

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

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The Sights and Sounds of Youth Camp

An exciting feeling...and off we go
To a wonderful place I know.
The smiling faces and laughter all the way there,
The excitement everyone would share.

The church bus roars up the dirt road
Leading to a place that never gets old.
You greet friends from other places
And see all of the glad faces.

To me, it seems I'm in a different world now,
Nobody fighting — no face in a scowl.
A peaceful place all around,
A sad person couldn't be found.

Deep into the woods, the birds sing
And the sweet smells the surroundings bring.
We sit in the little tabernacle with wooden benches,
The message so good — nobody flinches.

I wish I could stay all year long —
It seems that's where I belong.
This place is found in Niangua, Missouri,
No better place to be!

Adriane Lovelace, Age 13
1st Free Will Baptist
West Plains, Mo.
Bro. Ron Blanks, Pastor

Author - Adriane Lovelace
(See Back Cover)

Program

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

Theme: "Great Expectations"

Scripture: Ephesians 3:20

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993

- 10:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting Victory Church
 1:00 p.m. General Board Meets Victory Church
 7:30 p.m. **EVENING WORSHIP** Winnetonka High School
 Presiding Rev. Gary Fry, Moderator
 Congregational Singing Rev. Jerry Pilgrim
 Prayer
 Welcome Rev. Gene Howell
 Response Rev. Mike Garner
 Convening the State Assoc. Rev. Rick Dablemont, Clerk
 *Special Music
 Congregational Singing
 *Special Music
 Worship in Giving
 *Special Music
 Message Rev. Cody Freeman
 Invitation
 Benediction

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1993

- 9:00 a.m. General Board Meets Victory Church

MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Theme: "20 - 20 Vision" - Proverbs 29:18

Victory Free Will Baptist Church

Tuesday, June 9, 1993

- 9:00 a.m. Registration
 9:30 a.m. Congregational Singing
 Prayer
 Welcome Maureen Hocker
 Response Paula Dodson
 Morning Devotion Linda Moore
Missionary to Ivory Coast
 Seating of Delegates
 Appointment of Committees
 Greetings from Missionaries and other National Ministries
 Recess
 11:00 a.m. Congregational Singing
 Prayer
 Congregational Singing
 Special Music Maureen Hocker
 Congregational Singing
 Offertory
 Special Music Nikki Williams
 Message Rev. Ron Moore
Missionary to Ivory Coast
 Benediction
 1:30 p.m. Congregational Singing
 Skit State Officers
 Business Session
 Special Music Linda May and Nikki Williams
 Installation of New Officers
 Benediction

Pianist Linda Majors **Song Leader** Sue Cook **Organist** Lois Walsh

Every year we have had some type of banquet to raise money for missions. This year we are going to give each auxiliary their prescription from the Heavenly Optometrist for a 20 - 20 Vision. To have this perfect vision as commanded by our Heavenly Optometrist we cannot look only to Home Missions or we will be near sighted, nor can we look at only Foreign Missions, for then we will be far sighted. We must look at both fields at the same time to have 20 - 20 vision.

We are asking each auxiliary to send \$40.00 to the state for our special mission project. \$20.00 will go to State and National Home Missions, and \$20.00 will go to Foreign Missions. If your auxiliary cannot come to the state, please send it to our state treasurer, Reva Baker, before June 1, 1993. Thank you for getting your prescription filled. Wasn't that easy and much more economical than most prescriptions from our earthly doctors?! May God richly bless you as you go from earth to heaven with 20 - 20 vision.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 8, 1993

Winnetonka High School

SEMINAR:

- 2:00 p.m. "Expository Preaching Dr. Stephen Olford
Seminar sponsored by the Christian Education Board

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 8, 1993

- 7:30 p.m. **EVENING WORSHIP** Winnetonka High School
 Presiding Rev. Roger Hogan
 Congregational Singing Rev. Jerry Pilgrim
 Prayer
 *Special Music
 Worship in Giving
 Congregational Singing
 *Special Music
 Message Dr. Stephen Olford
 Invitation
 Benediction

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 9, 1993

- 9:00 a.m. Presiding Rev. Gary Fry, Moderator
 Congregational Singing Rev. David Bates
 Credentials Committee Report
 Seating of Delegates
 Moderator's Message Rev. Gary Fry, Moderator
 Partial General Board Report
 **Reports: National Offices, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Hillsdale FWB College and California Christian College
 11:00 a.m. **MORNING WORSHIP**
 Presiding Rev. Mark Brashier
 Congregational Singing Rev. David Bates
 Prayer
 Congregational Singing
 *Special Music
 Congregational Singing
 *Special Music
 Message Rev. Vernon Maggart
 Invitation
 Benediction

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 9, 1993

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 9, 1993

7:30 p.m. **EVENING WORSHIP** Winnetonka High School
Presiding Rev. Don Richmann
Congregational Singing Rev. David Bates
Prayer
*Special Music
Congregational Singing
*Special Music
Worship in Giving
Congregational Singing
*Special Music
Message Rev. Richard Robinson
Invitation
Benediction

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 10, 1993

9:30 a.m. Morning Session Rev. Gary Fry, Moderator
Congregational Singing Rev. David Bates
Devotional Message Rev. Ronnie Blanks
Reports Continued
Stewardship Commission
Historical Commission
Resolutions Committee
Obituary Committee
Placement Committee
Nominating Committee
State Association Adjourns
Benediction

Note:

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

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

Motel Information For Missouri State Convention, June 7-10, 1993



7100 NE Parvin Rd.
(I-435 & Parvin Rd.)
Kansas City, MO 64117
Phone: (816) 453-3355

Single Bed: 1-2 Persons \$44.95 + tax
(King Size Bed)

Two Double Beds: 1-4 Persons \$49.95 + tax

Complimentary Continental Breakfast is Provided

Please mention you are with the Free Will Baptist Convention when you make your reservations. Reservations must be made on or before May 17, 1993. Reservations made after May 17, will be made on a room available basis. 60 rooms are available. A first night guarantee deposit is required.



