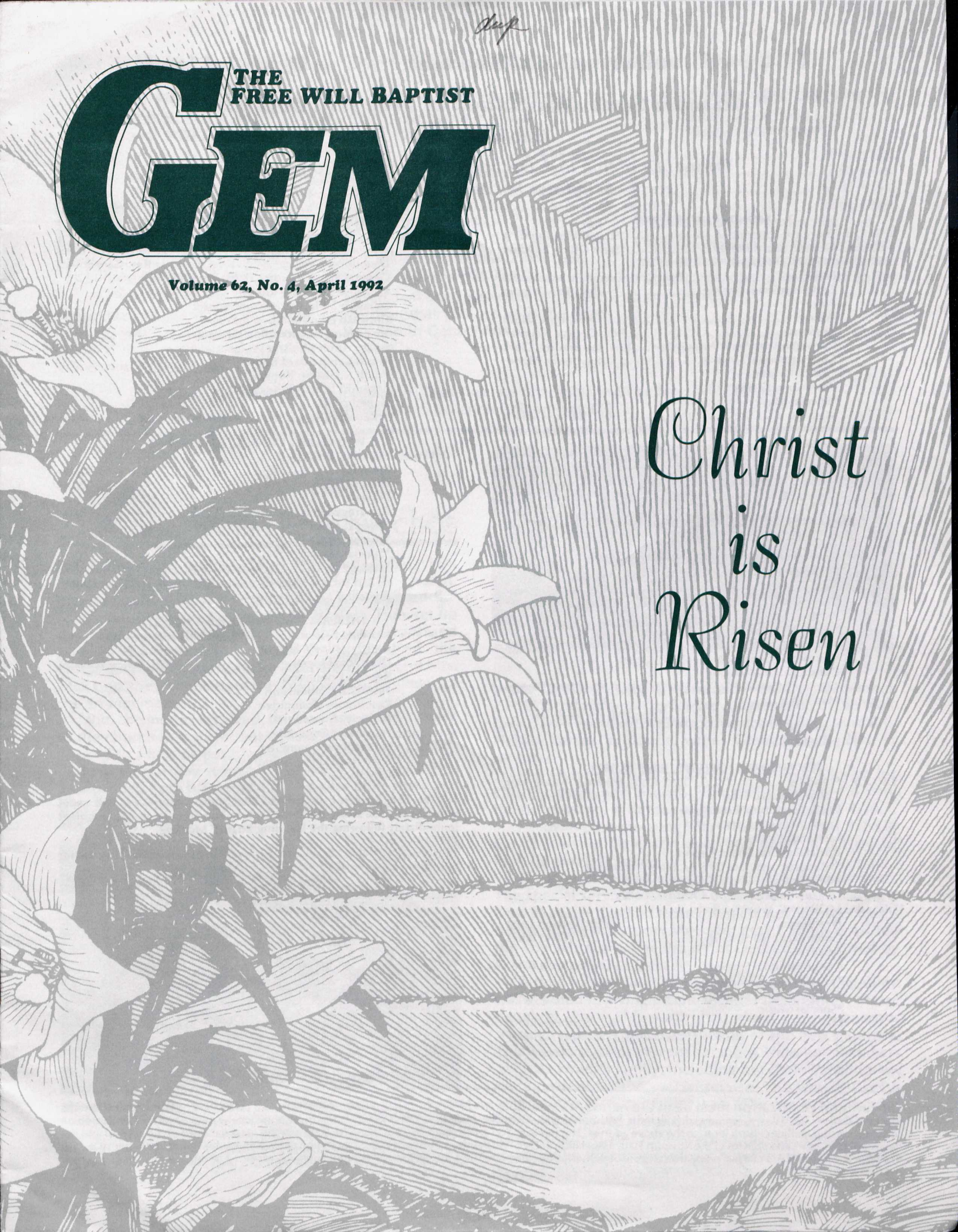


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Program

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

June 8-11, 1992

Theme: Doubling In A Decade - Fulfilling The Commission

Scripture: Focus On Phillippians

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1992

10:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meets.....State Office Building
1:00 p.m. General Board MeetsState Office Building
7:30 p.m. EVENING WORSHIP
Presiding Rev. Cody Freeman, Moderator
Congregational Singing Rev. Jerry Pilgrim
Prayer
Welcome Rev. Dan Talbot
Response Rev. George Nauman
Convening the State Association... Rev. Joe Braddy, Clerk
Congregational Singing Rev. Jerry Pilgrim
*Special Music
Worship in Giving
*Special Music
Message Rev. Jeffery Gaskins
"The War We Must Fight"

Invitation
Benediction

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1992

9:00 a.m. General Board MeetsState Office Building

MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

(Program not available at press time)

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 9, 1992

7:30 p.m. EVENING WORSHIP
Presiding Rev. Rick Dement
Congregational Singing Rev. Jerry Pilgrim
Prayer
*Special Music
Congregational Singing Rev. Jerry Pilgrim
Worship in Giving
Congregational Singing
*Special Music Rev. Jerry Pilgrim
Message Rev. Wesley Rider
"The Will We Must Follow"

Invitation
Benediction

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 10, 1992

9:00 a.m. Presiding Rev. Cody Freeman, Moderator
Congregational Singing Rev. David Bates
Credential Committee Report
Seating of Delegates
Moderator's Message
Partial General Board Report
**Reports: National Offices, Free Will Baptist
Bible College, Hillsdale Free Will Baptist
College, and California Christian College
11:00 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP
Presiding Rev. Vernon Long
Congregational Singing Rev. David Bates
Prayer
Congregational Singing Rev. David Bates
*Special Music
Congregational Singing Rev. David Bates
*Special Music
Message Rev. Sterl Paramore
"The Witness We Must Furnish"

Invitation
Benediction

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 10, 1992

1:30 p.m. Rev. Cody Freeman, Moderator
Congregational Singing Rev. David Bates
Devotional Message Rev. Gary Sheets
General Board Report
Executive Secretary Report
Lebanon Bible & Bookstore Reptot
Christian Education Board Report
State Home Missions Board Report
Senior Adult Ministries Report
Youth Camp Board Report
Youth Ministries Report
**Report from National Offices
Benediction
**Reports given as designated by moderator

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 10, 1992

7:30 p.m. EVENING WORSHIP
Presiding Rev. Gary Parker
Congregational Singing Rev. David Bates
Prayer
Congregational Singing Rev. David Bates
*Special Music
Worship in Giving
*Special Music
Message Rev. Charley Miller
"The Work We Must Finish"

Invitation

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 11, 1992

9:30 a.m. Morning Session Rev. Cody Freeman, Moderator
Congregational Singing
Devotional Message Rev. Boyce Williams
Reports Continued
Historical Commission
Resolutions Committee
Obituary Committee
Placement Committee
Nominating Committee
State Association Adjourns
Benediction

NOTE: The Standing Boards of the State Association will meet immediately following the Benediction. The General Board will meet immediately following the Standing Boards' Meeting.

