

GEM

**THE
FREE WILL BAPTIST**

Volume 61, No. 11, November 1991

Free Will Baptist
Library

Let us give thanks

Thanks to God for my Redeemer,
Thanks for all Thou dost provide,
Thanks for times now but a memory,
Thanks for Jesus by my side,
Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime,
Thanks for dark and dreary fall,
Thanks for tears by now forgotten,
Thanks for peace within my soul,
Thanks for prayers that Thou hast answered,
Thanks for what Thou dost deny,
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,
Thanks for all Thou dost supply,
Thanks for pains, and thanks for pleasure,
Thanks for comfort in despair,
Thanks for grace that none can measure,
Thanks for love beyond compare,
Thanks for roses by the wayside,
Thanks for thorns their stems contain,
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain,
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,
Thanks for heavenly peace with Thee,
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,
Thanks through all eternity.

Perseverance In The Work Of God

EDITOR'S NOTE: This study in Perseverance was prepared and presented by Rev. Charlie Miller at the South Central District Association, in a workshop session. It deserves our time to read it and study it. Brother Miller is a dedicated and committed servant of the Lord. He has been actively involved in the State and National ministries for several years, and he is presently serving as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in DeSoto, MO. He is a member of the Senior Adult Ministries Board, which is one of the Standing Boards of the State Association.

PERSEVERE — To persist in anything undertaken in spite of difficulty or obstacles.

TEXT VERSE — “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not” (Galatians 6:9).

I. OBSTACLES TO PERSEVERANCE

A. OUR ADVERSARY

Ephesians 6:12 - “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

I Peter 5:8 - “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”

II Corinthians 4:3,4 - “But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”

B. OUR ATTITUDE

Ecclesiastes 11:4 - “He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.”

Proverbs 22:13 - “The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.”

Proverbs 26:13 - “The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets.”

Numbers 13:31,32 - “But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, . . .”

C. LACK OF DETERMINATION

Daniel 1:8 - “But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: . . .”

Mark 2:4 - “And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.”

D. LACK OF COURAGE

Psalms 78:9 - “The children of Ephraim, being

armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.”

Proverbs 24:10 - “If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.”

E. INDOLENCE (having a disposition to avoid exertion)

Ecclesiastes 10:18 - “By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.”

Proverbs 24:30,31 - “I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; and, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.”

II. WEAPONS FOR PERSEVERANCE

A. THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

Acts 1:8 - “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

II Corinthians 10:3-5 - “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;”

B. PERSONAL RIGHTEOUSNESS

Job 17:9 - “The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.”

Psalms 92:12 - “The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.”

Hebrews 1:8 - “But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom.”

C. PERSONAL JOY

Nehemiah 8:10 - “. . . neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

John 15:11 - “These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.”

All items for publication must be in the hands of the editor *no later than the 10th of the month* preceding the issue month. Business Office: 202 West Commercial, Lebanon, Missouri 65536. Clarence Burton, Editor. Address all correspondence relating to the GEM, including subscription and mailing information, to the above address. The sermons and articles published in the GEM represent the personal views of the authors and not necessarily the views and policies of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists or of the editor. Subscription rates: Single subscription, \$4.50 per year, cash in advance. Church Plan \$4.00 per year consisting of five subscriptions or more. The Church Plan will continue until it is canceled by the church. This magazine is published monthly.

Isaiah 12:3 - "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation."

D. PERSONAL HOLINESS

Isaiah 35:8 - "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those; the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein."

I Peter 2:9 - "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

III. REWARD FOR PERSEVERANCE

Galatians 6:9 - "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Psalms 126:5,6 - "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bring his sheaves with him."

II Corinthians 9:6 - "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

II Timothy 4:7,8 - "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day, . . ."



Clarence Burton



From
The Desk of
The

Executive Secretary

FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."

(Psalm 103:1-5)

As I read this I sense the Psalmist is speaking from a heart that is overflowing with love and thanksgiving for the many wonderful blessings with which the Lord had so richly blessed him.

May I ask you, "Do you not feel as did the Psalmist?" To be sure we have some rough spots along the way, and sometimes it may seem that we have more 'hard times' than 'good times.' But when we pause to think on that which God has done for us, and count our blessings, it will, as the song states, "surprise us what the Lord hath done."

In the above Scripture there are five things for which the Psalmist is thankful, and as I pause during this Thanksgiving Season, I will mention three more.

I thank God for Family. In His wisdom the Lord ordained the family and gave to us the guidelines by which it can be whole and wholesome. The size (quantity) of the family is not important. It is the quality of the family that enables it to function for the good of each one and the whole unit. May God in His mercy help us that we will never, never, trade this for the 'alternate lifestyle' that is being pushed on us by the homosexuals and lesbians! If this happens, our society, our nation, will be completely rotten to the core, and will come under severe judgement of God.

