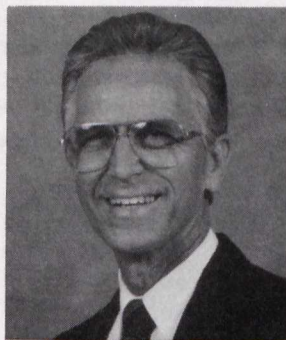


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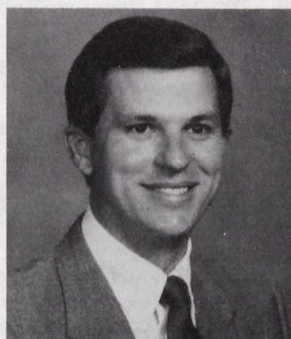
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June 8-11
Nelson Community Center
Lebanon, Missouri**



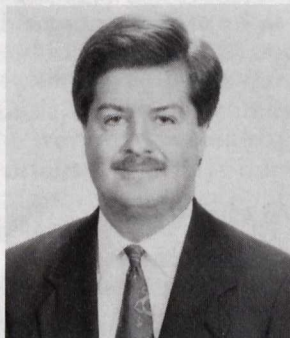
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Rev. Wesley Rider
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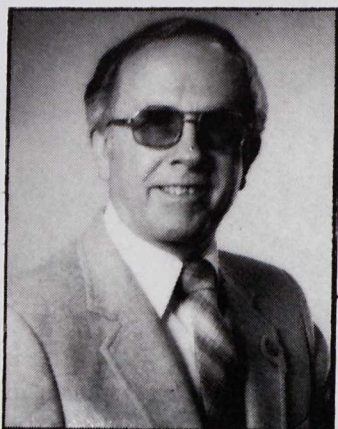
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**CHURCHES
1990**

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Clarence Burton



From
The Desk of
The

Executive Secretary

It is almost time for the State Convention! What a wonderful time of the year. It is usually not very hot, and it is past the cold season — it is the ideal time for a convention. We are trusting the Lord for great preaching, wonderful singing and, of course, sweet fellowship.

The theme this year is "Doubling In A Decade - Fulfilling the Great Commission." The focus is on the epistle written by the apostle Paul to the Philippians. The four pastors selected to deliver the principal messages will have their swords sharp, and we can depend on the Lord using them to preach with power and persuasiveness. They are preachers of the Word - Jeffery Gaskins, Wesley Rider, Sterl Paramore and Charley Miller. This will be true also of the ones bringing devotional messages and providing special music and singing.

The Woman's Auxiliary will have an exciting program. What a wonderful time for the ladies of our State Convention to meet together that they might promote the cause of Christ through our Missions Ministries.

We will be meeting this year in Lebanon, Missouri. This is a friendly town situated in the foothills of the beautiful Ozarks. Many folks like to meet here for it is near the geographical center of the Free Will Baptist churches in Missouri. There are adequate motels and restaurants, and it is easy to "drive around" in Lebanon.

This will be my last State Convention to serve as Executive Secretary. But I don't plan on it being my last one to attend. The Lord has blessed in so many ways for which we are so thankful. I would begin by thanking Him from Whom all blessings flow, and to the wonderful folks of the Missouri State Association. May the Lord bless you for every act of kindness. The General Board has elected a fine man, Brother Nathan Ruble, who will continue this labor. He will begin his work August 1, 1992. Pray for him and his family as they serve the Lord in this new endeavor.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the State Convention, June 8 - 11, at Nelson Community Center, Lebanon, Missouri. Let us pray the Lord will "shower His blessings" on the State Convention, from the beginning to the end.

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists Program

See the April issue of the *Gem* for this program.

Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention Program

Theme: "What Is In Thy Hand?" Exodus 2:2

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1992

- 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:30 a.m. Congregational Singing . . . Becky Gwartney, Music Director
Prayer
Welcome Dorothy Brawley
Response Maureen Hocker
Morning Devotion Judy Lytle
"What Is In Thy Hand?"
- Seating of Delegates
Appointment of Committees
Greetings from Missionaries and other National Ministries
Recess
- 11:00 a.m. Congregational Singing
Prayer
Congregational Singing
Offertory
Special Music Tammy Daniels
Message Steve Lytle
"What Is In Thy Land?"
- Benediction
- 1:30 p.m. Congregational Singing
Special Music Mountain Grove
Skit "What Is Thy Command?"
Business Session
Benediction
- 5:00 p.m. Banquet "A TASTE OF PANAMA"
Tickets \$5.00 — ALL PROCEEDS GO TO MISSIONS
Banquet will be at the Nelson Community Center
- Pianist Teresa Bradley Organist Elaine Caskey

**Make plans now to attend the
Missouri State Association of
Free Will Baptists
June 8 - 11, 1992,
Nelson Community Center
Lebanon, Missouri.**

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Nathan Ruble

Nathan Ruble Elected As Executive Secretary

On April 6, 1992, the General Board of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists elected Rev. Nathan Ruble to succeed Rev. Clarence Burton as Executive Secretary. Rev. Burton submitted his resignation to be effective July 31, 1992. This was submitted to the General Board at the State Convention. Rev. Ruble will begin his work on August 1, 1992.

Rev. Nathan Ruble was licensed as a Free Will Baptist minister in 1968, and was ordained in 1971. He is married to Judith Kay (Davis) Ruble. They have two children, Mrs. Deborah Hise (she and her husband have two daughters), and Billy, who is a college student preparing for the ministry.

Brother Ruble was graduated from Lebanon High School in his home town. He received his B.A. degree from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. He has served as pastor in the states of Washington and Arizona. In the state of Missouri he has served the Fordland Free Will Baptist Church, and presently the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church. He served a three-year term as Moderator of the Missouri State Association and is presently serving as chairman of the Senior Adult Ministries Board.

Rev. Clarence Burton states that the Executive Committee, which was the search and contact committee, considered other good men, along with Brother Ruble, for the position. After much prayer and consideration, they recommended Brother Ruble to the General Board. The General Board elected him. Brother Ruble comes well qualified for this ministry. He has served in the Missouri State Association for several years, and is familiar with the function of the State and National ministries. Rev. Burton further states, "Brother Ruble has my prayers and support, and I believe that the pastors and churches of Missouri will be supportive of him and his family."



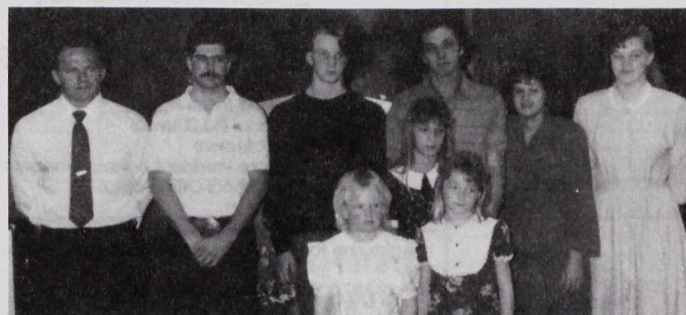
Reports from the Churches

HARMONY CHURCH, Parkville — The Harmony Free Will Baptist Church is doing well, writes Pastor Kevin Jackson. We had three more families join recently, and others have talked with me concerning this. Our Van Fund is up to \$4,000. The offerings are averaging about \$1,100 a week, which is up about \$200. We are rejoicing in what God is doing.

CALVARY FELLOWSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Fenton, MO — We at Calvary Fellowship have set ourselves some challenging goals for the next few years in all areas of church growth and giving. As part of this plan, we established an outreach ministry called Outreach Plus. This program started at the beginning of 1992, and is working with visitors, people in our community, families of children who ride our buses, friends of members, and Sunday School absentees. With the efforts of prayer and the work of this ministry and a dedicated group of bus workers, the average number of children riding our buses has approximately doubled since the middle of 1991. We will continue to pray, work, and expect great things.