KANSAS CITY, NE
7333 Parvin Rd.,
Kansas City, MO 64117
Phone: (816) 455-1060

Two Double Beds: 1-4 Persons \$69.00 + tax

The Holiday Inn only has 20 available rooms and they all have two double beds. Please mention you are with the Free Will Baptist Convention when you make your reservations. Reservations made after May 24, 1993, will be on a room available basis.

There are other motels in the area. These two motels were chosen because they are close to the Winnetonka High School where the evening services will be held. They are only a short distance from the Victory Free Will Baptist Church where the day service will be held. Both of these motels are just a few blocks from Worlds of Fun.

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A map showing the location of Victory Free Will Baptist Church, Winnetonka High School, motels and the surrounding area will appear in the May issue of the GEM.

St. Louis Teen Lock-In

by Jeff Nichols

The 1993 St. Louis Free Will Baptist Teen Lock-in was held February 12-13, 1993, at the Brentwood YMCA in Brentwood, MO. Although the St. Louis District Youth sponsored the event, churches from the Bootheel and St. Francois Associations as well as two churches from Illinois took part in this annual event. This year the all nighter drew a total of 220 people from nine different churches who played basketball, volleyball, wallyball, racquetball and other games until 6:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.

The St. Louis District Youth would like to encourage other associations throughout the state to explore ways to bring our young people together. This and other similar events is a great way for our young people to develop friendships with youth from other churches. It also gives your people a chance to invite their friends to a fun church activity where they can be exposed to some good clean fun and also be around other Christian young people.

Mrs. Maxine Bostic Promoted to Heaven

EDITOR'S NOTE: Brother and Sister Bostic pastored in Missouri and are well known to many Missouri Free Will Baptists.

Mrs. Maxine M. Johnson Bostic, age 63, of Greenbrier, Ark., died January 30, 1993, at St. Vincent Infirmary Medical Center in Little Rock, Ark.

She was born August 3, 1929, in White County, the daughter of A.C. and Nellie Edwards Johnson. She is survived by her husband, Rev. W.H. Bostic, pastor of the Greenbrier FWB Church of Greenbrier, Ark.; a son, David Bostic of Greenbrier; a daughter, Nelda Beavers of Jacksonville, Fla.; three brothers; three sisters; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Dwire Funeral Home in Conway, Ark., on February 1, 1993, with Rev. Ben Scott, Rev. Sidney Sawrie, and the Rev. David Joslin officiating. Burial was at the Copperas Springs Cemetery at Guy, Ark.



Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Vee Ann Tilson

Marriage vs. Divorce Part 2

"Drifting. It is subtle. It is quiet. It is non-offensive. It sounds no alarms. It just gradually creeps into lives. And then it destroys" (Harvey, 1988). According to Dr. Harvey, this is one of the most common forms of marital failure among Christian couples and also the most dangerous.

In the busy, demanding world we live in, both husband and wife have a demand put on their time, i.e. jobs, children, church activities, house-keeping chores, etc. At times the relationship between husband and wife is put on a back burner. Gradually the "busyness," so prevalent in our society, begins to eat away at the once-held marital priority. With the change in priority, the marriage begins to drift. Dr. Harvey states, "When marriage is replaced by another priority, regardless of the worthiness of the substitute, you begin to drift. And a drifting marriage is a failing marriage."

Couples have to place marriage as a high priority. Happy, fulfilling marriages don't just happen. They require work, time and effort on the part of both husband and wife. It is not that children or careers are not important but there has to be a healthy balance if there is to be a healthy marriage.

What can be done if a marriage is drifting? A primary goal in prevention is to clarify what is happening...to identify how the marriage is drifting. Secondly, to re-think priorities. Has your husband-wife relationship been a top priority in your life or have other things (children, career) crept in and taken top billing? Another key ingredient is responsibility. "You" must take responsibility for changing the relationship. The pastor or counselor may offer suggestions or ideas but the responsibility for change rests with the couple.

Bailey Chapel's New Home

"...And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work." Nehemiah 2:18b

On August 28, 1938, the Bailey Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in the Cave Springs Association was organized. For fifty-four years the congregation worshipped in a community building. The LORD blessed their worship throughout the years. In dry spells and wet spells alike, the church never wavered or faltered. In 1970, a three-week revival saw almost a hundred souls saved or rededicated. Some fell by the way, some went to other congregations, but some grew in the Lord and the church went on with the faithful remnant.

In the years following, Sunday School rooms and later on a kitchen were built. In 1990 a decision was made by the church body to drill a well and install rest rooms. Even though they met opposition from outside the church body, they pursued every avenue and continued to build a fund for this purpose. Since it was a community building, they received permission from the county commissioners to proceed with the drilling of a well and made plans for construction of an addition to the building for the rest rooms. The congregation was threatened with a lawsuit to prohibit the addition. The well was already drilled and paid for, and the opposition was all from outside the church. When this happened, the church voted to move from the community building and build their own facility.