I thank God for Fellowship. Many times in Scripture the expression is used, "fellowship in the gospel." This fellowship can be enjoyed in the biological family, when the family members belong to the family of God. And, having been brought up in a Christian home and enjoying a Christian home with my immediate family, what a joy to have this family Christian fellowship. But this fellowship extends beyond biological relationship — it reaches out in the local church, the district association, the state association, the national association, and to be sure beyond that, as we are brought into contact with people of all races, cultures, shapes and sizes. It is good to be a Christian, and through this relationship with the Lord, enjoy a brother/sister relationship with so many who enrich us so much!

I thank God for Fun. Now I have given priority to the important things as the five that are listed in the Scripture selection. So I am not getting my priorities confused. But as I enjoy this Thanksgiving Season, I will be thankful for the 'fun' that I will enjoy with my family. As I write this I can hardly wait until I see my two sons, Steve and John, their lovely wives, Vickie and Debbie, and three wonderful, beautiful, handsome grandchildren! The oldest is 15, next is 13, and the youngest 12. If the weather is nice, we will play ball, go to the Pizza Hut, and pop some popcorn. If the weather is cold, and if there is snow — maybe a little winter sport and the eating and watching our favorite football teams. And I know that Vivian will have the turkey and all the trimmings for the big Thanksgiving Dinner.

So, this Thanksgiving Season, I will remember to thank God for His many wonderful blessings, and along with this I will also include *Family, Fellowship, and Fun!*



Reports from the Churches

BELTON VBS OFFERING TO YOUTH CAMP PROJECT —

The Belton Free Will Baptist Church had another wonderful VBS held August 11-16, writes Gene Howell, pastor. The Vacation Bible School was directed by very capable directors, Brother and Sister Preston and Pam Payne.

There were four first-time decisions, with one of these following the Lord in Believer's Baptism. The average attendance was 93.

The offering received at the VBS, \$157.02, was given to the Youth Camp to help pay for the new Water System. It was a fun thing as the girls and the boys competed with each other. The girls won by a narrow margin; but as was stated by Sister Pam, "There were no losers, as this money is going for a very good cause."

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY FOR CHARLIE MILLER —

(The following information was taken from a publication of the First Free Will Baptist Church in DeSoto.) On Sunday, September 15, 1991, the DeSoto Free Will Baptist Church held a special appreciation day for the pastor, Rev. Charlie Miller. Brother Richard White, a deacon of the church, served as Master of Ceremonies.

The celebration began when he introduced Sister Sharon Orrick. She presented Brother and Sister Miller with a bounteous 'money tree' that had been gathered secretly from the members of the congregation.

Sister Sharon, on behalf of the congregation, gave a beautiful message of love and appreciation to Brother and Sister Miller. Brother Larry Voyles, with other musicians, did a wonderful picturesque presentation of the story of the storekeeper who sold the nails that were used to nail Jesus to the cross. Following this, the pastor and his wife were seated in special chairs located in the center aisle. Sister Linney Hughes read a poem to them which was a humorous and fictional poem of Brother Miller's boyhood days.

Sister Lurea Sutton expressed her love and appreciation and introduced a skit that was presented, "Super Pastor." This was revised and enacted by members of the Joy Band.

Following the skit, 'hugs and kisses' were exchanged between the pastor and the members and each other.

100TH ANNIVERSARY AT VERDELLA — Sunday, October 20, 1991, was a very special day for the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church. The church was celebrating its 100th Anniversary!

It was a beautiful Sunday and the congregation, which pleasantly filled the Verdella Church, was excited as the pastor, Rev. Don Anderson, gave a warm welcome to the members and friends who had gathered for the memorable occasion. Bill Walker led the congregation in some very appropriate songs, and Staci Spurgeon was used to bless the service with a beautiful special song.

The pastor introduced Rev. Clarence Burton, State Executive Secretary, to deliver the morning message. Rev. Burton commended the Verdella Church for its faithful

and loving service as servants of the Lord and as soldiers involved in obeying the command of the Commander. He stated the basic reason the Verdella Church had remained alive and active for the past 100 years was: The Message had not changed, the Method had not changed, the Messenger had not changed, and the Mission had not changed.

Following a delicious noon meal, provided by the ladies of the church and served in a spacious and decorated Fellowship Hall, the afternoon service began.