We have had several special visitors lately. The Evangel Players drama team from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, presented two well-performed and very moving plays on March 19. Then, on March 21 and 22, Diane Thomas, a well-known speaker whom some women may remember from last year's Branson retreat, gave the women two thought-provoking messages on the family and on holiness. Dr. Laverne Miley was our guest on April 12, and presented a message on priorities and families.

All of these special services have brought an added bonus in the form of visits from members of other churches and old friends who have moved out of the area. We have, indeed, been blessed!



The ones baptized at Rock Chapel Church.

ROCK CHAPEL, Norwood — We recently baptized 9 people and 3 united with the Rock Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, writes Pastor Gary Mitchner.

The Lord has been blessing with a steady growth. The attendance is in the 90s now. We are thankful to the Lord for the many ways in which He has blessed the labor of the church.



Waynesville Children's Church.

FIRST CHURCH, Waynesville — The First Free Will Baptist Church would like to introduce the Children's Church. This ministry is under the direction of Dan and Jackie Byrd. It is a very enthusiastic group, writes Helen Bales.

We have recently begun a Puppet Ministry with puppeteers Sharon Parker and Helen Bales. Pray for this new ministry and for the Children's Church that they will grow and be a blessing to the cause of Christ.

Pre-Registration Form

for
National Association of Free Will Baptists
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
National Youth Conference
Indianapolis, IN / July 19 - 23, 1992

Only one person per form
Please Print

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ / _____
Address: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Church: _____ City: _____
Hotel (if known): _____

Register me for the following: ☐ National Association
(You may register for more than one) ☐ WNAC
☐ NYC

Completed form(s) must be mailed to
Convention Registration
P.O. Box 5002
Antioch, TN 37011-5002
and received on or before June 19, 1992.

If registering for the **National Association**, please complete the following information:

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION: _____

(Check only one of the following:)

MINISTER: ☐ Ordained (MIO) ☐ Licensed (ML)
(I certify that I am a member in good standing with the above named church and association which belong to the National Association.)

MISSIONARY: ☐ Foreign (MIF) (Country) _____
☐ Home (MIH)

DELEGATE: ☐ Ordained Deacon (ORD)
☐ State (STD)
☐ Local Church (\$10.00) (LCD)
☐ National Board Member (NBM)
☐ National Officer (NTO)
VISITOR: ☐ (VIS)

Banquet Tickets:

	Quantity	
Music Ministries Breakfast	_____ x	\$9.50 = _____
Hillsdale FWB College Luncheon	_____ x	\$15.00 = _____
FWBCC Alumni Luncheon	_____ x	\$13.00 = _____
Master's Men Dinner	_____ x	\$18.00 = _____
Fellowship of Encouragement Dinner	_____ x	\$19.50 = _____
Fellowship of Fundamentalists Dinner	_____ x	\$16.50 = _____

Delegate Fee

Local Church Delegate _____ x \$10.00 = _____
SUBTOTAL _____

If registering for **WNAC**, please complete the following information:

(Check only one of the following:)

DELEGATE: ☐ Local (\$3.00) (WLD)
☐ State (WSD)
☐ State President or Field Worker (WPF)
☐ National Officer (WNO)
VISITOR: ☐ (WV)

Banquet Tickets:

	Quantity	
WNAC Fellowship Dinner	_____ x	\$16.00 = _____

Delegate Fee

Local Delegate _____ x \$3.00 = _____
SUBTOTAL _____

If registering for the **National Youth Conference**, please complete the following information:

Grade just completed: _____ Age: _____

Birthdate: ____/____/____

Parent's (or Guardian's) name: _____

Youth Leader's name: _____

Are you a youthworker? ☐ yes ☐ no

Are you in NYC competition this year? ☐ yes ☐ no

Banquet Tickets:

	Quantity	
Children's Banquet (grades 1-6)	_____ x	\$7.00 = _____
Youth Banquet (must be in grade 7 to age 24 or an accompanying youthworker)	_____ x	\$12.50 = _____
Youth Workers Breakfast	_____ x	\$9.00 = _____

Registration Fee

Pre-Registration Fee _____ x \$11.00 = _____
On-site registration fee is \$12.00.
Adults over 24 do not pay NYC fees.
SUBTOTAL _____

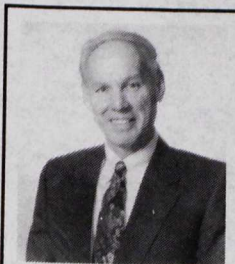
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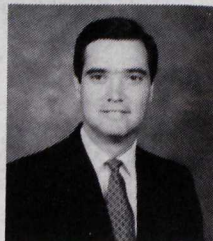
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19, 1992.

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Theme: Witnessing to the World



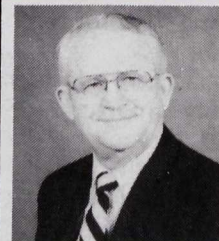
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Randy Sawyer
Professor
Southeastern FWB
College



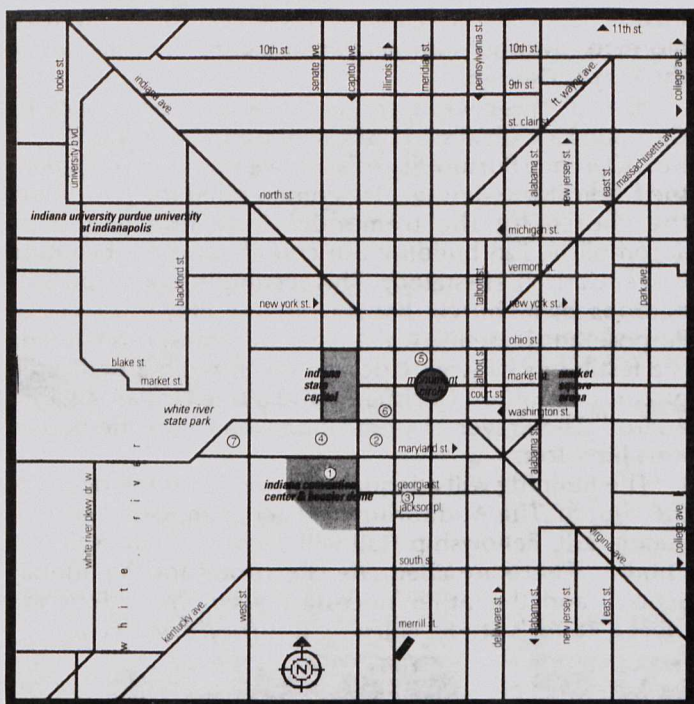
James Forlines
Pastor
Allen's Chapel FWB Ch.
Batesville, Ark.



Ronald Creech
Director of Development
Free Will Baptist Bible
College

Speakers: National Association - July 19-23, 1992

Indianapolis Downtown Area



- 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

Hotel Reservation

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Indianapolis, Indiana

National Convention

July 19-23, 1992

- No telephone reservations until after the cutoff date
- All reservation requests will be made through the NAFWB Housing Bureau--NOT WITH INDIVIDUAL HOTELS
- 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.
- The hotel will require a deposit. Complete the credit card information on this form or send a check directly to the hotel AFTER you have received your confirmation.
- FAX 317/684-2492

Cutoff Date:
Received by
June 19, 1992

MAIL TO:
NAFWB Housing Bureau
Indianapolis Convention &
Visitors Association
One Hoosier Dome, Suite 100
Indianapolis, IN 46225

YOUR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

PHONE (WK) _____

(HM) _____

CREDIT CARD TYPE _____

CC# _____

EXP _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____

DEPARTURE DATE _____

HOTEL REQUESTED (Please indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices.):

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

TYPE OF ROOM REQUESTED

SINGLE / 1 PERSON _____

DOUBLE / 2 PEOPLE _____

TRIPLE / 3 PEOPLE _____

QUAD / 4 PEOPLE _____

NUMBER OF BEDS IN ROOM _____

PLEASE LIST ROOM OCCUPANTS:

Free Will Baptist History

by Perry Brake

THE CONVERSION OF BENJAMIN RANDALL is one of a man, from religion, to Christ. It is important to see that in Randall an example is given of someone who looked good on the outside, but on the inside he was empty and sinful. He needed Christ.

