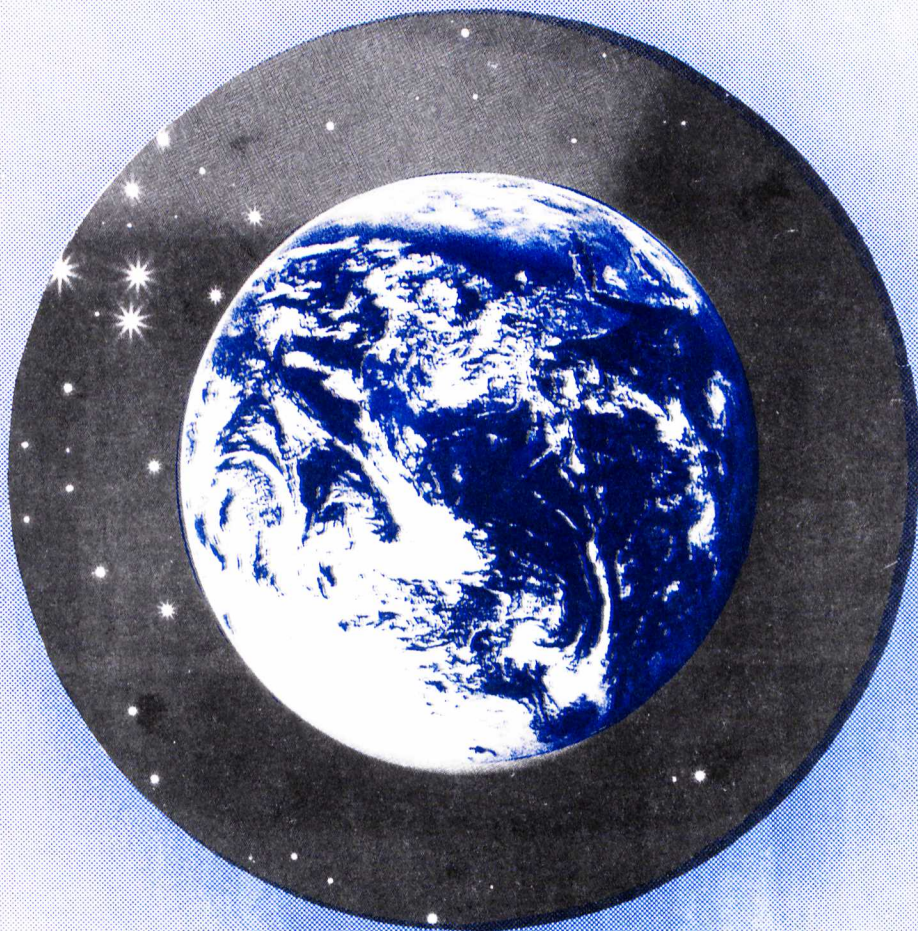


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*"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof;  
the world, and they that dwell therein." Psalm 24:1*



# Love For One Another The Mark Of A Christian

by Rev. J. Mark Vandivort

Jesus Christ told his disciples that they would be known for their outstanding distinctive love for each other. When Jesus knew that his arrest, trial and crucifixion were imminent, he shared some special instructions with his disciples, including, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35 NKJV)

Charles Ryrie, Th.D., Ph.D., writes in the "Ryrie Study Bible": "Their mutual love would be the strongest possible argument for the Christian faith."

A person who is controlled by the Holy Spirit is enabled to live as Jesus commanded. In Ephesians 5:18, the Apostle Paul commands Christians to be "filled with the spirit." The Holy Spirit leads to self-control, joyful worship of God, and the mutual submission of Christians to one another in such relationships as local church membership, marriage, and parent and child.

In the forward of Francis Schaeffer's book "The Mark of a Christian," the editor of InterVarsity Press wrote: "Christians have not always presented a pretty picture to the world. Too often they have failed to show the beauty of love, the beauty of Christ, the holiness of God." Regarding Christian love, Schaeffer wrote: "We must include everyone who stands in the historic Biblical faith, whether or not he is a member of our own party or our own group."