It was a full house when the pastor, Rev. Don Anderson, welcomed the visitors who came in for the Afternoon Service. Roger Phillips and Randy Sprinkle, deacons in the church, shared letters from former pastors. They were: Kenneth Turner, Winford Davis, Cletus Nichols, Dale Pitts' (deceased) family, Steve Burton, Leroy Blankenship, and Stan Bunch. Former pastors present, who brought greetings and shared their testimonies, were: Sister Alice Dickey, Archie Burgess, Alvin Hook, and Curt Holland. The testimonies, by letter and verbally, were very interesting and enjoyable. Mrs. Addias Foger, who served on the planning committee for the anniversary service, read some very interesting letters from friends and former members of the church.

The Lester Nutting Family, long-time friends of the church, blessed the congregation with fine gospel music and singing. Along with these, three ladies from the Verdella Church also rendered wonderful songs of praise: Regina Sprinkle, Staci Spurgeon, and Gayla Charlton.

The Verdella Free Will Baptist Church has a rich heritage. Following some pre-organizational meetings, the church building was completed in the fall of 1891. The first minister, according to the history, was Rev. Ogel. The church began with services one Sunday a month, then two Sundays, and eventually working to full-time. Rev. Archie Burress was elected to serve as full-time pastor in 1957. His ministry continued until 1959. The church has continued a full-time pastoral ministry.

Thayne Fast (pastor - Hickory Grove) and Hollis (Corky) Walker (pastor - Oskaloosa) were called to the ministry while members of the church. Curt Holland (a former pastor and missionary appointee to Brazil) was called to preach the gospel at a Youth Service held at the Verdella Church. Two pastors have been called to the mission field while pastoring: Stan Bunch (Panama) and Curt Holland (Brazil). Steve Reeves (missionary in Spain) answered his call to preach the gospel at the church while visiting with his sister and her family. Rev. and Mrs. (Vickie) Steve Burton, who were serving as pastor at that time.

On Wednesday, September 10, 1986, the church voted to build a new building a short distance from the existing facilities. The building committee was: Keith Crockett, Ken Spurgeon, Tom Crockett, Bill Walker, Marvin Long, and Corky Walker. The first services were held in the new building on Sunday, July 28, 1987. The dedication service was held September 13, 1987.

Three deacons serve the church: Roger Phillips, Charles Whitson, and Randy Sprinkle. Orville Foger served as deacon from 1955 to 1989. His health necessitated that he and his wife move to Blue Springs. The oldest member of the church is Sister Lena Stacy, who is in a nursing home in Kansas. She will be 100 years old in March of 1992.

Rev. and Mrs. Don Anderson (Donnie and Kayla) are serving as pastor and wife of this fine church. Brother

Anderson expressed deep gratitude to the church for its labor of love and work of faith. He said, "I believe the Lord will continue to bless this church as it continues to win the lost to Christ and strengthen the Christians."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Congratulations to this fine church, the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church, for its long and faithful service to the Lord.



The Pastor and Church Board



The Pastor and Former Pastors



The Former Church Quartet



Enjoying Themselves



The Sunday School Superintendent and a Visitor



Members with 25 Years and More Membership with Pastor and Wife



The Wonderful Ladies of the Kitchen and Dining Area

(additional pictures on page 6)



The Lovely Three Soloists



The Nutting Family (Martha not present for photo)



The Dining Area

UNITED CHURCH LOOKING TO BUY CABIN AT YOUTH CAMP — The United Free Will Baptist Church, West Plains, Missouri, is interested in purchasing a cabin at the Missouri State Camp Grounds at Niangua, Missouri, writes Sandy Morris, church reporter.

If a church or district association has one for sale, please contact Pastor Glenn Murray at 417-256-6338 in West Plains, Missouri.



Sunday School Attendance Averages May 1991 - October 1991

CHURCHES	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
Belton	66	63	59	61	57	
Bethel, El Dorado	59	67	60	59	61	68
Calvary Fellowship	192					
Cape Girardeau	67	56	68	69	82	70
Central	91	99	82	102	102	102
Copper Mines	60	63	63	76	61	
DeSoto	203	184			183	179
Farmington	346	369	352	405	378	432
Flat River, First	111	111	108	110	108	
Hannon	98	90	101	86	102	106
Harmony	66	69	64	73	78	73
Hartville	101	96	93	92	99	
Hopewell	37	33	47	40	37	29
Houston	82	87	84	81	86	102
Lebanon, First	87	86	91	84	92	103
Marshfield	34	33	30	28	28	26
Myrtle	31	33	30	37	36	39
Overland	37	32			38	
Parkview	52	57	54	56	53	56
Potosi	52	51	56	54		
Richwoods	51	32				
Rock Chapel	73	75	62	75	70	76
Springfield, First		122	120		124	137
Thayer	130		119			122
United, West Plains	181	183	175			
Willow Springs	64	59	62	63	61	65
Verdella	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.