Three different sites were offered to the church, all in the same general area, and all free of charge. The one and one half acre grassy hillside chosen had water rights from a very generous hog and cattle farmer who attends the United Methodist Church in Alton. The church only had to pay for a water line from one of the farmer's water connections.

The digging of a basement was started in May, 1992, and construction of the 40'x52' building was undertaken by the church, since the church is blessed with lots of talent. This talent includes an experienced electrician, welder, heavy equipment operator to handle the dirt and landscaping, a millwright, and a lead carpenter, as well as a number of other workers. Work progressed well through the summer, and on August 30, the base-

ment was ready to be used. Fifty-four years after its organization, the church finally had a home of its own. Nearly six months after the basement was started, the congregation moved "upstairs."

The blessings still flow. The men and women did all the work on their church except some machine work and some concrete work. This small congregation truly believes the promise of Romans 8:28. They **know** that all things work together for good to them that love God!

The church has one charter member left, Sister Ruth Turner. Her father was one of the first deacons, and her brother, another deacon, gave his life for his country in World War II. Sister Turner's roots are deep in Free Will Baptist work. Two of her great-nephews, Brother Nick Hollis who pastors in Kansas and Brother John Hollis who pastors in Illinois, have both had successful revivals at Bailey Chapel Church.

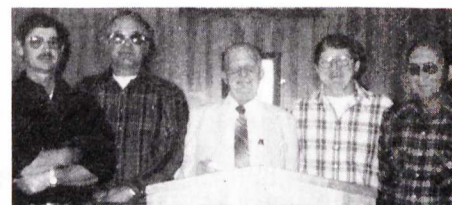
The church is prospering under the able leadership of Brother C.R. Thompson who has served the congregation for thirteen years. Brother Jr. Brown serves as Sunday School Superintendent, and recently proved to be a very capable carpenter. Deacons are Brother David Holman, Brother Carl Sisco, and Brother Dean Campbell. A dedication service will be held in the near future.



The porch has been finished since this was taken.



The Congregation



L to R: Jr. Brown, S.S. Supt.; David Holman, Deacon; C.R. (Shorty) Thompson, Pastor; Dean Campbell, Deacon; and Carl Sisco, Deacon.

What Worked For Us

A Big Day Sunday School promotion that really worked for the First Free Will Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau. The Rev. Wesley Rider is Pastor.

by Peggy Rider

During the Sunday School Hour on the last Sunday of September, just as the Lester Family from St. Louis, MO, had presented the Gospel in song, the service was interrupted by yelling and the sounds of gun shots as the Hatfields and McCoys broke out into a feud.

Our Sunday School Superintendent, Brother Ken Inman, had organized this whole event and planned it to take place on a "Really Big" day when we had 190 in attendance. The Hatfields - Greg and Donna Hutsell - and the McCoys - Wayne and Marlys Ford - burst into the sanctuary and split the church right down the middle, declaring teams for the next month, which was the Free Will Baptist Fall Enlargement Campaign. The Hatfields and McCoys had to sit on their respective side, bringing visitors to sit on their side with them.

Since we have a very exciting church and our people are motivated and growth minded, we all got into the act and really played the parts. The Hatfields and McCoys Campaign proved to be very successful for us as it placed us third in Division G for the Fall Enlargement Campaign, also placing us 4th in the nation for percentage increase, and 2nd in the nation for numerical growth. We praise the Lord for the fine folks at the Cape Girardeau Church.

We have accomplished so much in the short 3 1/2 years we have pastored here, and it is all because of such enthusiastic, dedicated, and unselfish people! We are presently in the planning stages of constructing a new educational building this year. Also we are in the process

of putting up a new church sign that can be seen for a great distance! Our church has a tremendous Sunday School Department, to go along with our Children's Church workers, our Music Staff, our Woman's Auxiliary, and Teen Department. You can rest assured, God is alive and doing well in Cape Girardeau!



Part of the congregation at Cape Girardeau.



Sunday School Staff along with Hatfield & McCoy leaders.

Church Plans Memorial For Rev. Braddy

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Fredericktown has set up a memorial fund in memory of their pastor, Rev. Joe Braddy, who was killed in an automobile accident January 20, 1993.

Contributions to the memorial fund will be used to remodel the Senior Department of the Church.

There will be a plaque placed in the Department with the names of all contributors.

Contributions to the Rev. Joe Braddy Memorial Fund may be sent to Jane Bowling, Rt. 2, Box 54, Fredericktown, MO 63645.

Available For Pulpit Supply

Ron Jones, a member of the Cape Girardeau Church, was recently licensed to preach and is available for pulpit supply. He may be reached at the following address: **Ron Jones, 1130 Oakridge Ct., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. Telephone - (314) 335-6084**

Missouri State CTS Competition

The Missouri State CTS Competition will be held at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. Dates for the competition are May 14 and 15, 1993.

There are some minor changes in this year's entry form. Fees have been changed in accordance with the National Youth Conference. The new fees are as follows:

Bible Memorization & Sword Drill
\$12 per participant

Tic Tac Toe & Bible Bowl
\$20 per team

Music & Arts:
Category One
\$12 per participant
Category Two
\$20 per group
Category Three
\$45 per group
Category Four
\$12 per participant
Category Five
\$20 per group

Category Six
\$45 per group
Category Seven
(Divisions 1 & 2) \$12 per participant
Category Seven
(Division 3) \$20 per group
Category Eight
(Divisions 1-5) \$12 per participant
Category Eight
(Divisions 6-10) \$20 per group
Category Nine
\$12 per entry
Category Ten
\$12 per entry
Category Eleven
\$12 per participant

The deadline for entering the 1993 competition is April 15, 1993. Please send your fees and entry forms to:

**Missouri State Youth Ministries Board
c/o Curt Gwartney
P.O. Box 444
Flat River, Missouri 63601**

Remember to photocopy an entry form for each entry. If you have any questions, please contact a Youth Ministries Board member.