He had heard Whitefield preach, and as he says, "The power with which he spake was a torment to me. When he began to be engaged, and his blessed soul to be inflamed with love, and his heart with grief and pity to poor sinners,...it immediately raised an evil spirit within me. Ah, thought I, you are a worthless, noisy fellow; all you want is to make the people cry out; my good old minister does not do so and he is as good a man as you and much better." Randall was completely disgusted by Whitefield while the evangelist lived, as he called it, a "dreadful spirit of opposition." However, it was upon the death of that great man of God that Randall began to ponder upon what he had heard and even upon the messenger

himself, and it convicted him of his sin. The first thoughts that went through his mind were that Whitefield was now in Heaven, and he was on the road to Hell.

or rest in his religion. He was miserable. One day he was in deep meditation and thought over and over the words from Hebrews 9:26, "But now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself." He began to ask to himself what this verse meant, and as he meditated he said that his "load and burden of sin went off; and (he) began to feel calm and peaceable in (his) mind." As Randall began to realize what had happened, he gave glory to God, as joy and peace filled his soul.

The characteristics of his conversion experience, and subsequent search for truth, have given us our denominational personality. We require conversion before baptism and membership. We desire the heart felt, over the formal.

Here's An Exciting V.B.S. Project!



Would you like to get your V.B.S. students excited about missions? The National Home Missions Department has FREE lesson booklets available for your teachers for their missions emphasis and story time during V.B.S. These lessons will acquaint the students with home missionaries serving in isolated places, and give them exciting missions projects for their V.B.S. classes.

Your V.B.S. can help National Home Missions! The Department challenges your Vacation Bible School to give a good offering for Home Missions. You may want to designate it to the GENERAL FUND of Home Missions which undergirds the entire work of the Department. Here are some ways your V.B.S. can help!

1. Set a cash goal and challenge your pupils to reach it.
2. Take a missions offering each day in V.B.S.
3. Give quarter folders (supplied free by the Department) and ask pupils to fill them for National Home Missions.

Use the order blank below to order your free V.B.S. Story Time Lessons on Home Missions and other materials.

Order Blank FREE V.B.S. Missions Lessons

Yes! My church will plan for a V.B.S. offering for National Home Missions.
Please send the following free materials to be used in our V.B.S.

(Quantity)

- _____ V.B.S. Story Time Lessons on Home Missions (for teachers)
- _____ Quarter Folders
- _____ Prayer Cards for _____
- _____ Missionary Maps
- _____ Home Missions Directories
- _____ Mission Grams
- _____ Home Missions History Booklets
- _____ Home Missions Study Course

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

(Mail to Home Missions, P. O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002)

DEDICATION SERVICE AT CROSSROADS, Wentzville —

It was a special day for the Crossroads Free Will Baptist Church, Wentzville, Missouri, on Sunday, April 6, 1992. It was Dedication Day for the beautiful new building and Prayer Garden.

The day began with Sunday School and Morning Worship. Rev. Cliff Bowman, chairman of the Missouri State Home Missions Board, delivered the morning message. It was evident the Lord's presence was in 'this place.'

At the noon hour the ladies of the church served a delicious dinner to members and friends gathered for the special occasion.

The afternoon service began with the pastor, Rev. Jim Mertz, giving a warm welcome to a large crowd gathered for the Dedication Service. He led the congregation in a song of praise, "How Great Thou Art," and in other songs. He said, "We are here today to honor what God has been pleased to do. We thank Him and love Him for this."

The pastor expressed appreciation to everyone who had helped in the building program. Three men were given special recognition for endless hours of labor; Rev. Jerry Fields was recognized for the money and material contributed by the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church; and

names were called and special recognition given to those whose names were inscribed on the Gideon Project Plaque. Special recognition was given to Mr. & Mrs. Norman Edwards for their labor and gift of love in making the Prayer Garden.

Special music was given in the Afternoon Service by Gary and Linda Walls, Melissa Wiehe and Dede Vandivort. Rev. Clarence Burton, State Executive Secretary, delivered the Dedictory Message. He commended the pastor and the church for the tremendous job that had been accomplished in building the church, and the beautiful Prayer Garden. He stated, "This accomplishment can only be done by a church that is United in Prayer, United in Purpose, and Unselfish with their Possessions. This building is a testimony of what God can do through a dedicated pastor, committed Christians, and a fine Home Missions Board." The Prayer of Dedication was led by the pastor, Rev. Jim Mertz.

The building will adequately provide for the needs of the church. The Auditorium will accommodate approximately 250; Fellowship Hall will accommodate a similar number. There are adequate classrooms for the Sunday School, and the other necessary accommodations are there - Pastor's Study, Nursery, Restrooms and Foyer.



The Pastor, Norman & Ethel Edwards, and Sister Eunice Edwards.



Jim & Rose Mertz.



The Marshalls and the Whitakers - Fellowship Hall.



The Pastor and Dedication Crowd.



The Prayer Garden.



Points for Pastors

by James McAllister

There are four important rules that apply in preserving your catch and keeping those you reach for Christ. The first is be as sure as possible they are really caught. The second is follow-up discipleship.

When we think of follow-up discipleship, there are two things to be considered: First, one-on-one in the home lessons. In this matter there are four subjects to be taught: assurance, doctrine, standards or convictions, and methods of growth. Every Christian needs to be taught how to know they are saved. This is especially true after the convert has grown past the spiritual high. It is extremely important that the convert learn, accept, and understand the doctrines of the church. So often our people don't understand the importance of the church

doctrine; and so when they move to another location, they have no reluctance in switching churches if they find one that has a better program or if friends go there. After all, doctrine is not so important. But if they understand doctrine, they might not do this. Conviction and Christian standards are important also. The Bible says God looks on the heart, but man looks on the outward appearance. What he sees will determine his impression of God and Christianity. He needs to be taught the definition and dangers of low Christian convictions. That is the pastor's duty. Methods of growth are important facts for a new convert to know. He must know how to grow as a Christian, and how the church grows.

All of these things are vitally important to the new convert and his growth as a Christian. They can all be accomplished in one-on-one follow-up. (See Randall House Publications, *Leading Questions: Discipleship Manual*, by Greg McAllister.) Next month we will see the second method of discipleship.

GENERAL CAMP RULES (5)

GENERAL INFORMATION

The cost for Tuition, Food & Housing, will be as follows:

All Campers-----\$40.00
Workers & Sponsors-----\$15.00
Children Under 7 Years-----\$ 3.00 *

(Must Be Accompanied By Parent) *

The Youth Camp Board would like to recommend that each church be responsible for workers and sponsors fee. We regret that we are forced to make a charge for sponsors and workers. The inflated cost of food and utilities has made the charge necessary.

PLEASE NOTE!