Olin Lincoln Shares His Idea

(Brother Lincoln is a dedicated Christian and member of the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church in Desloge, Missouri)

Brother Burton:

I have been thinking about this plan for about three weeks. If I wake up at night, it is on my mind. I have prayed about it for quite some time, and I believe that God is in it.

The plan: Every Free Will Baptist family in Missouri (and even outside Missouri is okay) give \$10.00 to bring the missionary accounts out of the red.

I do not know how many families we have in Missouri, but I am sure that there are many. The money could be given through the local church, and the church could send it to the State Office, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536. The church could designate to the Missouri missionary accounts — State Home, National Home, and Foreign. It may surprise us what the Lord can do if we follow His will and let him do it.



Mr. & Mrs. A.C. (Champer) Sells Celebrate 70th Anniversary

On Tuesday, October 22, 1991, Mr. & Mrs. A.C. (Champer) Sells of Niangua, Missouri, celebrated their 70th anniversary. They were united in marriage October 22, 1921, in Niangua and have spent most of their married life in that area. Because of ill health, it was necessary that they move to the Woodland Manor in Springfield, Missouri.

Champer and Freda accepted Christ as Saviour, followed the Lord in Believer's Baptism, and joined the Niangua Free Will Baptist Church in 1929. Rev. O.T. Alred was the pastor of the church. They and their family were active members of the Niangua Church.

When the Missouri State Association Convention met in Mtn. Grove, Monett, and in the Niangua area, Freda and Champer were the cooks. Mrs. Freda Sells was the first cook to serve at the Youth Camp and served for 22 Youth Camp sessions.

The Sells have six children, who with their spouses are: Mr. & Mrs. Glen Sells, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Sells, Mr. & Mrs. Bob (Doris) Gorman, Rev. & Mrs. Jack (Freda) Day, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Sells, and Mr. & Mrs. Beryl (Saundra) Rhyne. There are 25 living grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren. There is one deceased granddaughter and two great-granddaughters.

Mrs. Freda Sells reminds folks with whom she is in contact, "Go to church while you can. Someday you may not be able to go."

Mr. & Mrs. Sells enjoy receiving cards and visits. The address is: Mr. & Mrs. Champer Sells, Woodland Manor, 1347 Valley Water Mill Road, Springfield, Missouri 65803. Their phone number is (417) 833-9445.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Congratulations to this fine couple! You may want to send them a card as a long-time friend, or as someone who enjoys encouraging others.

Ethel Thompson Home With The Lord

Ethel L. Thompson, 86, of 1503 North Franklin, Kirksville, Missouri, passed away Tuesday evening, September 24, 1991, at the Grim-Smith Hospital in Kirksville.

On October 26, 1941, in Kirksville, Missouri, she was united in marriage to William S. Thompson, who preceded her in death on December 29, 1956.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; one step-mother, Eva Adelma Mikel; two brothers, Oscar and George Newcomer; and three sisters, Minnie Thompson, Gracie Peebles, and Nellie Craig.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Ernest and Lila Thompson; three grandsons, Bryan, Brent, and Bryce Thompson; three nieces, Bernice Thomas, June Thomas, and Leona Myers; and three nephews, Ellis Newcomer, Niel Newcomer, and Harvey Stucker.

Mrs. Thompson was a life-long resident of Adair County. She devoted thirty-two years of service as clerk of the Northeast Free Will Baptist Association. She was a member of the Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held Friday morning, September 27, at the Hazel Creek Church. Rev. Archie Cooper officiated. Music was provided by Annabelle Riley, organist, and Ginny Sevits, piano. Melodie Sevits was the soloist. Burial was at the New Harmony Cemetery, west of Greentop, Missouri. Casket bearers were Terry Sevits, Carol Harden, Bud Riley, Dale Crossgrove, Lonnie Rager, and Bill Sevits.

Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

Evangelism takes place sometimes in the most unlikely places. Paul and Silas brought a jailor to Christ while they were, themselves, prisoners. Jesus gave salvation to a woman at a public well. Philip led an important government official to the Lord in the middle of a desert.

Personally, I have witnessed individuals who came to Christ in various settings. Like the father, mother and son, who received Christ while in their home. Or, the junior age girl who came to believe while in a Sunday School classroom. Then there was the young man who came to the Lord aboard ship in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea. I recall the man who was saved in the adjoining room where a social function was in progress.

If these instances teach us anything, they should cause us to be always sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit, and the interest of individuals. Who knows, God may be preparing some heart near where you are today.



Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

As a minister of the gospel I have a moral and ethical obligation to maintain peace between the brethren, in the church, across my denomination, and with other ministers. I owe to the movement an honest effort to promote peace. In fact, when I joined the church, I pledged to promote peace.