How can you be spirit filled and demonstrate the quality of love of which Jesus spoke? A good place to start is to carefully read and meditate on the book of Ephesians found in the Bible or New Testament. The Apostle Paul discusses forgiveness of sin and being adopted as a child of God. Also, he wrote about making changes in one's life, becoming more like Jesus Christ in the way one thinks and lives.

Jesus Christ also affirmed that his followers should love "your neighbor as your self." (Luke 10:27 NKJV). Jesus responded with the story of a man who was mugged while walking along the trail from Jerusalem to Jericho. Two

religious leaders passed by the injured man without offering assistance. Along came a Samaritan man, culturally despised by the mainstream of society, who tenderly and lovingly cared for the wounded man's needs. The editors of the "Wesley Study Bible" wrote: "My neighbor is anyone in need whom I can help."

In his high priestly prayer, Jesus Christ gave another extremely strong charge for Christians to maintain a pure bond of love. "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me." (John 17:22-23 NKJV). Love and unity of purpose is to be a convincing witness to the world that Jesus came from God.

In his book, "What's So Great About the Bible," James C. Hefley wrote: "This description of the early Christians was written in the ancient 'Epistle to Diognetus': 'They marry as do all; they beget children; but they do not commit abortion. They have a common table but not a common bed. They are in the flesh, but they do not live after the flesh. They pass their days on earth, but they are citizens of heaven. They obey the prescribed laws, and surpass the laws by their lives. They love all men, and are persecuted by all.' " I believe there are such Christians in our time. You can be one.

In order for love to demonstrate God at work in your life there must be practical applications, such as saying "Please forgive me," or "I forgive you." "Above all things, have intense and unfailing love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins -- forgives and disregards the offenses of others." (I Peter 4:8 Amplified Bible).

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Brother Mark Vandivort is Pastor of the Sunset Free Will Baptist Church in Flagstaff, Arizona. This article was first printed in the Arizona Daily Sun Newspaper.*

# Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Needs Your Help

A pictorial history of the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Meetings and State Auxiliary Retreats is being compiled. When completed, these albums will be displayed at both state functions.

Your help is needed in locating photographs showing speaker, place or theme of the program. If you have pictures which might be used, please date the picture and include as much information as possible such as "who," "what," "where" and "when." Please send the pictures and information to:

Janet Bailey  
310 Boss Street  
Flat River/Park Hills, MO 63601



## The Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

We live in a "throw-away" society. The love for products which are easy, convenient, and disposable when used to their limits, has prompted environmentalists to beg each of us to support recycling -- give certain resources a second chance to be useful.

For almost all of us who lead busy lives, the disposable concept is wonderful. However, the same concept loses its appeal when applied to people.

Each of us knows someone -- or is someone -- who has made mistakes so big that it seems he needs to be disposed of rather than be recycled. Yet God never gave us the authority to decide who is worthy of second chances and who is not. Even through our own shortcomings, God is working to mold us into what He wants us to be, never disposing of us when anyone else would consider us "used up." His patience is seen through the "recycling" of our lives.

So, you want to join a recycling project and save the earth? By applying such principles to hurting souls, we'll be amazed at what God can do for them.

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## Turners Celebrate 65th Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. Ken Turner of Monett, MO, will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 1, with an open house at their home at 106 Euclid.

Ken Turner and Jewell Roller were married in August, 1928, at Monett. They have two children, David Turner of Cassville, MO, and Virginia (Mrs. Bill) Troumbly of Lee's Summit; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Brother Turner is a retired Free Will Baptist minister who began preaching at age 22. He spent fifteen years in foreign mission work, making three trips to Cuba. While there Brother Turner filmed the early mission work of the Willey's. These films, along with Laura Bell Barnard's, of the early work in India, were shown on his many travels for Missions.

Brother Turner has spent his life in the Lord's work pastoring churches in Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri. While the Turners are members of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Monett, Brother Ken is in ill health and is confined to the home.

