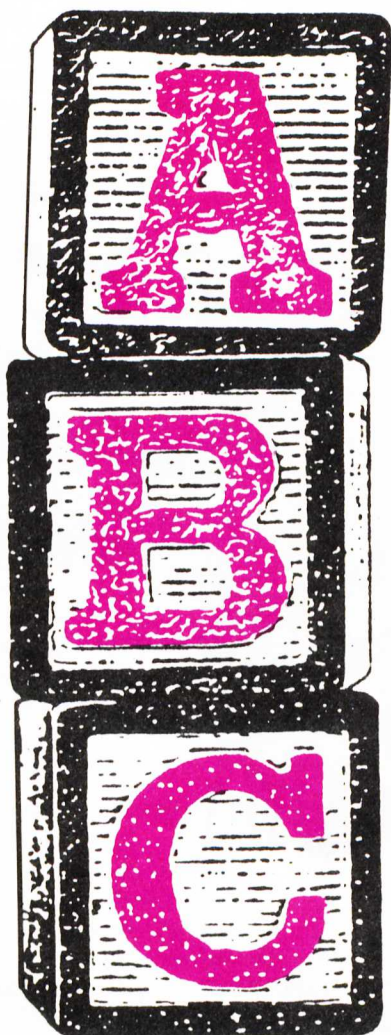


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Back to the Basics



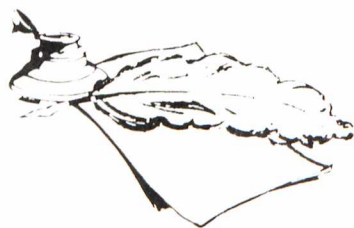
Ask God for whatever we have need.

Believe God will supply all our needs.

Confess our sins to God and confess Him before men.



Nathan Ruble



From The Desk of The

Executive Secretary

One of the great impossibilities of life is to recall all of the blessings God has given to us. While we may not be able to recall all of our blessings, it is good for us to try that we might offer thanksgiving unto God. Our forefathers recognized that every good gift and every perfect gift comes down from the Father. They knew the necessity of rendering unto God their thanksgiving, so they set aside a day for that special purpose. As Thanksgiving Day 1992 approaches we are reminded of the many things that Missouri Free Will Baptists can be thankful for.

First, we can be thankful for the people who make up the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. These include the faithful pastors and their families who carry the burden and vision of God for their church, their state, and the world. Some have labored for years without recognition or reward of an earthly kind, but they have found their encouragement and strength in the Lord. Also included are the dedicated lay people who give, pray, and toil for Christ. They love the church, and their joy is in the Lord.

Then, we can be thankful for the programs that God has made possible in our state. Many of the programs are

planned and carried out by five standing boards. **The Youth Ministries Board** sponsors youth competitive activities and youth conferences. **The Youth Camp Board** superintends the state camp grounds and plans and conducts four camp sessions each year. Because of the youth activities sponsored by these two boards, many of our young people have been saved and some have been called to special service. **The Home Missions Board** is superintending the establishment of eight new or revived works. **The Christian Education Board** assists our churches in informing and training our members with seminars and a lending library. **The Senior Adult Ministries Board** assists the local church in ministering to senior adults. The highlight of each year is a Senior's Retreat.

Cooperative Giving has been an established financial program in Missouri for many years and it works. This financial program has enabled us to carry out the many ministries of the state. While cooperative receipts have steadily increased over the years, they must continue to do so in order to meet the needs of the present and help build for the future.

God has truly blessed Missouri with programs to enhance the ministry of the local church. All the programs of the state were developed to lead people to Jesus and to teach people about Jesus.

Finally, we can be thankful for our prospects for the future. The future prospects of our state are indeed bright. The planning commission continues to study the feasibility of building a conference center. If this is God's will, the conference center could become a reality in the near future. The appointment of Brother Dale Skiles as the Director of Missouri State Home Missions holds promise of more self-supporting churches. Brother Clarence Burton is working to establish the Stewardship Commission which will assure finances for the future. Bookstore sales continue to increase under the management of Warren Livingston. The activity and plans of the other boards affirm more good things to come.

As you count your blessings this Thanksgiving Day, add to your list the people, programs, and prospects of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. These give us reason to be thankful.



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Reports from the Churches

CALVARY FELLOWSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Fenton, MO — God truly blessed our Vacation Bible School program this year. Our nightly average of around 105 children was approximately twice the average from last year! We are especially thankful for our bus workers since they are largely responsible for this increase.

A number of ladies from our church attended the retreat at Stonecroft this year and enjoyed listening to Helen Sanders, former home missionary to Hawaii. As always, the messages and fellowship were refreshing and uplifting.

After much prayer, discussion, research and planning, Calvary Fellowship intends to start a day care center. The exact start-up date is not final, but we are praying for great things from this new ministry.

