

THE
FREE WILL BAPTIST

GEM

Volume 63, No. 2, February 1993

JEMEUS

Does the world see Jesus in me?



Nathan Ruble



From
The Desk of
The

Executive Secretary

God has graciously blessed Free Will Baptists with an expanding ministry. He has provided a beautiful and functional building from which the ministry of Free Will Baptists can be coordinated and supported. It is a building that we can be proud of and praise God for.

In order to pay for the building a Capital Stewardship Campaign was adopted by the National Association of Free Will Baptists and by the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. The responsibility for the indebtedness has been fairly divided in that the plan calls for each state to contribute \$5.00 per member. Our goal for the campaign was set at \$77,025.00. This was based on \$5.00 per 15,405 members. This goal has been lowered to \$51,000.00 with the sale of the old office building in Nashville.

In 1992 Missouri Free Will Baptists contributed \$18,854.75 to the campaign. I am asking each pastor and church leader to encourage their church to be involved in raising the remaining \$32,145.25.

There are a number of ways your church may handle giving its fair share. The church may want to contribute a one time gift of \$4.00 per member or give \$2.00 per

member in 1993 and then give \$2.00 per member in 1994. You may want to include this need in your church budget, giving some toward it each month. A series of special offerings may be promoted and received - such as fifth Sunday offerings. A special day may be planned with the offering given to the Capital Stewardship Campaign. Do it the way that will work for you, but please be a part. Materials for the campaign will soon be available for use in each church.

Missouri has always been a leader in denominational support, and I know that our involvement in this campaign will continue to reflect that leadership.

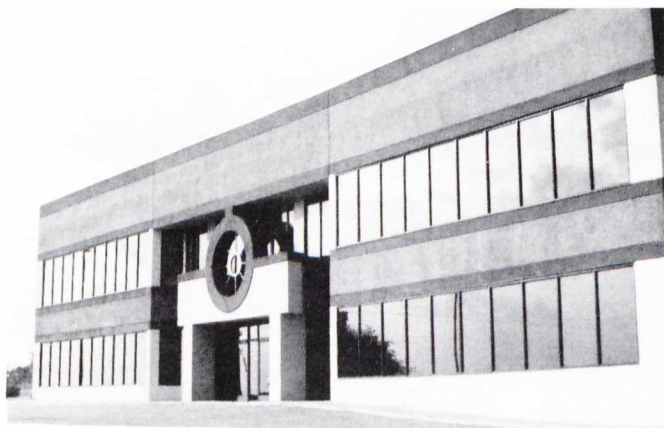
If I can be of help, please call me.



Sunday School Attendance Averages July 1992 - December 1992

| CHURCHES | JULY | AUG | SEPT | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---------------------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Belton | 67 | 64 | 56 | 66 | 53 | 49 |
| Calvary Fellowship | 201 | 222 | 242 | 296 | 229 | |
| Cape Girardeau | 73 | 87 | 103 | 119 | | 91 |
| Central | 90 | 92 | 95 | 93 | 85 | |
| Cuba | 90 | 89 | 101 | 110 | 106 | 113 |
| DeSoto | 182 | 197 | 195 | 183 | 180 | 193 |
| Farmington | 339 | 330 | | 319 | 294 | 300 |
| Flat River, First | 132 | 141 | 148 | 130 | 135 | 146 |
| Hannon | 97 | 86 | 82 | 85 | 80 | 76 |
| Harmony | 69 | 73 | | 71 | 74 | 70 |
| Hartville | | 102 | 100 | 104 | 110 | 97 |
| Hopewell | 42 | 35 | 29 | 38 | 33 | 31 |
| Houston | 70 | 75 | 67 | 62 | 62 | 61 |
| Jones Creek | | | 23 | 24 | 22 | |
| Kirksville | 37 | 32 | 33 | 31 | 32 | 32 |
| Lebanon, First | 100 | 103 | 100 | 103 | 99 | 104 |
| Marshfield | 27 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 27 | |
| Monett | 119 | 110 | 116 | 125 | 123 | |
| Myrtle | 34 | 35 | | | 30 | |
| Oskaloosa | 20 | 14 | | | | |
| Parkview | | 56 | 57 | 56 | 57 | 54 |
| Potosi | 59 | 46 | | | | |
| Richwoods | 35 | 43 | 45 | | | |
| Rock Chapel | 71 | 70 | | | | |
| Springfield, First | 119 | 118 | | 119 | 117 | 118 |
| Thayer | 121 | 120 | | 126 | 125 | 115 |
| United, West Plains | 168 | 163 | 174 | | 168 | |
| Unity | | | | 45 | 39 | 36 |
| Verdella | 69 | 63 | 64 | 66 | 59 | 69 |
| Willow Springs | 58 | 63 | 61 | 64 | 65 | |

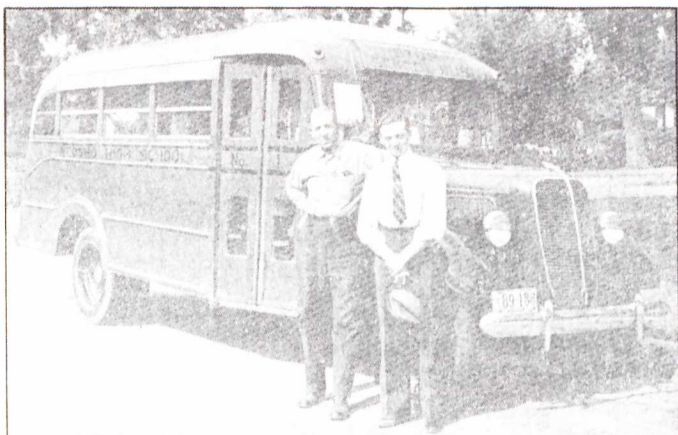
The above is only a partial listing — there are 177 Free Will Baptist churches in Missouri. Each church is encouraged to send in the School average each month.



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

Gems From The Past

EDITOR'S NOTE: The two unedited articles on this page were taken from a July, 1938, GEM. They remind us of Missouri's commitment to a unified denomination and a willingness to participate in its operation.



ALL ABOARD FOR PAINTSVILLE, KENTUCKY

Our number (25) is already made up for Paintsville, Kentucky. Should any one of this number decide not to go, they are permitted to sell their seat right to some one who might desire to take their place.

Following are the names of those who now hold a right for the trip.

