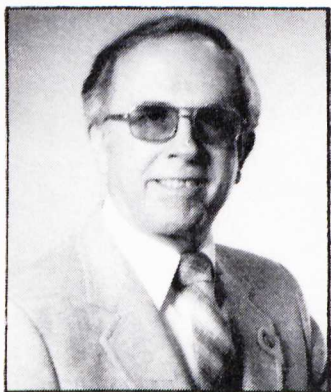


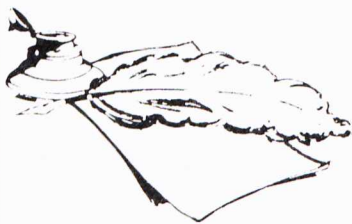
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From The Desk of The

Executive Secretary

Stewardship is a familiar word to most Christians. However, most folks look at it as a matter of dollars and cents. A mental picture of stewardship is "\$teward\$hip." To be sure stewardship involves money, but it is much more than that. Stewardship is a way of life which encompasses all that a Christian is, and has. As someone has stated, "It is a concrete and practical expression of one's discipleship, grace, consecration, dedication, and love. It is the response of one's total being to all that God has done and continues to do for the person who has experienced saving grace."

In order for Christians to become more aware of their responsibility, they must come to understand the broad scope of stewardship as it affects every area of life.

May I mention three areas of stewardship:

We are stewards of our time. The apostle Paul states in Ephesians, 5:16, "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." One translation is, "Make the most of your time." A wise man said, "A person who will waste time will waste anything."

We are stewards of our tithe. The Bible states, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal. 3:10) Surely the Christian would expect to give no less today, than that which was required in Old Testament times.

We are stewards of our talents. The talents mentioned in Matthew 25 were units of money; however, this has been used as special gifts that were given to the Lord's own servants to be used for the Master until He comes for the accounting. May God help us, and He will if we follow Him, that we will never be, as the Unprofitable Servant, dig a hole and hide the talent. For we will receive as did he, a sharp rebuke for our laziness and "cast into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Every Christian needs, for his soul's sake and for Christ's sake, to make honest and sincere acknowledgment that all he has and is, belongs to God and that he/she is really God's steward.

One man asked another, "If you had a hundred sheep, would you give fifty for the Lord's work?" He replied, "Yes." Well, then if you had two pigs, would you give one for the Lord's work?" To which he replied, "No, I wouldn't, and you have no right to ask me that question, for you know that I have two pigs."

Would we be generous with what we don't have, but stingy with that which we do have?

Let's think about this.



Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

In Ezekiel 24:18, there is a little sentence that says, "at even my wife died." This phrase comes at the end of a passage where God tells Ezekiel not to relinquish his duty even to mourn over a dead loved one. He goes home and he says, "at even my wife died." Then the next morning he arose to go preach as he had been counseled.

His wife died. That's a pretty good excuse for laying aside the mantle and failing to obey the commandment of

the Lord. But Ezekiel didn't do that. He went ahead and obeyed.

It is amazing how we seem to look for an excuse to cancel a service. Evangelists will cancel a revival because of the sniffles. We will cancel church services because of snow, rain, sleet, a holiday, the Super Bowl, or any other of a number of "legitimate" reasons.

There might be a connection between this trend and the hard time some pastors have in promoting church loyalty. Our people discover an inconsistency in our call for loyalty to church when we are so eager to cancel services. In 34 years I have never cancelled a regularly scheduled service for any reason. I have also found that I have been able to provoke a high degree of devotion to faithful church attendance by our members.

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Reports from the Churches

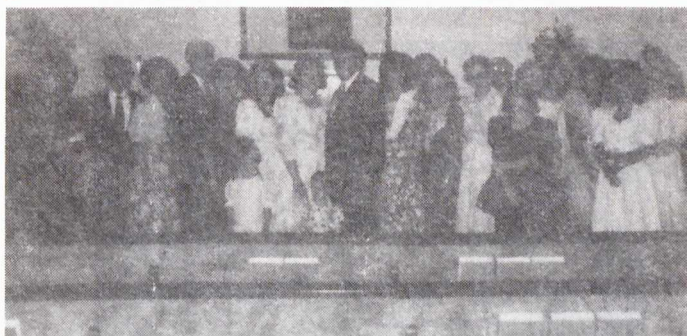
ORDINATION SERVICE AT VERDELLA — On Sunday, September 8, 1991, an Ordination Service was held at the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church for Donnie Anderson.

The Afternoon Service began with a warm welcome by the pastor, Rev. Anderson, to the members and friends of the Verdella Church. The auditorium was pleasantly filled for the special service. Donnie and Kayla had several relatives who came to be with them for the ordination.



Donnie and Kayla with Parents

Donnie's father and mother, Rev. and Mrs. Don Anderson, pastor of the Terrill Road Free Will Baptist Church, Moberly, Missouri, with their children, were present. And, Kayla's father and mother, Rev. and Mrs. Gary Sheets, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Lebanon, Missouri, were also present. Other out of town guests were grandparents, sisters, nieces, and friends.