(Registration Form on Next Page)

NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE COMPETITION REGISTRATION FORM

DISTRICT-STATE-NATIONAL

COMPETITION CODES

Circle the appropriate information below and write correct code numbers in the boxes in the top right-hand corner:

AGE GROUP...

- A Grades 1-3
- B Grades 4-6
- C Grades 7-9
- D Grades 10-12
- E Ages 18-24
- F Combination of A-E

BIBLE DIVISIONS...

- 00.1 Bible Memorization
- 00.2 Bible Sword Drill
- 00.3 Bible Tic Tac Toe
- 00.4 Bible Bowl
- 00.8 Turning Point
- 00.9 Horizon

MUSIC & ARTS...

- Vocal Solo*
- 01.1 Vocal Solo (Age A-B)
- 01.2 Male Vocal Solo (Age C-E)
- 01.3 Female Vocal Solo (Age C-E)

Vocal Ensemble

- 02.2 Duet
- 02.3 Trio
- 02.4 Quartet
- 02.5 Quintet
- 02.6 Sextet

Chorale & Choir

- 03.1 Chorale (7-14)
- 03.2 Choir (15 or more)

Instrumental Solo (not keyboard)

- 04.1 String (Bowed)
- 04.2 String (Fretted)
- 04.3 Woodwind
- 04.4 Brass
- 04.5 Percussion

Small Instrumental Ensemble (max. 6)

- 05.1 String (Bowed)
- 05.2 String (Fretted)
- 05.3 Woodwind
- 05.4 Brass
- 05.5 Percussion
- 05.6 Combination of instruments

Large Inst. Ensemble (Band/Orchestra)

- 06.1 Large Ensemble (7-14)
- 06.2 Band (15 or more)
- 06.3 Orchestra (15 or more)

Keyboard

- 07.1 Manual (solo)
- 07.2 Electronic (solo)
- 07.3 Keyboard Ensemble (2-6)

Oral Communication

- 08.1 Extemporaneous Speech
- 08.2 Dramatic Selection
- 08.3 Poetry
- 08.4 Prose
- 08.5 Interpretive Reading of Scripture
- 08.6 Puppetry (live)
- 08.7 Puppetry (recorded)
- 08.8 Duet Acting
- 08.9 Readers Theater
- 08.0 Skit

Creative Writing

- 09.1 Poetry
- 09.2 Short Story
- 09.3 Essay
- 09.4 Play or Skit
- 09.5 Song

Multi-Media

- 10.1 One-Minute Radio Spot
- 10.2 Ten-Minute Radio Program
- 10.3 Slide Presentation
- 10.4 Video
- 10.5 Multi-Image Presentation

Creative Arts

- 11.1 Sculpture/Pottery
- 11.2 Painting
- 11.3 Graphics
- 11.4 Ceramic
- 11.5 Textiles
- 11.6 Photography (Black & White)
- 11.7 Photography (Color)

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YEAR

Record code numbers from left column here →

AGE CODE COMPETITION CODE

Name of participant or group (as you want it to appear in the directory)

Name of Church

City

State

Pastor's name

Pastor's phone number

Name of director (or coach)

Director's phone number

Complete the following information for each participant in this entry:

1. Name _____
Address _____
City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
Phone _____ Birthday _____ Grade just completed _____

2. Name _____
Address _____
City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
Phone _____ Birthday _____ Grade just completed _____

3. Name _____
Address _____
City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
Phone _____ Birthday _____ Grade just completed _____

4. Name _____
Address _____
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Phone _____ Birthday _____ Grade just completed _____

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11. Name _____
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Phone _____ Birthday _____ Grade just completed _____

12. Name _____
Address _____
City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
Phone _____ Birthday _____ Grade just completed _____

13. Name _____
Address _____
City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
Phone _____ Birthday _____ Grade just completed _____

14. Name _____
Address _____
City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
Phone _____ Birthday _____ Grade just completed _____

For groups larger than 14, please use two forms to record additional information.

PARTICIPANT'S PLEDGE (to be signed by the individual participant or by the director [coach] of a group)

I certify that the information on this form is correct and that I (or each group member) meet the requirements for competition indicated above as stated in the *Guidelines for Competitive Activities*, and I promise to conduct myself (or group) in a manner becoming to a Christian and representative of my church, district, and state.

Signature of Participant or Director (Coach)

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH ENTRY!

Senior Adult Retreat

sponsored by
Senior Adult Ministries Board

May 25 - 27 1993

**Stonecroft Conference Center
Branson, Missouri**

Directions: Approximately 45 miles south of Springfield, Missouri, on Highway 65 (four miles south of Branson), turn right on 265 and stay left one mile to center.

Gospel Preaching and Special Music



**"Waves of Faith" Quartet
& The Pixley Twins**



The Keith Family

Cost: Couple	\$80.00	
Triple	35.00	per person
Quad	30.00	per person

Dress: Casual

REGISTRATION FORM: SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

Please Print

Name _____ Home Phone () _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Church _____

A \$5 non-refundable deposit is required for each person listed on the registration form.

