991 Memories



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Missouri  
State  
1991  
Youth  
Conference



*We shall not  
be silent!*

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**November 8-9, 1991**  
Baptist Assembly *at* Windermere

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*Featured Guests*

- **CRAIG FRY**  
Conference Speaker
  - **PAUL & NICOLE JOHNSON**  
Special Entertainment
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November 8-9, 1991. What's special about those dates? Those are the dates of the 1991 Missouri State Youth conference. The theme this year is HEARTS ON FIRE: We will Not Be Silent. The main conference speaker is Craig Fry. Most of you probably remember Craig from the 1989 Conference; if so, then you know that you wanna be there!

Also performing this year will be Paul and Nicole Johnson from Nashville, TN. This talented young couple will be ministering on Friday night. Make plans to be at Youth Conference '91: HEARTS ON FIRE!

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**COST \$ 25.00 EACH X TOTAL ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Make checks payable to: MISSOURI YOUTH MINISTRIES BOARD  
Rev. Jeffrey Gaskins  
1060 S. Grant Avenue  
Springfield, MO 65807  
417/865-2450 (church) or 882-7802 (home)

**This completed form with registration fees must be received by OCTOBER 1, with signed medical release forms. No refunds after October 1!**



## Camper Medical Release Form

Windemere Baptist Assembly  
Roach, MO 65787

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (Zip Code)

Residence Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Name) (City)

Allergy To Any Medicine? \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, What? \_\_\_\_\_

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I \_\_\_\_\_, having legal custody of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Name of Parent/Legal Guardian) (Minor)

who resides with me at the above address, am entrusting the care of him/her to the adults responsible for the camp program in which the child has been enrolled during the dates of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ at Windemere Baptist Assembly, located at Roach, Missouri.

Conference \_\_\_\_\_

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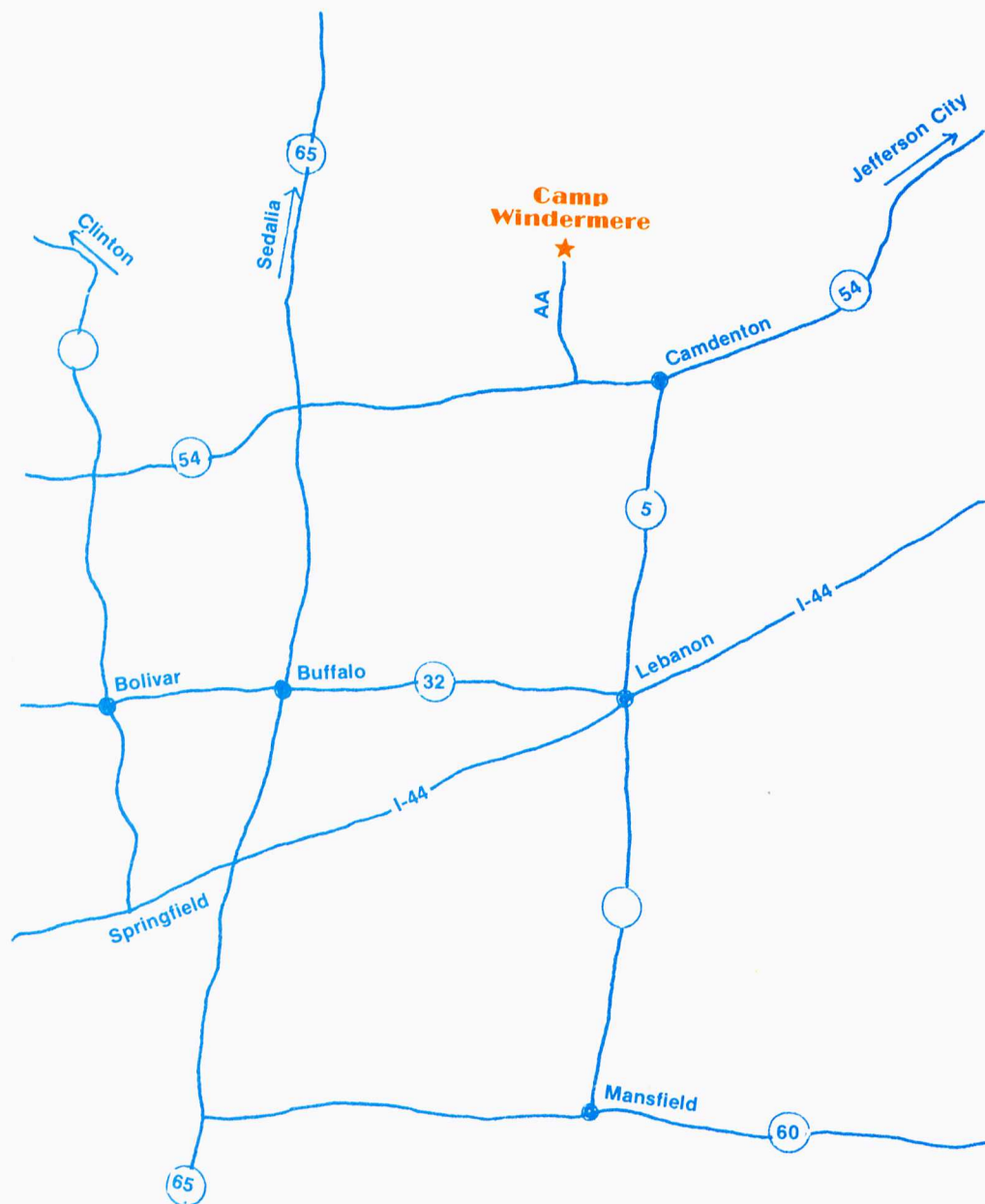
I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the camp personnel entrusted with the care of my child to order x-rays, routine tests, and treatment for the health of my child, and in the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the camp personnel entrusted with the care of my child to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection and/or anesthesia and/or surgery for my child as named above. I also authorize said physician or any physician or hospital who has previously treated my child, to disclose any information thus acquired, if requested, to the camps insurance carrier.