Donnie and Kayla with Relatives

The Ordination Message was delivered by Rev. Clarence Burton. He used as his subject, Approved of God. In his opening remarks, Rev. Burton commended the Verdella Church for its love and understanding toward the young preacher. The Verdella Church has had more than one



Rev. Anderson with Church Board

young preacher who began his pastoral ministry at that church. The Charge was given by Rev. Don Anderson and the Ordination Prayer was led by Rev. Gary Sheets. Special songs and music were given by Stacie Spurgeon and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walker.

Rev. & Mrs. Donnie Anderson were called to serve the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church in April of this year. The ladies of the church served a delicious dinner during the noon hour.

It was a time of sweet fellowship with the Lord and among members of the Family of God. The Lord is blessing the ministry of Donnie and Kayla with decisions for Christ and enlarging the ministry of the church.

FRIENDSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, BRANSON, MO — Evelyn Knowlton, church reporter, writes, in spite of the fact that many of our own people have been away for most of the summer, attendance has remained exceptionally good, with nearly a full house each Sunday. We have enjoyed fine special music by several local professionals as well as our own people and those visitors who have shared so generously with us.

Vacation Bible School was a success, with attendance averaging 30 each evening. We appreciate so much the children and the many whose willing hands helped to make it happen.

Five more have been added to the church membership roll. There have been numerous rededications and sweet, sweet altar services. Lives are being touched!

We have seen the Lord's hand at work in many ways, not the least of which is His miraculous delivery of one of our young men who broke his neck while diving into a pool, and two of our young ladies who rolled their cars recently. God has been good.

We shall surely miss our two fine young men who will leave us this month to study for the ministry. We place them in God's care and continue to work and pray to assist them however we can. They have greatly blessed our lives.

As the hot, dry summer winds down, we look forward to an exciting fall season to be led off with an all-church picnic and a missionary conference in September. We are truly a people blessed of the Lord.

ORDINATION SERVICE AT GRACE — On Sunday, June 9, 1991, the Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Arnold, Missouri, held an Ordination Service for three men who were ordained to serve as deacons, writes Leamon Killian, church reporter.

The three men are: Jim Bolden, Danny Pogue, and Mike Shoults.



Jim Bolden, Mike Shoults, and Danny Pogue with their wives.



Rev. and Mrs. Don Strauser

GOOD REPORT FROM POTOSI — We want to share some events, with the GEM readers, from the First Free Will Baptist Church at Potosi, Missouri, writes Deborah Davis, church reporter.

Pastor Appreciation Day was held in honor of our pastor, Brother Don Strauser, on Sunday, March 3, at the church. Inasmuch as the church was in a Sunday School campaign and a special service was planned for every Sunday, the pastor was not aware of the special day until he drove on the parking lot and saw the banner and several members of the church with their cameras.

The Morning Service was opened by declaring it "Pastor Appreciation Day 1991." At the Morning Worship, Sister Shirley Christeson presented the pastor with a poem she had written and the church presented him with a plaque which expressed love and appreciation.

Sunday evening a dinner was held in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Don Strauser and their children. Two money trees were presented; one from the Adults and one from the Children's Church. A special cake was made for the occasion with the scripture, Jeremiah 3:15 on it.

March was a wonderful month for the church as the enthusiasm for the Sunday School campaign soared. We gained faithful followers, both children and adults, as a result of the Sunday School campaign. The enthusiasm did not die there, for in the month of April the church was blessed with 14 souls won for the Kingdom of Heaven. The first week of April was given to Revival-time and the evangelist Brother Charlie Miller let God work through him to bring some exciting and uplifting messages. Also during that month the church purchased some pews from the Berkeley Church, which furnished the auditorium and the children's church. A matching pulpit and altar were made by Brother Strauser, which made the sanctuary beautiful and complete.

In the month of May the church changed its outward appearance by purchasing the adjoining property, tearing down the house, and expanding the parking lot.

The month of June started off with an uplifting note as Vacation Bible School began on Sunday, June 3. There was a wonderful attendance and a sweet spirit both Monday and Tuesday; however, things changed quickly, as that afternoon the pastor's daughter, Sucora, was killed in an automobile accident. The car she was driving went out of control when she swerved to miss a turtle. Sucora was such a sweet Christian young lady. She had just graduated from high school four days before the accident. It was such a tragic loss for the pastor's family and the church, that Bible School was cancelled until next summer.

The month of July usually brings a summer slump; however, we did not experience that, but enjoyed an

increase in attendance. The Children's Church and Wednesday Warriors are showing an increase in attendance also.

The church suffered another loss in August, as one of the dear members, Grandma Lily Fowler, was called home to be with the Lord. We are sad, but we know that our loss is Heaven's gain.

It seems so fulfilling to look back at the last six months and see how the church has moved forward. As humans we would like to sit back and boast, but as Christians we realize we need to give God all the glory and thank Him for His blessings. Without Christ we can do nothing.