Please return Registration form to: Senior Adult Ministries Board, 2040 Osage St., Lebanon, MO. 65536 by May 1993

57th Annual Session
**National
Association of
Free Will Baptists**

Louisville, Kentucky
July 18 - 22, 1993



Commonwealth Convention Center

Theme: Laborers Together



Nathan Ruble
Executive Secretary
Missouri State
Association



Clifford Austin
Pastor
Highland Ave. FWB Ch.
Prestonsburg, Kentucky



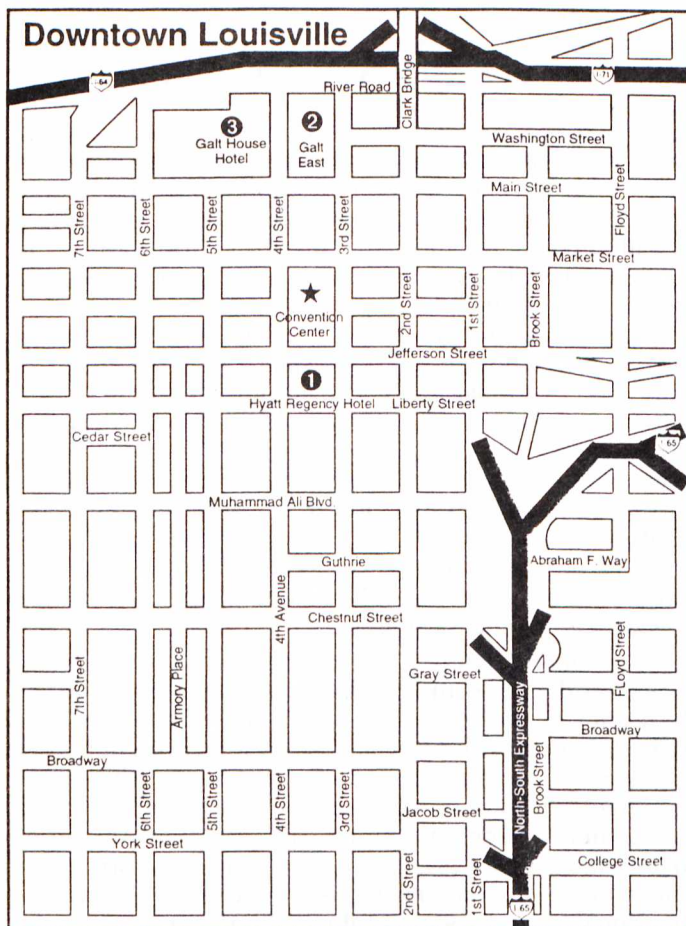
Bailey Thompson
Pastor
Woodcrest FWB Church
Catoosa, Oklahoma



Bobby Ferguson
Pastor
First FWB Church
Houston, Texas



Doug Little
Pastor
First FWB Church
Russellville, Arkansas



Sunday School Attendance Averages September 1992 - February 1993

CHURCHES	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
Belton	56	66	53	49	54	56
Calvary Fellowship	242	296	229			
Cape Girardeau	103	119		91	86	98
Central	95	93	85			
Cuba	101	110	106	113	110	118
DeSoto	195	183	180	193	178	181
Farmington		319	294	300	258	299
Flat River, First	148	130	135	146	116	144
Hannon	82	85	80	76	83	86
Harmony		71	74	70	64	80
Hartville	100	104	110	97	109	100
Hopewell	29	38	33	31	25	36
Houston	67	62	62	61	63	67
Jones Creek	23	24	22	22	24	17
Kirksville	33	31	32	32		
Lebanon, First	100	103	99	104	96	104
Marshfield	26	26	27	28	30	28
Monett	116	125	123	123	119	127
Myrtle				30	25	
Parkview	57	56	57	54	53	51
Richwoods	45	56	51	46		
Rock Chapel	70	68	64	67	64	
Springfield, First		119	117	118	112	114
Thayer		126	125	115	127	
United, West Plains	174	170	168	165	188	
Unity		45	39	36	35	41
Verdella	64	66	59	69	62	70
Waynesville					48	41
Willow Springs	61	64	65	57		

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.

Hotel Reservation

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Louisville, Kentucky

National Convention

July 18-22, 1993

- Requests for reservations made after 6/18 will be returned to you with a list of availabilities.
- All reservation requests will be made through the NAFWB Housing Bureau—NOT WITH INDIVIDUAL HOTELS.
- Complete this housing form selecting your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice hotels and mail to the Housing Bureau. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 1993. Send one form for each room request. Duplicate this form if necessary.
- Changes and cancellations must be made in writing to the NAFWB Housing Bureau in Louisville.
- The hotel will require a deposit. Complete the credit card information on this form or send a check directly to the hotel AFTER you have received your confirmation.