All Cabin Sponsors Will Be Held Responsible, for conduct in your cabin. You are responsible for the safety and well-being of all those whom you are sponsoring. WHEN A CAMPER / CAMPERS ARE IN THE CABIN, A SPONSOR SHOULD BE IN THE CABIN ALSO. AFTER HOURS DISTURBANCES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

CAMPERS MUST NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED WHILE THE SPONSOR IS IN TEACHERS MEETING OR DINNING HALL FELLOWSHIP, AFTER LIGHTS OUT! (SAFETY FIRST)

THE YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Rev. Gary Parker ----- Chairman
Rev. Gene Howell-----Sec/Trea
Rev. Ken Dodson-----Member
Rev. Ronnie Blanks-----Member

Rev. Bill Reves ----- Honorary Member
Rev. Ken Goff ----- Superintendent

**CAMP RULES, (6)
PLEASE KNOW THEM AND OBEY THEM.**

Everyone using these campgrounds shall remember that all property and equipment here has been dedicated to God. Please remember this when you use the equipment and facilities.

No one shall move any property from one place to another (including property in the cabins) unless given permission by the Youth Camp Board.

You will, at all time, conduct yourselves in a manner that will bring no reproach upon the name and cause of Christ.

No water guns will be allowed. No container or device shall be used to propel and project any substance upon any person or property. This includes shaving cream, water balloons, paint, etc. Anyone who violates the rule WILL PAY FOR ANY DAMAGES DONE AND WILL BE REQUIRED TO CLEAN UP THE MESS!

There shall not be allowed in the cabins such things as: Radio, Stereo, Tape Player, Television or other instruments to receive or reproduce voice or musical communications. (Musical instruments may be accepted, but must first be approved by the Camp Board).

No mixed swimming will be allowed. Bathing suits will be worn INSIDE THE POOL FENCED AREA ONLY! Bathrobes must be worn to and from pool. No one will be allowed in the swimming pool any time without a qualified life guard on duty. (THIS INCLUDES ALL CAMPERS, SPONSORS AND WORKERS!)

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INSURANCE STATEMENT:

No one shall leave the campgrounds, after being registered, WITHOUT FIRST NOTIFYING ONE OF THE CAMP BOARD MEMBERS, AND SIGNING A CAMP VERIFICATION FORM.

PROGRAM FOR THE (1)

1992
SESSION
OF THE
MISSOURI STATE
FREE WILL BAPTIST
YOUTH ENCAMPMENT

TO BE HELD

June 14 through June 26
July 26 through August 7

ASSOCIATIONS IN GROUP ONE

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

Teens: June 14 Through June 19
Pre-Teens: July 26 Through July 31

ASSOCIATIONS IN GROUP TWO

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

Teens: June 21, Through June 26
PreTeens: August 2, Through August 7

MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP
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NIANGUA, MISSOURI
65713
417-473-6444

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1-800-76-FWBBC

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING (2)

The Youth Campgrounds and the equipment thereon has been dedicated to the Lord for use in His service. You have elected your Youth Camp Board to act as servants of God's property. Therefore we will STRICTLY enforce the following rules:

- (1) No one shall disfigure, deface, destroy, or otherwise diversify any of the property or equipment located on the campground. The Youth Camp Board will require any person who violates this rule to pay for all damages.
- (2) No one shall bring tobacco, narcotics, or alcoholic beverages on the campgrounds. Those who do so may be expelled from the camp and refused further privileges.
- (3) No profanity shall be tolerated BY ANYONE AT ANY TIME!
- (4) When no campers are present the camp property is protected by guard dogs. WARNING! The Youth Camp will not be responsible for accidents or injury to anyone who is on the premises without authorization!
- (5) The dress code will be as follows:
GIRLS,
 - A. Dresses or skirts shall not be shorter than knee length.
 - B. Wide and narrow leg garments are not to be shorter than knee length (SHORTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED, PLEASE DON'T BRING THEM).
BOYS,
 - A. Pants are to be worn full length.
 - B. Shirts are to be full length and covering shoulders (NO FISH NET, TANKTOPS, ETC.).

SWEAT PANTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR BOYS OR GIRLS.

WE SUGEST ALL GARMENTS WORN AT CAMP BE LOOSE FITTING.

PLEASE BRING ONLY WEARING APPAREL THAT IS ACCEPTABLE BY THE ABOVE STANDARDS.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS, PLEASE NOTE! (3)

- (1). All workers at the camp will work under the supervision of the Youth Camp Board.
 - (2). The list of safety rules given by playground supervisor must be observed.
 - (3). Attendance at all classes WILL BE REQUIRED, unless excused by the General Camp Director.
 - (4). No one will be on the playground until the call for PLEDGE TO THE FLAG, except to go directly from cabins to restrooms and directly return.
 - (5). Everyone is required to sign an agreement that they will fully obey all rules governing the camp. EVERYONE WILL BE EXPECTED TO ABIDE BY THEIR PROMISE!
 - (6). No one under the age of (Twenty) shall serve as sponsor.
 - (7). Each church sending campers shall have, at least, one sponsor for the boys and one sponsor for the girls. No campers shall be registered or assigned to a cabin, by the registrar, without a sponsor!
 - (8). All campers and all workers and sponsors are required to attend the Evening Worship Service, unless excused by the Camp Director, Due To Sickness. (THIS MEANS EVERYONE!)
 - (9). Due to State Health Regulations, no unauthorized people will be allowed in the kitchen area.
 - (10). No special menus (diet, etc.) will be prepared by the camp cooks. (Please Don't Ask).
 - (11). The First Aid Center will be closed from 9:00 - 12:00 each morning. In case of emergency, contact the General Director or one of the Youth Camp Board Members.
 - (12). Pre-registration will be required by all campers. This year the registration forms and brochures are being published in the Gem. Please take a copy and if needed, make sufficient copies for all campers and workers in your church. We are hoping this method will work better than trying to mail copies to each church.
 - (13). An EMERGENCY MEDICAL STATEMENT ON THE REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, BEFORE A CHILD CAN BE ADMITTED TO CAMP.
- PLEASE NOTE:** The Schedule on the following page is to be followed by (all) unless altered by the Youth Camp Board.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE ONLY (4)

2:00	p.m.	Registration
5:15	p.m.	Evening Meal
7:30	p.m.	Get Ready Time
8:00	p.m.	Worship
9:30	p.m.	Free Period
9:30 - 10:00	p.m.	Cabin Devotion
10:00	p.m.	LIGHTS OUT

THE DAILY SCHEDULE

7:00 - 7:30	a.m.	Rise & Shine
7:30 - 7:45	a.m.	Salute The Flag
7:45 - 8:30	a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:00	a.m.	Workers Meeting
9:00 - 9:30	a.m.	Morning Devotion
9:35 - 10:15	a.m.	Class One
10:15 - 10:45	a.m.	Recess Break
10:45 - 11:30	a.m.	Class Two
11:30 - 12:00	noon	Announcements
12:00 - 1:00	p.m.	Lunch
1:00 - 2:30	p.m.	Girls Swimming
2:30 - 3:30	p.m.	Womens Swimming
3:30 - 5:00	p.m.	Boys Swimming
5:00 - 6:00	p.m.	Mens Swimming

4:00 - 5:15	p.m.	Supervised Play
5:15 - 5:45	p.m.	Evening Meal
5:45 - 6:45	p.m.	Supervised Play
6:45 - 7:15	p.m.	Get Ready Time
7:15 -	p.m.	Worship
9:30	p.m.	Free Period
9:30 - 10:00	p.m.	Cabin Devotion
10:00 -	p.m.	Lights Out

SCHEDULE FOR CRAFT CENTER

Pre Camper Age (a.m.)	10:10 - 10:30
Boys -----	1:00 - 2:00
Adults (Tole & Regular)	2:00 - 3:00
Girls -----	3:00 - 5:00
(Check With Craft Director For Prices)	

SUNDAY THRU THURSDAY, TEENS ONLY

9:30 - 10:30	p.m.	Late Night Activity
10:30 - 11:00	p.m.	Cabin Devotion
11:00 -	p.m.	Lights Out

SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY ONLY

7:00 - 8:00	a.m.	Rise & Shine
(Pack- up, Load- up, Clean- up cabins)		
8:00 - 9:00	a.m.	Worship
9:00 - 9:15	a.m.	Announcements
9:15 -	a.m.	Brunch & Departure

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1992 Truth & Peace Participants Selected

The Participants for the 1992 Truth and Peace Youth Leadership Conference have been selected. These 72 high school youth represent 19 states across our denomination.