Remember the work of the church in your prayers that our work will be pleasing to our Heavenly Father, and that in all our ways we will acknowledge Him.

PASTOR APPRECIATION AT LEBANON — On Sunday, September 15, 1991, the First Free Will Baptist Church, Lebanon, Missouri, had Pastor Appreciation at the Sunday Evening Worship Service.

As one walked into the auditorium, attention was drawn to a large banner over the choir loft expressing appreciation to the pastor, Brother Gary Sheets. The music director, Gerri Plummer, announced at the beginning of the service that this was Pastor Appreciation.

Following the Evening Worship, the members and friends of the church met in the Fellowship Area for refreshments and fellowship. Jerry Bowman, on behalf of the church, presented Rev. and Mrs. Sheets a love offering from the members of the church. Brother Bowman, a deacon in the church, stated, "We appreciate our pastor, his wife, and family. We trust the Lord for His continued blessings as we labor together for Him."

Cards and gifts came from the Sunday School classes and also individuals.



Gary and Betty with Jerry



Gary and Betty



Waiting for Afternoon Service to begin.

HOMECOMING AT HOUSTON — Sunday, August 25, 1991, was a great day for the First Free Will Baptist Church at Houston, Missouri, writes the pastor, Rev. Robert Burkepile, Jr.

Although the church has been established since 1969, this was the first scheduled "Homecoming" in the history of the church. Excitement was in the air as the people began to arrive for the Sunday School and Worship Service. The fellowship was sweet, as old acquaintances got together and talked about their precious times together.



The Pastor and Gerald Balland

The celebration began with a surprise presentation to Brother Gerald Balland. He was presented a plaque for his faithful service as a deacon. Brother Ervin Morton, the founding pastor of the church, was the guest speaker. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. The spirit was sweet and the message was that which the church needed.

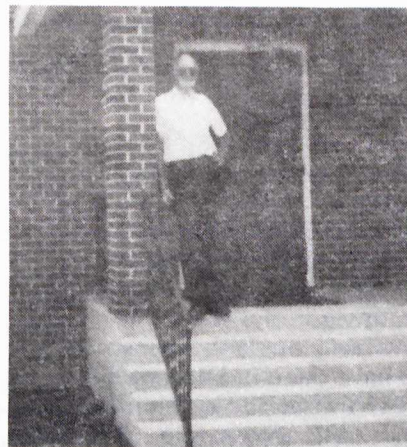
Following the Morning Worship Service, the noon meal was served. The ladies did a wonderful job in preparing the food and in serving it. Everyone can be proud and thankful for the excellent way in which the noon meal was handled.

In the afternoon, a special song service was led by Brother Ron Reed. The service had a variety of singers, songs, and style of singing that blended together as an offering of praise to the Lord. Members that had attended 25 years or longer received special recognition.



Members that have attended 25 years or more - with pastor and family.

Brother Burkepile states, "We had such a good time at this Homecoming, we are making plans to do it again next year!"



Brother Brown



Sunday School Attendance Averages March 1991-August 1991

CHURCHES	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Belton	67	66	63	59	61	57
Bethel, El Dorado	65	59	67			
Calvary Fellowship	198	192				
Cape Girardeau	75	67	56	68	69	82
Central	95	91	99	82	102	
Copper Mines	55	60	63	63	76	61
DeSoto		206	203	184		183
Farmington	315	346	369	352	405	378
Flat River, First	112	111	111	108	110	108
Hannon	102	98	90	101	86	102
Harmony	72	66	69	64	73	
Hartville	107	101	96	93	92	99
Hopewell	39	37	33	47	40	
Houston	98	82	87	84	81	86
Lebanon, First	92	87	86	91	84	92
Myrtle	33	31	33	30	37	36
Overland	40	37	32			38
Parkview	66	52	57	54	56	53
Potosi	52	52	51	56	54	
Richwoods	35	51	32			
Rock Chapel	69	73	75	62	75	70
Springfield, First	115		122	120		124
Thayer	128	130		119		
United, West Plains	180	181	183	175		187
Willow Springs	61	64	59	62	63	61
Verdella	67	61	72	70	63	74

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 averages each month.

Minute Meditation

by Gary Fry



Let's see now, ah...here it is, revival...
re viv' al, noun, [L. revivere, to live again]

1. The act of reviving or the condition of being revived.
2. a bringing or coming back into use, attention, or being after a decline.
3. restoration to vigor or activity.
4. a stirring up of religious faith among those who have been indifferent.
5. (a) meeting characterized by fervid preaching, public confession of sins, professions of renewed faith, etc., aimed at arousing religious belief.
(b) a series of such meetings.

These are the "official" definitions of revival as listed in the dictionary. I'm sure that there are many others that can be added to these. At least I've heard lots of things said about revival that seem to define it. Such as... "a real revival has to last at least two weeks," or "that wasn't much of a revival, no one got saved," or "yep, we got Bro. Hornblow coming to preach - we'll have a 'real' revival now."