We are currently looking forward to our fall enlargement campaign, homecoming with the Dixie Melody Boys, and our Women's Auxiliary annual Thanksgiving dinner, craft and bake sale

Reporter: Diana Anderson



CALVARY FELLOWSHIP IS GROWING — Tina Crittenden writes that babies are helping Calvary Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Fenton to grow. The church had a record year in 1991 with eleven babies being born to members of the church. Rev. Jerry Norris pastors this growing church. The names of the mothers and babies in the picture are from left to right:

Linda Morrison - Kyle Allen James, January 1
 Mary Bowlin - Lauren Elizabeth, February 18
 Stephaine Johnson - Brittany Lynn, April 1
 Cindy Tauer - Christopher Joseph, May 3
 Shannon Teague - Megan Alyssa, May 28
 Rose Barrett - William Jay, June 13
 Stephaine Lake - Olivia Michelle, September 19
 Tina Crittenden - Morgan Alexis, October 14
 Bobbie Jackson - Austin Kent, December 1
 Marily Jones - Sarah Elizabeth, December 3
 Carla Fruhman - Andrew Thomas, December 15



CLIFTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH — The Clifton Free Will Baptist Church is praising God for his many blessings. God has blessed the church with spiritual and numerical growth. In fact, the church has outgrown its parking lot. However, God made it possible for the church to purchase some adjoining property with a well. This will not only provide additional parking; it will provide water for the church. Future plans include new bathrooms and a paved parking lot for the church.

The picture shows the Treasurer - Norma Buchler; the Trustees - Jerry Strain, Tom Powell, and Allen Simmers; and the pastor - Grover Pingleton, giving Emory Coble a check for the property.

Reporter: Jo Pingleton

Fire Damages Two Missouri Churches

The Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist Church was completely destroyed by fire on Sunday night, July 22. The 97-year-old building may have been struck by lightning which caused the fire. The pastor of the church had resigned earlier and had preached his last sermon the night of the fire. Pray for the church as they rebuild and as they call a new pastor.

The Victory Free Will Baptist Church in Kansas City was set fire by an arsonist on Wednesday night September 9, or early Thursday morning, September 10. Gasoline was poured under the doors and ignited. Pastor Mark Braisher found the fire still smoldering and the church filled with smoke when he arrived Thursday morning. Brother Mark says that God intervened, because the fire had gone out. Otherwise the building would have been destroyed.

Youth Conference Checklist

OK, you're going to the Missouri State Youth Conference at Windermere on November 6-7. What do you need to bring?

Well, bedding or a sleeping bag, your Bible, clothing, personal grooming supplies (that's deodorant, tooth paste, and shampoo for those of you that don't get the hint), money for a conference T-shirt, and, of course, yourself.



Sunday School Attendance Averages March 1992 - August 1992

CHURCHES	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG
Belton	60	54	59	54	57	64
Bethel, El Dorado	60				57	
Calvary Fellowship	316	288	236	225	201	222
Cape Girardeau	106	84	82	91	73	87
Central	102	101				
Cuba	95	97	83	98	90	89
DeSoto	204	211	187	187	182	197
Farmington	438	392	359	317	339	330
Flat River, First	161	142	135	139	132	141
Hannon	110	99	96	95	97	86
Harmony	75	74	71	72	69	73
Hartville	96	96	96	87		102
Hopewell	32	38	31	34	42	35
Houston	93	79	85	71	70	75
Kirksville	34	37	37			
Lebanon, First	110	115	105	96	100	103
Marshfield	28	28	27	24	27	26
Monett	129	136	125	119		
Myrtle					34	35
Oskaloosa			17			
Overland	42					
Parkview	56	54	56	60		56
Potosi	61					
Richwoods	39	40	50			
Rock Chapel	85	80	79	74	71	70
Springfield, First	132	118		118	119	118
Thayer		124	112	107	121	120
United, West Plains	177	178	172	176	168	163
Verdella		69	68		69	
Victory, Kansas City	90		69			
Willow Springs	63	65	61		58	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.

Things That Work For Me!

The Gem would like to start a new section that will be entitled "Things That Work For Me." It will give Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, Sunday School Teachers, C.T.S. Workers, Bus Workers, Youth Leaders, Music Directors, and Children Church Workers an opportunity to share with others what works for them in reaching and teaching people for Jesus. If you have something to contribute, please send your article to: GEM, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536.

Bible College Enrolls 300

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE — Free Will Baptist Bible College enrolled 300 students from 24 states, the Virgin Islands and four foreign countries, according to Registrar Charles Hampton. This is an increase of nearly seven percent from last year, he notes.

The following states/countries are represented this year:

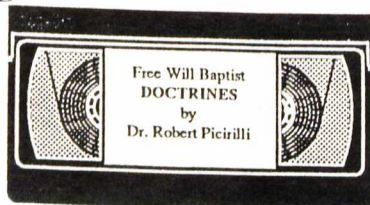
Alabama.....	29	Mississippi.....	7
Arkansas.....	14	Missouri.....	16
California.....	5	North Carolina.....	27
Colorado.....	3	Ohio.....	8
Delaware.....	2	South Carolina.....	9
Florida.....	10	Tennessee.....	75
Georgia.....	16	Texas.....	8
Illinois.....	19	Virginia.....	9
Indiana.....	9	Washington.....	3
Kansas.....	1	West Virginia.....	3
Kentucky.....	10		
Louisiana.....	3	Virgin Islands.....	1
Michigan.....	7	Foreign.....	5

Significant increases were seen from Alabama (+9) and Tennessee (+18). The foreign countries represented are Canada (2), China (1), Cote d'Ivoire (1), and Pakistan (1).