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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

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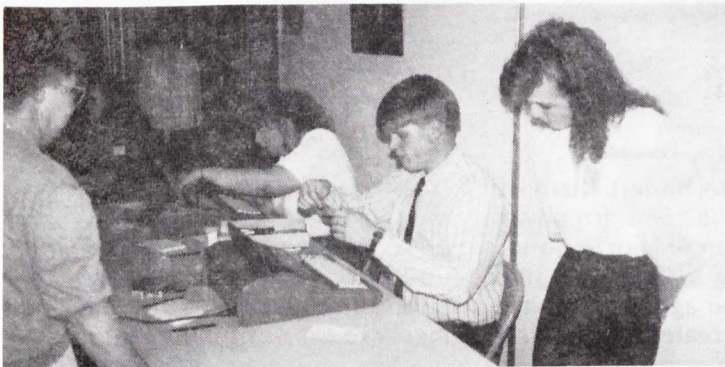
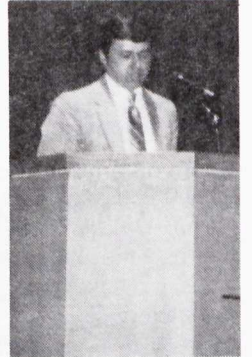
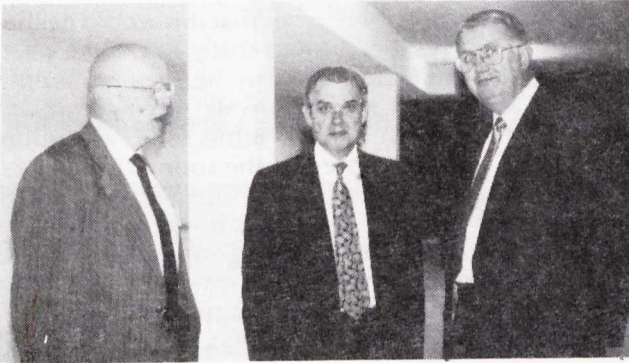
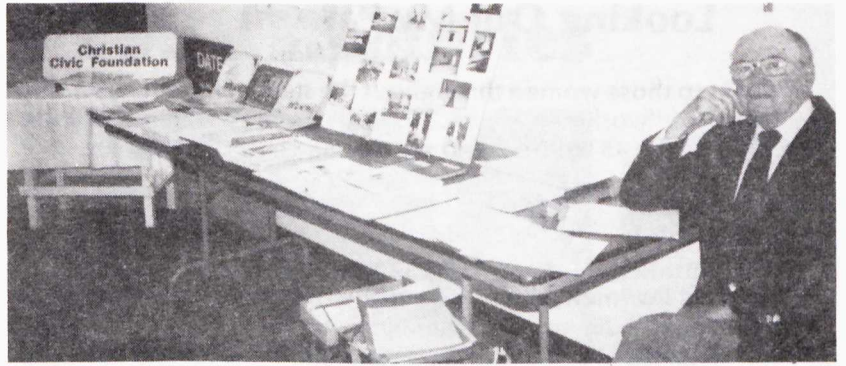
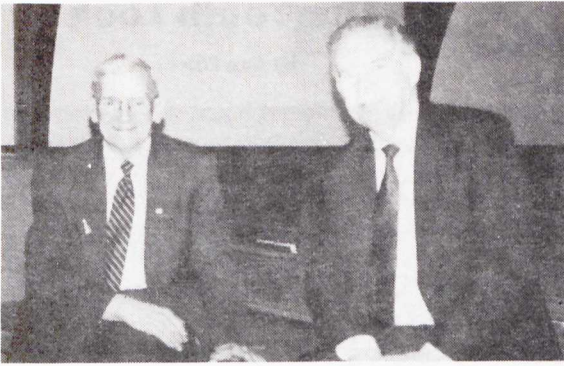
### **Friday, November 8**