The Turners would appreciate hearing from friends on their special day. Cards may be sent to:

Rev. & Mrs. Ken Turner  
206 Euclid  
Monett, MO 65708



## Missionary News!

**Terry VanWinkle** -- We are proud to announce the birth of a new church in Overland Park, Kansas! Even as a parent rejoices in the coming of their first child, you can rejoice that you have been a part of a new beginning for Heartland Free Will Baptist Church . . . You have been faithful to pray for us thus far. Please take time now to praise God for the beginning of Heartland Church.

**Vergel Maness** -- Alyne and I celebrated our 37th wedding anniversary May 5, with a surprise ice cream cake decorated "to her with love from me" in the hospital restaurant where she normally has lunch. It was great and I thank God for my wonderful wife . . . We desire your continued prayers for the church as the officers continue to take the responsibilities for the areas of maintenance, business, etc. . . . Pray for our account! It is in the RED and we need your financial support and encouragement to continue the ministry here until the church goes on its own . . . Pray for Alyne's Mom and Dad. They have serious health needs at 82 and 89 years of age.

**Stan Bunch** -- January: The Panamanian Association of Free Will Baptists met in Parita. It was great to see our people work so hard together in preparation. Some had no idea what the meeting would be like because they had never attended one. It was interesting to hear their enthusiastic testimonies after it was over . . . February: This was Car-

nival month and a great temptation for the young people. It is a time when people live without morals. We invited the young people of our church to our home for a mini retreat . . . The next week was VBS. It was a lot of work but it is helping break down barriers with the people of Parita. Our neighbors in Chitre went to watch their children in the program. Three were saved. It was worth all the work . . . March: What a thrill to see 5 Christians make the commitment to be baptized . . . April: The week before Easter Stan was busy every night showing the Jesus film. There were at least one hundred at each presentation. Many professions of faith were made . . . We are looking forward to the young people of TEAM Panama at the end of June.

**Ron Moore** -- Praise the Lord for the new monthly support and the churches that have put us in their budget! Pray with us that the additional \$750 needed will be raised by August 30, 1993 . . . Praise the Lord for His goodness, love and mercy which he pours out upon us through his Son. Pray that we will be faithful to Him and the ministry He has given us.

**Dr. Paul Gentuso** -- We are working hard to learn this new language, in order that we might fully communicate to the people of Cote d'Ivoire that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Pray for Paul and Tammy that they will continue to learn French quickly and well.

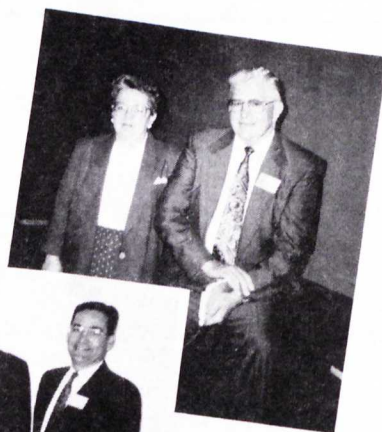
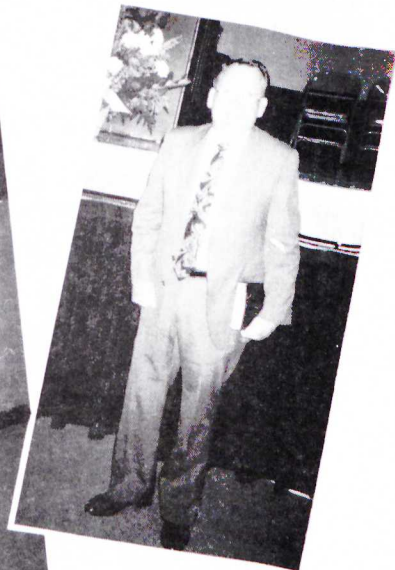
Pray for Stephen (4 years old) and John (2 1/2 years old), that they will learn the language well from their French-speaking friends.