By classes, there are 109 freshmen, 79 sophomores, 44 juniors, 55 seniors, and 13 special students. Seventy-four are ministers and 42 are preparing for missionary service.

We welcome every student and trust that God will give us an outstanding year.

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Brother Charles Miller Resigns Church To Evangelize

Brother and Sister Charles Miller completed 25 years of service to the First Free Will Baptist Church of DeSoto, Missouri, this summer. August 30, 1992, was Brother Miller's last day of official service to the church. He has chosen to go into full-time evangelistic work, and has several revivals scheduled for October and November.



On Saturday, August 29, the church honored the couple with an open house, dinner, and a special evening service. Many friends came from across the state and the local community to give Brother and Sister Miller their best wishes.



In honor of their many years of service, the church presented the Millers with a money tree and granted them the use of the church parsonage for as long as they continue to live in the DeSoto area.

If you would like to have Brother Miller at your church for Revival Services, you may contact him at: Rev. Charlie Miller, P.O. Box 207, DeSoto, MO 63020, (314) 586-3648.

Gems From The Past

EDITOR'S NOTE: GEMS From The Past is a new addition to the GEM. It will feature unedited articles and news bits from the oldest GEMS in the State archives. We hope you enjoy it.

September, 1942, **Free Will Baptist Gem**
Missionary Department

Rev. Winford Davis, Chair.-Treas. National Board
Monett, Missouri

Jaruco, Cuba — July 27, 1942

Dear Bro. Davis:

I feel I must write you at once and tell you all the abounding good news. We organized the first Free Will Baptist Church in Cuba Saturday, July 25, 1942. A great company of people walked three miles singing as they went, and while they sang on the bank I baptized 26 people. The first to be baptized was our son, Tommy, and what shouting and singing we had. All of our workers except Cela, Pedro's wife, were there with us.

Two of our young local preachers had gotten up at 4:00 o'clock in the morning and rode to the American Encampment where I am serving as chaplain, and we returned, a two and one-half hour horseback ride. (I will finish about the chaplancy later.)

Returning, we met at our usual meeting place in Sabalo, and I read the Discipline of the Free Will Baptist Church following the procedure for the organization. We chose one deacon, appointed the regular officers, and received into membership in the first Free Will Baptist Church in the Island of Cuba 45 charter members. I still have in that place 20 more to baptize. That night we returned to San Juan (St. John) and preached there. Sunday morning at 9:30 another large company went to the river where I buried in the waters of baptism 20 believers. Returning to the chapel we organized with a membership of 36 there, dedicating two deacons who are very active and forceful preachers of the Word. I shall have each of them to write of their conversion.

The movement is a real revival. I have never heard such joyful singing or firm declarations as these to follow the Lord. I wished for the presence of our deputation party of last winter in these two meeting.

Now I want to tell you something of the way God led me to the camp. I first met a fine sailor boy coming from Sabalo on the train. I told him who I was and he gripped my hand with joy and said, "I have been praying to meet someone like you. We need you at the Camp." I left the affair with him to see the commander. Not hearing from him I went on to the camp and was received by the Post Doctor, the officers and the chief like a long lost brother and installed as Chaplain with a war buggy at my command to meet and take me to the station. One could not be treated better, and rather than interfere with my work it gives me added prestige with the Cubans.

Fred, the Christian sailor, was with us all day at the baptizing Sunday and received a real blessing. The church at Sabalo is a two and one-half hour ride on horseback from the camp. I am starting a Sunday School next Sunday morning. I have already encountered about six Christians or members of churches. I felt it was my duty as an American to place myself at their disposal, and am sure it will meet with the approval of our people.

I must write you something of the needs of our work:

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First, there are, as we stated, three chapels to build. One at Sabalo, one at San Juan, and one at Saint Andrews. Our plan is to build simple building of the native building material they have on hand. Practically all of which will be donated, together with the labor. Of course, we will have to buy the nails and planks for seats.

Our two deacons at San Juan, who are railroad men, have a vacation and have offered to take their vacation and dedicate it to the building of the chapel. We may have to spend \$50.00 on this chapel. I told them to go ahead the first of August.

The chapel at San Juan will possibly cost us more, perhaps in the neighborhood of \$100.00. The same deacons and members will build that one.

The chapel at Saint Andrews will be at a cost of about \$50.00, and they are ready to build.

Port Hope has opened for us. We can rent a house for \$7.00 per month; with lights and water about \$10.00 per month. Pedro and Rufino will handle this. The cost of sufficient furniture and benches will be about \$30.00 I shall visit there about the first of August to arrange that.

Blass Serrano, another worker, who will be with us the first of the month. Luis Diaz must have his tonsils removed. He is suffering but still preaching in seven places each week, and there are seven more to enter. Blass will take his place for about a half month, and I will be assisting all of them. Our next GREAT need is the Bible School. There are at least 15 students who want to start this year. The best plan is for us to find a small farm which will be our center of operation. I have in mind now four small farms:

1. A one horse farm called one caballeria in acres. I can't tell you how much it is. The cost of this is \$1,000.00.

2. This has more than one caballeria, 600 palm trees which are valuable, and has also other fruit. The man is asking \$4,000.00.