***The ones providing the special music will be shown on the Program for the State Convention.**

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Motel Information For Missouri State Convention, June 8-11

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4 pers. 41.29 + tax

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2 pers. - 2 Beds 34.95 + tax
2 pers. - 2 Queen Beds .. 36.95 + tax
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Rollaway \$3.00 + tax

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3 pers. 47.00 + tax
4 pers. 52.00 + tax
Children age 11 and under free

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There are other motels in Lebanon. These are the ones most used by Free Will Baptists. The motel tax in Lebanon is figured at .06725.

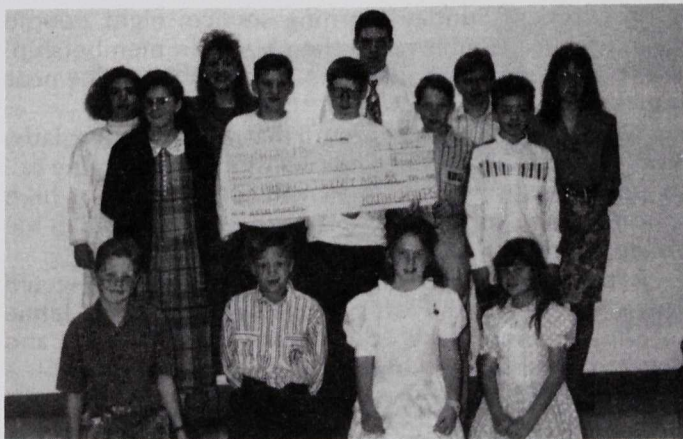


Reports from the Churches

FIRST CHURCH, Springfield — The Wednesday Night Pre-Teen Class hosted an Ice Cream Social for the church. Brenda Cagle, sponsor, originated the idea and led the class in preparing and initiating the project. They set up the tables and chairs, purchased the ice cream and goodies that went with it, took the orders from the customers, and served them for a donation. Rev. and Mrs. Max Courtney, sponsors of the Teen Group, helped with the arrangements.

With the money received, the class presented a check to the church in the amount of \$620.65. The money was applied to a new carpet fund for the church auditorium.

Pastor Courtney states, "They did a great job! This group meets each Wednesday evening for Bible study and they have a fun night once each month. They are a great asset to the church."



Shown in the photograph, left to right: bottom row - Jason Cagle, Jason Steele, Tana Whithead, Marybeth Hurst. Second row - Stephanie Cagle, Dustin Steele, Cory Eden, Adam Brown, Eddie Rubble. Third row - Jennifer Rubble, Lyndi Steele, Matt Brown, Ryan Brashears, Lacie Whithead. Not pictured - Eric Albaugh, Courtney Eden, Crystal Ford, Keith Boaz.



Pastor Helsley in Baptistry

WOLF CREEK CHURCH, Mansfield — Sunday, December 22, 1991, was a special day for the congregation of the Wolf Creek Free Will Baptist Church, where the Reverend R.E. Helsley serves as pastor, writes Glenda Keith, church reporter.

The church hosted its annual Christmas Dinner for church family and friends. The pastor delivered a very timely message, with the scripture selection John 1:10.

Following the Morning Worship, dinner was served in the Fellowship Hall, and everyone enjoyed a time of feasting and fellowship.

The church held a Dedication Service in the afternoon. The special service was for the purpose of dedicating a New Baptistry that had been installed. Rev. John Williams delivered the Dedicatory Message, and his family provided the special music. The Prayer of Dedication was led by senior deacon Otis Helsley.

A time for special acknowledgements and recognition was devoted to giving tribute to Sister Della Finley, whose daughter, Betty Shipworth, had given a very generous monetary gift for the construction of the new baptistry. This was done in memory of her mom. Nineteen members of Sister Finley's family, including her six living children, were present for the special service. The beautiful testimony given for Sister Finley was, "She was a dear sainted lady who enjoyed life and had a special love for the Wolf Creek Church. Her roots were in that church and community. Her memory is still alive and her works do follow her."

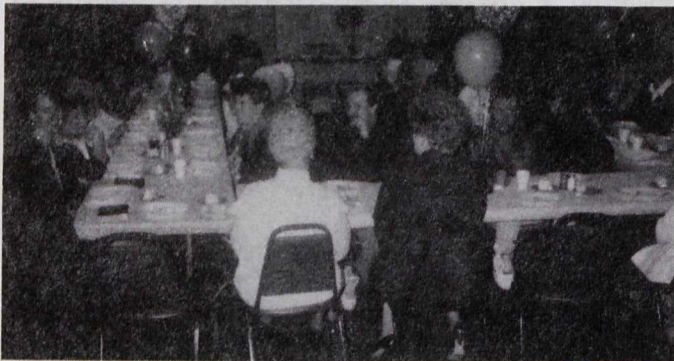
BELTON CHURCH, Belton, MO — The Belton Free Will Baptist Church in Belton, MO, held a Camp Day Service on Sunday, February 23, 1992, writes the pastor, Rev. Gene Howell.

At this special service, Camp Superintendent Rev. Ken Goff gave a promotional presentation regarding the Youth Camp Ministry. Slides were shown of the past and the present, and it was interesting to see the changes that have been made over the years. Brother Goff went from the slide presentation to a Devotional Message. At the close of the service an offering of \$449.42 was received for the Camp Ministry.

Pastor Howell states, "We are thankful for the good job that our Camp Superintendent is doing. I would like to encourage other churches to have Brother Goff for a promotional service."

STEWARDSHIP BANQUET AT CARTHAGE — A Stewardship Banquet was held Friday evening, January 31, 1992, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Carthage, MO.

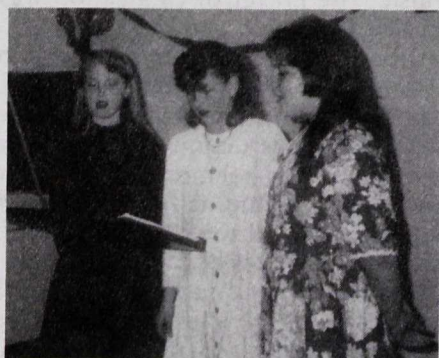
The church provided a delicious meal for the large crowd that gathered for the banquet.