In some areas there is a tendency to allow those who would maliciously attack others who disagree with them to go totally unpunished. They can spread inuendos and savagely attack the family or reputation of another member and never have to pay. It never hurts the perpetuation of their mischief.

It would seem, that if peace and unity is as important to the success of the Lord's church as the Bible hints, we should be diligently working to find ways to secure the good reputation of our churches, ministers and leaders.

There are some things we could do that might help alleviate this kind of evil activity: 1) Expose those who do this kind of character assassination. 2) Put pressure on to eliminate these people from places of leadership. 3) Don't protect them.

This is not innocent fun; this is character assassination. It hurts deeply. It destroys our prospects of success.



Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

UNIQUELY A WOMAN

Today, more than ever before, we hear cries for "equal rights." But, after having won equal rights in many areas, what, as women, have we gained? In gaining these rights, have we lost the "honor" of being a woman?

Women are neither inferior to men, nor superior to them. We are simply a different creation. Femininity refers not to what sin has made of womanhood, or what popular opinion has made of it, but what God willed for it to be at its best.

So the question is: "What did God create us to be?" First, we were created for companionship and fellowship. God said, "It was not good for man to be alone." So, Eve was made. Second, woman was to be a "help meet," a helper to meet Adam's needs.

But . . . there were also some

stipulations for the woman. One of those stipulations is found in Ephesians 5:22: "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord." For most, the companionship, fellowship, and help meet is not too difficult. But, that word "submission" is another matter. It appears to make many women feel unequal. It shouldn't! Submission is an attitude. It is an attitude of will that bends eagerly and willingly under the hand of God, seeking ways to obey: "I delight to do Thy will, O God," is that spirit.

Submission is simply a complete confidence that His will is the very best thing that could happen to me, coupled with my willingness to obey. When thinking of submission, keep these four things in mind:

- (1) Your obedience is always to God. Obedience to your spouse is but the overflow of that obedience.
- (2) Use the Bible as a lamp to your feet and a light unto your path.
- (3) Spend time in prayer.
- (4) Let Jesus rule your heart; then submission to your husband will not be such an unpleasant task or offence.



Thanks From The Youth Camp Board

The Youth Camp Board writes, The Missouri State Youth Camp Board would like to thank the churches, VBS, auxiliaries, and other groups for the response to the money needed to pay for the new water system.

The report continues, At present we have been able to pay back one-third of the money borrowed for the water system loan. We would like to pay off the loan as quickly as possible. Therefore, if a church, Sunday School class, youth group, auxiliary, or any group or individual can help with this financial need, it will be appreciated. Also, if a church would be interested in having "Camp Day," Rev. Ken Goff, camp superintendent, is available to come and share the plans and needs of the Missouri State Youth Camp. You may contact Rev. Goff at Youth Camp or call 417-473-6444.

FWBBC Christmas Project Goal Set for \$150,000

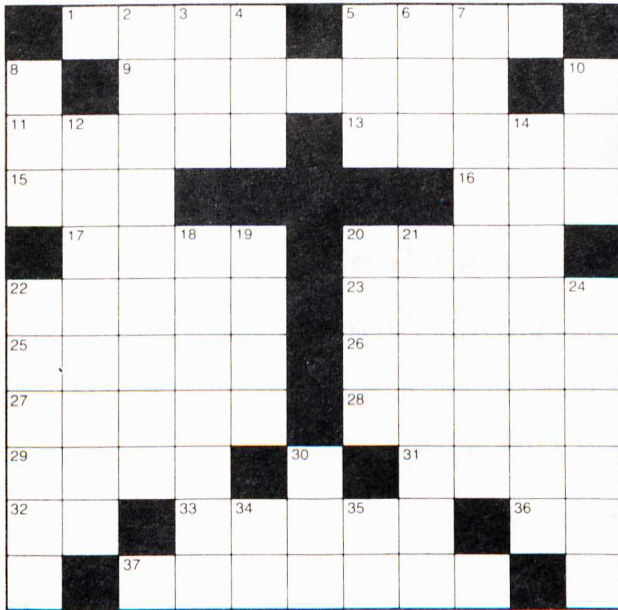
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE — Free Will Baptist Bible College's 1991 goal for the Paul Kettman Memorial Christmas Fund Drive will be \$150,000, according to Bob Shockey, Public Relations Director. Last year the denomination raised \$197,174, demolishing the \$140,000 goal.

Mr. Shockey has placed a major responsibility for meeting the goal on the students and staff. He has challenged them to raise \$85,000, more than half of the total amount he is aiming for. He has promised a gift to every student and staff member who raises anything in the drive and a special gift to all who bring in \$500 or more. Last year, members of the college family raised more than \$86,600.