The three-week conference will begin July 6 in Nashville, Tennessee. The first two weeks of the conference will be conducted on the campus of Free Will Baptist Bible College. For the final week of the conference, the participants will be chartered to Indianapolis, Indiana, where they will assume leadership roles in the National Youth Conference.

The four selected from Missouri are: Timm Clegg, Springfield, MO; Philip Ledgerwood, Parkville, MO; Deja Arnaud, Monett, MO; and Melanie Walker, Liberal, MO.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Congratulations!

The Youth Camp Insurance Carrier (Heritage Insurance Managers), hereafter identified as (H.I.M.), agrees to the following:

1. To pay the first (\$250.00) on all covered medical claims involving injury or sickness incurred, while being a registered camper or worker at Mo. State F.W.B. Youth Camp.
2. In the event of an injury or sickness and after (H.I.M.) has paid the first (\$250.00), should there be any remaining unpaid balance, you will be notified by (H.I.M.), asking you to report this amount to your Personal Insurance Carrier. * If there is yet a remaining balance after payment has been made by your Personal Insurance Carrier, (H.I.M.) will then pay the remaining balance up to it's maximum limits, which are stated below. IT WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY FOR ANY AMOUNT EXCEEDING THESE STATED LIMITS.

A. PLEASE NOTE: THE INSURANCE COVERAGE PROVIDED BY MISSOURI STATE F.W.B. YOUTH CAMP IS VERY EXPENSIVE AND LIKE MOST INSURANCE CARRIERS, THEY ARE VERY STRICT REGARDING INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THEM. THEREFORE <FAILURE OR REFUSAL> ON YOUR PART TO SUPPLY ANY NEEDED INFORMATION (ITEM NO. 2), WILL AUTOMATICALLY MAKE YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY & ALL OF THE UNPAID BALANCE.

* B. PLEASE NOTICE: SHOULD YOU HAVE NO PERSONAL INSURANCE CARRIER, SIMPLY STATE (NONE) ON THE FORM SENT TO YOU BY (H.I.M.), BUT BE SURE TO RESPOND.

3. The insurance limits of (H.I.M.) are as follows:

A. Accident Medical Limits - \$2,500.00
Dreaded Disease Limits - \$2,000.00
Sickness Medical Limits - \$ 600.00

4. In the event the Youth Camp Board would need to contact your Insurance Carrier, regarding any unpaid claim, please give the name and address/phone no., of your health insurance carrier.

5. The Youth Camp Board wishes to thank you for your cooperation regarding this very important insurance matter.

Name Of Insurance Company _____

Address _____

Phone _____

No Personal Insurance (Accident & Health) Available. _____

MISSOURI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP
HCR - 83, BOX 22, NIANGUA, MISSOURI 65713
PHONE: (417) 473-6444

DATE _____ PLEASE (PRINT) NAME/ADDRESS BELOW.

NAME _____ AGE _____ SEX _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NO. (_____) _____ FRIEND _____

CHURCH _____ F.W.B. yes _____ no _____

PASTOR'S NAME _____ PHONE _____

Have you been treated by a physician within the past 6 months? _____

Nature of your treatment? _____

Are you taking medication now? _____ Do you have it with you? _____

Are you allergic to any medicine? _____ What medicine? _____

Do you have allergies to weeds, pollen, insects, etc? _____

Please list what you are allergic to: _____

(All medicines must be dispensed by the Camp Medical Attendant at the First Aid Center. Your medication will be dispensed according to the directions of your physician on the bottle or prescription. This is done to insure the safety of your child as well as the safety of others).

IMPORTANT NOTICE: PLEASE NOTE THE INSURANCE AGREEMENT ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL ATTENTION! In the event of a medical emergency, a Youth Camp Representative will make every possible attempt to contact the parents of the camper. There are, however, times when this is not possible. For this reason, you are (REQUIRED) TO FILL OUT, IN FULL, THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL STATEMENT ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE. NO CHILD CAN BE REGISTERED AT CAMP WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION.

PLEASE CUT HERE AND COPY FOR ADDITIONAL BROCHURES

Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

It's hard to believe that it is graduation time again. Every year, as I sit down to write this particular article, aimed at graduates, I am overwhelmed as I remember all the decisions which need to be made at this crucial point of life.

I do not want to repeat myself from year to year, but, graduates, the most important step to finding success is to find God's perfect will for your life. In each life God has a personal plan — not one big plan which is the same for everyone graduating in 1992, but a plan which is determined according to His knowledge of you.

In order to see this plan it is important to develop, or continue to develop, a very personal relationship with Him. When one has this personal relationship with God, the answers to life's difficult questions and problems are quite clear. He does not want us to use Him only as a "question and answer center," where we go to Him in time of trouble. This "quick fix" situation usually leaves us thinking that God is not answering our prayers. Not True! His plan is always there, and as we keep that intimate relationship with Him, we can know His will.

Sometimes we are blind to His will because we do not have the close contact that is needed to see with our "spiritual eyes." There is a time for prayer and there is a time for prayerful action. When it is time to act is not the time to begin asking questions. Pray up and know what actions He is requiring.

Get into the Word. Know God through prayer. Be an active soldier for Him. Whatever lies ahead for you, as you follow His plan, will be the most fulfilling experience of your life.

(2)
NO CHILD CAN BE ADMITTED TO CAMP WITHOUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND PERMISSION GIVEN BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL STATEMENT: "I, _____, (Parent/Legal guardian) do, by my signature below, do hereby authorize the Youth Camp Board, or their representative(s) to authorize such emergency treatment necessary to maintain the life or health of my child whose name appears upon this form. I am signing this statement in the presence of a witness, and by my signature, I authorize the attending physician and/or hospital staff to treat my child for any injury or condition of health that would threaten the life or well being of my child."

FATHER OF CAMPER _____ (signature)

MOTHER OF CAMPER _____ (signature)

"I, _____ do hereby swear that I have seen the parents/legal guardian of this camper, read the above EMERGENCY MEDICAL STATEMENT. I have personal knowledge that the person/s who have signed this EMERGENCY MEDICAL STATEMENT are indeed, the parents/legal guardian of this camper. I do hereby further swear that I have personally witnessed the person whose signature/s appear above, place their signature/s upon this form. I further swear that I am an adult and of sound mind."

WITNESS: _____ (signature)

Please list below the following information:

Family Physician's Name: _____

Physician's Phone Number _____ (area code) _____ (number)

Please list below, names and phone numbers where you may be reached in case of an emergency:

1. _____ Ph. _____

2. _____ Ph. _____

3. _____ Ph. _____

CHILDREN MAY MAKE PHONE CALLS FROM CAMP, PROVIDING THEIR SPONSOR IS WITH THEM WHILE THE CALL IS BEING MADE. ONLY COLLECT OR CREDIT CARD CALLS ARE PERMITTED.

ALSO CHILDREN MAY RECEIVE IN-COMING CALLS BUT MOST OF THE TIME IT IS DIFFICULT TO FIND THE CHILD QUICKLY, THEREFORE IT IS SUGGESTED, SHOULD YOU CALL, LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOUR CHILD AND THEY WILL GET BACK WITH YOU AT THEIR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

SHOULD YOUR CHILD HAVE TO LEAVE THE CAMPGROUNDS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED DEPARTURE, (FOR ANY REASON, SICKNESS ETC. IT WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PICK THEM UP.