The Banquet Dinner

The pastor, Rev. Jim Williams, welcomed the members and friends to this annual banquet. He stated, "This has been one of the highlights each year for the Carthage Church. This gives us an opportunity to see where we have been, where we are, and where we are going." He called attention to special items that were in the "Function and Financial Report" that had been prepared before the meeting. The report gave a close look at the ministries of the church and the cost of operation.

Entertainment was provided by the pastor who led in a very comical contest by some selected members of the church. And, The Girls Trio provided some very beautiful songs.



The Girls Trio



The Game Contestants



The Williams Family

Rev. Clarence Burton was the guest speaker. He stated, "How wonderful, and what a blessing to see the Carthage Church continue in its consistent growth. This is not a 'happen-so' experience. It comes through proper leadership by the pastor and those working with him. It is thrilling to see a church follow the leadership of the Lord, which always results in souls being saved and additions to the church."

A very interesting observation was made by one of the friends of the church following the banquet, "The members of this church get excited about a financial budget. It is no wonder that they are growing." And, that speaks well for a Mission-Church!

FRIENDSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Branson, MO

— During the past weeks we have seen a number of young people rededicate their lives to the Lord and become active in the youth ministry of the church, writes church reporter, Evelyn Knowlton.

In a recent Sunday morning service, eight people came forward to unite with the church in membership. There are plans for another baptismal service in the near future.

We are delighted to report that a fine young lady, Xanda Wilson, announced her decision to answer the call to missionary service. Xanda will graduate from high school in the spring, and plans to enter a FWB Bible college in the fall to prepare for her calling.

At the February business meeting, the members elected Jamie Coffelt to the office of assistant pastor. Jamie recently answered the Lord's call to the ministry, and plans to enter college in the fall to prepare for his life's work.

God is at work here at Friendship FWB Church, especially among the young people. More people are seeing the need for total commitment and service to the Lord. We praise God!

Rev. Bud Arnold is the pastor of the Friendship Church.

PARKVIEW CHURCH, Desloge, MO — Parkview Free Will Baptist Church enjoyed a visit from our State Youth Camp Caretaker, Rev. Ken Goff, on Sunday, February 2, 1992, writes Betty McGuire, church reporter.

At the Morning Service Rev. Goff gave news of the Youth Camp and delivered the Morning Message. In the Evening Service he showed slides and shared the plans for camp improvements. The plans include a Putt-Putt Golf Course, using scripture references at each hole, a Batting Cage, and perhaps a Tennis Court. The Youth Camp Board hopes to have the Putt-Putt Course ready for this year's camp sessions.

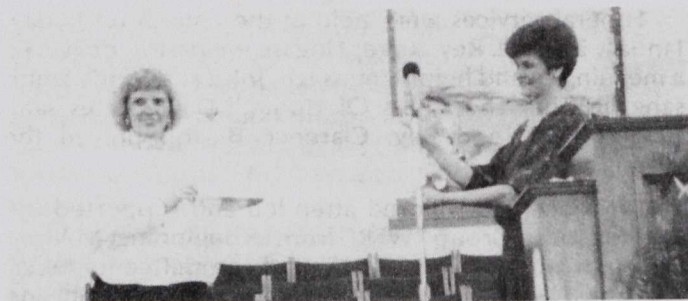
Two Sunday School classes and the Ladies Mission gave a special offering to the Youth Camp. The total amount given by the church was \$570.

The Parkview Church purchased a Girls Cabin and used it last summer. We are looking forward to enjoying spiritual blessings, fellowship, and recreation in the coming Youth Camp Sessions.

GREETINGS FROM CAPE GIRARDEAU — writes Peggy Rider, church reporter. We have good news to share with our fellow Free Will Baptists. The New Year has brought many blessings our way.

We started the year out adopting an \$84,300 budget, which is an increase of over \$11,000 over last year. For the month of January we averaged 100 in Sunday School and 120 for Worship Service, which is approximately 100 more than we had our first Sunday here, 2½ years ago. Our tithes and offerings for the month exceeded our expectations. Praise the Lord!

On February 9, Charolette Tallent was with us for the day. We were thrilled to contribute to her account in the sum of \$526.00 given by our Woman's Auxiliary, \$264.00 given by the church and \$65.00 in monthly faith promises. The Auxiliary also gave Charolette a Personal Shower. The Auxiliary, which now averages 30 ladies, also gave \$400.00 to the Baileys in Japan.



Charolette & Peggy with Check



Charolette with Gifts and Friends

To date for 1992, we have had 2 saved, 2 baptized, and 6 joined the church. Our Advisory Board is already working on plans for the construction of a multi-purpose building and additional classrooms. You can feel the excitement in

the air, as young people prepare for State Competition, Sunday School teachers purchase additional chairs for already-crowded classrooms, and decisions are made around the altars!

Our teens are working to raise money for their summer trip to Cincinnati. The enthusiasm is already mounting for Youth Camp. The Children's Church workers, Cheryl Lane, Kristi Black, Linda Rhodes, and Charolette Bagby are doing a fantastic job!

We praise the Lord for all He has done at Cape Girardeau, but we are not living on past blessings — we are excited about God's promises for us in 1992!

UNION LIGHT CHURCH, Marquand — The Union Light Church is enjoying a new Fellowship Hall. The building is very spacious, properly arranged and is being used to accommodate the many activities in the church, writes Lily Matthews, church treasurer.

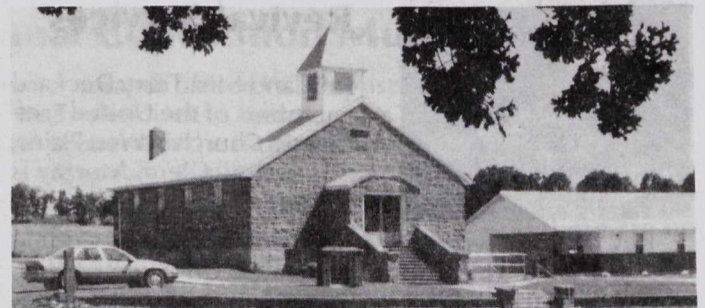
One of the wonderful praise items concerning the building is that a loan was secured by the Trustee Board for 5 years. The note was paid in nine months!

The new Fellowship Hall was especially helpful when the church auditorium was being painted and new carpeting was laid. The church was able to hold services in the new facility.

Rev. Raymond Michaels, Free Will Baptist pastor, recently delivered a message, using as his subject, "The Snares of Satan." The scripture used was Matthew 4:1-11 and 2 Corinthians 2:11. He emphasized how easy it is for a person to get caught in the snares of Satan and how difficult it is to break his power over our lives.