3. One caballeria with two teams of oxen, a cow, a horse, and two houses. The cost of this is \$2,000.00.

4. A much smaller piece of land; but a much better center for our work, especially for conventions, three houses livable, and all the water we want piped in, and close to electricity. The others have neither of these advantages. This is located close to our work. The price is \$900.00.

I do not know what terms we might make but \$1,000.00 in cash would speak big if I had it on hand. If it is possible to get that amount we would save a lot if Mrs. Willey could bring it over as she returns to Cuba from the National Association.

We are fully determined by the grace and aid of God to start the school; starting with at least ten or fifteen students.

We now have besides Pedro Oliva, Santiago Delgado, Luis Diaz, Blass Serrano, and Cela as regular full-time workers, also four lay workers who can fill positions of importance.

Praise the Lord for the way God is working. Luis Diaz is walking in the Heavenlies.

I am rejoicing in the result of the conference. Thank you for the good and welcomed check. Praise Him.

Mrs. Willey writes that some money came in designated for horses and saddles. We understand Bro. Griffin is buying a horse and saddle, and that Bro. and Sister Sasser are buying a horse. Praise the Lord for it all. (Note added

by Winford Davis — Mr. Will Price is also buying a horse.)

I am thinking if I can I might make a deal on one of these properties. I am convinced this is the center for us to concentrate upon. We shall go into it with prayer, thought and much council.

I am returning this Thursday to camp, and to visit the new point at Port Hope.

— Thomas Willey

New Bern, N.C.
August 6, 1942

Rev. Winford Davis,
Monett, Missouri

Dear Bro. Davis:

Find my check for forty-six dollars (\$46) which is for a horse and saddle for the work in Cuba as follows:

Black Jack Church	\$14.50
Holly Springs Church	10.00
Sound View Church	3.15
J.C. Griffin	18.35
Total	\$46.00

In your article last week you said that \$20.00 would purchase a saddle and that horses could be bought at \$20.00 to \$25.00. So I am sending the \$25.00 for the horse, as a missionary ought to have the best. Also, as it takes money to send money I am sending the extra dollar so that it will all be "Horse and Saddle Money."

I am praising the Lord that He has made it possible for me to do this. Get it over as quickly as possible and let that horse go to GALLOPING FOR JESUS.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. J.C. Griffin

(Note: I am trusting this might kindle in your heart a desire to do something for foreign missions. — Rev. Winford Davis.)





News From Our Missionaries

The Williams', Carthage, Mo.

We had over 16 saved and 6 baptized in the past three months. We also had Bible School the first week of August with over 160 enrolled.

About two months ago, Grace had a mild stroke that was caused from a heart condition that allowed a blood clot to hit the stem of her brain. She has made a good recovery, but we still covet your prayers in her behalf.

Finally, with joy I can say we have been paying our full support for the past 6 months. Our account is still in the red, and we are waiting to become organized until, hopefully, the red ink is gone.

The Mertz's, Wentzville, Mo.

During August we had our VBS which we called Family Celebration Week. We registered over 150 and had a high night of 110 in attendance. Also, the Lord granted 24 decisions for Christ for the week and other lives were truly changed.

I have just received the news that one of our dear churches here in Missouri has given a tremendous love offering to our missionary account to erase our deficit! The Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church in Purdy, Missouri, where Rev. Lee Neill is the pastor, has helped clear our deficit.

The Vandivorts, Flagstaff, Ariz.

Louise has just come through a severe crisis in her chemotherapy, with a low white blood count. Praise God! He answered prayer. The white blood count has returned to normal!

The National Home Missions Board has approved the Flagstaff, Arizona, Project with a goal of raising \$60,000 for an interest free loan to the Sunset Free Will Baptist Mission Church so they can build. Pray for 6,000 people to give \$10 (or more) to the Flagstaff Project.

The McClures, Mexico

We rejoice in the fact that we have had several new people visiting in our services. We praise the Lord for the Valadez family. Christ has made a miraculous difference in the life of Bro. Valadez. Please continue to pray for this family.

We have spent a great deal of time teaching and praying with Kelly Wood, a young man from Texas who has many personal problems. Pray with us that God will take complete control of this young man's life.

The Pinkertons, Ivory Coast

And to Jerry and Carol Pinkerton, God blessed with three sons: Howard, Jerry Jr. and Tim. To Howard, He blessed with two sons: James and Danny. And now, ALL OF US ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE BIRTH of a **Girl!** God has given Jessica Joy into the care of Jerry Jr. and Melody Pinkerton. Jessica Joy arrived August 20, 1992, in Chicago, Ill. She arrived weighing 7 pounds and 7 ounces; 20 inches in length. It is reported that she has long, brown hair. Rumor is that she will be entered in the next Babe Olympics! Mother, Father and babe in good condition. Praise the Father with us for this addition. We are truly thankful!

The Baileys, Tokyo, Japan

Greetings from Japan! We'd like to thank each of you for your prayers for Ken's health. He is doing very well and the doctor says he has his diabetes under very good control. Thank you for your prayers and concern!