Now I'm not sure about these additional conditions that seem to define revival. I know the context of the two week revival, and they do still

exist, but please don't think that God doesn't have time to work on people's hearts in a weekend meeting. We seem to have no problem in God taking a long time to do a work, but can't He work swiftly as well? In fact, the greatest revival I ever had a part in took about two minutes. That's all the time God needed to speak to my heart from His Word and show me my need. Time makes no difference; how we listen does!

That great meeting didn't result in anyone being saved either, at least not right then. God got hold of me and revived my soul through His Word and the power of His Spirit and then folks got saved later because I began to work much harder.

And, Bro. Hornblow or whoever? Well, he might be the world's greatest preacher, but preachers don't produce revival. God gives revival when He is convinced that His people desire revival and not until. A good preacher knows that it wasn't him; he's just happy that God let him be standing in the pulpit when it happened.

A popular refrain from the church today is "Pray for revival." Indeed we should, but let's be sure we know what we are asking God for. He might send it and we wouldn't recognize it when it came!

With Our Missionaries

The Reeves in Spain: "Before we left to come back to the field, Linda and I asked you to pray for us during our year as pastor of the Villalba Church. Because of your prayers and support, the Lord has given us a good year. We want to thank you for your important part in our ministry here."

The Manesses in New Jersey: "We have had a wonderful month. Every area of the church is up! We have had new faces in the sanctuary every Sunday since Roll Call Sunday in March. We have six or seven new Sunday School teachers and we now have an Educational Director."

The Bob Thomases in Colorado: "We have seen some new people attending our services. We are thankful for this. Jeff Night, who has moved here from Kansas, has attended for the past three Sundays. We are seeing growth in the Mark Hixon family. Their eight-year-old son was saved, and there are others..."

The Baileys in Japan: "Two women have been saved at the Iriso Church, Miss Sakurai and Mrs. Saito. It was determined at the Annual Field Council Meeting that, if financially possible, our term should be extended two years, making it a six year term. Please pray that the necessary finances will be available."

The Pooles in Brazil: "Forty attended the Fourth Workers Conference...VBS went far beyond expectations with an average attendance of 79...Attendance at Camp for Junior week, 90; for Youth Week, 40...Pray that the Lord will give us power to witness in this country where devil worship is very strong."

The Curt Hollands, appointees to Brazil: "God has blessed us. We praise Him for His safety and care. We now have over \$1,200 of our monthly support raised and over \$3,000 of our cash raised. Thanks for your prayers and support during this busy summer."

The Pinkertons, anxious to return to Ivory Coast: "We are grateful to everyone for their prayers and financial support. Please continue to pray and give that we may be able to return in November."

The Lytles in Panama on itinerant: "We look forward to being with the churches in Missouri in the spring of

A True Story About Sharing!

by Carol Pinkerton, Missionary to Ivory Coast

TWO LITTLE GIRLS IN MISSOURI

One girl is six. She goes to kindergarten. The other is just three. They go to a Free Will Baptist Church. They know God. They know about missionaries. They care. They pray. Their hearts are tender.

They have a piggy bank...but it isn't as full as it was before the Missionary Conference. The older girl set an example — she emptied it!! She took all the quarters, dimes, and nickels out, placing them in a quarter-saver book from the mission department. With a big smile, she gave it to a Foreign Missionary. She took all the pennies and put them back in the piggy bank.

What example did she show her younger sister?

Who has taught her such unselfish sharing?

Could she be your daughter? Or in one of your classes at church?

Do you, AS AN ADULT, give away MORE than you keep when the Mission Offering is taken?

...A Little Child Shall Lead Them.

Thank you, Grace. May you and Ruth always have caring, compassionate hearts.

1992. Continue to pray for the work in Panama. The graduates from the Bible Institute this year are teaching in San Vicente. Stan Bunch is trying to purchase land in Parita, in spite of opposition from the Catholic Church."

The McClures in Mexico: "We are praising the Lord with our brother, Poncho, who graduated from the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute in Altamira. The Lord made it possible for us to go and take many of the villagers with us. There were 19 of us. Even though we had a tire 'that gave up the ghost,' the Lord worked a miracle whereby we were able to attend. Please continue to remember us in prayer."

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

A very vital part of revival and evangelism involves our positive attitude toward what God is doing.

God is at work bringing people to Himself. Like the kindergartner who received Christ this week in a Christian school. Or, the ninety-year-old grandfather who was saved recently. And, the teenager who trusted Christ at the camp this summer. We can all rejoice and give praise to God for His grace!

As you and I talk of revival in our church and community, we help create the revival expectation of those around us. When we look for, and point out the positive effects of evangelism, we are helping to keep evangelistic fires burning.

Attending revival services, speaking well of the evangelist, inviting others to join us for the services, etc., are good ways to encourage a desire in others to let revival time be a positive influence in their lives.