Sister Matthews continues, the Union Light Church is thankful for the blessings of the Lord and we pray that we shall always be an effective witness for Him.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Union Light Church is a unique church. It is composed of Free Will Baptists and Fundamental Methodists. Each group has its own pastor, and each pastor preaches two Sundays a month. The two groups meet together, worship together, and fellowship as one church. I have been with the church for four Revival Meetings and other special occasions. It is always a joy to be with them and see them work together for the cause of Christ.



Union Light & Educational Building



Educational Building

Sunday School Attendance Averages September 1991 - February 1992

CHURCHES	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
Belton	57	57	54	59	67	68
Bethel, El Dorado	61	68	62			
Calvary Fellowship	203	237	251			
Cape Girardeau	82	70	73	72	102	98
Central	102	102	93	103		
Copper Mines	61	60	68			
Cuba	70	74	75	76	85	86
DeSoto	183	179	180	178	199	202
Farmington	378	432	409	388	396	400
Flat River, First	108	110	105			108
Hannon	102	106	103	103	97	96
Harmony	78	73	69	70	80	76
Hartville	99	99	100	91	99	104
Hopewell	37	29	34	32	29	27
Houston	86	102	94	90	102	97
Kirksville					33	34
Lebanon, First	92	103	92	97	106	107
Marshfield	28	26	29	27	25	25
Monett	109	148	128	130	118	
Myrtle	36	39	31	29	32	31
Overland	38					43
Parkview	53	56	51	55	51	51
Richwoods	52	35	34	36		
Rock Chapel	70	76	76	75	77	
Springfield, First	124	137	132	123	127	130
Thayer		122	110	122	123	119
United, West Plains	187	193	168	183	184	165
Victory, Kansas City	63	75	81	70	75	
Willow Springs	61	65	60	62	62	62
Verdella	74	81	70	73	72	77

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.



Terry Deckard Available For Revival Services

Rev. and Mrs. Terry Deckard are members of the United Free Will Baptist Church in West Plains, Missouri. Rev. Glenn Murray is their pastor.

Rev. Murray writes, Brother Terry and Sister Connie Deckard are a fine, young, dedicated Christian couple, who have a strong desire to be used of the Lord. Brother Terry has preached several revivals the past six months, and the Sundays that he is not in revival services he is usually busy filling the pulpit for some pastor. He is a fine gospel preacher who has a deep desire to see souls saved. He also is a talented musician and singer. The Deckards have two sons, Timmy and Ryan, who help them in the ministry.

Brother Murray states, "I highly recommend Brother Deckard as an evangelist. He has a warm heart, and preaches a firm Bible message."

Rev. Terry Deckard may be reached at (417) 257-7484 or 603 Lanton Road, West Plains, MO 65775.

Lawrence Conley Home With The Lord

Lawrence J. Conley was born November 28, 1913, in Dent County, MO. He passed away at the Farmington Community Medical Center January 22, 1992. He was 78 years, 1 month, and 24 days of age.

Lawrence and Mildred (Wilson) Conley were united in marriage in 1937. On January 30, 1992, they would have celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary. They raised two sons, Norman of Moberly, MO, and Gerald of Grand Rapids, MI.

Lawrence accepted Christ as his Saviour at the age of 26 and from that time until his sudden end, he claimed Joshua 24:15 as his life verse, "...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Lawrence and his dedicated wife, Mildred, united with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Farmington, MO, in 1977, and as the church reporter writes, "What a blessing they both have been to the church."

Lawrence and Mildred were always active in the church. He was a first class carpenter. As you look through the church, you can see so many things that he did: the new altar, the pulpit, choir courtesy rail and every phase of construction work has his prints. As a dedicated Trustee he had recently spoken to the Church General Board concerning the things that he would like to see the church accomplish. This was just before he suddenly became critically ill. The next morning the Lord called Brother Lawrence home, and his work was completed here on this earth.

He will be missed by the church family and friends, and his memory will live on. Everyone loved him, from the small children to the senior citizens. He was lovingly called "Grandpa Conley."

Funeral services were held at the church on Friday, January 24, 1992. Rev. Roger Hogan, the pastor, delivered a meaningful and helpful message, John and Sandy Smith sang "Is That The Lights Of Home," David Bates sang "Zion's Hill," and Rev. Clarence Burton prayed the closing prayer.

Lawrence and Mildred attended and supported the Senior Citizen Group "WFR" from its beginning. Mildred has been an organizer and faithful committee member. She and Lawrence have attended every function and activity. Pray for Mildred as she continues to serve the Lord in various capacities in the Farmington Church.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I have known Lawrence for several years. He was a fine Christian gentleman who always reflected a beautiful Christian spirit. I am thankful for the sweet fellowship that I have enjoyed with him and his wife, Mildred. He will surely be missed by family and friends, but there will be a Glad Reunion Day!





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Discount Air Fares To National Convention Available

NASHVILLE, TN — The National Association of Free Will Baptists has made special travel arrangements for all attendees and their families who will be flying to the 1992 National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 19-23, according to Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington. Veeson International Travel Agency in Nashville has again been selected the agency of record to provide members attending the convention with discount travel services.

Veeson Travel has secured discounts for air travel to Indianapolis. The fares Veeson offers cannot be purchased through another travel agency or directly with the airlines. These are contracted group airfares. First class tickets may also be booked if desired.

Veeson Travel has contracted for travel dates starting two days prior to the convention and two days after the convention.

To book your airspace at the offered discounted rates, call Veeson Travel at **1-800/377-7270**. (This is a different 800 number than last year.) This is a toll-free number to Veeson Travel. Please identify yourself with the Free Will Baptist National Convention.

Advise the Veeson agent of your name, number of passengers traveling, city of originating flight, correct mailing address, telephone number (home and business). For easy billing, have a current credit card ready at the time of the airline booking. Veeson Travel will process and mail the tickets to you.

Ask for **Janice Jakobik** for reservations. All services from Veeson Travel Agency are free.

Free Will Baptist National Convention To Meet In Indianapolis

The National Association of Free Will Baptists meets in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 19-23 for its 56th annual session. Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington says he expects more than 6,000 delegates and visitors from 40 states at Indiana Convention Center for the five-day meeting. For the first time since the National Association organized in 1935, Indiana's 2,000 members and 24 churches will host the national convention.

The 1992 convention theme is "Witnessing to the World." Four ministers will deliver major addresses. The speakers include Pastor Richard Bowers (Northport, Ala.), Southeastern FWB College music chairman Randy Sawyer (Wendell, N.C.), Pastor James Forlines (Batesville, Ark.), and Free Will Baptist Bible College director of development Ronald Creech (Nashville, Tenn.).