The Morgans, Ivory Coast

We thank God for those who have been saved and disciplined in this part of the world since our return. We recently baptized thirteen new disciples. That's twenty-three baptisms since we returned.



Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

Overcrowded lives — stressed parents, hurried children...Does this sound familiar? Too many families are on a fast-paced treadmill and can't seem to find a stopping place.

Consequently, many of our children lack what they need most — parents' time and attention. According to Cheri Fuller, "the average child, even in a two parent home, gets about eight minutes of one-to-one time per week from either parent, and the great majority of that time is spent sending negative messages." How does your one-on-one time compare with this national average???

As a parent, even if we are on a fast track, we can help our children keep academics in the proper perspective. Here are a few tips:

1. Don't just assume homework is finished. Ask to see it. Check over it.
2. Set a time for homework, possibly the same time each day.
3. Be available to help your child with homework. Listen to him/her read as you are cooking supper, folding laundry, etc. (I'm amazed at how many parents send their first grader to the bedroom to practice reading!)
4. Use travel time productively. I sometimes quiz my daughter on the way to school.
5. Attend parent/teacher conferences. Stay informed about your child's progress. If you have a question, call the teacher. We appreciate interested parents.
6. Encourage recreational reading. Our daughter reads every night just before bedtime.
7. At test time spend a few minutes and study with your child. You'd be amazed how few children know how to study for a test.
8. Be interested. Don't be a part of the light minute one-to-one statistic. Spend quality time with your child. It will make a difference in their education.

Abusive Use Of Tax Dollars

The following article was prepared from material published by Donald E. Wildmon of the American Family Association which promotes positive values to undergird our society. Dr. Wildmon's organization targets one particular project for involvement each month. September focused on the abusive use of federal tax dollars to produce and air TV programs which promote the homosexual lifestyle as well as programs which advance the liberal, left-wing political agenda and censor traditional, pro-family views:

Two federally funded television networks are blatantly guilty of promoting and condoning homosexuality, political left-wing programming and censorship of traditional conservative values. They are The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) and The Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). The Independent Television Service (ITVS), which was created to provide free films to PBS, has adopted the same philosophy.

Examples of pro-homosexual propaganda produced and aired by PBS include "Protrait of a Marriage," a presentation about two lesbians. For the first time ever PBS showed scenes of explicit, nude lesbian lovemaking. "In the Life," by PBS, is an hour long gay variety show. "The Lost Language of Cranes" is a story of Owen Benjamin and his son Phillip as they "come out" to proclaim their homosexuality. Throughout the film the men are clearly to be admired and lauded for their homosexual lifestyle. "Behind Censorship" is an NEA-funded series which includes programs on homosexual "oppression."

"Anthem" is an eight-minute "erotic piece" produced by Marlon Riggs who is Homosexual and HIV-positive. It is scheduled for New York PBS station WNET. Riggs has also produced a film, "Tongues United," which was so offensive that over 200 PBS stations refused to air it because of the vulgar content and explicit street language for sexual terms. Riggs sums up his philosophy behind these films as prompted by CPB and PBS, "Our collective struggle . . . is to fundamentally redefine the dominant political and media discourse."

The Independent Television Service recently gave \$70,000 toward the making of "Out Here." This forthcoming film by Ellen Spiro is a tour of gay and lesbian lifestyles in the South.

Many programs also promote the liberal, left-wing political agenda. PBS Federal Frontline is guilty of presenting only the left side of political issues. For example, "After the Warning" was presented as a scientific program about the Greenhouse effect. The program stated that half of Florida would eventually be submerged in water and 20 million people would die of starvation and floods. PBS refused to carry "The Greenhouse Conspiracy" which presented the other side of the issue. It is a matter of record that the number of programs on the PBS series "Point of View" dealing with the struggle for freedom in the Soviet bloc during the years 1989-1991 was 0. The number of interviews with anti-communist dissidents on "Bill Moyers World of Ideas" during 1989-1990 was also 0.

One of the worst examples of anti-family fare sponsored with the tax dollars was "What Kids Want to Know About Sex and Growing Up." Produced by the Children's Television Workshop and broadcast on PBS stations in

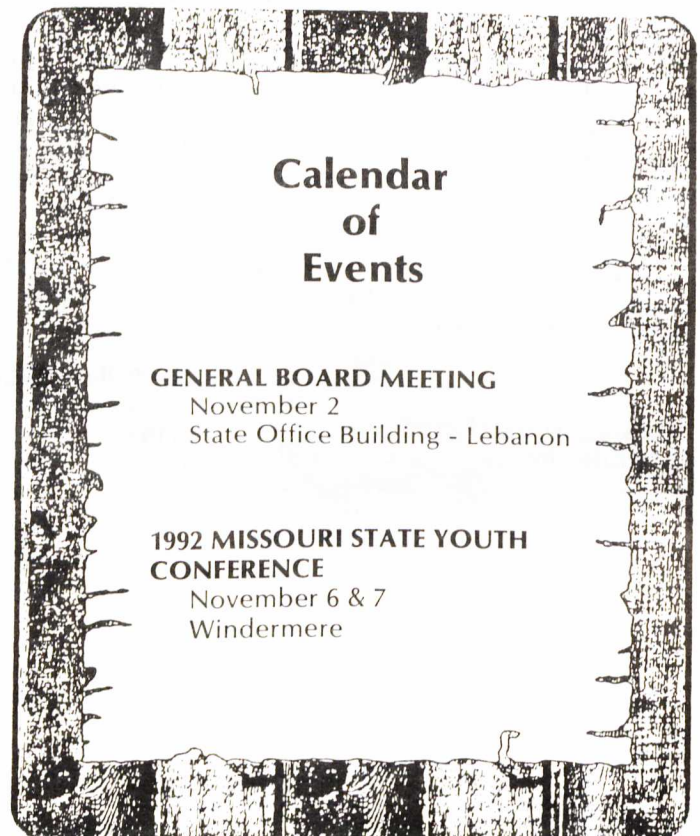
May, the show is an attack on traditional family values in the guise of a pseudoscientific presentation. Among other things, homosexuality is presented as being equal to heterosexuality.