- 3:30 pm - Registration begins**
- 7:00 pm - General session w/Craig Fry and Paul & Nicole Johnson**
- 8:30 pm - Dinner & Free Time**
- 11:00 pm - Lights out**

### **Saturday, November 9**

- 9:00 am - General session w/Craig Fry**
- 9:45 am - Youth session w/Craig Fry**
- 11:00 - 1:00 pm - Lunch**
- 1:15 pm - Adult session w/Craig Fry**
- 2:30 pm - Closing session w/Craig Fry**







## Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

Thanks to those women throughout the state of Missouri, for responding to the survey of "working women." The results are in. Below are the tabulated responses of the 45 women who returned a completed survey.

1. Married: 37      Single: 8
2. Ages 18-35: 15      Ages 36-50: 15      Over 50: 15
3. Work outside the home: YES - 32      NO - 13  
(7 of the 13 women who work outside the home were over 50 yrs. old)  
Full-time job - 26      Part-time job - 6
4. How many services are attended regularly?  
HOME: Single - 3 wkly.      Married - 2.5 wkly.  
JOB: Single - 2.3 wkly.      Married - 2.77 wkly.
5. Revival Services Average Attendance:  
HOME: Single - 4.18 nights      Married - all nights  
JOB: Single - 2.3 nights      Married - 3.69 nights
6. Involvement in outside ministries:

|               |       |      |
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|               | HOME: | JOB: |
| Nursing Home  | 31%   | 13%  |
| Hospital      | 15%   | 16%  |
| Sunday School | 23%   | 25%  |
| Other         | 31%   | 19%  |

7. Does work outside the home interfere with church involvement?  
Frequently - 12%      Sometimes - 48%      Never - 37%      No Response - 3%
8. Does your work outside the home drain you of your energy to become actively involved in church activities?  
Frequently - 16%      Sometimes - 50%      Never - 31%      No Response - 3%
9. Would be more involved with the local church if did not work outside the home . . .      Yes - 62%      No - 29%      No response - 9%
10. How active are your children in the local church?

|             |                 |            |             |
|-------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| VERY ACTIVE | SOMEWHAT ACTIVE | UNINVOLVED | NO RESPONSE |
| (Job) 34%   | 25%             | 12%        | 29%         |
| (Home) 23%  | 30%             | 0%         | 47%         |

What do these results seem to suggest? Discussion and survey participant comments next month. Stay tuned!

## Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

The week of June 16-28 saw an estimated 450 teens and sponsors come and go at our Free Will Baptist State Youth Camp, near Niangua, Missouri. As Camp Evangelist for the two weeks, I was able to observe the dedicated work of sponsors, teachers, superintendent, and camp board. An evangelistic atmosphere was set by the classes, prayer meetings, music, and camp devotions. And, God blessed! The two weeks yielded 105 inquirers, 23 of these were first time decisions for salvation. Four were commitments to missions. One was in answer to the call to preach.