The Hyatt Regency Hotel will serve as headquarters hotel for the national convention. The Woman's National Auxiliary Convention will be headquartered in the Omni Severin Hotel. The National Youth Conference will conduct competitive activities at the Indiana Convention Center.

The 12th annual Convention Bible Conference begins at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 21, in the Hyatt Regency Hotel ballroom. Two ministers will preach: Pastor Rick Bowling (Booneville, Miss.) and Pastor David Archer (Glenpool, Okla.). Four seminars are scheduled Tuesday afternoon. The seminars will be sponsored by the Music Commission, the Double in a Decade Committee, the Commission for Theological Integrity, and Master's Men.

Meeting simultaneously with the National Association are the 25th annual National Youth Conference with an expected 1,500 registrants, and the 57th annual Woman's National Auxiliary Convention with more than 1,000 women anticipated. Steve Riggs, missionary to France, will keynote WNAC's missionary service. Former missionary to India, Trula Cronk, will speak at the Tuesday WNAC Fellowship Dinner. Pastor Archie Ratliff (Kinston, N.C.) will deliver the NYC keynote message Sunday evening.

The four-day National Youth Conference, which includes Bible competitive activities as well as a music and arts festival, will rally around the conference theme, "A Call to Excellence."

The two-day Woman's National Auxiliary Convention theme is "Teachers of Good Things." Two WNAC seminars will meet Monday afternoon in the Omni Severin Hotel. The Tuesday business session will convene at Indiana Convention Center.

National Convention Musigram

It won't be long until thousands of Free Will Baptists from across the U.S. and around the world will begin their trek to Indianapolis. The National Association of Free Will Baptists will convene at the Indiana Convention Center July 19-23.

Among the most enjoyable, uplifting, inspirational segments of the national convention is the music. During our worship and music, there are no "Brother Moderators." No one is coerced to vote, "Nay," and there are no ushers with their clickers counting participants. This musical portion of our convention provides opportunity for total participation and immediate return.

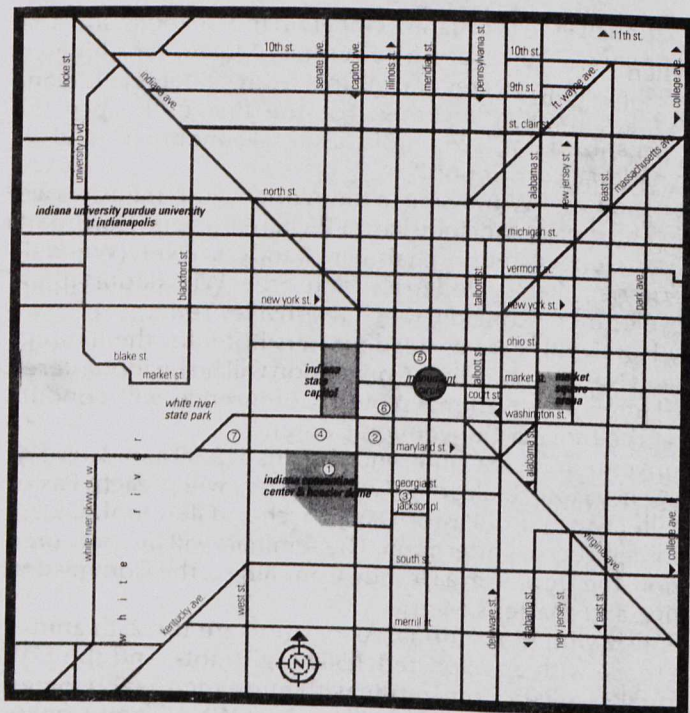
Several opportunities of service are afforded those who wish to participate in the Mass Choir and/or Men's Choral. Also, instrumentalists are encouraged to investigate ministry potential as members of the Instrumental Ensemble.

Doug Little will conduct the Mass Choir, Vernon Whaley the Men's Chorale, and David Messer the Men's Ensemble.

Mass Choir and Men's Chorale participants should consult the convention program for rehearsal and performance times. Potential instrumentalists should register name, address, and instrument with the Executive Office at the National Offices.

Join us as we musically hold forth the message of the Word.

Blaine Hughes
Convention Music Coordinator



- 1 Indiana Convention Center
- 2 Hyatt Regency (Headquarters Hotel)
- 3 Omni Severin
- 4 Westin
- 5 Hilton at the Circle
- 6 Embassy Suites Downtown
- 7 Courtyard by Marriott

Information Concerning Missouri State Retirement Program

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.

Hotel Reservation

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July 19-23, 1992

- No telephone reservations until after the cutoff date
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- Complete this housing form selecting your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice hotels and mail to the Housing Bureau. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1992. Send one form for each room request. Duplicate this form if necessary.
- Changes and cancellations must be made in writing to the NAFWB Housing Bureau in Indianapolis.
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HOTELS	Choice	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
Hyatt Regency--Headquarters Hotel		\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80
Omni Severin--WNAC Headquarters		\$79	\$79	\$79	\$79
Westin Hotel--Adjacent to Convention Center		\$85	\$85	\$85	\$85
Hilton-at the Circle		\$79	\$79	\$79	\$79
Embassy Suites--Free breakfast/parking		\$105	\$105	\$115	\$115
Courtyard by Marriott		\$77	\$77	\$77	\$77

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Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

This is an era of gloom and doom. Take for instance the daily news. What kind of news sells? Juicy gossip, news of violence, crime, bad politics, etc. People's trials and tribulations make headline news, while "good" news can hardly be given away. As humans, there is a tendency to focus upon the negatives of life, rather than the positives. But, as Christians, should we have this gloom and doom attitude? Why of course not. God intends for us to set an example for the rest of the world, not join right in with them. And, God has poured out blessings in abundance upon all of us, that are easily observed and appreciated by those who are grateful enough to notice.

There is no need to conjure up blessings. They are plentiful enough for us to "REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS." The trouble is not in a shortage of good news from heaven. The real problem is being so "tuned in" to the cares and/or thinking of this present world that heaven's channel of blessings doesn't come in clearly. This is not to make light of problems and hurts that is part of living in this world, but it is to put them in proper perspective, by seeing things through God's grace to us.

Sometime when you feel yourself becoming depressed or negative, take a look around you. Do as the old song recommends, and "count your blessings...and it will surprise you what the Lord has done"...salvation, family, church friends, life's necessities, etc. It is hard to have a good "pity party" when you are thinking of all the glorious blessings that have been bestowed upon Christians.