At a time when your federal government is \$4 trillion in debt, Congress appropriated \$24 million to set up the Independent Television Service (ITVS) to provide free television programs to PBS. This piece of government bureaucracy was a direct result of lobbying by those who eventually ended up on the ITVS board of directors. In its first two years ITVS spent \$1,840,000 on administrative expenses alone!

Congress recently voted to increase funding for CPB to \$1.1 billion. George Will said, "Public Television is a paradigm of America's welfare state gone awry. It is another middle class — actually, upper class — entitlement. If you doubt the entitlement mentality of the public television lobby, hear its indignant rhetoric equating any questioning of their subsidy with censorship. The public television lobby consists disproportionately of people with the financial and educational means to provide their own entertainment, but who have the political competence to bend public power to their private advantage."

This congressional appropriation will help PBS stations pay their people well. Lester Crystal, director of PBS station WNET, earns \$304,000, while stagehand R. Bowman earns \$103,290. In comparison, President Bush earns \$200,000 and Congressmen earn \$125,000.

It is time to end all tax support for CPB, PBS and ITVS. Taxpayers should not be forced to pay for their pro-homosexual, left-wing political agenda.





The Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

A young boy, adopted by a Christian couple at birth, was showing his "baby album" to a friend. On a page filled with pictures was a noticeable gap where a photo had occupied the space at one time.

"Where's this picture?" the young friend asked, pointing to the blank space.

"That was my mother's favorite picture of me as a baby. She gave it to my birth mother," the boy explained.

His friend could not understand why the boy's mother would give away her favorite photo. To this, the adopted son proudly said, "It's only a thing! Mom said it was a small price to pay considering what this woman gave her."

What a beautiful way to explain adoption — and how wonderfully it parallels our adoption, as Christians, into God's family. God gave His Only Son — and allowed Him to pay the ultimate price — and asked only that we accept and live for Him. It does seem a small price compared to what He gave, doesn't it?

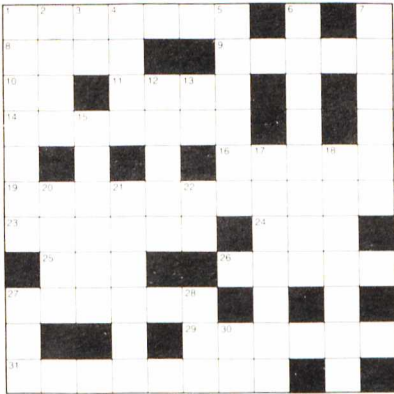
Does your life reflect the gratitude you feel for this Gift — or is it more like the obvious gap on the page of the boy's photo album. No matter what size or shape, only Jesus can fill these spaces completely.



PUZZLE 13

ANSWERS IN NEXT MONTH'S GEM

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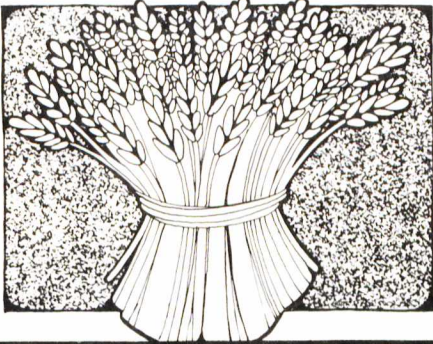
ACROSS

1. "... skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding" (Dan. 1:4)
8. A vehicle drawn by cattle (I Chr. 13:7)
9. "... and the swallow ... for herself" (Ps. 84:3)
10. "... for in such ... hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." (Matt. 24:44)
11. A month (Ezra 6:15)
14. Clothing (Deut. 10:18)
16. The chief minister of King Ahasuerus (Esth. 3:1)
19. Forever (Hab. 3:6)
23. Name mentioned twice in I Chr. 7:20
24. "... in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!" (Ps. 21:1)
25. "... the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6)
26. "... your old men shall ... dreams, your young men shall see visions." (Joel 2:28)
27. "To all that be ..., beloved of God, called to be saints" (Rom. 1:7)
29. "... in the ... times" (I Tim. 4:1)