Cutoff Date:
Received by
June 18, 1993

MAIL TO:
NAFWB Housing Bureau
400 South First Street
Louisville, KY 40202
or FAX to
502/584-6697

YOUR NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE (WK) _____ (HM) _____
CREDIT CARD TYPE _____ CC# _____ EXP. _____
By signing below, I authorize the hotel confirmed to charge my credit card for one night's deposit, which is non-refundable 48 hours prior to arrival!
NAME ON CREDIT CARD _____ SIGNATURE _____

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

HOTELS	Choice	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
Hyatt Regency—Headquarters Hotel		\$79	\$79	\$79	\$79
Galt House East—NYC Headquarters (Ali-Sutler Tower)		\$79	\$79	\$79	\$79
Galt House		\$69	\$69	\$69	\$69

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____
TYPE OF ROOM REQUESTED:
SINGLE / 1 PERSON _____ DOUBLE / 2 PEOPLE _____
TRIPLE / 3 PEOPLE _____ QUAD / 4 PEOPLE _____
NUMBER OF BEDS IN ROOM _____
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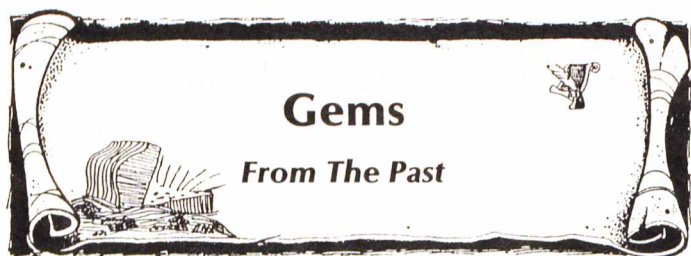
“CCC Receives Pre-Accreditation”

We have known this whole school year that CCC was applying for pre-accreditation from TRACS. We have known what this means to this little Bible College and its future. Hundreds of hours of time and work have gone into this project. It has cost us several thousand dollars. Our Academic Dean, Brother Sasser, has made several trips to Tennessee and called them many times. Our report to TRACS has amounted to over 200 pages of hard research. We have prayed much.

After all this, our students and faculty have had little else on our minds for many weeks. Thursday night, February 25, Brother Sasser called and told us we had been approved. We are now only one step from full accreditation. There were shouts of praise in the dormitory that night, and chapel the next day was an exciting time. CCC has attained pre-accreditation with TRACS. Praise the Lord!

We want to thank the administration for all their work; the college board for their patience and tolerance, as well as assistance; the people who served on the committees and who worked so hard; the good Free Will Baptists of California who prayed for us and supported us financially; our wonderful CCC students for their trust; and our beloved Lord for His provision.

Now, we must move on. The battles have just begun. Pray for CCC!



Gems

From The Past

"I WILL"

by Mrs. Lizzie McAdams

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following unedited article was taken from the May, 1943, GEM. (Free Will Baptist women have made and are still making a great contribution to spreading the Gospel.)

We always have to have a starting place with everything, so after reading the 116th Psalm, it gave us several starting points upon which a number of good articles might be written. One outstanding declaration made by the Psalmist caused an unusual grip to seize upon my innermost being, and that is when David said, "I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people" (verse 14).

The first two words "I will" are the ones that I want to stress. First, we thought of the fast approaching "Week of Prayer" which will, no doubt, result into new thoughts, new visions, new aspirations and new goals in the hearts of the women that they might reach or attain greater heights in the kingdom work. Notwithstanding the fact that our old program will be the one great aim in which we will be emphasizing prevailing prayer, the new thought will be wonderful as the Holy Spirit fills us with wisdom, vision and understanding. But often we try to do too many things and do practically nothing.

Now, this is what we have in mind: First, "I will" keep the Week of Prayer, whether at the church or at home. "I will" pay my vows — I mean by this for each worker to carry out the great program in prayer and work. Our spiritual side comes first; then our financial side next. Let us stop and think what is embraced in our great program. First, "I will" give of my means to support our Bible School in Nashville, which means giving to Christian education. "I will" give of my means to missions, both home and foreign. "I will" give to superannuation to bless the disabled ministers.

Now, I have a word to the good women concerning the Chest and the Penny banks. Make this your resolve, "I will" send my dollar monthly through the Jehoida Chest to Sister Fannie Polston, 318 Woodland Street, Nashville, Tennessee. "I will" support my Penny bank by dropping in a penny each day, and taking it to my church monthly, and then letting it be sent to Rev. F.S. Vanhooose, Paintsville, Kentucky. "I will" keep the 9 o'clock hour of prayer, set aside by our national auxiliary convention, to carry out our program, and to reach the goal through which we are striving, God being my helper.

Now, dear women, if you will carry out these "I wills" mentioned concerning our work, we will soon see thousands of souls saved, and new churches established in the large cities and towns. Also new mission fields will be opened in all parts of the earth. As Christ has commanded, let us so do, and see how we can reap a rich harvest here and hereafter for the glory of God. According to the Master's own testimony, we will have a short time to finish the work which He has left in our hands. If we can then look up and say with John, "Come Lord Jesus."

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. —Amen.



The Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

In honor of Mother's Day, I would like to share a paraphrased version of a lovely story. It was originally printed for *Food for Thought* by Temple Bailey, and used in the devotional, *Streams in the Desert*, as a Mother's Day devotion. It seemed to be written about my grandmother as Rev. John Postlewaite read it at her funeral a year ago. The story is based on Proverbs 31:20, 25-29.

The young mother set out on life's pathway, asking, "Is the way long?" Her guide answered, "Yes, and the way is hard, and you will be old before you reach the end. But the end will be better than the beginning.

But the young mother was happy as she played with and cared for her children. "Nothing will **ever** be lovelier than this!" she cried.

Then night came, and a storm darkened the path. The mother drew her frightened children near to her,

and they said, "We are not afraid for you are near." The mother smiled. "This is better than the brightness of day for I have taught my children courage."

Morning's light revealed a hill ahead, and the children grew weary as they climbed. Through her own weariness, the mother encouraged, "a little patience, and we are there." At the top, the children said, "We could not have made it without you," to which the mother replied, "This day is better than the last for today I have given my children strength."