While I am rejoicing over the victories won, at the same time I am asking "How did it happen?" At first I thought it is just the response of

youth. But, I must be honest. Many of these young people came from our churches, where they did not respond, as they did at Youth Camp. No, it's more than just their age. Perhaps it is the atmosphere created by limiting worldly influence - no TV, radio, magazines, etc. And, increasing the campers exposure to the Word of God; class sessions, cabin devotions, and preaching every night.

If the atmosphere does have a direct bearing on the positive response witnessed at camp, I have an exciting thought in mind! What if we could bring together a couple hundred adults in a setting with limited worldly influence, and maximum exposure to the Word of God? That's worth praying about!

## The Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

We serve such a merciful God, yet sometimes it's hard, even as Christians, to understand His mercy. A co-worker of mine, Lyn, recently shared an experience of hers which touched me.

She walks every evening, and she enjoys those evening walks because they allow her some quiet, peaceful time. On one particular evening, it occurred to her that this would be the perfect time to study her Bible. That evening, true to her commitment, Lynn took her walk, then sat down to study her Bible. She was soon interrupted by the sound of two very young girls' laughter. The little girls had found some ducks by the lake and were chasing them, hoping the ducks would lose some feathers. They noticed Lyn and approached her.

"What are you reading?" the smaller of the two asked, looking at Lyn's Bible.

"I'm reading my Bible," Lyn answered, then went on to explain that the Bible was God's Word.

"There are so many sweet things in the Bible," the same little girl said and asked if Lyn would read to them.

Lyn had been studying mercy so she continued her study by reading the "mercy verses" to the girls. It suddenly occurred to her that girls of this age probably would not understand "mercy," so she decided to explain.

"Mercy...well, mercy is when you do something naughty, and Mama doesn't punish you as badly as you deserved. Maybe you deserve spinach for supper, but Mama lets you enjoy a hamburger."

Both girls giggled and admitted they had had mercy shown to them on occasion. When she saw they understood, Lyn decided to use the opportunity to parallel this with God's mercy to us, a sinful people.

When it began growing dark, the girls turned to go home. Lyn bowed her head to thank God for the beautiful experience and to ask Him to bless her two new friends when she once again had an "interruption." She looked up to see the smaller girl in front of her again.

The girl smiled at Lyn and said, "I hope God gives you a big hamburger to enjoy for supper tonight."

Sometimes we can be a blessing in the smallest ways...and receive a blessing where we least expect it.

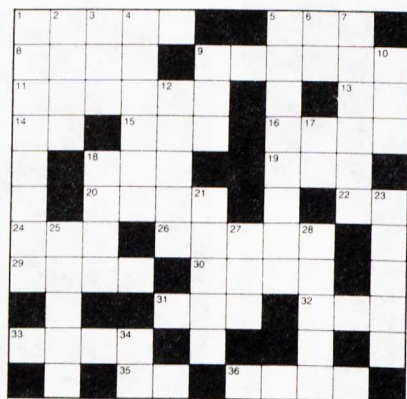


# Teen Camp 1991 Memories





## Puzzle 6



### ACROSS

1. Oldest son of Cain (Gen. 4:17, 18)
5. Deborah was buried under an \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 35:8)
8. A priest (Neh. 12:36)
9. Mother of Samuel (I Sam. 1:20)
11. Sister of Mary and Lazarus (John 11:5)
13. "... and, \_\_\_\_\_, I am with you ...." (Matt. 28:20)
14. "... I \_\_\_\_\_ the way, the truth, and the life ...." (John 14:6)
15. A town in south Judah (Josh. 15:29)
16. "... \_\_\_\_\_ under sin." (Rom. 7:14)
18. A Babylonian god (Jer. 50:2)

19. David's priest (II Sam. 20:26)
20. An ancestor of Jesus (Luke 3:25)
22. Second word of the book of Ezra
24. The poor man had nothing but one little \_\_\_\_\_ lamb. (II Sam. 12:3)
26. "Your words have been \_\_\_\_\_ against me ...." (Mal. 3:13)
29. "Behold, O \_\_\_\_\_, and consider ...." (Lam. 2:20)
30. "... I will go \_\_\_\_\_." (Zech. 8:21)
31. Wisdom cannot be gotten for g\_\_\_\_. (Job 28:12-15)
32. A city of Edom (Gen. 36:39)
33. "I was \_\_\_\_\_ when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." (Ps. 122:1)
35. "Paul, a servant \_\_\_\_\_ God ...." (Titus 1:1)
36. A priest in the time of Nehemiah (Neh. 12:19)