I want to thank God for you who enhance revival and evangelism in your area through your positive attitude. May God bless you.

Reaching The Lost Through Sunday School Evangelism



ENLARGE YOUR VISION

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields" (John 4:35).

VISION, it all began with a vision. In 1845 a group of men gathered in Augusta, Georgia, to organize a new denomination. As a tribute to their faith and vision this inscription was written: "Men who see the invisible, hear the inaudible, believe the incredible, and think the unthinkable!" Their vision began the Southern Baptist Convention. You, too, can be that type of man. What God has done through others, He can do through Free Will Baptists. But, remember, it all begins with your vision.

God is calling you to "Enlarge your Vision." Remember, no force on earth can stop you when you are doing something great for Him.

The Fall Sunday School Campaign is designed as a time of increased vision, awareness, and burden. This campaign is one of your semi-annual evangelism and church growth Sunday School drives.



Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Manhood and womanhood are the beautiful handiwork of God. He carefully designed our differences and they are unique. Yet...the tendency today is to stress the equality of men and women by minimizing these unique distinctions. The phrase, "you've come a long way baby," is on the lips of many. Today, terms such as "housewife" or "homemaker," are considered an insult in many circles.

In 1968, one-third of all employed people in the United States were women. The percentage is much higher today. Today's woman hears and talks much about her rights...equal wages, equal honors, equal opportunities, etc. Having won equal rights and opportunities, has she lost the honor of being a woman?

A new family is also on the horizon. One that is characterized by democratic ideals of equality for men and women, husbands and wives. But with this new family, new roles are also being developed. Men, women, boys, and girls are having to rediscover what it means to be a man or woman. As a result, there is ensuing confusion...confusion over male/female roles as designed by God.

However, this confusion is only of the world. The Bible is clear on the masculinity/femininity issue. Specific responsibilities and roles are clearly defined. In Ephesians 5:28, God's Word says: "So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies..." And in Ephesians 5:22, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord." The Scriptures base this differentiation, not on temporary cultural norms, but on permanent facts of creation.

Yet, the Biblical view is often overlooked or ignored, and the confusion continues. As a result of this confusion, many homes are being threatened. In the next two issues, I will attempt to examine some expressions of this masculine/feminine issue.

Next month: "Uniquely Woman"



Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

Last month, I turned on the television in time to hear a minister title his message "Getting in God's Way." He immediately emphasized that this title was not to be confused with "Getting in God's Will" (for people like me who prepared to hear a message on getting in the "way" God wants us to go). His message was directed at people who literally get in God's way — whether intentional or unintentional — when He has a plan in which the results might not be what we hoped.

The "culprits" he spoke to were people who, like me, have the "gift of mercy." You know the type (you may even be one yourself) — one whose heart goes out to every hurting soul and decides he will do everything in his power to change the course that this hurting one's life has taken. God does intend for us to uplift our brothers and sisters; however, we need to recognize that God often has to use unfortunate circumstances to bring a non-believer to trust Him or a Christian to wholly put his faith in the only One who can solve the problem.

Parents are often guilty of "stepping in" on behalf of their children, husbands on behalf of their wives, pastors on behalf of their congregation...this is only natural because love drives us to be concerned. So how do we know if God has put someone before us to show Christian love and concern, OR if He is trying to tell us to simply allow Him to do His will and "Stay out of the way"?

1. Prayer is the main key — prayer that God will guide us, allowing us to recognize where He need us to be. As hard as it may be to allow someone to suffer, we need to know God is often working on a miracle for that exact situation.
2. A kind but firm heart — one that will not use "God may be working here" as an excuse to keep from helping someone who needs it. This same heart full of kindness and willingness to help must also be firm enough to "get out of the way" when it's required.

3. The maturity to apply the same principle to our own lives. God may be impressing upon someone to allow Him to do the work when there's a problem working in our hearts — recognizing that, will prevent hard feelings from thinking that unconcern is being shown to you. By the same token, don't cheat a fellow brother the blessing of helping when it's required of God to assist.

Are you in His will — or in His way? Let's get into God's will and get out of God's way!!!

Southeastern Tip-off Tournament

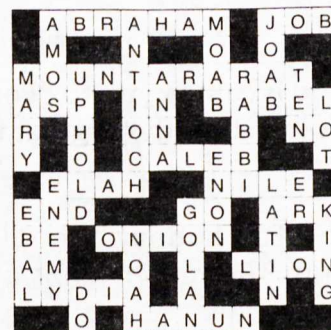
The field is set for this year's annual Southeastern Tip-off Tournament, December 5-7. It looks as if there will be good competition for all involved.

This year's tournament will have Hilltop from Fuquay Varina, NC, defending its championship title against last year's tournament runner-up, Cramerton Christian Academy, Cramerton, NC.