Jewell Turner
Bessie Campbell
Doris Turner
Esther Apple
Joe Turner
Noveta Doty
John B. Rollins
Ted Balls
Dorlis Turner
Kenneth Turner
Otha Campbell
F.C. Zinn
Winford Davis
Maybell Recto
O.T. Allred
Donald Campbell
W.K. Weston
Evelyn Jefferson
Maurine Campbell
Frank Linton
Belva Zinn
Isabel Akers
Marquerite Metcalf
Mary Wellbaum
Rachel Whitehead

Mr. Bert Thompson, driving the large V-8 Ford school bus, to be assisted by his son James, will leave Neosho July 10th at 9 o'clock a.m., stopping at Monett and Aurora to pick up the delegates who are to meet it there. We are expecting to have a good time in the Lord's service, the entire week. We are to return by July 16th.

by Eld. Kenneth Turner

THE WESTERN GENERAL ASSOCIATION

The Western General Association of Free Will Baptist will meet in its Third Session on Tuesday night, July 12, 1938, at Paintsville, Kentucky, and will continue in session until, perhaps, Thursday night, or until all business presented is properly transacted.

The units which compose the Western General Association are the State Associations of Oklahoma and Missouri together with the Tri-state Association of Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky.

The Western General Association is what has been known as the Co-operative General Association but the name was changed in a regular session at Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1936, in order to comply with the wishes of the National Association for uniformity in our Free Will Baptist denomination.

The Western General Association is made up of approximately 300 churches, 560 ordained ministers and 17,400 members.

Eld. Jas. F. Miller of Flat River, Missouri, whose picture appears below, is the Moderator. He has served very efficiently in that capacity for the past two years. Bro. Miller is one of our foremost executives with 22 years of ministerial experience. Besides being the Moderator of the Western General Association, he has also served for several years as Moderator of the Missouri State Association, and he is dearly beloved among his people.

In addition to the presence of the delegates from the regular units of the Western General Association, we are going to have a letter and delegates from the Southern Illinois Yearly Meeting. We are happy for these brethren to come and we trust that they will line up with us, therefore, we are hoping and praying that we become a blessing to one another in the cause of our Lord. There has been some talk of the Texas State Convention joining with us, so come on Bro. Sutton from Texas, and all you brethren, we are expecting to see you at Paintsville.

We heartily invite the brethren from the East, and also from our sister state, Arkansas.

May the dear Lord bless and permit us all to sit in heavenly places in sweet council together.

John B. Rollins, Clerk



Jas. F. Miller



Reports from the Churches

You're Invited

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Mountain Grove, Mo., extends a special invitation for women to join them for an All Night Prayer Meeting on April 30, 1993, at the church.

While the guest speaker is yet to confirm, the program looks wonderful. Guests are invited to bring a devotion, a song, a reading or a testimony to add to the program.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. on Friday (all food provided by the host auxiliary) and breakfast at 6 a.m. on Saturday. If you are interested or have questions, please contact: Jewell Spurgeon, 515 E. 9th Street, Mountain Grove, MO 65711, (417) 926-5895.

Preparation for financing the All Night Prayer Meeting begins in November with the sale of pies made by the Woman's Auxiliary members. A Mountain Grove businessman, Bill Clifton, of the Edward D. Jones Stocks and Bonds Company, orders 115 or 120 pies for Thanksgiving. Pictured below are Marie Micham and Jo Hurtt getting ready for the baking session in the church kitchen. Shown with the finished products are Elaine Caskey, Christine Gosperson, Marie Maxwell, Carol Whitter, Jeanette Dalton (front row); Jewell Spurgeon, Jo Hurtt, Marie Micham, Audrey Fletcher, Jean Harker (back row).

Reporter: Jewell Spurgeon



Word Of Praise From The Bourbon Church

The Lord has been doing some wonderful things at the Bourbon Free Will Baptist Church this past year. Since February, fifteen souls have received Christ as their Saviour and eleven followed the Lord in Baptism. Fifteen people united with the Church. We praise the Lord for each one.

God has given us needed workers. He has supplied a Superintendent for our Sunday School, an Adult Teacher, a Teen Teacher, a Junior Teacher, a helper in Children's Church, a Pianist, and those who help with the special music. Galations 6:9 says, "Let us not grow weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

We carpeted the Church auditorium and nursery, and put new tile in the bathrooms.

The Church hosted the Bourbon Alliance Thanksgiving Service which was well attended by all the local churches.

Great things have been happening in our Church in 1992, and we give God the Glory. We ask for your prayers. It is our desire to continue to grow spiritually and numerically in 1993.

Hugh Stogsdill, Pastor

Congratulations, 1st Church, Cape Girardeau

Randall House Publications has released the results of the 1992 Fall Sunday School Enlargement Campaign. First Church of Cape Girardeau was third in division G with a 68% increase over their 1991 average. The church ranked fourth in the top ten churches according to the percentage of increase and second in the top ten churches according to numerical increase. Congratulations! This fine church is pastored by Rev. Wesley Rider.

Dedication Of New Building At Thayer

On Sunday, December 6, 1993, the First Free Will Baptist Church at Thayer, Missouri, held a Dedication Service for its new Church Building. As the members and friends of the church gathered for this special occasion, it was evident there was a feeling of excitement. The Special Day had arrived.

Rev. Cody Freeman, the pastor, gave a warm welcome to the friendly folks who had gathered for the occasion. He stated, "The Lord has blessed in so many ways. He has blessed with a fine group of people with which to work; He has provided the needs by which we could build and He has given us the determination to get the job done. We have had some set-backs and, as is normal, we have had some difficulties. But, through it all we worked together, and now we can praise Him from Whom all blessings flow!"

The special music for the Morning Service was provided by the Gospel Generations and the large Junior Choir. The choir sang beautifully with their young and talented voices. Curtis and Linda Barton with their lovely and talented children from the Gospel Generation Singing group did a beautiful job with the songs they sang, and they always do. This family will always bless your heart. They

also sang at the Afternoon Service.

Rev. Clarence Burton preached the message for the Dedication Service. He gave strong words of commendation for the pastor and everyone who had worked with him and the leadership of the church in doing such a beautiful and wonderful work. He said, "The Thayer Church, under the leadership of the pastor, and others in the church, have fulfilled a vision from above, a vision from within, and a vision from without." He stated further, "The folks that live in Thayer and in this community recognize that this church has done a work that glorified God, met the facility needs of this church and has prepared for growth in the city and community."

The new facility is approximately 10,000 square feet. The lovely and accommodating auditorium will seat between 350 and 400 people. The spacious dining and fellowship area provides adequate space for all functions connected with the church. The former auditorium has been remodeled into nice large classrooms, a comfortable pastor's study, nursery and other needed areas for church use.

The ladies of the church provided a delicious noon meal. This was mentioned by more than one, as dinner was being enjoyed, "Some of the best cooks in the world attend the Thayer church."

The Afternoon Service was enjoyed by everyone. The pastor showed slides that gave the beginning, the progressing and the completing of the church building. It was very interesting to see how the work had progressed. It was evident that much hard work had gone into the constructing of the beautiful facility. The Solid Rock Gospel Group provided some of the special music for the service. This fine singing group is enjoyed everywhere they go.