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PLEASE NOTICE THE CAMP DRESS CODE RULES:

(3)

GIRLS, PLEASE NOTE:

1. Dresses or skirts shall not be worn shorter than (knee Length).
2. Wide and narrow leg garments are not to be shorter than knee length. (SHORTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE, PLEASE DON'T BRING THEM).
3. No upper apparel shall be worn that exposes the shoulder.

BOYS, PLEASE NOTE:

1. Pants are to be worn full length.
2. Shirts are to be full length and covering shoulders. (NO FISH-NETS, TANK-TOP, ETC).

SWEAT PANTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR BOYS OR GIRLS.

WE SUGGEST ALL GARMENTS WORN AT CAMP BE, "LOOSE FITTING."

PLEASE BRING, ONLY, WEARING APPAREL THAT IS ACCEPTABLE BY THE ABOVE STANDARDS.

AFTER READING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS STATED IN THIS REGISTRATION FORM AND IF IT IS YOUR INTENT AND PROMISE TO COMPLY WITH THEM, PLEASE SIGN BELOW. NO ONE CAN BE REGISTERED AS A CAMPER, WITHOUT SIGNING!

By placing your signature upon the line following, you are making a promise to abide by the rules of the Youth Camp to the very best of your ability.

"I, _____, have read carefully the (please print name here) rules and regulations of the Youth Camp and do hereby make a pledge to keep these rules and regulations to the very best of my ability. I also understand that disciplinary action will be taken against me should I break the rules and regulations of the Youth Camp."

SIGNATURE _____

THE YOUTH CAMP BOARD

REV. GARY PARKER, CHAIRMAN _____ PHONE (314) 774-6412
REV. GENE HOWELL, SEC./TREAS. _____ PHONE (816) 331-1932
REV. KEN DODSON, MEMBER _____ PHONE (417) 235-5668
REV. RONNIE BLANKS, MEMBER _____ PHONE (417) 256-5693

STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD: We look forward to serving you, to the best of our ability. We want to provide a safe, Christian atmosphere for all who attend the Missouri State Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. To do this, we must have the full cooperation of every one. We pray souls will be saved, and every saved soul, will grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, WHOSE CAMP THIS IS!

Laura Belle Barnard Home With The Lord

Miss Laura Belle Barnard was one of the most influential missionaries in the National Association of Free Will Baptists. She went to India in 1935, at the time our denomination was restructuring. Sister Barnard did much towards developing a strong Foreign Missions Program.

Miss Barnard was involved in establishing Free Will Baptist Bible College. She was one of the first teachers.

She returned to India in 1957 and helped establish Free Will Baptist churches and Sunday Schools.

After returning to the United States, she served as director of Missions at FWBBC from 1960 to 1973. Only God knows the number of students who were influenced by her Godly life.

Her funeral service was held in her hometown of Glenville, Georgia. Dr. L.C. Johnson, Rev. Dan Cronk and the pastor, Rev. Tony Trott, conducted the service.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Miss Laura Belle Barnard had the same kind of Christian character as other missionaries who were her peers. She was a dedicated, strong and loving Christian. Her influence will live on, but her presence will be missed.

Sunday School Attendance Averages October 1991 - March 1992

CHURCHES	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
Belton	57	54	59	67	68	60
Bethel, El Dorado	68	62	60	61	57	60
Calvary Fellowship	237	251	221	228	248	316
Cape Girardeau	70	73	72	102	98	106
Central	102	93	103	110	97	103
Copper Mines	60	68				
Cuba	74	75	76	85	86	95
DeSoto	179	180	178	199	202	204
Farmington	432	409	388	396	400	438
Flat River, First	110	105			108	161
Hannon	106	103	103	97	96	110
Harmony	73	69	70	80	76	75
Hartville	99	100	91	99	104	96
Hopewell	29	34	32	29	27	32
Houston	102	94	90	102	97	93
Kirksville				33	34	
Lebanon, First	103	92	97	106	107	115
Marshfield	26	29	27	25	25	28
Monett	148	128	130	118		
Myrtle	39	31	29	32	31	
Overland					43	42
Parkview	56	51	55	51	51	56
Potosi	56	51	55	51	51	56
Richwoods	35	34	36			
Rock Chapel	76	76	75	77	79	85
Springfield, First	137	132	123	127	130	132
Thayer	122	110	122	123	119	
United, West Plains	193	168	183	184	165	177
Verdella	81	70	73	72	77	
Victory, Kansas City	75	81	70	75	66	90
Willow Springs	65	60	62	62	62	63

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.



In the last decade of the 20th Century we have set

OUR FACES TOWARD TOMORROW *Hebrews 12:1-2*

Do you have questions about tomorrow?
What about my children, my family?
What's my place in my world, in the church?
Who will lead the way?
What direction will missions take?

Join Free Will Baptist women from across the USA for the 7th National Retreat, Ridgecrest Conference Center, September 17-19, 1992 and

Consider TOMORROW'S WONDERS.

Hear some favorites. Meet new speakers. Renew friendships.

Cost per Person
Includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, and retreat fee. No provision for children.

NO. IN ROOM	COST EACH
1	\$122.25
2	86.25
3	78.25
4	74.25

DEPOSIT OF \$23.60 PER PERSON REQUIRED. Applied to total cost. Refund available if canceled before August 17. Walk-ons must register and pay \$23.60 (Accepting reservations Jan. 1, 1992)

Air and ground travel discounts available. Call or write WNAC or Ridgecrest for information.

RESERVATION FORM - WNAC'S SEVENTH RETREAT

Please reserve _____ rooms for the Free Will Baptist WNAC retreat, September 17-19, 1992, for the following: (Please list all names and addresses. List all roommates together.)

(name) _____	(name) _____
(address) _____	(address) _____
_____	_____
(name) _____	(name) _____
(address) _____	(address) _____
_____	_____

Enclosed is \$_____ deposit. Make check payable to Ridgecrest and mail to Ridgecrest Conference Center, P.O. Box 128, Ridgecrest, NC 28770. Tel. (704) 669-8022

Checking Our Church Growth

by Ken Dodson

Doctors tell us that we should have a yearly examination. This exam is critical they say if you want to make sure that your body continues to function as healthfully as possible.

Ministers have a body to care for. Paul wrote in Colossians 1:18, "... the body, the church ... " The church is a body. It must be healthy in order to produce proper growth.

Programs and activities are essential. We will be looking at those critical areas, but the foundation must always be checked and properly cared for if we plan on building a huge edifice on top of it.

Basic examinations seem to start with the heart and one's temperature. I've learned to look at two essential areas in any church that I've gone to pastor - the love that the body of believers have toward their Saviour, and the love that they have toward one another. This is the heart of the church. Whatever one loves takes over the priorities of his life.

Church dissensions, worldly priorities, and a lack of concern for the lost are signs of basic heart trouble. Prayer, the Word of God, and love must be administered in large but caring doses by the pastor. The heart of the church must beat as the heart of Christ.

In Ephesians 2:10 Paul wrote, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God

hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Is your church on fire for God? Is its temperature cold - lukewarm - or hot? We'd better know because Jesus knows exactly what it is. Revelation 3:15 says, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold or hot: but I would thou wert cold or hot."

Our works don't save us. Christ took care of our salvation. However, works are the temperature level of our church. Some preachers work themselves to death but allow their folks to sit cold in the pews.