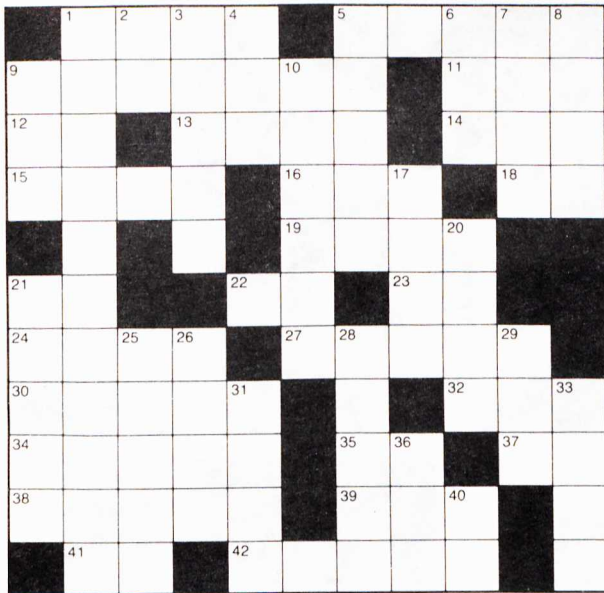
Joining the field of challengers will be Emmanuel Christian School, Wabash, IN; Gateway, Virginia Beach, VA; Raleigh Christian, Raleigh, NC; Faith Christian, Goldsboro, NC; Ruth's Chapel, New Bern, NC; and Victory Christian, Columbus, MS.

We are expecting a great time of competition and fellowship.

Answers to last month's Puzzle 7



PUZZLE 8



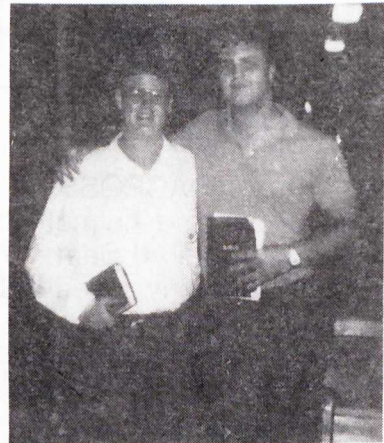
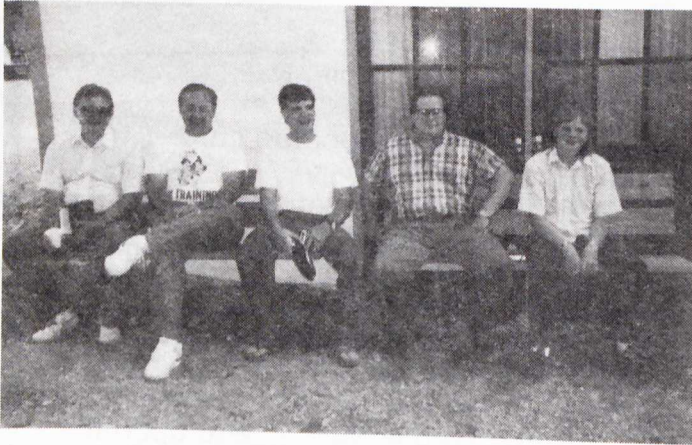
ACROSS

1. Goliath wore a helmet of brass and a _____ of mail. (I Sam. 17:5)
5. Made from clay, used in building (Nah. 3:14)
9. "And _____ us our debts" (Matt. 6:12)
11. Son of Bela (I Chr. 7:7)
12. Father of Shuppim and Huppim (I Chr. 7:12)
13. A city of Canaan (Josh. 15:50)
14. "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the _____ her of us all." (Gal. 4:26)
15. " . . . it is the _____ of God." (Eccl. 3:13)
16. "Desiring to be teachers of the _____" (I Tim. 1:7)
18. "_____ are bound to thank God always for you" (II Thess. 1:3)
19. " . . . idolaters, and all _____s, shall have their part in the lake which burneth" (Rev. 21:8)
21. " . . . which _____ the first began to be spoken by the Lord" (Heb. 2:3)
22. "And _____ is before all things" (Col. 1:17)
23. "Arise, _____ unto Nineveh" (Jonah 3:2)
24. " . . . _____ is my beloved Son" (Matt. 3:17)
27. " . . . and the fields shall _____ no meat" (Hab. 3:17)
30. Lotan's sister (Gen. 36:22)
32. " . . . so _____ him walk" (I Cor. 7:17)
34. _____, the saint of the Lord (Ps. 106:16)
35. "For thou hadst cast _____ into the deep" (Jonah 2:3)
37. " . . . but the unjust knoweth _____ shame." (Zeph. 3:5)
38. " . . . let all . . . the world stand _____ of him." (Ps. 33:8)
39. See 36 down.
41. " . . . the Lord is thy _____ade upon thy right hand." (Ps. 121:5)
42. A prince of Persia (Esth. 1:14)