Any gift, from a church or individual, in December will be credited to the drive. Gifts designated for the drive and received by January 31, 1992, will also be counted. This would be an excellent time to mount a special campaign in honor of Rev. Paul Kettman, who served for 25 years as the college's Public Relations Director. Please be responsible for keeping this drive before your church, Sunday School, or auxiliary.

PUZZLE 9

Answers in next month's GEM



ACROSS

1. "... and began to ____ his feet with tears. . . ." (Luke 7:38)
5. "... and be ready always to give an ____er" (I Pet. 3:15)
9. There was a ____ around the throne. (Rev. 4:3)
11. A race of giants (Deut. 2:10)
13. "... to be conformed to the ____ of his Son" (Rom. 8:29)
15. Abbreviation for books 15 and 16 of New Testament
16. Daniel was thrown into a ____ of lions. (Dan. 6:16)
17. Son of Caleb (I Chr. 4:15)
20. Jacob dreamed of a ____er that reached to heaven. (Gen. 28:12)
22. Made of fine linen (Ex. 39:28)
23. Asher did not expel the people of this city. (Judg. 1:31)
25. Etam's son (I Chr. 4:3)
26. Went by boat: ____d (Luke 8:23)
27. Bows were made of _____. (Psalm 18:34)
28. "... I am ____he ____esurrectio____, and the life: he that bel____eveth in me, though he were de____d, yet shall he live." (John 11:25)

29. "... he had power over t____gel, and prevailed" (Hosea 12:4)
31. Books of the Bible: ____osea, ____alatians, ____cts, ____orinthians
32. A city of Moab (Num. 21:15)
33. "Yet I will rejoice ____ Lord" (Hab. 3:18)
36. "... he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called ____ly" (Is. 4:3)
37. "And ye shall be ____d of ____ men for my name's sake" (Matt. 10:22)

DOWN

2. Joseph of _____, honorable counsellor. Hint: ae is written e (Mark 15:43)
3. Abbreviation of books 9 and 10 of the Old Testament
4. "Praise ye him, all ____angels" (Ps. 148:2)
5. Zachariah's daughter (II Kings 18:2)
6. "... ____an cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)
7. Mary wrapped Baby Jesus in _____ clothes. (Luke 2:7)
8. "... ____ they shall flee away" (Nah. 2:8)
10. The Lord spoke to Moses on Mt. Sinai and gave him ____ Commandments. (Deut. 4:13)
12. "... and to ____ unto him for ever." (I Chr. 15:2)
14. The son of Pashur (Jer. 38:1)
18. A land in Western Asia (II Kings 19:37)
19. Ground grain baked into cakes (I Kings 17:12)
20. "But many that are first shall be ____" (Mark 10:31)
21. Son of Harum (I Chr. 4:8)
22. A Benjamite (I Chr. 8:12)
24. A signal on top of a mountain (Is. 30:17)
30. "... and this is the g____ of heaven." (Gen. 28:17)
34. New Testament abbreviated
35. Son of Noah: ____m (Gen. 5:32)



November is Home Missions Month

November 24 is Home Missions Sunday

Every Free Will Baptist church is urged to give a special

Benjamin Randall Offering

for National Home Missions.

A new Benjamin Randall Video will be sent to every pastor whose church sends a special offering during November, Home Missions Month. Your gifts and prayers help build Free Will Baptist churches in the North American continent and U.S.A. owned islands. Every Free Will Baptist is asked to participate in this gigantic denominational effort for National Home Missions.

**National Home Missions Department
P. O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002**

New Location For National Offices

The offices for the National Association of Free Will Baptists has relocated. The new location is 5233 Mt. View Road, Antioch, Tennessee. The new mailing address is P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002. The phone number is 615-731-6812.

The 30,000 square foot building is surrounded by a paved parking lot and is located directly across the street from Hickory Hollow, one of the largest shopping malls in Tennessee.

The serviceable building has two floors with a ground level entrance at the front and an easy access entrance in the back. The second floor is occupied by the Foreign Missions, Master's Men, and Retirement & Insurance departments. The Executive Office, Woman's Auxiliary, and Home Missions departments are on the ground floor. Each department has its own conference room with its own decor identity. To complement this, a common decor that reflects a beauti-

ful symphony of colors is seen throughout the new office building.

The total cost of the building is \$1,475,000.00. An Advisory Committee, with representatives from 18 states met in the new National Office Building on August 27 & 28 to discuss a strategy for the Capital Stewardship Campaign, authorized by delegates during the 1991 National Convention, which met in Charleston, West Virginia. The goal of the three-year campaign is to liquidate the \$1.475 million debt.

The campaign, "A Million More by '94," calls for a speedy sale of the 1134 Murfreesboro Road property in Nashville, with proceeds paid immediately toward the debt. Approximately \$1 million will be raised through the Capital Stewardship Campaign.