It was a great day, and even though the weather was a little rough, the Lord blessed through it all. A faithful and longtime member of the church expressed the feelings of many, "This had been a good day and the Lord has shown us what we can do when we trust and obey Him."

Reporter: Clarence Burton



The Auditorium



Prayer of Dedication



The Pastor - Cody Freeman

The Bible Basis For Standards

by Lonnie Skiles

The need for an article of this nature is apparent by what is observed and heard in the world, on television, and even in churches and during "church" activities. At the outset, it must be established that in the New Testament, God deals with Christians as with adults, and expects every child of God to respond by applying Godly principles to their daily lives. However, in applying these principles, one must consider the totality of Scripture in order to discern the whole counsel and mind of God. In other words, one must sincerely desire to know exactly what God approves in every given situation. With this in mind, this article will present some Biblical principles that can guide our lives in all Godliness and honesty. Along with this, some examples of "do's" and "don't's" will be included to illustrate the principles involved.

In determining what is right or wrong in actions, thoughts, or words, every Christian should consider the following principles:

Principle #1 - Does it hurt or help your Christian testimony? I Thessalonians 5:22

The following statement is taken from the Free Will Baptist Church Covenant: "We promise, by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to 'provide things honest in the sight of all men.'"

Two statements certainly apply here. They are: "avoid all appearance of evil" and "provide things honest in the sight of all men." Every Christian has a God-given responsibility to adhere to these admonitions. The world lives selfishly, but the Christian is called on to live **selflessly**. The question is not only "What is right for me?", but it must be expanded to include "How does it affect other people, saved or unsaved?" This includes every area of the Christian life — where we go, what we do, what we listen to, read, or think, how we dress, how we talk, etc. Romans

(continued on page 6)

(continued from page 5)

14:7 says "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." Verse 16 adds this: "Let not your good be evil spoken of." To avoid all **appearance** of evil demands a tremendous amount of discernment and dedication that only comes from total commitment to the glory of God and the good of others.

Principle #2 - Does it conform to Biblical standards of modesty? 1 Timothy 2:9-10

In most instances, this scripture is applied to **how Christians should dress**. However, this writer would like to suggest that **attitudes** are involved here, as well as actions. If the Christian has the right attitude toward Godliness and pleasing God rather than self, the actions will conform to the attitude. Too many people, who live under the "banner" of Christianity, take the attitude, "It's my body, it's my life; why should I not please myself?" However, this is the exact opposite of the attitude depicted in the above scripture. The attitude here is one of submission and subjection - first to God, and then to one another. "Modesty" here does apply specifically to women's clothing, but, again, if the attitude is right, the proper actions will follow. The problem is not in **discerning** what is meant, but in submitting oneself to what is discerned. (For an excellent treatment of this subject, the reader is referred to the book, **Your Clothes Say It For You**, by Elizabeth Rice Handford.) At any rate, if our attitude is modest, our walk, talk, and dress will follow suit.

Principle #3 - Does it present a clear distinction of your gender (male or female). Deuteronomy 22:5

First of all, it is suggested that this passage applies to what one **does** as well as what he or she wears. The fact is that what a person does often dictates the type of clothing worn. The question that every Christian should ask is: "Should I be doing things that cause me to compromise God's principles?" Is it not worth sacrificing some **doing** in order to **be** what God is most pleased with?

In dealing with the particulars of proper dress, it is pointed out that the principle of modesty (discussed above) would preclude the use of shorts or other revealing clothing. But this verse in Deuteronomy takes it a step further. Keil and Delitzsch (who most fundamental scholars look upon as experts on the Old Testament) state, concerning this verse: "The immediate design of this prohibition was not to prevent licentiousness, or to oppose idolatrous practices...; but to maintain the sanctity of that distinction of the sexes which was established by the creation of man and woman, and in relation to which Israel was not to sin. Every violation or wiping out of this distinction - such even, for example, as the emancipation of a woman - was unnatural, and therefore an abomination in the sight of God." Elizabeth Rice Handford, in the above mentioned book, points out that the word "abomination" is a very strong word, denoting "extreme disgust, loathing, abhorrence, hateful, shamefully vile." Whatever God is saying here, then, He is saying with extreme emphasis on His concern in this area. Throughout the Bible, it is perfectly clear that God demands a distinction between the sexes, not only in their clothing, but also in their role in the home, in the church, and in society in general. Even the hair length is supposed to distinguish men from women (1 Corinthians 11:1-16). Logically and grammatically, then, this passage would seem to cast a question on the propriety of women

wearing slacks or of men wearing dresses. It certainly casts a serious question on the practice of women wearing jeans, which practice seems to be so popular among women today. The worst part of it is that even the church has been affected by this "confusion of the sexes." There was a time when women would not have even considered wearing pants to church. Now, in some instances, they are wearing shorts. One has to wonder what the next step will be. This practice has also invaded youth camps and other Christian activities. It is alarming to this writer when there is a difficulty in determining when one has passed from the women's apparel to the men's, in the average department store. The same thing can be said of the shoe department as well. This may not be confusing to some, but it certainly is to this writer.

Principle #4 - Does it conform to your God-given role in life as explained in the Holy Scriptures. 1 Peter 3:1-7

The Biblical admonition about each person's role in the family is simple and very direct. The husband is to be the head of the home, and is to love his wife even as "Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25). This passage in 1 Peter 3, as well as Ephesians 5 and many other passages, makes it equally clear that a woman's role is one of submission. Her attitude, actions, and even the style of clothes she wears will reflect her acceptance of this role, or her rebellion against it. This is totally contrary to the popular "women's lib" attitude of today. However, here again, the Christian should be more interested in obeying God than in conforming to the world. It has been rightly pointed out that the rise in homosexuality and lesbianism in this country can be largely attributed to the masculinization of women, and men taking on a more feminine role. The children are thus confused about their own role in life, and tragedy results. Children are admonished to "honour and obey their parents." It is suggested that if all Christians would totally conform to their proper Biblical role in life, it would promote more respect and obedience among their children.

Principle #5 - Does your own comfort or pleasure override your desire to please God? Revelation 4:11

Here, again, it is the attitude of the heart that is so important. Some people demand their "rights," little realizing that in so doing, they are sacrificing their "right" to live a Godly and peaceable life. Every person is to fulfill the pleasure of God, not his or her own personal pleasure. Once this principle grips the heart of a person, their attitude will change, and it will affect what they do, what they read, what they watch and listen to, what they wear, and even what they think, or dwell upon. God's pleasure should be paramount in the mind of every believer. The question, then, that should be put to everything is not "What's wrong with it?" but rather "What's right about it?" If pleasing God is the main goal of one's life, then that person will strive for **excellence** in all that he or she does or says.