The next day brought clouds of war, hate and evil which darkened the earth. As her children groped and stumbled, the mother asked her children to look up to the Light. It guided them and brought them beyond darkness. At night, the mother praised, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

Many days - years - passed, and the mother grew old, weak, and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and they walked with courage. And when her way was rough, they carried her, for she was as light as a feather. At last they came to a hill, and they could see a golden gate open wide, just beyond that hill.

The mother said, "I have reached the end of my journey. The end is **better** than the beginning for my children can walk alone...and their children after them.

"You will always walk with us, mother," the children said, "even when you have gone through the gates."

As they stood and watched her go on alone, they saw the gates close behind her, and they said, "We cannot see her, but she is with us still. A mother like ours is more than a memory - She is a living presence.

**Make plans now to attend the
Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists
June 7-10, 1993 — Victory FWB Church, K.C., Mo.**

Financial Information

FEBRUARY 1993

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board	\$ 6,190.44
17.50% Exec. Off. & Gem.	5,855.82
3.50% General Fund	1,171.16
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	2,844.26
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.	836.55
2.50% C.E. Board	836.55
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board	836.55
9.00% Mo. State Retirement Program	3,011.57
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	10,205.87
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	
(\$107.42 included in \$10,205.87)	
5% Mo. State Conference Center Fund	\$1,673.09
Total	\$33,461.86

"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 has given us another good month. 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 FWBCC and Hillsdale receiving an equal amount. California Christian College will continue to receive the 1%.

FEBRUARY 1993 RECEIPTS

COOPERATIVE

New Rock Springs	\$ 89.00
Kirkville 1st	135.12
St. Francois Dist.	16.50
Neosho 1st	71.25
Friendship	351.67
Houston 1st	393.42
Rock Chapel	477.52
Kingsway	420.51
Niangua	11.00
Faith & Hope, Aurora	94.90
Clifton S.S.	77.55
Myrtle	174.96
Lone Star	38.80
Hartville	525.57
Harmony	505.00
Verdella	251.13
New Hope, Fredericktown	20.00
Cuba	413.85
Royal Oak	154.00
Number One	48.07
Central	852.18
O'Fallon 1st	278.92
Terrill Road	240.00
Pleasant Ridge	129.00
Happy Home	116.26
Monett 1st	1,584.62
Rolla 1st	102.73
Koshkonong	130.72
Wilderness	331.00
Belton	319.48
Cape Girardeau	922.74
Columbia	75.00
Thayer	869.00
Union Grove	179.95
Stockton	119.90
Eastern Gate	434.84

Fourth	192.00
Macedonia	46.10
Mill Creek	296.55
Hurryville	346.16
Merl's Chapel	232.00
Overland	142.00
Scott City 1st	563.00
Crossroads, Wentzville	314.00
Cope	42.00
Hannon	595.44
Unity	182.00
Liberty	266.70
Bailey Chapel	65.00
Lebanon 1st	632.13
Parkview	405.79
Seymour	175.00
Leadington	361.82
West Plains 1st	467.36
Black Oak	199.27
Cabool	320.57
Mine LaMotte	39.16
Niangua	14.00
Hopewell	167.00
Fellowship	500.00
Calvary Chapel	374.65
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	75.75
Potosi	116.10
Freeman Chapel	250.87
Springfield 1st	946.21
Lingo	18.15
Berean	16.00
Trinity	1,122.11
DeSoto	1,080.00
Copper Mines	238.41
Mt. Zion, Gower	42.00
Mtn. Grove	1,161.14
Carthage	150.00
Oskaloosa	115.20
Niangua	18.00
Grant Avenue	926.36
Wolf Creek	287.55
Marshfield	302.77
United, West Plains	906.08
Mt. Pisgah	177.00
Pleasant Hill	65.37
Waynesville 1st	412.27
Bethel, El Dorado Springs	63.66
Farmington 1st	2,433.34
Hannibal	80.00
Kirkville 1st	157.48
Flat River 1st	584.14
Beacon	1,910.00
North Five	94.60
Heritage	160.00
Niangua	12.00
Grace	1,468.00
Victory, Alton	128.00
Tyrone	47.44
TOTAL	\$33,461.86

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Faith, Oak Grove	\$ 50.00
Kirkville 1st	27.58
S. Hart	20.00
Neosho 1st	160.00
New Testament	121.00
D. Akeman	10.00
Rock Chapel	148.00
Faith & Hope, Aurora	39.49
Myrtle	175.00
Hartville	105.11
Verdella	654.84
Faith & Hope, Aurora	115.00
Central	330.00
F. Green	35.00
O'Fallon 1st	35.00
Pleasant Ridge	45.00
Monett 1st	960.06
Wilderness	28.00
Belton	50.00
Columbia	15.00
Thayer	385.00
Eastern Gate	206.97
Fourth	110.00
Merl's Chapel	200.00
Hannon	940.44
C. Layman	20.00
Lebanon 1st	80.00
Parkview	284.00
Leadington	45.00

West Plains 1st	39.00
Richwoods	37.00
C. Thompson	25.00
Viburnum	130.00
Houston	206.00
Calvary Chapel	215.00
Faith, St. Louis	75.00
Blue Springs	75.00
Freeman Chapel	359.50
Trinity	547.74
DeSoto	460.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	115.00
Mtn. Grove	375.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	133.90
Calvary Chapel	70.00
Carthage	129.00
Greenfield	199.00
Grant Avenue	756.17
Marshfield	40.00
United, West Plains	471.40
Mt. Pisgah	100.00
Oak Grove, Cabool	65.00
Bethel, Festus	169.15
Waynesville 1st	25.00
Faith, Oak Grove	82.00
Farmington 1st	180.86
Farmington 1st	308.33
Union Mission	113.10
Kirkville 1st	21.75
Parkway	250.00
Flat River 1st	233.64
Beacon	915.00
Grace	239.50
Calvary Fellowship	965.66
N. Ruble	25.00
Total	\$13,548.13