Don't allow distractions such as busyness, job, difficult situations, sickness, etc. to get in the way of a victorious life in Christ. Instead, focus upon personal and eager submission to the One who "does all things well." It is hard to stay negative while focusing upon such things as are mentioned in PHIL. 4:8.

"Lord, Please Use Me To Build Your Church"

by Jim Williams

INTRODUCTION: When confronted with a grave decision of whether or not to begin another new church, something "special" happens inside the heart of one who has been privileged to be used by God in perhaps a particular way. The blood runs faster, it seems your temperature goes up, excitement and joy overflow all the past discouragement and hurt as you pray in a most earnest and serious prayer..."Father, not my will, but Thine be done." Have you ever been there? Let me ask you a question. What would you do for God if you **knew** you couldn't fail? If you could be absolutely sure you could not fail, what would you be willing to let God do through you?

Well, I'm confident that I am right now **exactly** where God wants me, but I am heavy hearted over the great job that lies ahead needing done in church planting. Seeing the need the Lord spoke of when He said "look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." But, He commanded us not only to look and pray, but also to go. Where are these laborers God calls for? Are you possibly one?

It is my desire to stir up the hearts of men and women that God is calling to do His bidding, that we can experience revival in our nation as well as new Free Will Baptist Churches being planted and grown all across this great nation we live in.

It isn't to my interest to write a "How-To" book, because most of us know more of the "how-to" than we're doing anyway. Nor is it my desire to try to call men for the sake of numbers of fame. But, it is my desire to give a recall on how God will use us if we let Him, and by sharing some of my experiences, ideas, dreams, and techniques become a tool of faith for others to also be willing to accept the challenge. To do more than is expected, care more than others think is wise, risk more than others think is safe, dream more than others think is practical, and expect more than others think is possible. For eight years I have done, cared, risked, dreamed, and expected until the Lord used me to build a solid, soul-winning excited church.

For eight years I have challenged our folks to trust in God and obey His Word, and it all finally comes together.

Using themes of Christ's own words as recorded in St. Luke 5:4..."Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught" will always challenge and strengthen us to let God work thru us. It's interesting to notice a few intended thoughts in this passage, such as:

1. Labor is commanded by the Lord. The catch comes only to those involved in the labor process.
2. Obedience is expected. I had several people tell me we didn't need another church in our area. There is already plenty of churches. But, the fact that the nets had been put out in that area all night didn't stop the Lord filling the obedient net. There's plenty of fish to go around, just go catch some!
3. Exercise is required. Be willing to stretch out farther and reach deeper than you ever have before — which will include reaching into the depths of sin to catch some very "valuable" fish.
4. Faith is demanded. If we but labor, God gives the draught. We trust God for work, and we will find God trusts us with the work.
5. Blessings are experienced. Can you stand any more of His blessings on your ministry or in your life? Then reach out in faith for the Master's use.

"I've got the faith God will use me, and I know God has called me to start a church," you might say, "but I wouldn't have any idea what to do or how to even start." I, too, have stood in that exact same spot and have been able to overcome every obstacle and problem that has been hurled at me. To make thoughts a little easier to follow, I have developed the following guide, that with a little discussion, perhaps will be helpful to you, whether you are pastoring a church in dire need of growth or that of starting a new work.

We hope to discuss:

- I. BASICS.
- II. THE BEGINNING.
- III. THE BUILDING.
- IV. THE BODY.
- V. THE BRIDGE.
- VI. BALANCE.
- VII. THE BLESSINGS.

As time goes on, may God use me to build His Church, both in Spirit and number, as He sees fit. "And, God, give me the wisdom to know when you speak!"

Testimony of John Alva Haase

Part III

(continued from last month)

On New Year's Eve of 1986 I came to the conclusion that there did exist a loving, caring God and that if I sought him out, he would reveal himself to me. I asked my friend what I should do. He told me to pray.

It took me some time to do it, but after a few days I began to pray. It was hard, because my heart was hardened and I was completely encrusted with sin and rebellion, but there was a spark deep inside that hoped for eternal truth and it was this spark that began to burn and consume me. In my first prayer I was hesitant to draw any conclusions as to whom I should address, so I simply called out to the Creator of the Universe believing that there could be no mistake as to whom I had addressed. I just wanted to talk to the one who had all the answers. The more I prayed, the more I was overcome with a sense that God was real. I felt something that I could not express, but I knew that I was being heard. I begged for him to reveal himself to me and promised to submit to him if He would give me the Truth I sought. Then I prefaced it with a condition that if indeed he was the God of the Christians and the Jews, to give me time before he revealed that much, but mostly just let me see him in my life. I did not want to be a Christian! Then I further prefaced it that if he was the Mormon God to please give me even more time, and I told Him that most assuredly I didn't ever want to be a Mormon again but would and could if that was who he eventually turned out to be.

I began to pray to Him daily always addressing Him as either The Father of Creation or The Creator of Life. Shortly thereafter, I returned from Utah to live in my childhood home in Missouri. This was the direction that my heart began to lead me, and I vowed to follow till I had my answers.

Over the course of the next few years, many things in my life began to change. I began to read the Bible as well as other books on spirituality on a regular basis praying always for God's help and that he not make me Christian. One by one I began to give up the things that I thought would be offensive to Him. I tried to be honest and to pursue love and truth. At the time I thought I was doing very well.

In the spring of 1990, I returned home from a short winter in Dayton, Ohio. I had only been gone a few months, so I was not prepared for the surprise that befell me. I went to see two of my closest friends. They were married and I considered them to be as close as any friends I had ever known. We had partied together on several occasions, and I had kept no secrets from them about my life or my pursuits. The first thing that they told me when I came into their house was that that spring they had both been saved by Jesus Christ and now attended church on a regular basis. I was horrified. I remained as polite as possible but decided to limit my contact with them. I even considered never seeing them again. I didn't take their beliefs seriously and was convinced that they were using them to repair their marriage and fit into their families.

I stayed away for some time, but I missed them severely, so after a while I drifted over more than I thought that I

should. They constantly brought up the topic of God and religion. I was offended that they would try to teach me anything about God and was especially offended when they revered the Bible. I had been trained to use the Bible and I was insulted that they thought they could explain anything about it.