In conclusion, it is pointed out that this article is not intended to offend anyone, but merely to stimulate the thinking of God's people. These principles can and should be applied to every area of life. Someone has said, "The world is not looking for a **declaration** of Christianity, but rather a **demonstration** of Christianity." May every Christian determine, with God's help, to make their demonstration as clear and clean as possible.

Vacation Bible School Workshop

Lebanon Bible and Book store will host a Vacation Bible School Workshop on Saturday, March 6, at 9:30 a.m. It will be held in the meeting rooms of the Wyota Restaurant on East City Route 66 in Lebanon, Missouri. Manager Warren Livingston invites you to come and bring as many of your VBS workers as possible.

Representatives from both Standard Publishing and Gospel Light Publishing Companies will be there to present their VBS Curriculum for 1993. For further information call the Bookstore at (417) 532-9516.

Church Music! What Does It Mean?

There are always different ideas about the music of the church. The purpose of this article is to help you define what music in the church is really about.

What come to mind when you first think about your own church music? Is it the traditional songs which have been sung all these years? Maybe you remember Stamps/Baxter and the grand harmony and movements of their songs. Some may think of slow worshipful music and some of faster praises to the Lord. All of these are important styles that can be incorporated into our worship very effectively if we can see beyond the tradition of the past of what has "always been done." While there is nothing wrong with what has always been done, we should strive for the right understanding of what it is we are doing.

Sometimes we get caught up in style and tradition and forget what church music really is. Our opinions aside, the bottom line is what it means to us and how it speaks to us. The message of each song we sing as worship to the Lord our Savior should contain words of reflection of our present experience and walk with the Lord. Each verse should proclaim a glorious recollection of God's mighty **power** in our lives. Singing songs of worship are so much more than merely going through the motions like most of us do. If we sing without being stirred in our souls about how really great God is and how much we want to praise him for his majesty, then we are singing amiss. Our music then has lost its value as praise to God and becomes common abilities to enhance a social gathering.

Music Directors, Song Leaders, take time to stop and pray over and through each song you intend to lead your congregation in. Make sure you know and feel the special meaning each song has for you personally. Then take the time to witness to your

congregation through those God-inspired feelings and praises.

Church songs touch us in every aspect of our living. They remind us of victories that God has led us through, trials He has comforted and protected us in, and sorrows through which He has flooded us with mercy and grace. As we sing them, we should let the message ring affirming our complete trust in Jesus.

Lead your church in meaningful worship through the songs you sing. Make sure you are worshipping through each word and phrase. It only takes a few key people to really make church music come alive.

by David Brawley

Missionary News

Fred & Evelyn Hersey:

Thanks for your prayers for Evelyn's health needs, for Fred while he was back in Japan for two months and for your continued support to our account.

Evelyn is much improved and has most of her strength back. She has one more chemotherapy treatment January 27. Her doctor has told her that he doesn't expect her problem (cancer) to go away completely but that we will have to keep a close check on it. We have much to praise our wonderful Lord as we start 1993.

Curt & Mary Holland:

Since our last letter many things have happened...

ON SEPTEMBER 21 we moved into our house here in Campinas. We enrolled Amber in a Brazilian school on September 29. Curt and I started language school on September 30.

ON OCTOBER 21 our house was robbed. It was a "set back," but it didn't defeat us. We praise the Lord that He has continued to keep us safe.

ON NOVEMBER 4 we received our shipping container full of our furniture and things. What a blessing to have something to sit on and a real bed to sleep in.

THANKS FOR PRAYING FOR US. Please continue to pray for us during the new year. We love you and thank YOU for helping us share the Gospel with the people of Brazil!

Ken & Judy Bailey:

In our fifth year on the field, we have so much to be thankful for! First of all, caring friends such as yourselves, who have prayed often for us this past term. Truly, we have felt the prayers and seen them answered. Ken's health is excellent as I write this letter. He's totally off the insulin and controlling the diabetes with diet and exercise. Tracey and Benjy are healthy and doing very well in school. Our mission account is still in the black and your support is allowing us to remain here for two extra years this term. The people of Iriso Church have asked us to extend their "thanks" to you for allowing this to happen.

Steve & Linda Reeves:

We have such an important responsibility and privilege as believers. That is, to let His light shine through our lives. Linda and I want to say how thankful we are that you have given us the opportunity to be His lights in Spain.

You have been so faithful to give and to pray for us and we are tremendously grateful. In some ways 1992 has been a very difficult year for us but God's grace and your prayers have brought us through. (Please continue to pray for Linda, who is in her seventh month, to have a normal and uneventful pregnancy the rest of the way. Pray for both of us as we approach the March 2 due date.) Our prayer is that God will be as near to you as He has been to us.



Bar Kokhba

The True Story Of A False Messiah

Jesus of Nazareth, who rose from the dead but was rejected by the religious leaders of the day, was not the only man who claimed to be the Messiah. Others made similar claims, and some of these received wide support from the priests and rabbis. One of the most dramatic of these men was Simeon Bar Kokhba, a popularly accepted "Messiah" who did not rise from the dead.

To catch up on the story of this pseudo-messiah, we need to go back to 70 A.D. Titus, who was later to become emperor, had just destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem and had massacred thousands of Jews and sold thousands more into slavery. Those who remained suffered under heavy taxation.

On the whole, the Jews carried these grievances with remarkable patience. But when the rumor spread that the Romans planned to build a pagan temple to Jupiter on the actual site where the Jewish Temple had stood, their long suffering was stretched to the breaking point. Still they tried to keep their peace. When Roman Emperor Hadrian began to interfere with Jewish religious rites, they could contain themselves no longer. Open rebellion broke out in 132 A.D.

The leader of this revolt was Simeon of Coziba, a great organizer and a skillful warrior with a magnetic personality. This man was immediately renamed Simeon Bar Kokhba by Rabbi Akiba, the greatest Jewish scholar of the day and one of the most widely acclaimed rabbis of all time. The name Bar Kokhba means Son of a Star; and Akiba connected him with the prophecy of Numbers 24:17, "There shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab..."

This renowned rabbi announced flatly that Bar Kokhba was the long-awaited Messiah! The majority of the Jews accepted this and pledged an almost insane loyalty. To them this mighty warrior did not have the objectionable qualities of the rejected Jesus who had appeared a little over 100 years before.

Jesus had taught people to turn the other cheek to an enemy, but Bar Kokhba shouted that they should smite the Romans. He encouraged the masses to revolt.

To strengthen belief in Bar Kokhba's messiahship, Akiba insisted that he was a direct descendant of David.