DOWN

1. An epistle written by Paul to the people of Corinth
2. " . . . Hath this been in your days, _____ even in the days of your fathers?" (Joel 1:2)
3. A precious stone (Ezek. 27:16)
4. A metal (Num. 31:22)
5. Father of Zechariah (Ezra 8:11)
6. A town in South Judah (Josh. 15:29)
7. " . . . before the cock _____ twice" (Mark 14:30)
8. A bird forbidden as food (Lev. 11:14)
9. The parable of the _____ tree (Luke 13:6-9)
10. The _____ of Achor (Hos. 2:15)
17. " . . . against those that oppress the hireling in his _____s" (Mal. 3:5)
20. " . . . Who shall _____ us away the stone . . . ?" (Mark 16:3)
21. Grandson of Sheshan (I Chr. 2:35)
25. A son of Zophah (I Chr. 7:36)
26. " . . . though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as _____" (Is. 1:18)
28. Father of Hanani (Ezra 10:20)
29. "And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the _____" (Dan. 6:17)
31. A city (I Chr. 6:73)
33. A judge of Israel (Judg. 10:1, 2)
36. " . . . the _____ of the Lord is upon them that fear him" (Ps. 33:18)
40. The name of a well dug by Isaac's servants: _____ek (Gen. 26:20)

Youth Camp Memories



Financial Information

AUGUST 1991

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board	\$ 4,615.58
17.50% Exec. Off. & Gem.	4,366.09
3.50% General Fund	873.24
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	2,120.67
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.	623.72
2.50% C.E. Board	623.72
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board	623.72
5.00% Mo. State Retirement Program	1,247.45
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	7,609.47
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	
(\$76.09 included in \$7,609.47)	
9.00% State Office & Bookstore Bldg.	2,245.42
Total	\$24,949.08

We are so grateful to the Lord for His blessings on this Biblical plan that supports His work. May He continue to bless every faithful pastor, church, and layperson as they continue to support the cause of Christ through cooperative giving. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!

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%.

AUGUST 1991 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE

Sedalia	\$ 100.00
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Kingsway	236.39
Royal Oak	98.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	83.94
Salem	60.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	46.40
Columbia	75.00
Rolla	72.92
Overland	121.78
Hartville	266.10
Monett	491.53
Number One	30.62
Lebanon, First	499.13
Liberty	233.00
Harmony, KC	373.00
Bailey Chapel	60.00
Rock Chapel	255.66
Friendship	268.35
Springfield, First	586.57
Olivet	400.00
Hurryville	294.62
Belton	429.95
Verdella	172.85
Stockton	103.80
Victory, Alton	243.00
Cape Girardeau	461.66
Hopewell	125.00
Pleasant Ridge	90.00
Parkview	301.44
Calvary Chapel	79.07
Unity	161.96
Cabool	218.76
Heritage	110.00
Lone Star	28.43
Mill Creek	195.12
Mine La Motte	47.63
Merl's Chapel	126.00

Mt. Pisgah	146.00
Potosi	125.28
DeSoto	640.00
New Hope	12.50
Fredericktown, First	431.32
Happy Home	116.74
Old Liberty	38.88
Seymour	81.00
Black Oak	227.32
Houston	310.39
New Life, Licking	191.05
Hannon	304.43
West Plains, First	377.20
Flat River, First	466.26
Freeman Chapel	188.88
Oak Grove, Norwood	95.45
Union Grove	159.00
Grant Avenue	677.11
Farmington	1,668.16
St. Francois District Assoc.	18.00
United, W.P.	500.38
Jones Chapel	374.85
Mountain Grove, First	1,556.62
Grace	847.00
Victory, KC	437.21
New Harmony	24.23
Carthage	110.00
Marshfield	223.60
Waynesville	642.25
Pleasant Hill	44.11
Terrill Road	81.00
Bethel, El Dorado	50.53
Eastern Gate	283.45
Lingo	39.87
Copper Mines	281.20
Kirksville	171.61
Wolf Creek	418.85
New Rock Springs	56.00
Beacon	750.00
Leadington	241.48
Trinity	818.85
Macedonia	20.00
Carthage	110.00
Oak Hill, Union	340.73
Willow Springs	240.73
Myrtle	206.33
Kingsway	230.78
New Life Fellowship	475.52
Number One	29.81
Hartville	309.83
Monett	567.54
Houston	262.99
Crossroads	50.00
Fourth	125.00
Calvary, Conway	179.08
Total	\$24,949.08

YOUTH CAMP

Hartville	\$ 20.00
Parkview	10.00
St. Louis District Assoc.	81.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
DeSoto	50.00
Hannon	15.00
West Plains, First	332.44
Flat River, First	127.18
Fordland	20.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Buffalo	50.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Ginny Dugger	100.00
Joanna George	100.00
Carlee Jones	25.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Trinity	14.00
Macedonia	10.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Myrtle	48.00
Mountain Grove	10.00
Total	\$1,096.62

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Hannon	\$ 50.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Farmington	133.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Victory, KC	27.33

Beacon	50.00
Oak Hill, Union	18.50
Total	\$322.58

FWBCC

Parkview	\$ 10.00
DeSoto	35.00
Grant Avenue	210.00
Farmington	126.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Total	\$416.75