It takes a lot of time. But a strong discipleship program that ministers to and builds up the individual members is a must. I believe a one on one situation is the best. We talk about as many people going out the back door as come in the front. That could be stopped with a strong shot of individual discipleship training. The pastor needs to get into the homes of these new converts and prospective church leaders. Twelve or thirteen weeks of in-house ministry will produce strong and committed Christians. When you teach them, teach them to be workers and leaders. Soon they will be teaching others also. Bring in Godly men who can teach seminars to help produce more able servants.

Remember, every year, re-examine your church body for its heartbeat and temperature level. That's a sure way to keep checking our church growth.

COMING SOON!

The 1992 Missouri State Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Retreat

August 21-22, 1992 - Stonecroft Conference Center

THEME: "For Such A Time As This"

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: MRS. HELEN SANDERS
Former Home Missionary to Hawaii

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY RETREAT PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

For those staying at the Conference Center

List the ladies that will be staying in the same room (each room has 2 double or queen size beds):

1/Name	_____
Address	_____
City, State, Zip	_____
Phone (_____)	_____
Church	_____
2/Name	_____
Address	_____
City, State, Zip	_____
Phone (_____)	_____
Church	_____
3/Name	_____
Address	_____
City, State, Zip	_____
Phone (_____)	_____
Church	_____
4/Name	_____
Address	_____
City, State, Zip	_____
Phone (_____)	_____
Church	_____

In order to accommodate the maximum number of ladies attending, there must be 4 ladies to each room. Rooms are assigned as reservations are received. Reservations will not be accepted before June 22, 1992.

Cost is \$30.00 per person (which includes food, lodging and registration fee). **Total Amount Enclosed: \$** _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY (no cash please). *THERE ARE NO REFUNDS!*
PLEASE SEND A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE WITH THIS FORM TO: Shirley Jackson, 13 Highland Drive, St. Charles, MO 63303. Telephone: 314-946-1754.

**Missouri State Free Will Baptist
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY RETREAT**

August 21-22, 1992

Stonecroft Conference Center (near Branson, MO)

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

For those not staying at the Conference Center

List the ladies attending the retreat, but providing their own accommodations. Check which meals they will be eating at Stonecroft. The cost for registration and all meals will be \$21.75.

1/Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____
Church _____
____ Registration Fee \$8.00 ____ Friday Dinner \$6.35
____ Saturday Breakfast \$3.15 ____ Saturday Lunch \$4.25

2/Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____
Church _____
____ Registration Fee \$8.00 ____ Friday Dinner \$6.35
____ Saturday Breakfast \$3.15 ____ Saturday Lunch \$4.25

3/Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____
Church _____
____ Registration Fee \$8.00 ____ Friday Dinner \$6.35
____ Saturday Breakfast \$3.15 ____ Saturday Lunch \$4.25

4/Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____
Church _____
____ Registration Fee \$8.00 ____ Friday Dinner \$6.35
____ Saturday Breakfast \$3.15 ____ Saturday Lunch \$4.25

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College
P.O. Box 7208
Moore, OK 73153
(405) 794-6661
March 24, 1992

Missouri State Association of
Free Will Baptists
P.O. Box 991
Lebanon, MO 65536

Dear Friends,

I have been involved in many things, and I have not found anything to be more exciting than the work of preparing men and women for meaningful life and work as God's children. I wish you could see what God is doing in our Student Body. You would be encouraged about the future if you could see how youthful enthusiasm and idealism is gradually transformed into mature, stable, Christian commitment.

This great work is not a solo effort. In fact, parents, teachers, pastors, and godly friends have combined their efforts to give positive influence to our students. May God richly bless you for participating in the work of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College.

In Christ,
Jim Shepherd, President

Record Number Attends FWBBC Welcome Days

The most visitors ever attended Free Will Baptist Bible College's spring Welcome Days, April 2 - 4, according to Neil Gilliland, Recruitment Director. The 389 visitors eclipsed the previous record of 356, set ten years ago in 1982.

The group was comprised of 279 young people and 110 sponsors. They came from 92 churches across 16 states. The largest local church group came from the Eastside Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama, with 17. The pastor, Rev. Michael Waddell, a FWBBC alumnus, brought them.

Dr. Riggs To Remain At FWBBC

Dr. Kenneth Riggs, who announced earlier that this would be his last year at FWBBC, has agreed to continue to teach at the college and to direct the Teacher Education Department, according to Dr. Robert Picirilli, Academic Dean. The administration had asked Dr. Riggs to reconsider his decision.



Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

BUSY SIGNAL AT HOME

How well do you listen? Now, ask your family to rate you as a listener. Do your answers agree?

Competition for your ears is fierce. Everyone wants to get your attention and will use every way imaginable to get it. But what about family? How willing are you to lend an ear to them?

Our families need a listening ear too, and sometimes they are the very last on our list. If, when our families try to communicate with us, they frequently get a busy signal, they will eventually stop dialing our numbers.

Typical communication in a "90's" family consists of instructions, directions, criticisms and nagging. With conflicting schedules of husband, wife, and children, some families have resorted to communication by post-it note. What a shame that we are too busy to have a conversation with our loved ones.

In the school where I work, children are crying out for someone, anyone, to listen to them. Families are simply too busy. What can be done? As a parent, make communication a priority in your home. It is a vital link in the well-being of the entire family. Communication also requires attention and response. It demands listening, not merely talking.

Is your family getting the BUSY SIGNAL at home?

Two Special Requests From The Vandivorts

Mark and Louise Vandivort, missionaries to Flagstaff, Arizona, have listed two special requests: Pray for Louise as she recovers from a lumpectomy that was performed in March. The results show that it was malignant and she faces more surgery and also chemotherapy treatment. Also, pray for The Flagstaff Project. The National Home Mission Board has approved the project with a goal of raising \$60,000, toward a building. We are praying for 6,000 people to give ten dollars to the project.

Update On The Curt Hollands

Curt and Mary Holland, missionaries waiting to go to Brazil, write: Thank you, Missouri Churches and Pastors, for your commitment to help send us to the country of Brazil. We must also say a special thanks to the State Woman's Auxiliary for adopting us as a project last year.

We need to be in Brazil by July 1, so that we will be ready for language school on August 3. However, we will not be able to leave until we have all of our monthly support committed to our account, and our cash money raised that we need.

After 13 months of deputation we now have only \$500 in monthly support yet to raise. By the time you read this we hope that we will have all of it raised. Our greatest need right now is cash. We still need \$20,000, which is one half of the \$40,000 needed in our account.

We once again come to our "home state of Missouri" and ask for your help. If you could give a generous, one time gift to help us get to Brazil, we would appreciate it very much.

Please pray and ask the Lord what you might be able to do to help.

Curt & Mary Holland

Fred Warner, Foreign Missions Department, writes, The Louis Coscias are retiring from missionary service, following 28 years in Brazil. In the light of this, for those who are supporting the Coscias, will you consider transferring this support to the Curt Hollands.

Fred Warner writes again, "Judy Smith has served as a missionary to Japan since 1976. She plans to be involved in a children's ministry and has submitted her resignation effective April 30, 1992. In the light of this, for those who have faithfully supported Judy, will you consider transferring this support to the Curt Hollands.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Curt and Mary Holland need to be in Brazil by July 1, this year. It is evident they are anxious to go and it is also evident the Foreign Missions Department wants them in Brazil. As we ask God for this need, let each one of us open our hearts, as individuals and churches, to do what He chooses to do through us. God Can Do It!

Financial Information

MARCH 1992

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board	\$ 4,454.73
17.50% Exec. Off. & Gem	4,213.93
3.50% General Fund	842.79
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	2,046.77
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.	601.99
2.50% C.E. Board	601.99
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board	601.99
9.00% Mo. State Retirement Program	2,167.17
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	7,344.31
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	
(\$73.44 included in \$7,344.31)	
5% Mo. State Conference Center Fund	\$1,203.98
Total	\$24,079.65

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%.