With this support, the Jews flocked to Bar Kokhba, and money poured in from those living in other lands. Jews who believed in Jesus, however, were not deceived and refused to help. This refusal turned Bar Kokhba's anger upon them. And as a result he ordered the Christians to be sentenced to terrible punishments if they didn't deny Jesus Christ and blaspheme him.

Bar Kokhba's followers acquired weapons by a simple deception. They got the rights to deliver war materials to the Roman commanders. Then they supplied slightly inferior merchandise. When these supplies were refused, they kept them for their own use.

As the outbreak neared, the Jews prepared a series of interconnected forts. The Romans didn't understand what was happening even though it was done right under their noses. Bar Kokhba waited until Hadrian was busy in another province, and then he quickly attacked.

The Romans may have expected such an attack, for they had stationed an extra legion, the Sixtieth, nicknamed Ironsides, in the country. But these soldiers could not withstand the ecstatic zeal of Bar Kokhba's army. Within a very short time Jerusalem was in Jewish hands again. The Jews were drunk with their achievement. Eleazar took over as High Priest, and Akiba presided as the leader of the Sanhedrin.

A new regime was instituted by Bar Kokhba. Documents have been found from this era made out in the name of the "Prince of Israel" and dated from the time of "The Redemption of Israel." Likewise, new coins were minted. Some of these coins featured the Temple with a star on top!

Once again animals were sacrificed on the High Altar. Gentiles flocked to the "Messiah," and he rode the crest of a mighty popularity. His military tactics were those of a genius.

But Hadrian was determined that no pseudo-messiah was going to defy him. He summoned Severus — one of his best generals — all the way from England; and additional troops were brought in from as far away as the Danube. Finally, the emperor himself moved to Judea in order to supervise the army. Severus avoided pitched battles. Instead, he destroyed the country as he advanced. Jerusalem soon fell to him, and Bar Kokhba along with many of his followers fled to a fortress of Bethel, southwest of Jerusalem. Here he died with his men.

Roman vengeance was terrible: 50 fortresses and nearly 1,000 villages were utterly destroyed. Hadrian then decreed that no Jew could set foot in Jerusalem, and if anyone did, he was immediately crucified. This edict was so well-enforced that the Christian church in Jerusalem had to get another bishop because the one they had was a Jew. The decree, however, was relaxed once a year on the ninth day of the month of Ab. This was the day when Titus had destroyed the Temple in 70 A.D. On that day, if they paid a fee, they were allowed to enter Jerusalem and pray for the nation.

Over half a million Jews were killed in the war. So many were sold into slavery that the market was glutted. It became cheaper to buy a slave than to buy a horse. In order to raise the price, many slaves were shipped to Egypt and thousands died of starvation or shipwreck.

The scorched-earth policy of Severus had been so effective that Judea had become like a desert. Indeed the devastation was so terrible that 100 years went by before olives could be harvested again. Then, possibly to add a final insult, Hadrian changed the name of the country to Palestina. This was to commemorate the ancient enemies of the Jews — the Philistines.

After his thorough defeat, many who had exalted Bar Kokhba as the Messiah sarcastically called him Bar Coziba (Son of Falsehood). A few years later Akiba was tortured to death by the Romans. In 1962 many of the bones of Bar Kokhba's followers were found in some of Judean caves. He is remembered by historians and a few pious Jews and that is about all. He doesn't have a single follower in the entire world. Not one!

by Charles Ludwig
provided by David C. Cook Publishing Company

Breaking With The Fetish

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was taken in part from October-December 1992, AFRICAN BREEZES.

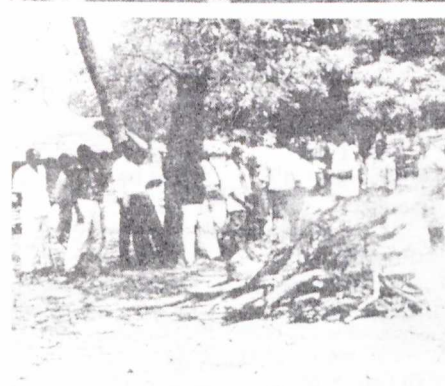
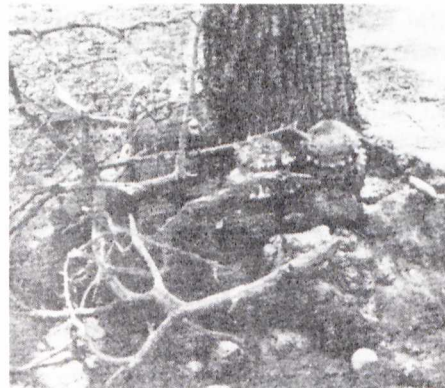
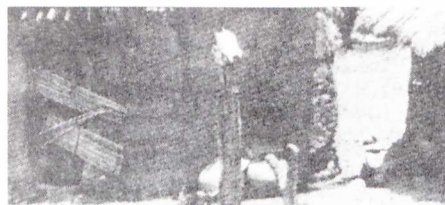
by Dr. Kenneth Eagleton

After several months of agonizing over his decision, Mr. Tchouwete Kambire, old and blind, has decided to break with his fetishes and "become a Christian." Several factors led to his decision. Little by little he had lost a large herd of cattle and sheep, which he blamed on the fetish. A few months earlier, two of his adult sons and their wives were saved and had burned their fetishes. He noticed that nothing terrible happened to them, and they even seemed happy and free.

Mr. Kambire is pictured in the first picture. His fetishes consisted of idols or sacred objects which had been consecrated and empowered by spirits. Like all Lobi households, he had a courtyard fetish in the middle of the cluster of huts that made up his house. This fetish was a collection of sticks crowned by a goat skull.

A small hut was dedicated to the fetishes and housed the majority of his fetishes. There was also a worship area under a tree at the entrance of the courtyard. Here sacrifices of chickens or offerings of eggs were made to the fetishes. As a bowl was picked up for destruction, a very poisonous snake, a viper, was found underneath it. The Christians were delighted to kill it and burn it along with the fetishes, considering it a symbol of the evil forces Mr. Kambire was renouncing.

As the Christians sang and praised God, all the objects — gourds, clay pots, sticks, idols, millet and everything that was related to the fetish — were piled up and burned in front of all of Mr. Kambire's relatives and neighbors — a complete break with the fetish. Now he was giving his heart to the Lord, having become a new creature at the age of 70.



Hillsdale College Missions Conference '92

The annual Missions Conference was held on November 2-4. Missionaries Tom McCullough, France; Jalayn Martens and Glennda Leatherbury, Cote d'Ivoire; Bill Jackson, Wycliffe Bible Translators; and Heather Stayton, Recruiting Representative English Language Institute in China, were on campus as this year's speakers. Students benefited by seminars on unreached people groups, radio missions, medicine and missions, Bible translation, teaching English in China, and spiritual warfare. They were also challenged by the theme, "The Time is NOW" by reminding them that time is running out and someone needs to go to share the gospel. Decisions were made by some, and others gained a greater awareness of world missions.