The Advisory Committee urged that the campaign be implemented through the denomination's organizational structure. Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington will coordinate the campaign, working closely with the Management Committee. The

Management Committee includes directors of all national agencies occupying the facility and the WNAC executive secretary.

State promotional directors and moderators will coordinate the campaign in State Associations. State coordinators will select coordinators for districts. Coordinators will also be selected in each local church. Consequently, coordinators will be in place at every level of the denomination.

Answers to last month's Puzzle 8

■	C	O	A	T	■	B	R	I	C	K	■
F	O	R	G	I	V	E	■	I	R	I	■
I	R	■	A	N	A	B	■	M	O	T	■
G	I	F	T	■	L	A	W	■	W	E	■
■	N	■	E	■	L	I	A	R	■	■	■
A	T	■	■	■	H	E	■	G	O	■	■
T	H	I	S	■	Y	I	E	L	D	■	■
T	I	M	N	A	■	M	■	L	E	T	■
A	A	R	O	N	■	M	E	■	N	O	■
I	N	A	W	E	■	E	Y	E	■	L	■
■	S	H	■	M	E	R	E	S	■	A	■



Financial Information



SEPTEMBER 1991

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board	\$ 4,484.78
17.50% Exec. Off. & Gem	4,242.36
3.50% General Fund	848.47
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	2,060.57
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.	606.05
2.50% C.E. Board	606.05
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board	606.05
5.00% Mo. State Retirement Program	1,212.10
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	7,393.83
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	
(\$73.93 included in \$7,393.83)	
9.00% State Office & Bookstore Bldg.	2,181.78
Total	\$24,242.04

The Lord continues to bless in such a wonderful way! 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 undesigned for this year with FWBCC & Hillsdale receiving an equal amount. California Christian College will continue to receive the 1%.

SEPTEMBER 1991 RECEIPTS

COOPERATIVE

Hannon	\$ 281.60
Clifton	40.19
Stockton	105.21
Hazel Creek	424.83
Bethel, El Dorado	46.33
Heritage	101.67
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	77.49
Bethel, Festus	200.00
Central	710.11
Merl's Chapel	145.00
Rock Chapel	329.27
Friendship	421.75
Cope	41.00
Thayer	569.00
Rolla	62.98
Overland	122.50
DeSoto	780.00
Belton	310.79
Verdella	168.25
Lone Star	49.80
Mt. Grove	981.28
Columbia	75.00
Freeman Chapel	194.50
Pleasant Ridge	100.00
Mine La Motte	26.33
Mt. Zion, Gower	44.40
Macedonia	20.00
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Hurryville	288.57
Calvary Chapel	92.40
Union Grove	172.00
New Hope, Fredericktown	14.72
Mill Creek	251.39
Victory, Alton	130.00
Victory Hill	47.27
Seymour	74.00
Lingo	44.44
Springfield, First	606.86
Liberty	251.11
Royal Oak	134.00

Trinity	862.16
Potosi	84.04
Parkview	319.96
Riverview	594.20
Hopewell	151.00
Happy Home	103.05
Cabool	263.97
Black Oak	232.42
Waynesville	203.96
New Harmony	20.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	85.04
Lebanon	393.75
United	579.83
Joplin	714.86
Cape Girardeau	499.92
Unity	191.93
Koshkonong	100.45
Bailey Chapel	58.00
Kirkville	145.17
Farmington 1,951.14	
Flat River, First	550.44
Marshfield	201.95
South Fremont	1,015.00
Copper Mines	195.18
Sedalia	70.77
Willow Springs	197.41
Salem	30.00
Eastern Gate	322.00
Mt. Pisgah	187.00
Grace	852.00
Grant Avenue	718.71
Carthage	110.00
Leadington	294.49
Neosho	213.75
Jones Chapel	49.00
Faith & Hope	115.62
Bootheel	13.33
Olivet	400.00
Pleasant Hill	43.13
Cope	34.00
Terrill Road	102.00
Pleasant Home	349.08
Wolf Creek	306.73
New Rock Springs	60.00
New Life, Licking	206.22
Friendship	418.89
Houston	331.89
Hartville	408.52
Rolla	83.18
Number One	44.05
Myrtle	250.32
Total	\$24,242.04