MARCH 1992 RECEIPTS

COOPERATIVE

Royal Oak	\$ 127.00
Houston	294.67
Friendship	311.22
Calvary Chapel	187.38
Pleasant Ridge	110.00
Happy Home	99.75
Lebanon	460.81
O'Fallon	173.78
New Hope, Fredricktown	15.36
Hazel Creek	473.95
Mill Creek	187.91
Oak Hill, Fredricktown	106.05
New Harmony	19.14
Merl's Chapel	160.00
Rolla	70.51
Liberty	227.00
Bethel, Festus	100.00
Cuba	150.00
Thayer	500.00
Springfield 1st	587.58
Lingo	16.09
Mine La Motte	41.17
Rock Chapel	300.96
Bailey Chapel	70.00
Columbia	75.00
Harmony	461.00
Joplin	337.19
Black Oak	223.01
DeSoto	845.00
Belton	391.45
Stockton	99.00
Victory, K.C.	200.20
Freeman Chapel	216.06
Tyrone	79.60
Mt. Zion, Gower	40.60

Seymour	120.00
Heritage	156.00
Hurryville	283.23
West Plains 1st	442.13
Flat River, 1st	510.98
Potosi	104.82
Mt. Pisgah	157.00
Cabool	294.99
Parkway, Sedalia	128.35
Fordland	92.19
Waynesville	212.14
Lone Star	27.90
Victory, Alton	150.00
New Life, Licking	863.00
Leadington	311.37
Trinity	866.10
Union Light	361.00
Grace	1,114.00
Cape Girardeau	977.89
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Copper Mines	230.68
Oak Hill, Union	424.20
Pleasant Home	140.10
Hopewell	140.00
Parkview	307.64
Eastern Gate	390.82
Riverview	559.90
Farmington	2,646.52
Willow Springs	197.27
Pleasant Hill	50.09
Wolf Creek	440.00
United	640.34
Macedonia	20.00
Marshfield	196.17
Grant Avenue	641.34
Terrill Road	153.00
Bethel, El Dorado	52.86
New Rock Springs	111.00
Rolla	112.67
Fredricktown	445.76
Hartville	430.38
Clifton	73.00
Friendship	503.70
Myrtle	215.68
Total	\$24,079.65

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Bill Blair	\$ 30.00
Houston	319.82
Niangua	12.00
Calvary Chapel	85.00
Pleasant Ridge	45.00
Lebanon	85.00
O'Fallon	52.50
Parkview Mission Group	60.00
Blue Springs	55.00
New Harmony	96.21
Merl's Chapel	200.00
Bethel, Festus	169.00
Thayer	93.32
Rock Chapel	143.00
Columbia	15.00
S. Hart	20.00
Joplin	10.00
C. Layman	10.00
DeSoto	380.00
Belton	507.60
Victory, K.C.	145.00
Freeman Chapel	434.62
Viburnum	120.00
Flat River 1st	163.30
Faith, Oak Grove	80.00
N. Akeman	10.00
Southside	255.00
Mt. Pisgah	100.00
Fordland	149.00
Niangua	22.00
Leadington	65.00
Trinity	442.13
Oak Grove, Cabool	65.00
Union Light	130.00
Grace	20.50
Faith, Lemay	75.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	121.20
Pleasant Home	56.61
Parkview	312.58
Eastern Gate	217.24
Blanche Crewse	230.00

Farmington	472.69
W. Livingston	20.00
Parkview Mission Group	220.00
United	94.75
Calvary Fellowship	1,046.18
Kirksville Children's Church	18.72
Kirksville	45.62
Marshfield	80.00
Grant Avenue	432.77
Martinstown	100.00
Monett	630.00
Hartville	86.08
Myrtle	165.00
Total	\$9,114.44

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Lebanon	\$ 5.00
O'Fallon	42.50
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
Blue Springs	10.00
Thayer	117.00
Rock Chapel	168.53
Columbia	10.00
Joplin	50.00
DeSoto	200.00
Belton	10.00
Victory, K.C.	5.00
Viburnum	38.00
Flat River 1st	66.10
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Fordland	10.00
Leadington	15.00
Trinity	30.00
Union Light	25.00
Grace	115.00
Oak Hill, Union	18.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	60.60
Pleasant Home	10.00
Parkview	70.10
Eastern Gate	10.00
Farmington	16.00
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
Wolf Creek	47.82
Kirksville	15.63
Grant Avenue	11.00
Myrtle	144.00
Total	\$1,440.28

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Pleasant Ridge	\$ 25.00
Lebanon	60.00
O'Fallon	25.00
New Harmony	96.21
Bethel, Festus	15.00
Thayer	50.00
Columbia	35.00
Joplin	35.00
Jerry Rader	20.00
DeSoto	50.00
DeSoto Children's Church	20.00
Victory, K.C.	5.00
S.E. District Association	25.00
Viburnum	8.00
Flat River 1st	51.10
Southside	20.00
Fordland	5.00
Leadington	10.00
Trinity	75.00
Union Light	61.00
Grace	35.00
Bookstore	174.00
Oak Hill, Union	23.00
Eastern Gate	20.00
Farmington	136.66
United	74.75
Macedonia	20.00
Calvary Fellowship	10.00
Marshfield	29.61
Grant Avenue	104.13
Myrtle	56.50
Total	\$1,374.96

YOUTH CAMP

Parkview	\$ 10.00
Thayer	35.00
DeSoto	50.00
Flat River 1st	92.55

Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Trinity	14.00
Belton	449.42
Lebanon Bible Bookstore	78.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
Macedonia	10.00
Marshfield	56.00
Boyce Williams	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Billy & Pauline Hughes	250.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Hartville	10.00
Myrtle	36.50
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Total	\$1,245.47

FWBBC

Thayer	\$ 35.00
DeSoto	35.00
Farmington	127.37
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Total	\$243.12

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Parkview	\$ 10.00
Thayer	40.00
Victory, K.C.	30.02
Oak Hill, Union	17.00
Farmington	142.41
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Grant Avenue	8.00
Total	283.18

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington	\$23.97
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JOHN MCCLURE ACCOUNT

Thayer	\$10.00
Victory, K.C.	5.00
Grace	27.50
Farmington	10.00
Total	\$52.50

CHILDREN'S HOME - TENNESSEE

DeSoto	\$50.00
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CHILDREN'S HOME - ALABAMA

Myrtle	\$95.00
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Clarence & Vivian

Clarence & Vivian Burton Say THANKS!

This is an open letter to the wonderful folks of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Last year at the State Convention I submitted my resignation as Executive Secretary, effective July 31, 1992. Inasmuch as Vivian, my wife, has been employed as receptionist

and office secretary, she will be terminating her work also.

A great big Thanks to all of you for your sincere prayers and faithful support. Seventeen years ago when I accepted this work, I did it with fear and trembling. My wife and I felt that it was the Lord's will for our lives, but this was a new endeavor for us. Sometimes a new work has many unusual experiences. At that time we did not have the faintest idea that we would be serving in this position for a long period of time. But the Lord has His way of using us where He wants us to serve.

The Lord has done exceeding abundantly above all that we had asked or thought that He would do. The folks of the Missouri State Association have been more than thoughtful and kind in their relationship to us. We shall be forever grateful for this. (My report to the State Association Convention will be more complete.)

The General Board has elected a fine man, Rev. Nathan Ruble, to serve as Executive Secretary. His wife, Judy, will be working with him. Their work will begin August 1, 1992. (See article in this Gem concerning this.)

Pray for us as we work, on a part-time labor, to develop a Stewardship Program. As a result of this we pray the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ may reach more people and that they will grow in His grace and knowledge.

Calendar of Events

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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