Accreditation Appeal In Process

The first step in the appeal process took place on Friday, December 11, with an independent review committee. The accreditation report as it is amended by this committee will be voted on by the Regents in December or January. Should this vote be unsatisfactory to Hillsdale there will be a public appeal before the Oklahoma Board of Regents for Higher Education in either February or March.

The college will notify our supporters of this meeting through your pastor and woman's auxiliary prayer network. If you have any further questions, contact Timothy Eaton at (405) 794-6661.

Contact:
the magazine
by Free Will Baptists,
for Free Will Baptists,
about Free Will Baptist concerns.
1-year subscription: \$12

To subscribe, write:
Contact
P. O. Box 5002
Antioch, TN 37011-5002



The Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

In honor of the recently celebrated holiday of love, Valentine's Day, I want to use this opportunity to share a story of love.

A woman prayed for a child of her own and was devastated when doctors told her that, for health reasons, the chances were slim-to-none that — should she ever conceive — she would carry a child. In time, she began working on accepting the disappointment and tried to put it all out of her mind.

Nearly three years later, she began battling her health again and was shocked to discover she was pregnant. She wanted to share her husband's joy but was met with opposition. Her doctor felt that due to the high risks involved and the medications given to treat her latest health problems, the only answer was to abort the child immediately. Raised in a Christian home and an outspoken opponent to abortion, the young woman never considered this an option, but was met with the argument that it was

selfish to desire a child who might require her very life as well as its own.

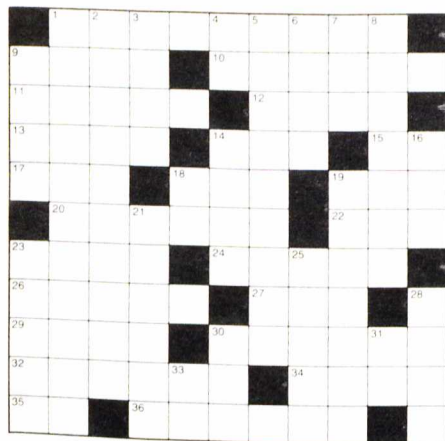
A close friend recommended a Christian obstetrician who was heavily involved in pro-life organizations. Along with his Christian staff, the doctor became a special part of the couple's lives as he joined them in praying this child would defy all odds and be born healthy.

The woman felt wonderful but a terrible fall halfway through the pregnancy seemed to be costing the child its life and to discourage the expectant mother. Recovering from this scare, tests revealed late in the pregnancy that the baby might not be healthy at all and might even be in danger. The couple decided to continue on God's schedule and see what He had in store. It was only two weeks later that He presented them with what was termed a "miracle baby"...a healthy, perfect baby girl.

I hope you see in this story what I see; that we're never too old or spiritually grounded to learn about God's love or power. It took these months of trauma mixed with a dash of hope and **having** to depend on God, to remind a Christian of over seventeen years of the power of God's love.

Every time this mother thanks God for miracles or looks at her baby girl...I praise Him for His lessons and knowing what is best.

PUZZLE 14



ACROSS

1. "And when the day of _____ was fully come, they were all with one accord" (Acts 2:1)
9. "A time to _____, and a time to hate" (Eccl. 3:8)
10. Peter _____ knowing Jesus. (Mark 14:70)
11. Captain of the host (II Sam. 17:25)
12. " . . . and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own _____." (Amos 7:11)
13. A desert home (Gen. 26:17)
14. " . . . _____ shall call you the Ministers of our God" (Is. 61:6)
15. "_____ my Father's house are many

mansions" (John 14:2)

17. " . . . or is there any taste in the white of an _____?" (Job 6:6)
18. " . . . The Lord knoweth them that are _____" (II Tim. 2:19)
19. " . . . reserved in heaven for _____." (I Pet. 1:4)
20. Peter said, "_____ and be baptized" (Acts 2:38)
22. "_____ of the mouth of babes" (Ps. 8:2)
23. " . . . and I will _____ for the corn" (Ezek. 36:29)
24. " . . . we desired _____" (II Cor. 8:6)
26. Son of Shemidah (I Chr. 7:19)
27. "Stand in _____, and sin not" (Ps. 4:4)
29. "But many that are first shall be _____" (Matt. 19:30)
30. A mount (Acts 1:12)
32. " . . . he hath _____ed to the voice of my prayer." (Ps. 66:19)
34. Celebrations; _____monies (Num. 9:3)
35. "Faithful is _____ that calleth you" (I Thess. 5:24)
36. " . . . for he will not have _____ flesh of thee, but raw." (I Sam. 2:15)

DOWN

1. A fruit (Joel 1:12)
2. Philip was an _____. (Acts 21:8)
3. A bird's home (Ob. 4)
4. They called the altar _____. (Josh. 22:34)
5. Of the heavens (I Cor. 15:40)
6. Shuah's second son (Gen. 38:2-4)
7. "His bones are full of the _____ of his youth" (Job 20:11)
8. " . . . that I be not further _____ unto thee" (Acts 24:4)
9. "Even of _____ my people is risen up as an enemy" (Micah 2:8)
14. An herb (Luke 11:42)
16. "I went down into the garden of _____s" (Song of Sol. 6:11)
18. "_____ that handleth a matter wisely shall find good" (Prov. 16:20)
19. " . . . I am with _____ always, _____ unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:20)
21. "And they did beat the gold into thin _____" (Ex. 39:3)
23. One of the most ancient cities of Assyria (Gen. 10:11)
25. Two times (Neh. 13:20)
28. " . . . there is but a _____ between me and death." (I Sam. 20:3)
30. " . . . the _____ number of them is to be redeemed" (Num. 3:48)
31. Father of Lecah (I Chr. 4:21)
33. "There is _____ healing of thy bruise" (Nah. 3:19)

ANSWERS IN NEXT MONTH'S GEM

Used by permission - Shining Star Publications.
Copyright © 1986, A division of Good Apple, Inc.

DECEMBER 1992

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| 18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board | \$ 5,718.83 |
| 17.50% Exec. Off. & Gem | 5,409.70 |
| 3.50% General Fund | 1,081.94 |
| 8.50% Youth Camp Bd. | 2,627.57 |
| 2.50% Youth Ministries Bd. | 772.81 |
| 2.50% C.E. Board | 772.81 |
| 2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board | 772.81 |
| 9.00% Mo. State Retirement Program | 2,782.14 |
| 30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College | 9,428.34 |
| 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 | |
| (\$94.28 included in \$9,428.34) | |
| 5% Mo. State Conference Center Fund | \$1,545.63 |
| Total | \$30,912.58 |

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning." James 1:17. God gave us a good year in 1992. Cooperative giving increased 11.5% over 1991. The faithfulness of the Pastors and Churches in Missouri make it possible to help underwrite the State and National ministries. Working together we are able to carry out the Great Commission.