### DOWN

1. Means God with us (Matt. 1:23)
2. A son of Caleb (I Chr. 4:15)
3. Used to row a boat (Ezek. 27:29)
4. Sodom and Gomorrha were \_\_\_\_\_ turned to ashes. (II Pet. 2:6)
5. A fugitive slave and convert (Philem. 10)
6. The Lord sent \_\_\_\_\_ angel. (Num. 20:16)
7. A priest (Neh. 12:20)

9. Noah's son (Gen. 5:32)
10. Son of Zophah (I Chr. 7:37)
12. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the \_\_\_\_\_." (Ps. 121:1)
17. "... Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, \_\_\_\_\_ not?" (Mark 12:14)
18. Jotham fled to \_\_\_\_\_. (Judg. 9:21)
21. Aquila and Priscilla were expelled from \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 18:2)
23. A minor prophet. Hint: 34th book of the Old Testament
25. "... is in all the \_\_\_\_\_; and bringeth forth fruit ...." (Col. 1:6)
27. "... our \_\_\_\_\_ man is crucified with him ...." (Rom. 6:6)
28. A precious stone (Job 28:19)
34. "... ye also may know my affairs, and how I \_\_\_\_\_." (Eph. 6:21)

Answers in next month's GEM

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## 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.



# Financial Information

## JUNE 1991

### COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| 18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board                           | \$ 3,963.82        |
| 17.50% Exec. Off. & Gem  | 3,749.56           |
| 3.50% General Fund   | 749.91             |
| 8.50% Youth Camp Bd.   | 1,821.23           |
| 2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.                                     | 535.65             |
| 2.50% C.E. Board   | 535.65             |
| 2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board                               | 535.65             |
| 5.00% Mo. State Retirement Program                             | 1,071.30           |
| 30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College | 6,534.96           |
| 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 (\$65.34 included in \$6,534.96)   |                    |
| 9.00% State Office & Bookstore Bldg.                           | 1,928.34           |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$21,426.07</b> |

This month closed on Sunday. Consequently, the cooperative receipts are lower. It will be Tuesday before the monthly cooperative will begin coming in. Next month should reflect an increase which will compensate for June being low.

We are so grateful to the Lord for His blessings on this ministry. He continues to bless through faithful pastor and churches, 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 FWBBC & Hillsdale receiving an equal amount. California Christian College will continue to receive the 1%.

## JUNE 1991 RECEIPTS

### COOPERATIVE

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Trinity                 | \$ 875.58 |
| Potosi                  | 105.60    |
| Cope                    | 40.00     |
| Lebanon, First          | 446.10    |
| Rolla                   | 60.61     |
| Calvary, Conway         | 191.39    |
| Faith, Lemay            | 25.00     |
| Seymour                 | 88.00     |
| Bailey Chapel           | 60.00     |
| Liberty                 | 222.00    |
| Royal Oak               | 154.00    |
| Parkview                | 355.13    |
| Cape Girardeau          | 550.26    |
| Bethel, Festus          | 100.00    |
| Mill Creek              | 177.67    |
| Stockton                | 97.80     |
| Thayer                  | 676.00    |
| Hannon                  | 314.72    |
| Rock Chapel             | 319.82    |
| Victory, Alton          | 146.00    |
| Oak Hill, Fredericktown | 106.94    |
| Hurryville              | 288.17    |
| Hazel Creek             | 479.51    |
| Mt. Zion, Gower         | 45.30     |
| Merl's Chapel           | 150.00    |
| Columbia                | 75.00     |
| Lingo                   | 41.53     |
| Heritage                | 103.54    |
| Mine La Motte           | 36.98     |
| Hope Well               | 154.00    |
| Black Oak               | 242.97    |