FOREIGN MISSIONS	
Hannon	\$ 386.60
Bethel, Festus	10.00
Central	162.50
Merl's Chapel	200.00
Rock Chapel	143.00
Houston	138.99
Niangua	63.00
N. Akeman	10.00
Thayer	45.00
Viburnum	100.00
DeSoto	500.00
Belton	394.00
Southside	409.36
Verdella	180.00
Columbia	307.17
Freeman Chapel	23.56
Pleasant Ridge	383.75
Macedonia	45.00
Calvary Chapel	10.00
Oak Hill, Union	20.00
Parkview Mission Group	11.00
Trinity	60.00
Faith Fair Group	252.43
Union Grove	50.00
Parkview	336.00
Oak Grove, Cabool	65.00
Bethel, Festus	180.28
New Harmony	101.01
Oak Grove, Norwood	56.70
Lebanon	80.00
United	55.95
Joplin	20.00
Greater K.C. Association	37.50
Calvary Fellowship	937.34

Fordland	120.00
Victory, K.C.	200.00
Kirkville	25.00
Farmington	340.00
Flat River, First	110.08
South Fremont	258.00
S. Hart	40.00
Eastern Gate	72.21
Mission Conference	300.00
Greenfield	120.00
Mt. Pisgah	100.00
Grace	15.50
Grant Avenue	389.34
Carthage	57.00
Leadington	30.00
Neosho	605.00
Faith & Hope	66.00
New Testament	150.00
New Harmony	2,419.00
Mountain Grove	1,110.00
Pleasant Home	80.22
Hartville	81.70
Myrtle	152.00
Total	\$12,715.19

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Hannon	\$ 10.00
Glenda Keith	10.00
Central	120.00
Rock Chapel	141.83
Thayer	137.00
Viburnum	48.00
DeSoto	200.00
Verdella	15.00
Columbia	18.57
Oak Hill, Union	16.75
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
Trinity	15.00
Parkview	48.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	28.35
Lebanon	5.00
Joplin	45.00
Fordland	15.00
Victory, K.C.	10.00
Kirkville	5.00
Flat River, First	65.04
South Fremont	24.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Eastern Gate	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Grace	115.00
Grant Avenue	21.00
Carthage	14.00
Leadington	15.00
New Testament	70.00
Pleasant Home	15.00
Wolf Creek	75.62
Myrtle	142.00
Total	\$1,590.16

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Hannon	\$ 140.80
Bethel, Festus	20.00
Central	20.00
Thayer	35.00
Viburnum	8.00
DeSoto	50.00
Southside	10.00
Columbia	35.00
Pleasant Ridge	25.00
S.E. District	25.00
Macedonia	25.00
Oak Hill, Union	27.00
Trinity	60.00
Parkview	37.20
Bethel, Festus	5.00
J.W. Rader	25.00
New Harmony	100.01
Lebanon	65.00
United	28.95
Joplin	20.00
Calvary Fellowship	30.00
Fordland	12.00
Victory, K.C.	5.00
Farmington	120.00
Flat River, First	55.04
Marshfield	20.19
South Fremont	115.00

Eastern Gate	20.00
Mission Conference	100.00
Grace	25.00
Grant Avenue	132.93
Carthage	5.00
Leadington	5.00
Faith & Hope	66.00
New Testament	50.00
Myrtle	61.00
Total	\$1,584.12

GIFTS FOR YOUTH CAMP

Hannon	\$ 15.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Merl's Chapel	100.00
Thayer	30.00
DeSoto	50.00
Macedonia	10.00
Parkview	10.00
Trinity	14.00
Fordland	20.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Flat River, First	101.20
Buffalo, First	50.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Billy G. Hughes	250.00
Belton	157.02
New Rock Springs	10.00
Hartville	10.00
Myrtle	41.00
Total	\$942.22

FWBCC

Thayer	\$ 30.00
DeSoto	35.00
Parkview	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Farmington	126.00
Grant Avenue	110.00
Total	346.75

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Hannon	\$ 50.00
Central	24.00
Thayer	35.00
Oak Hill, Union	19.50
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Farmington	133.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Total	\$305.25

GIFTS TO JOHN McCURE ACCOUNT

Thayer	\$ 12.00
Verdella	10.00
WNAC	4.75
Victory, K.C.	5.00
Farmington	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Grace	27.50
Total	\$119.25

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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

ALABAMA CHILDREN'S HOME

Myrtle	\$117.00
--------	----------

GREENVILLE, TN., CHILDREN'S HOME

DeSoto	\$50.00
--------	---------

*I will praise the name of God with
a song, and will magnify Him
with thanksgiving.*

Psalms 69:30



**MO. STATE ASSOC. OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**
202 West Commercial
Lebanon, Missouri 65536



FWB BIBLE COLLEGE
LIBRARY & FACULTY
3606 WEST END AVE.
NASHVILLE TN 37205

NON-PROFIT
BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
INDEP., MO. 64050
PERMIT NO. 331

**TO INSURE UNINTERRUPTED DELIVERY OF YOUR GEM
PLEASE INFORM US IMMEDIATELY OF YOUR NEW ADDRESS**