31. One of the towns of Judah (Josh. 15:40)

DOWN

1. "... though your sins be as" (Is. 1:18)
2. The scene of Jesus' first miracle (John 2:1-11)
3. A Benjamite (I Chr. 7:12)
4. A village of Simeon (I Chr. 4:32)
5. Then the ... hook and trembled" (Ps. 18:7)
6. "... Joab's field is" (II Sam. 14:30)
7. "... they make ready their arrow upon the" (Ps. 11:2)
12. "Judah hath ... treacherously" (Mal. 2:11)
13. Paul, ... apostle (Gal. 1:1)
15. A son of Kohath (Num. 3:19)
17. A town (Num. 32:3)
18. "... and to (19 across). Amen," (Ps. 41:13)
20. "Thy prophets have seen ... and foolish things for thee." (Lam. 2:14)
21. ... in Gilead (I Kings 22:3)
22. "... Lord God! behold, I cannot speak" (Jer. 1:6)
27. "... but I will not with ... and pen write unto thee." (III John 13)
28. Samuel ran to ... (I Sam. 3:4, 5)
30. "Ye also, ... lively stones, are built up a spiritual house" (I Pet. 2:5)



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Missouri Christian Education Board of Free Will Baptists

Subject: Information on the "Lending Library"

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At the present there will not be a charge for the use of these materials. We request that you return all materials promptly so others may benefit and effectively plan for their use. The Library includes books, cassettes, and video programs. Below is a partial list of video materials available from your "Lending Library."

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"Towns on Teaching" — Elmer Towns

"Aids" — Moody Adams

"Good News Is For Sharing" — Leighton Ford

"Loving, Lasting Relationships" — Gary Smalley & John Trent

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Financial Information

AUGUST 1992

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50%	Mo. State Home Missions Board	\$ 4,902.65
17.50%	Exec. Off. & Gem	4,637.64
3.50%	General Fund	927.53
8.50%	Youth Camp Bd.	2,252.57
2.50%	Youth Ministries Bd.	662.52
2.50%	C.E. Board	662.52
2.50%	Sr. Adult Ministries Board	662.52
9.00%	Mo. State Retirement Program	2,385.08
30.50%	Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	8,082.75
	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	
	(\$80.83 included in \$8,082.75)	

5%	Mo. State Conference Center Fund	\$1,325.04
Total		\$26,500.82

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." (II Cor. 9:18)

God graciously blesses and supplies us with what we need to have an abundance for every good work. As we give of that which He has given to us, we can carry out the Great Commission. May God continue to bless the faithful Pastors and Churches as we labor together to win the lost and edify the saints.

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%.

AUGUST 1992 RECEIPTS

COOPERATIVE

Rolla 1st	\$ 73.58
Royal Oak, Alton	123.00
Koshkonong	188.11
Faith & Hope, Indian Creek	67.90
Union Grove, Norwood	158.00
Farmington 1st	2,146.00
Verdella	177.87
Overland	92.48
Beacon	2,175.00
Calvary, Conway	155.00
Hopewell	130.00
Bailey Chapel	65.00
Oskaloosa	62.00
Cuba	349.15
Victory, Alton	120.00
Thayer	526.00
Calvary Chapel	261.12
Springfield 1st	728.62
Faith, St. Louis	25.00
Lingo	15.30
Mine La Motte	44.26
New Hope, Fredricktown	10.70
New Life, St. Pet.	494.29
Pleasant Ridge	126.00
Black Oak	219.20
Lone Star	38.77
Columbia 1st	75.00
Belton	370.00
Freeman Chapel	194.43
Mt. Zion, Gower	48.40
Cope, Hartville	49.00

Rock Chapel	431.91
Carthage	180.00
Heritage	104.00
Friendship	393.19
Stockton	116.42
Harmony	380.05
Unity, Lebanon	253.00
Lebanon 1st	622.10
West Plains 1st	465.71
Hurryville	320.57
Flat River 1st	600.73
Cape Girardeau	640.76
Happy Home	98.24
New Harmony	18.47
Fellowship, Flat River	400.00
Grant Avenue	633.03
Faith & Hope, Willow Springs	35.43
Fordland	154.42
Macedonia	49.25
Kirksville 1st	128.18
DeSoto 1st	670.00
Grace	916.00
Potosi 1st	102.52
Mt. Pisgah	168.00
New Life, Licking	687.66
Liberty, Phillipsburg	246.77
St. Francois District	16.50
Trinity	926.84
Farmington 1st	1,847.61
Oak Hill, Union	379.11
Copper Mines	278.14
Parkview	331.07
Cabool	312.20
Eastern Gate	273.75
Marshfield	212.00
Willow Springs	190.14
Seymour	47.00
Tyrone, Houston	60.00
Wolf Creek	363.60
Waynesville 1st	359.10
Bethel, Eldorado Springs	49.79
Terrill Road	173.90
Pleasant Hill, Thayer	48.61
United	564.72
Mtn. Grove	977.94
Pleasant Home	147.53
Carthage	180.00
New Rock Springs	88.00
Fredericktown 1st	547.68
Total	\$26,500.82