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington	\$35.00
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JOHN McCLURE ACCOUNT

Monett	\$ 10.00
Verdella	10.00
Farmington	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Grace	27.50
Victory, KC	5.00
Joplin Joy Makers	50.00
AR Woman's Auxiliary	100.00
MO Woman's Auxiliary	12.00
Total	\$269.50

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Columbia	\$ 10.00
O'Fallon	35.00
Hartville	53.22
Blue Springs	55.00
Monett	343.00
Lebanon, First	75.00
Greater KC District	2,318.64
Rock Chapel	148.00
Belton	50.00
Parkview Mission Group	60.00
Verdella	330.23
B. Thompson	25.00
N. Akeman	10.00
Pleasant Ridge	45.00
Parkview	252.00
Calvary Chapel	20.00
Viburnum	75.00
Southside	200.00
Bethel	135.00
Merl's Chapel	200.00
Mt. Pisgah	100.00
DeSoto	350.00
Carl Layman	10.00
Houston	212.66
Hannon	419.43
West Plains, First	5.00
Flat River, First	93.26
Freeman Chapel	443.55
Oak Grove, Norwood	63.64
Oak Grove, Cabool	65.00
Fordland	77.00
H. Darter	100.00
Grant Avenue	910.11
Farmington	496.51
Calvary Fellowship	974.81
United, W.P.	34.41
Grace	19.25
Victory, KC	180.00
New Harmony	121.15
Greenfield	70.00
Carthage	127.00
Marshfield	10.00
Eastern Gate	38.34
Kirksville	45.00
Beacon	322.00
Leadington	30.00
Trinity	455.19
Macedonia	10.00
Blue Springs	55.50
Oak Hill	31.00
Niangua	57.00
Myrtle	875.00
Richwoods	62.00
United, W.P.	619.93
Hartville	61.96
Mountain Grove	280.00
Monett	619.00
Fourth	91.26
O'Fallon	35.00
Total	\$13,011.05

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Columbia	\$ 10.00
O'Fallon	25.00
Blue Springs	10.00
Lebanon, First	5.00
Rock Chapel	121.04
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
Verdella	15.00
Parkview	38.00
Viburnum	38.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
DeSoto	200.00
Hannon	5.00
West Plains, First	4.00
Flat River, First	51.63
Oak Grove, Norwood	31.81
Fordland	20.00
H. Darter	25.00
Grant Avenue	20.00
United, W.P.	5.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Grace	115.00
Victory, KC	15.00
Carthage	67.00
Eastern Gate	10.00
Kirksville	95.63
Wolf Creek	51.86
Beacon	40.00
Leadington	15.00
Trinity	20.00
Blue Springs	10.00
Oak Hill	23.00
Myrtle	149.00
Richwoods	22.00
Mountain Grove	250.00
Monett	10.00
O'Fallon DVS	100.00
O'Fallon	25.00
Total	\$1,752.97

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Columbia	\$ 35.00
O'Fallon	25.00
Lebanon, First	65.00
S.E. District	25.00
Pleasant Ridge	25.00
Parkview	5.00
Viburnum	13.00
Southside	10.00
Bethel	25.00
DeSoto	50.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
Hannon	152.21
West Plains, First	15.00
Flat River, First	51.63
Fordland	10.00
Grant Avenue	123.71
Farmington	120.00
Calvary Fellowship	5.00
United, W.P.	29.41
Grace	35.00
Victory, KC	30.00
New Harmony	121.15
Carthage	20.00
Marshfield	32.36
Eastern Gate	20.00
Leadington	5.00
Trinity	80.00
Macedonia	25.00
Oak Hill	16.00
Myrtle	68.00
Richwoods	10.00
Mountain Grove	45.00
Fourth	10.00
O'Fallon	25.00
Total	\$1,352.47

An Expression of Love From The Food Service Department

(This article come from three ladies who work faithfully in the kitchen and dining area at Free Will Baptist Youth Camp.)

The Food Service Department at the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, Niangua, Missouri, would like to say "Thanks" to the Camp Board for the new oven that was installed last year. The exhaust fan is appreciated also. It may not be like an air-conditioner, but it really helps.

We want to thank everyone that has had a part in keeping the camp functioning for so many years. It is always so good to see so many bubbling with joy as they participate in the camp activities.

We know that there have been many souls saved and many decisions made for Christian Service. Only the Lord knows all that has been accomplished for His glory. The Teens, who serve the Lord in helping each year, contribute a lot of work hours to the ministry of the Youth Camp.

The Lord has done so many wonderful things for all of us and we love Him for it.

Signed — Ginger Dugger, Hartville Church; Carlee Jones, Conway Church; & Joanna George, Marshfield Church.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thanks, ladies, for your nice gift to Youth Camp (they gave \$225.00 for the Cook's Cabin) and your devoted love and labor for this ministry of the Lord.

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