The only reason I finally began to listen to them is that I began to notice a change in their lives and it made me terribly curious as to just what was going on. Eventually they invited me to go to church with them. I acted as though I didn't want to but secretly could not wait. I thought to myself that their faith would probably be easily disproven and I decided to approach it from that angle. I found that their pastor was truly sincere and that he believed what he taught. I also recognized what he was teaching to be some of the conclusion about God, Jesus, and church that I had drawn when I was between fourteen and sixteen. So I listened more. I found it interesting and that interest compelled me to go with them again, then again, and then again. Soon I was going quite regularly but obstinately. I didn't want to admit that I found any of it relevant. I continued to tell my friends that I went to understand them better and to maintain our friendship. They continued to assure me that our friendship had nothing to do with whether or not I believed what they believed.

After months of semi-sporadic attendance, a Sunday morning came where I was compelled by an inner force to attend. I tried to ignore it and could not. I gave in and went to church. It was the first time that I had come on my own. They were very surprised to see me and welcomed me.

I know my prayers are answered. I see the evidence in my daily life. I try each day to be a better Christian, and I am not ashamed to do so. Indeed I am proud of my God, and the more I grow the more I want to share Him with others. When I call out to Him, He is with me. When I search for Him, He is there. He is the answer to all questions. He is the way, the truth, and the life.

So often in my past life I schemed and plotted and pushed, trying to get to the things that I thought I wanted. It took such effort to get anywhere or anything. Now life has begun to flow like a river from a mountainside. He has taken care of the most important thing in my life and has promised to grant me my needs as I seek Him. I know that He will. I stand amazed and overjoyed at the love and strength that pours out from God. I know of no other thing in life that has ever worked for me in the way that my faith in Christ has. It fulfills me and comforts me. I am so grateful to God the Eternal Father for His Son Jesus Christ. I am so thankful for life and the life that He has given me through His atoning blood. I wish I could find the words to express the ecstasy of prayer or the rapture in the presence of the Holy Spirit. All that fills my heart when I try is "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill among man."

May our Father bless and keep you till we all come together in His holy unity. May Jesus be your daily guide.

FEBRUARY 1992

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board	\$ 5,367.70
17.50% Exec. Off. & Gem	5,077.55
3.50% General Fund	1,015.50
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	2,466.24
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.	725.36
2.50% C.E. Board	725.36
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board	725.36
9.00% Mo. State Retirement Program	2,611.31
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	8,849.49
Foreign Missions Board	
National Home Missions Board	
Same Allocation:	
Free Will Baptist Bible College	
Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	
Executive Department	
Layman's Board	
Radio & TV Commission	
Theological Commission	
Historical Commission	
Board of Retirement & Insurance	
1% Calif. Christian College (\$88.49 included in \$8,849.49)	
5% Mo. State Conference Center Fund	\$1,450.73
Total	\$29,014.60

February was a good month. The Lord is wonderful! He always supplies the need of His work. May the Lord continue to bless the faithful pastors and churches as we serve Him. We pray that cooperative and designated receipts for 1992 will exceed that which we received in 1991. Through our giving and because of His great love toward us, souls are saved and Christians are strengthened in the Lord.

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%.

FEBRUARY 1992 RECEIPTS

COOPERATIVE

Thayer	\$ 514.00
Houston	317.91
Rolla	95.44
Union Grove	168.69
Calvary Chapel	144.94
Royal Oak	110.00
Hartville	345.69
Columbia	75.00
Mill Creek	160.18
Merl's Chapel	158.00
Bailey Chapel	36.00
Calvary, Conway	161.00
Lebanon 1st	417.01
Lingo	17.20
Freeman Chapel	211.00
Hannon	397.86
Verdella	145.78
Mine La Motte	44.22
Rock Chapel	313.07
Waynesville	231.71
Victory, Alton	132.00
Fourth	193.00
Belton	315.92
Byrd	103.30
New Harmony	17.43
Cape Girardeau	630.54
Pleasant Ridge	114.00
S. Fremont	545.00
Springfield 1st	826.22
West Plains	448.92
Lone Star	54.03
Neosho	71.25
Faith & Hope	69.35
Black Oak	214.68
Monett	569.57
Seymour	60.00
Trinity	890.63
Potosi	124.50
New Life, St. Peters	392.38

Kirkville	140.15
Flat River 1st	471.30
Hurryville	298.56
Bethel, El Dorado	56.85
Victory, K.C.	225.75
Victory Hill	39.00
DeSoto	875.00
Mt. Pisgah	170.00
Hopewell	173.00
Pleasant Home	317.59
Kingsway	277.53
Cabool	309.86
Happy Home	98.80
Terrill Road	136.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	45.60
Sedalia	80.70
Cope	39.00
United	672.31
Beacon	2,175.00
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Farmington	2,133.96
Eastern Gate	368.00
Copper Mines	259.71
St. Francis Assn.	16.50
Fredericktown	484.15
Oak Hill, Union	408.75
Joplin	363.11
Harmony	445.00
Leadington	302.64
Pleasant Hill	49.25
Fordland	80.00
Carthage	140.00
Grace	855.00
Grant Avenue	734.29
Willow Springs	192.86
Wolf Creek	287.10
Fourth	225.00
Monett	595.79
Clifton	63.67
Kirkville	121.67
Verdella	187.59
Central	655.64
Salem	90.00
Unity	208.77
Marshfield	173.43
New Life, O'Fallon	666.06
Myrtle	230.08
Koshkonong	108.50
New Rock Springs	80.00
Kingsway	318.34
Macedonia	20.00
Parkview	340.19
Number One	38.78
Hartville	411.33
Overland	126.45
Union Grove	175.50
Hannon	416.55
Calvary, Conway	176.52
Total	\$29,014.60

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Thayer	\$ 123.40
Houston	194.52
Niangua	48.00
N. Akeman	10.00
Mtn. Grove	182.00
Calvary Chapel	45.00
Bill Blair	30.00
Hartville	69.13
Columbia	15.00
S. Hart	20.00
Richwoods	67.00
Merl's Chapel	200.00
Galen Millard	10.00
Calvary, Conway	48.30
Lebanon 1st	85.00
Blue Springs	57.00
Freeman Chapel	405.00
Hannon	497.86
Verdella	424.38
Overland	30.00
Rock Chapel	148.00
Fourth	70.00
Cape Girardeau	50.00
New Harmony	87.15
Pleasant Ridge	45.00
S. Fremont	284.00
Bethel, Festus	175.00
West Plains	605.75
Neosho	320.00
Faith & Hope	25.50
New Testament	133.00
C. Layman	10.00
Monett	808.63
Trinity	399.89
New Life, St. Peters	207.71
Kirkville	101.29