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Farmington 1st	\$ 517.85
Verdella	592.16
Beacon	950.00
South Side	424.00
Indian Creek	391.15
Desloge	60.00
Martinstown	100.00
Calvary, Conway	46.50
S. Hart	20.00
D. Akerman	20.00
Thayer	384.04
B. Blair	30.00
Calvary Chapel	45.00
Faith, St. Louis	75.00
New Life, St. Pet.	238.29
Pleasant Ridge	45.00
C. Layman	10.00
F. Green	35.00
Columbia 1st	16.25
Belton	50.00
Freeman Chapel	413.00
Houston 1st	189.00
Rock Chapel	143.00
Carthage	88.00
St. Louis District	236.19
C. Thompson	25.00
Harmony	505.05
Lebanon 1st	50.00
Lebanon 1st	25.00
West Plains 1st	5.00
Flat River 1st	180.21
Calvary Fellowship	1,162.04
New Harmony	92.39
Oak Grove, Cabool	65.00
Grant Avenue	355.11
Niangua	29.00

Faith & Hope, Willow Springs	100.00
Viburnum	90.00
Fordland	104.00
Kirksville 1st	67.38
Bethel, Festus	139.00
DeSoto 1st	360.00
Grace	14.50
Mt. Pisgah	100.00
Greenfield	118.00
Union Light	140.00
Trinity	426.05
Farmington 1st	519.41
Oak Hill, Union	20.00
Parkview	349.21
Eastern Gate	182.49
Marshfield	50.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	117.84
Niangua	10.00
W. Dixon	60.00
Bethel, Festus	25.00
Springfield Assoc.	71.00
United	18.00
Mtn. Grove	460.00
Unity	11.18
Pleasant Home	19.75
Carthage	102.00
Leadington	65.00
Faith, Oak Grove	176.10
Total	\$11,529.14

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Farmington 1st	\$ 310.00
Verdella	15.00
Beacon	290.00
South Side	56.00
Indian Creek Quarterly	20.00
Desloge	10.00
Thayer	82.00
New Life, St. Pet.	98.86
Columbia 1st	46.26
Rock Chapel	45.00
Carthage	35.00
Harmony	5.00
Lebanon 1st	5.00
West Plains 1st	581.43
Flat River 1st	80.07
Calvary Fellowship	50.00
New Harmony	92.38
Grant Avenue	11.00
Faith & Hope, Willow Springs	25.00
Viburnum	140.00
Fordland	7.25
Kirksville 1st	39.95
Bethel, Festus	25.00
DeSoto 1st	235.00
Grace	135.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Union Light	25.00
Trinity	261.20
Farmington 1st	270.00
Oak Hill, Union	23.30
Parkview	43.00
Eastern Gate	10.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	58.92
Wolf Creek	51.75
Bethel, Festus	15.00
Mtn. Grove	425.00
Pleasant Home	5.00
Carthage	69.00
Leadington	15.00
Total	\$3,812.37

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Farmington 1st	\$ 136.66
South Side	20.00
Indian Creek Quarterly	98.15
Madison Co.	25.00
Thayer	50.00
Pleasant Ridge Good	25.00
J. Rader	20.00
Rock Chapel	98.49
Harmony	190.02
Lebanon 1st	15.00
West Plains 1st	30.00
Flat River 1st	60.07
Lebanon 1st	50.00
Grant Avenue	123.30

Viburnum	8.00
Fordland	3.00
Bethel, Festus	10.00
DeSoto 1st	70.00
Grace	25.00
Union Light	61.00
Trinity	55.00
Farmington 1st	136.66
Oak Hill, Union	20.00
Bible & Book Store	174.00
Parkview	5.00
Eastern Gate	20.00
Marshfield	21.20
United	15.40
Mtn. Grove	89.00
Unity	11.18
Pleasant Home	18.76
Leadington	25.00
Total	\$1,709.89

HILLSDALE FWB COLLEGE

Farmington	\$ 142.41
Beacon	75.00
Share the Vision	25.00
New Life Singers	255.00
Thayer	40.00
New Life Fellowship	
New Life Singers	221.01
Harmony, Liberal	50.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Grant Avenue	8.00
Farmington	142.41
Oak Hill	16.10
Total	\$1,010.68

FWBBC

Farmington	\$127.37
Mission, Desloge	10.00
Beacon	95.00
Thayer	35.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
First, DeSoto	35.00
Farmington	127.37
Total	\$465.49

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington	\$ 23.97
Farmington	220.00
Farmington	23.97
Total	\$267.94

JOHN MCCLURE

Farmington	\$130.00
Verdella	10.00
Thayer	10.00
Grace	17.50
Farmington	100.00
Unity	13.29
Total	\$280.79

YOUTH CAMP

Mission, Desloge	\$ 10.00
Thayer	35.00
Billy Hughes, Farmington	250.00
Harmony	15.00
Flat River 1st	34.23
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
DeSoto 1st	50.00
Lebanon Bible & Book	78.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Trinity	14.00
Bethel	15.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	20.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Total	\$640.23

Flash! TEAM Uruguay '93 Approved

The Free Will Baptist Board of Foreign Missions has approved the formation of a second team of teens to minister during the summer of 1993. TEAM Uruguay '93 will be formed IF enough qualified teens apply. Please indicate which team you would prefer if chosen.

☐ TEAM Panama '93

☐ TEAM Uruguay '93

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