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| De Soto              | 980.00             |
| Houston              | 255.95             |
| Tyrone               | 40.80              |
| Overland             | 125.87             |
| Belton               | 376.24             |
| Union, Success       | 120.00             |
| Pleasant Home        | 269.07             |
| Springfield, First   | 583.34             |
| Victory, K.C.        | 301.80             |
| Union Grove          | 147.00             |
| Cabool               | 265.39             |
| Flat River, First    | 484.65             |
| Freeman Chapel       | 177.75             |
| Happy Home           | 98.70              |
| Happy Home           | 125.23             |
| Marshfield           | 206.10             |
| Byrd                 | 27.00              |
| West Plains, First   | 423.00             |
| Willow Springs       | 199.19             |
| United, West Plains  | 560.71             |
| Mtn. Grove           | 857.78             |
| Oak Grove, Norwood   | 94.51              |
| Unity                | 208.43             |
| Pleasant Ridge       | 100.00             |
| Mt. Pisgah           | 183.00             |
| Terrill Road         | 133.00             |
| Grace                | 928.00             |
| New Harmony          | 20.20              |
| Viburnum             | 146.25             |
| Grant Avenue         | 648.73             |
| Fredericktown, First | 419.13             |
| Pleasant Hill        | 44.67              |
| Bootheel Ass'n.      | 13.27              |
| Waynesville          | 299.21             |
| Farmington           | 1,961.65           |
| Copper Mines         | 286.66             |
| Bethel, El Dorado    | 47.59              |
| Macedonia            | 20.00              |
| New Life, Licking    | 163.26             |
| Leadington           | 225.68             |
| Harmony              | 340.00             |
| Eastern Gate         | 281.15             |
| Wolf Creek           | 443.46             |
| Kirkville            | 82.96              |
| Faith & Hope         | 111.19             |
| Jones Chapel         | 109.25             |
| Neosho               | 142.50             |
| Jones Chapel         | 334.56             |
| Koshkonong           | 108.28             |
| Carthage             | 110.00             |
| New Rock Springs     | 65.00              |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$21,426.07</b> |

### YOUTH CAMP

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Trinity                | \$ 14.00        |
| Parkview Mission Group | 20.00           |
| Thayer                 | 80.00           |
| Hannon                 | 15.00           |
| Calvary Fellowship     | 39.00           |
| De Soto                | 50.00           |
| Union, Success         | 60.00           |
| Willow Springs         | 10.00           |
| Mtn. Grove             | 10.00           |
| Fordland               | 20.00           |
| Mt. Pisgah             | 10.00           |
| Buffalo, First         | 50.00           |
| Bethel, El Dorado      | 15.00           |
| Macedonia              | 10.00           |
| Indian Creek Ass'n.    | 252.46          |
| New Rock Springs       | 10.00           |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$665.46</b> |

### FWBBC

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Parkview Mission Group | \$ 20.00        |
| Thayer                 | 30.00           |
| Calvary Fellowship     | 35.75           |
| De Soto                | 35.00           |
| Freeman Chapel         | 20.00           |
| Grant Avenue           | 110.00          |
| Farmington             | 126.00          |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$376.75</b> |

### HILLSDALE COLLEGE

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Oak Hill, Union    | \$ 27.00 |
| Thayer             | 35.00    |
| Hannon             | 50.00    |
| Calvary Fellowship | 35.75    |

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Victory, K.C. | 18.86           |
| Grant Avenue  | 8.00            |
| Farmington    | 133.00          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$307.61</b> |

### CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| Farmington | \$35.00 |
|------------|---------|

### CHILDREN'S HOME

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| De Soto                    | \$50.00         |
| <b>McCLURE ACCOUNT</b>     |                 |
| Thayer                     | \$ 12.00        |
| Bethel FWB, Woolbridge, MD | 70.00           |
| Victory, K.C.              | 5.00            |
| Fordland                   | 5.00            |
| Grace                      | 30.00           |
| Farmington                 | 10.00           |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$132.00</b> |