Flat River 1st	99.26
Southside	235.00
Victory, K.C.	135.00
DeSoto	390.00
Mt. Pisgah	100.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	114.66
Pleasant Home	182.79
Oak Grove, Cabool	65.00
W. Livingston	50.00
Union Light	130.00
United	21.75
Viburnum	210.00
Beacon	1,142.00
Faith, Lemay	75.00
Farmington	448.61
Eastern Gate	200.40
St. Francis Assn.	280.97
Oak Hill, Union	20.50
Joplin	50.00
Greenfield	115.00
Calvary, Fellowship	887.11
Leadington	77.00
Fordland	108.00
Carthage	69.00
Grace	18.50
Grant Avenue	467.86
Houston	100.00
Fourth	80.00
Monett	627.00
Verdella	595.12
Central	207.50
Marshfield	40.00
New Life, O'Fallon	299.82
Myrtle	103.00
Faith, Oak Grove	75.00
Parkview	378.70
Hartville	82.26
Overland	25.00
Hannon	651.55
B. Thompson	50.00
Richwoods	82.00
Calvary, Conway	52.95
TOTAL	\$15,175.82

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Thayer	\$ 127.00
Mtn. Grove	145.00
Columbia	10.00
Richwoods	22.00
Lebanon 1st	5.00
Blue Springs	10.00
Hannon	10.00
Verdella	15.00
Rock Chapel	180.18
S. Fremont	22.00
West Plains	605.75
New Testament	45.00
Monett	10.00
Trinity	20.00
Kirkville	35.07
Flat River 1st	72.13
DeSoto	200.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	57.33
Pleasant Home	20.00
Union Light	25.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Viburnum	76.00
Beacon	290.00
Farmington	20.00
Eastern Gate	10.00
Oak Hill, Union	13.00
Joplin	10.00
G. Keith	40.00
Leadington	15.00
Fordland	10.25
Carthage	28.00
Grace	110.00
Grant Avenue	11.00
Wolf Creek	57.62
Verdella	15.00
Central	113.00
New Life, O'Fallon	133.21
Myrtle	140.00
Parkview	48.00
Hannon	10.00
Richwoods	45.00
Total	\$2,931.54

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Thayer	\$ 45.00
S.E. Assn.	25.00
Mtn. Grove	47.00
Columbia	35.00
Richwoods	10.00
Lebanon 1st	65.00
Hannon	198.94
Fourth	10.00

New Harmony	87.15
Pleasant Ridge	25.00
S. Fremont	35.00
Bethel, Festus	15.00
Faith & Hope	25.50
New Testament	47.00
J.W. Radar	20.00
Trinity	65.00
New Life, St. Peters	78.48
Flat River 1st	47.13
Southside	20.00
DeSoto	50.00
DeSoto Children's Church	20.00
Union Light	61.00
United	11.75
Viburnum	16.00
Farmington	136.66
Eastern Gate	20.00
Oak Hill, Union	24.00
Joplin	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	30.00
Leadington	16.00
Grace	35.00
Grant Avenue	153.43
Fourth	10.00
Monett	3.00
Central	10.00
Marshfield	27.34
New Life, O'Fallon	200.00
Myrtle	61.00
Macedonia	20.00
Parkview	5.00
Lebanon Bookstore	174.00
Hannon	208.28
Richwoods	20.00
Total	\$2,223.66

YOUTH CAMP

Thayer	\$ 35.00
Mtn. Grove	10.00
Hartville	20.00
Hannon	30.00
Trinity	14.00
Parkview	570.00
Flat River 1st	72.58
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
DeSoto	50.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Myrtle	41.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Lebanon Bible Book Store	78.00
Macedonia	10.00
Calvary, Conway	47.22
C.D. & Fay Howe	10.00
Total	\$1,121.80

FWBBC

Thayer	\$ 35.00
DeSoto	35.00
Beacon	75.00
Farmington	127.37
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Total	\$308.12

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 40.00
Hannon	100.00
Victory, K.C.	32.58
Beacon	100.00
(Reg. Acct., \$75; Share Vision, \$25)	
Farmington	142.41
Oak Hill, Union	37.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Grant Avenue	8.00
Central	36.00
Kirkville 1st... (Have a Heart)	137.46
Total	\$669.20

JOHN MCCLURE ACCOUNT

Thayer	\$ 10.00
Maryland Assn. Bethel, Woodridge, VA	100.00
Hannon	10.00
Monett	60.00
Victory, K.C.	5.00
Grace	27.50
Verdella	10.00
Total	\$222.50

CHILDREN'S HOME, ALABAMA

Kirkville 1st	\$36.00
Myrtle	3.89
Total	\$39.89

CHILDREN'S HOME, TENNESSEE

DeSoto	\$50.00
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Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

There are four important rules that apply and work in the matter of preserving your catch. The first is "Be as sure as possible they are really caught." There can be no argument that we aren't successfully keeping what we catch, and part of the reason may be that they aren't really caught. Maybe they didn't really get saved. If they aren't really saved, then we shouldn't be surprised if they don't stay with us. How can we be relatively sure they are saved?

I submit these points: First, make sure your preaching is evangelistic in nature, informative in content, and appealing in approach. The most important thing the pastor does, other than pray, is preach. What he preaches will determine what happens in the service. What he wants to happen should determine what does happen, and how and what he preaches. Pastor, what do you want to happen? Decide, and preach for results. Preach to catch souls if that's what you want. If you are going to be sure they get caught, then preach sermons that tell them how to be saved.

Second, give simple, powerful, and encouraging invitations. Just as the sermon must be evangelistic, informative and appealing, the invitation must be simple enough, powerful enough, and encouraging enough to cause the sinner to desire to come to the altar.

Third, have trained altar workers. It is the pastor's duty to train the people who work at the altar. They are like the doctor at the birth of a child. He needs to be there, and he must know what he is doing.

The first rule in preserving your catch is making as sure as possible they are really caught. These three things will help.

Calendar of Events

SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

May 11-13
Stonecroft Conference Center, Branson, MO

STATE YOUTH COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

May 15, 16
Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, MO

MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION/ WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

June 8-11
Nelson Community Center, Lebanon, MO

YOUTH CAMP

Teen Camp Group I, June 14-19
Teen Camp Group II, June 21-26
Pre-Teen Group I, July 26-31
Pre-Teen Group II, August 2-7

Group I

Greater Springfield
Bootheel
Indian Creek
Central Western
Mission
Cave Springs
Liberty
Niangua

Group II

Greater Kansas City
Northwest
South Central
Northeast
St. Louis
St. Francois
Laclede

NATIONAL CONVENTION, NYC & WNAC

July 19-23
Indianapolis, IN

ALL BOARDS MEETING

September 21-23
Youth Camp, Niangua, MO

SUGGESTION: Put this information on your Church Bulletin Board. This will be especially helpful for Youth Camp information.

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