The Allocation for National Ministries goes undesignated for this year with FWBBC and Hillsdale receiving an equal amount. California Christian College will continue to receive the 1%.

DECEMBER 1992 RECEIPTS

COOPERATIVE

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Rolla | \$ 104.31 |
| Friendship | 380.32 |
| Hartville | 636.46 |
| Clifton | 91.30 |
| Union Grove | 189.85 |
| Kingsway | 431.07 |
| Central | 1,095.65 |
| Faith & Hope, Aurora | 103.85 |
| New Harmony | 20.83 |
| Calvary Chapel | 378.63 |
| Columbia | 75.00 |
| Parkway | 98.00 |
| Pleasant Ridge | 150.00 |
| Number One | 51.67 |
| Houston 1st | 314.09 |
| Crossroads, Wentzville | 150.00 |
| New Hope, Fredricktown | 33.51 |
| Kirkville 1st | 109.63 |
| Thayer 1st | 658.00 |
| Hazel Creek | 450.90 |
| Victory | 227.68 |
| Victory | 292.67 |
| Hannon | 496.36 |
| Fellowship | 500.00 |
| Overland | 144.00 |
| Faith & Hope, Willow Springs | 51.22 |
| Jones Chapel | 260.91 |
| Jones Chapel | 207.00 |
| Liberty, Phillipsburg | 297.74 |
| Stockton | 130.25 |
| Cabool | 291.00 |
| Koshkonong | 188.93 |
| Royal Oak | 126.00 |
| Macedonia, Niangua | 43.00 |
| Oak Hill, Fredericktown | 79.69 |
| Bailey Chapel, Tunas | 70.00 |
| Lebanon 1st | 578.23 |
| O'Fallon 1st | 209.68 |

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Harmony | 478.00 |
| Oskaloosa | 112.30 |
| Merl's Chapel | 225.50 |
| Black Oak | 248.33 |
| Neosho 1st | 142.50 |
| Niangua | 14.00 |
| Joplin 1st | 397.06 |
| Cope | 55.00 |
| Hurricane | 368.09 |
| Mine La Motte | 35.95 |
| Springfield 1st | 844.55 |
| Victory Hill | 129.15 |
| Victory Hill | 93.70 |
| Freeman Chapel | 232.18 |
| Lingo | 18.13 |
| Belton | 479.66 |
| Mill Creek | 246.48 |
| Cuba | 377.61 |
| Myrtle | 185.09 |
| Rock Chapel | 411.67 |
| Waynesville 1st | 336.31 |
| Unity, Lebanon | 250.00 |
| Heritage | 128.00 |
| Mt. Zion, Gower | 46.60 |
| Bethel, El Dorado Springs | 54.45 |
| Cape Girardeau 1st | 855.68 |
| DeSoto 1st | 1,065.00 |
| New Life Fellowship | 695.75 |
| Kirkville 1st | 138.87 |
| Farmington 1st | 2,549.71 |
| Niangua | 15.00 |
| Monett 1st | 731.50 |
| West Plains 1st | 478.82 |
| Potosi 1st | 124.00 |
| Flat River 1st | 578.45 |
| Seymour | 80.00 |
| Happy Home, Ava | 110.89 |
| Grant Avenue | 833.97 |
| Marshfield | 271.15 |
| Copper Mines | 222.42 |
| Wolf Creek | 270.90 |
| Carthage | 200.00 |
| Hopewell | 253.00 |
| Terrill Road | 192.00 |
| Lone Star | 30.00 |
| Leadington | 385.13 |
| Oak Hill, Union | 357.09 |
| Trinity | 1,183.83 |
| Greenfield | 201.00 |
| Bootheel District | 13.78 |
| Union, Success | 60.00 |
| United, West Plains | 1,207.56 |
| Faith, Lemay | 25.00 |
| Fordland | 196.80 |
| Willow Springs, M.B. | 219.79 |
| Niangua | 16.00 |
| Eastern Gate | 295.75 |
| Parkway | 280.00 |
| Grace | 1,146.00 |
| Total | \$30,912.58 |

FOREIGN MISSIONS

| | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Faith, Oak Grove | \$ 50.00 |
| Hartville | 127.29 |
| Union Mission, Lebanon | 96.00 |
| N. Ruble | 30.00 |
| Central | 385.00 |
| Parkview Mission Group | 60.00 |
| Faith & Hope, Aurora | 47.50 |
| New Harmony | 104.18 |
| S. Hart | 20.00 |
| Columbia | 15.00 |
| Pleasant Ridge | 45.00 |
| Blue Springs | 45.00 |
| D. Akeman | 10.00 |
| Kirkville 1st | 95.00 |
| C. Thompson | 30.00 |
| Victory | 155.00 |
| Victory | 125.00 |
| Hannon | 661.36 |
| Richwoods | 32.00 |
| Faith & Hope, Willow Springs | 100.00 |
| F. Green | 35.00 |
| Cabool | 100.00 |
| Lebanon 1st | 80.00 |
| O'Fallon 1st | 40.00 |
| Merl's Chapel | 200.00 |
| Hartville | 400.00 |
| Neosho 1st | 450.95 |
| Carthage (Auxiliary) | 56.25 |
| Joplin 1st | 35.00 |
| Freeman Chapel | 392.00 |
| Belton | 578.03 |
| Oak Grove, Cabool | 65.00 |
| Union Light | 140.00 |
| Myrtle | 158.00 |

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Rock Chapel | 179.25 |
| Waynesville 1st | 25.00 |
| Mt. Zion, Gower | 115.00 |
| DeSoto 1st | 480.00 |
| New Life Fellowship | 323.73 |
| Bethel, Festus | 170.00 |
| Kirkville 1st | 63.54 |
| Farmington 1st | 413.32 |
| Calvary Chapel | 50.00 |
| Monett 1st | 587.00 |
| West Plains 1st | 539.99 |
| Houston 1st | 214.00 |
| Flat River 1st | 231.40 |
| Grant Avenue | 609.01 |
| Marshfield | 60.00 |
| Carthage | 102.00 |
| Pleasant Ridge, Urbana | 25.00 |
| Oak Grove, Norwood | 143.60 |
| Leadington | 50.00 |
| Oak Hill, Union | 15.00 |
| Trinity | 485.15 |
| C. Layman | 10.00 |
| Greenfield | 115.00 |
| Viburnum | 120.00 |
| United, West Plains | 31.88 |
| Faith, Lemay | 75.00 |
| Calvary Fellowship | 1,307.23 |
| Fordland | 148.00 |
| Houston 1st | 100.00 |
| Eastern Gate | 149.15 |
| Parkway | 500.00 |
| Martinstown | 100.00 |
| Grace | 28.50 |
| Total | \$12,527.31 |