STATE HOME MISSIONS

New Testament	\$ 24.00
Rock Chapel	148.98
Faith & Hope, Aurora	39.48
Myrtle	50.00
Faith & Hope, Aurora	20.00
Central	10.00
O'Fallon 1st	20.00
Pleasant Ridge	25.00
Thayer	40.00
Lebanon Bible & Book	174.00
Eastern Gate	20.00
Fourth	20.00
L. Wormington	60.00
Hannon	297.72
Lebanon 1st	65.00
Parkview	5.00
Leadington	20.00
West Plains 1st	30.00
Viburnum	8.00
Trinity	55.00
DeSoto	80.00
Mtn. Grove	49.00
Grant Avenue	119.64
Marshfield	28.77
Bethel, Festus	10.00
Farmington 1st	25.00
Farmington 1st	66.66
Grace	35.00
N. Ruble	20.00
Total	\$1,566.25

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Kirkville 1st	\$ 5.00
New Testament	81.50
Rock Chapel	45.00
Myrtle	137.00
Verdella	15.00
Faith & Hope, Aurora	40.00
Central	167.50
O'Fallon 1st	25.00
Monett 1st	30.00
Columbia	45.00
Thayer	160.00
Eastern Gate	20.00
Madison Co. Quarterly	25.00
Hannon	15.00
Lebanon 1st	5.00
Parkview	43.00
Leadington	15.00
West Plains 1st	50.00
J.W. Rader	20.00
Richwoods	32.00

Viburnum	41.00
Blue Springs	20.00
Trinity	125.00
DeSoto	230.00
Mtn. Grove	250.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	66.95
Carthage	135.00
Grant Avenue	11.00
Wolf Creek	43.17
United, West Plains	20.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Bethel, Festus	45.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Waynesville 1st	25.00
Farmington 1st	40.59
Kirkville 1st	21.75
Flat River 1st	73.41
Beacon	335.00
Grace	212.00
Calvary Fellowship	50.00
N. Ruble	5.00
Total	\$2,825.87

MISSOURI FWB YOUTH CAMP

Myrtle	\$ 40.00
Hartville	10.00
Lebanon Bible & Book	78.00
Thayer	35.00
Hannon	15.00
New Home (in Memory of Esther Bennett)	25.00
Trinity	14.00
DeSoto 1st	50.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	10.00
Mt. Pisgah, Cabool	10.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Bethel, El Dorado Springs	15.00
Flat River 1st	33.91
Houston 1st	102.71
Calvary Fellowship	25.00
Total	\$513.62

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington	\$25.00
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FWB CHILDREN'S HOME (AL)

Myrtle	\$43.60
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FWB HOME FOR CHILDREN (TN)

DeSoto 1st	\$50.00
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REV. JOHN McCCLURE

Verdella, Liberal	\$ 10.00
Thayer	10.00
Monett 1st	20.00
Hannon, Liberal	10.00
Mo. State Woman's Auxiliary, K.C. District	196.00
Grace, Arnold	17.50

Total	\$263.50
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FWB BIBLE COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 35.00
DeSoto 1st	35.00
Farmington	133.33
Beacon	1.00
Total	\$204.33

HILLSDALE FWB COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 40.00
Central, Grandview	45.00
Hannon, Liberal	50.00
Eastern Gate	86.97
Grant Avenue	10.00
Farmington	161.66
Wolf Creek	500.00
Kirkville 1st	113.82
Total	\$1,007.45

Calendar of Events

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.*

The Hannibal Free Will Baptist Church Takes a Stand For Righteousness That is Heard Across America

by Dale Cochran, Pastor

On January 24, 1993, the Hannibal Free Will Baptist Church inverted their American Flag and began flying the flag union down. This is the international sign of distress. *The Hannibal Courier Post*, the local newspaper, did a story on why the church was flying their flag upside down. Things began to happen almost instantly as people reacted to the flag flying in distress.

It did not take long for the local television stations and radio stations to call. All at once the church seemed to be the center of attention in the Tri-State area. But it gets even better because the National Wire Service picked up the story and it went nationwide. It even made the CNN news. We have had calls and letters from all over America from people that are supporting our efforts by flying the flag union down. We also get letters and calls from people who do not support us. We witness to them about Jesus.

As you know, our President has made the murder of innocent unborn babies even easier in America when he lifted the ban on abortion in military hospitals and the ban on fetal tissue studies. (This is done in the name of medical research.) Christian men and women become accessories to murder by way of the tax dollar.

By the lifting of the ban on homosexuals in the military, our President is attempting to legitimize homosexual behavior in our society. This will force churches to accept homosexuals into their paid positions and even ordain them into the ministry. To speak out against the homosexual will be considered a 'hate crime' with stiff punishment.

Church, wake up! We can no longer keep silent about these issues. It is time to make some noise about righteousness in our land. The church should have a voice about such demoralizing issues as abortion and homosexuality. We have been too silent too long. If enough flags are flying in distress across our nation, politicians will get the message. Invert your flag today! Please, for the glory of God in America!



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