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Trinity                | \$ 360.12         |
| Lebanon, First         | 70.00             |
| Parkview Mission Group | 120.00            |
| Oak Hill, Union        | 14.00             |
| Blue Springs           | 45.00             |
| Parkview               | 266.71            |
| Richwoods              | 57.00             |
| Thayer                 | 45.00             |
| Hannon                 | 429.72            |
| Rock Chapel            | 213.00            |
| Calvary Chapel         | 55.00             |
| Columbia               | 10.50             |
| Merl's Chapel          | 200.00            |
| Calvary Fellowship     | 989.81            |
| DeSoto                 | 324.00            |
| C. Layman              | 10.00             |
| Southside              | 135.00            |
| Houston                | 92.26             |
| Belton                 | 401.65            |
| Niangua                | 45.00             |
| Pleasant Home          | 158.59            |
| Victory, K.C.          | 120.00            |
| S. Hart                | 20.00             |
| Flat River             | 96.94             |
| Freeman Chapel         | 416.75            |
| John Shebaum           | 85.00             |
| Marshfield             | 10.00             |
| N. Akeman              | 10.00             |
| West Plains, First     | 326.53            |
| United, West Plains    | 21.00             |
| Mtn. Grove             | 638.09            |
| Oak Grove, Norwood     | 63.00             |
| Pleasant Ridge         | 45.00             |
| Oak Grove, Cabool      | 65.00             |
| Fordland               | 114.00            |
| Kirkville              | 315.00            |
| J. McLain              | 75.00             |
| Lola Filkins           | 10.00             |
| Mt. Pisgah             | 410.00            |
| Grace                  | 115.25            |
| New Harmony            | 101.01            |
| Viburnum               | 100.00            |
| Grant Avenue           | 397.76            |
| Farmington             | 270.00            |
| Macedonia              | 10.00             |
| Leadington             | 25.00             |
| Eastern Gate           | 58.11             |
| Kirkville              | 30.00             |
| Faith & Hope           | 35.00             |
| Neosho                 | 360.00            |
| New Testament          | 185.00            |
| Hartville DVS          | 108.28            |
| Carthage               | 57.00             |
| Faith, Oak Grove       | 50.00             |
| Unity VBS              | 36.38             |
| Blue Springs           | 75.00             |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$8,897.46</b> |

### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Trinity                 | 23.00  |
| Lebanon, First          | 50.00  |
| Parkview Missions Group | 20.00  |
| Oak Hill, Union         | 15.00  |
| Parkview                | 38.00  |
| Richwoods               | 32.00  |
| Thayer                  | 133.00 |
| Hannon                  | 10.00  |

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Rock Chapel         | 154.28            |
| Columbia            | 10.50             |
| De Soto             | 200.00            |
| Belton              | 10.00             |
| Pleasant Home       | 10.00             |
| Victory, K.C.       | 10.00             |
| Flat River          | 63.47             |
| United, West Plains | 40.00             |
| Mtn. Grove          | 15.00             |
| Oak Grove, Norwood  | 31.51             |
| Fordland            | 20.00             |
| Mt. Pisgah          | 75.00             |
| Buffalo, First      | 100.00            |
| Grace               | 125.00            |
| Viburnum            | 48.00             |
| Grant Avenue        | 21.00             |
| Farmington          | 14.87             |
| Leadington          | 10.00             |
| Eastern Gate        | 10.00             |
| Wolf Creek          | 65.02             |
| Kirkville           | 5.00              |
| New Testament       | 140.00            |
| Carthage            | 38.00             |
| Blue Springs        | 10.00             |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$1,502.65</b> |

### STATE HOME MISSIONS

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Trinity             | 68.00             |
| Lebanon, First      | 65.00             |
| Oak Hill, Union     | 22.50             |
| Parkview            | 5.00              |
| Richwoods           | 20.00             |
| Thayer              | 35.00             |
| Hannon              | 157.36            |
| Columbia            | 35.00             |
| Calvary Fellowship  | 50.00             |
| De Soto             | 50.00             |
| J.W. Rader          | 25.00             |
| S.E. Dist. Ass'n.   | 25.00             |
| Southside           | 10.00             |
| Flat River          | 53.47             |
| Marshfield          | 30.61             |
| West Plains, First  | 110.74            |
| United, West Plains | 21.00             |
| Mtn. Grove          | 72.00             |
| Pleasant Ridge      | 25.00             |
| Fordland            | 9.00              |
| Grace               | 35.00             |
| New Harmony         | 101.00            |
| Viburnum            | 8.00              |
| Bethel              | 5.00              |
| Grant Avenue        | 135.25            |
| Farmington          | 120.00            |
| Macedonia           | 25.00             |
| Leadington          | 5.00              |
| Eastern Gate        | 20.00             |
| Faithful & Hope     | 35.00             |
| New Testament       | 20.00             |
| Carthage            | 5.00              |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$1,403.93</b> |



## Calendar of Events

### **WOMAN'S AUXILIARY RETREAT**

August 23, 24  
Stonecroft Conference Center

### **ALL BOARD'S MEETING - PREACHER/LAYMAN RETREAT**

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

### **MISSOURI STATE 1991 YOUTH CONFERENCE**

November 8, 9  
Baptist Assembly at Windemere

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FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
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