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| N. Ruble | \$ 10.00 |
| Central | 167.50 |
| Parkview Mission Group | 10.00 |
| New Harmony | 104.18 |
| Columbia | 45.00 |
| Blue Springs | 10.00 |
| Thayer 1st | 85.00 |
| Madison Co. Quarterly | 25.00 |
| Victory | 141.00 |
| Victory | 10.00 |
| Hannon | 15.00 |
| Richwoods | 62.00 |
| Faith & Hope, Willow Springs | 25.00 |
| Oak Grove, Cabool | 117.00 |
| Hartville | 845.21 |
| Mt. Pisgah | 50.00 |
| Lebanon 1st | 126.90 |
| O'Fallon 1st | 35.00 |
| J. Rader | 20.00 |
| Neosho 1st | 65.95 |
| Carthage (Auxiliary) | 56.25 |
| Joplin 1st | 83.00 |
| Belton | 60.00 |
| Union Light | 35.00 |
| Myrtle | 230.00 |
| Rock Chapel | 76.25 |
| Waynesville 1st | 25.00 |
| DeSoto 1st | 285.00 |
| New Life Fellowship | 149.15 |
| Bethel, Festus | 50.18 |
| Kirkville 1st | 28.32 |
| Farmington 1st | 85.22 |
| Monett 1st | 20.00 |
| West Plains 1st | 25.00 |
| Flat River 1st | 102.85 |
| Grant Avenue | 36.00 |
| Wolf Creek | 37.15 |
| Buffalo 1st | 50.00 |
| Carthage | 91.00 |
| Oak Grove, Norwood | 71.80 |
| Leadington | 15.00 |
| Oak Hill, Union | 14.00 |
| Trinity | 25.00 |
| Viburnum | 41.00 |
| United, West Plains | 15.00 |
| Calvary Fellowship | 50.00 |
| Fordland | 10.00 |
| Eastern Gate | 10.00 |
| Grace | 296.00 |
| Total | \$4,042.91 |

STATE HOME MISSIONS

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| N. Ruble | \$ 10.00 |
| Central | 10.00 |
| Faith & Hope, Aurora | 47.50 |
| Pleasant Ridge | 25.00 |
| Thayer 1st | 110.00 |
| Victory | 5.00 |
| Victory | 10.00 |
| Hannon | 248.18 |
| Richwoods | 5.00 |

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Lebanon 1st | |
| Lebanon Bible & Book | |
| O'Fallon 1st | |
| Neosho 1st | 131.00 |
| Carthage (Auxiliary) | 112.30 |
| Joplin 1st | 5.00 |
| Union Light | 161.00 |
| Myrtle | 70.00 |
| Rock Chapel | 133.71 |
| DeSoto 1st | 70.00 |
| Bethel, Festus | 10.00 |
| Farmington 1st | 146.66 |
| West Plains 1st | 5.00 |
| Grant Avenue | 122.40 |
| Marshfield | 27.10 |
| Leadington | 15.00 |
| Oak Hill, Union | 15.00 |
| Trinity | 45.00 |
| Viburnum | 8.00 |
| United, West Plains | 11.80 |
| Calvary Fellowship | 35.00 |
| Eastern Gate | 20.00 |
| Grace | 35.00 |
| Total | \$1,924.80 |

MILLARD SASSAR, CLOVIS, CA

Fordland. \$30.00

WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Joplin 1st \$10.00

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington \$23.90

WORLD RELIEF

Victory \$15.00

FWB HOME FOR CHILDREN (TN)

DeSoto 1st \$50.00

FWB CHILDREN'S HOME (AL)

Myrtle \$45.80

DeSoto 1st \$25.00

Total \$70.80

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Parkview Miss. Group, Desloge \$10.00

Thayer \$35.00

DeSoto 1st \$35.00

Farmington \$127.00

West Plains 1st \$150.00

Calvary Fellowship \$35.00

Liberty, Phillipsburg

Christmas Offering \$150.00

Total \$543.00

REV. JOHN McCCLURE

Thayer \$10.00

Victory, Kansas City \$5.00

Opal Williams \$4.00

Grace, Arnold \$27.00

Total \$47.00

HILLSDALE FWB COLLEGE

Central, Grandview \$45.00

Thayer \$40.00

Victory, Kansas City \$39.00

Victory, Kansas City \$32.00

Hannon, Liberal \$50.00

Farmington \$142.00

Monett 1st \$45.00

West Plains 1st \$150.00

Grant Avenue, Springfield \$8.00

Oak Hill, Union \$15.00

Calvary Fellowship \$35.00

Total \$604.00

MISSOURI FWB YOUTH CAMP

Hartville \$10.00

Parkview Miss. Group, Desloge (Bathrooms) \$10.00

Thayer \$35.00

Lebanon Bible & Book \$78.00

Hannon, Liberal \$1.00

Mt. Pisgah, Cabool \$1.00

Myrtle \$50.00

Bethel, El Dorado Springs \$1.00

DeSoto 1st \$5.00

Flat River 1st \$3.00

Buffalo 1st \$5.00

Trinity \$1.00

Union, Success \$3.00

Calvary Fellowship \$3.00

Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove \$1.00

Total \$45.00

WEST VALLEY FWB CHURCH, LITCHFIELD, AZ.

North Five, Lebanon

(Woman's Auxiliary) \$16.00

Calandar of Events

FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE

March 19, 20, 1993
Stonecroft Conference Center, Branson, MO.

STATE YOUTH COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

May 14, 15, 1993
Stephens College, Columbia, MO.

SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

May 25-27, 1993
Stonecroft Conference Center, Branson, MO.

MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION/ WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

June 7-10, 1993
Victory FWB Church, Kansas City, MO.

YOUTH CAMP

Teen Camp Group 1, June 13-18, 1993
Teen Camp Group 2, June 20-25, 1993
Pre-Teen Group 1, July 25-30, 1993
Pre-Teen Group 2, August 1-6, 1993

Group 1

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

Group 2

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

NATIONAL CONVENTION, NYC & WNAC

July 18-22, 1993
Louisville, KY..

ALL BOARDS MEETING

September 20, 21, 1993
Youth Camp, Niangua, MO.

STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

November 19, 20, 1993
Camp Windemere, Roach, MO.

*Suggestion: Put this information
on your Church Bulletin Board.*

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



FWB Bible College
Library & Faculty
3606 West End Ave.
Nashville TN 37205

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

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