**Jim Mertz** -- So far this year we have ridden to the top of the coaster and plunged down to the bottom. We have lost our music leader and pianist (same person) and are now without music. Please pray that the Lord will soon provide in this most critical area . . . Pray that we can reach and lead our teens to active Christian service for the Lord and to a faithful walk with God. Pray for Kirt and Melissa Wiehe and Keith and Kara Nash as they lead the teens . . . We have reached the \$2,000 level on our way to the \$15,000 goal. We are to have it paved this week . . . Pray for our daughter, Angel, as she prepares to go to Panama this summer for TEAM mission program . . . Once again a large deficit is weighing on my heart that I need your help to erase. Please pray with me that the Lord will help us to delete that deficit and keep getting the gospel out here in Wentzville.

**Curt Holland** -- Curt preached his first complete sermon in Portuguese on May 23. Pray that the Hollands will learn quickly as they attend language school until November . . . Pray for Mary as she teaches a little children's Sunday School class.



# 1993 MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING









# A Tribute To Frances L. Bowman



For the past 25 years on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., one could enter Olivet Free Will Baptist Church in Marshall, Missouri, and be greeted with a hug from Sis. Frances Bowman. It was not uncommon for her to discern a troubled spirit or a burden that needed to be shared. Her office was always available to those who needed a word of encouragement from their pastor's companion, even on Wednesday nights. It was her practice, however, to be ready to step into a back

pew in time to hear the Word as her husband, Bro. Cliff Bowman, ministered to his congregation.

Wednesday evening, April 21, 1993, was no different from any other Wednesday night. The day had been a joyous one. Sis. Bowman had participated in some of her favorite things: shopping for a new outfit for her dear sister-in-law who was soon to depart on a mission tour of the Philippines, witnessing to those she met along the way (this woman couldn't even stop at a rummage sale without sharing her testimony for the Lord with somebody!), preparing dinner for her family and friends, and now -- the highlight of her day -- going to church for the mid-week service. Oh, yes, it had been a wonderful day!

Bro. Bowman was just ready to announce the text of the evening's Bible study when he saw the office door open and its occupants enter the auditorium. As he read, his companion took her seat for the final time in this world. There could have been no more fitting place for the Angel of the Lord to tap this dear servant on the shoulder and say, "Come, it's time to go home!" She was in the place she loved the most, with the people she had loved as family -- certainly, she had no regrets.

Frances LaVaughn Bowman was born in Allen, Nebraska, on December 24, 1921. She married Cliff Bowman on September 4, 1952. Their lives were blessed with two children, Dennis and Kathy. Sis. Bowman was ecstatic when Dennis and his wife, Jeannie, presented her with her first two grandsons, David and Stephen. Then, when Kathy and her husband, Gerald Daniel, produced another grandson, Chad, and her beautiful granddaughter, Melissa, her joy was beyond compare. She often remarked that if she had known how much fun grandchildren were, she would have had them first!

Frances was converted at an early age, but it was following the rededication of her life in September of 1956 that she felt a great burden for lost souls. Immediately, she and her recently converted husband became involved in the work of the Lord. They were instrumental in the organization of several Free Will Baptist churches in Missouri, including churches at Waynesville, Marshfield, Conway, and Marshall. Her fearless witness for the Lord was responsible for many conversions and changed lives.

The Youth Camp was a special love of Sis. Bowman. She served as a General Cabin Sponsor for a number of years in the 1960's and 1970's. Several fund-raising projects for the Youth Camp were successful due to her persistence and dedication to the cause. These projects include: the establishing of the Parrott Memorial First Aid Station; giving Youth Camp a "new face" through the remodeling of the tabernacle and the dining hall in the late '60's; the building of the laundry room which bears her name; and several kitchen projects.

Sis. Bowman's heart beat for missions. She was involved in many projects for Missouri State FWB Home Missions. It was in her home that the Perpetual Loan Fund began. (This loan fund exists for the purpose of providing funds for establishing first-unit buildings for new missions works.) The initial contributions to this fund were made in the Fall of 1972 by Cliff & Frances Bowman and Harry & Lucille Beatty. The Woman's Auxiliary has had several projects through the years to support the loan fund. Now there is a statewide effort by the Woman's Auxiliary to make a

substantial contribution to the Perpetual Loan Fund in honor of Sis. Frances Bowman.

Sis. Bowman's love for children was obvious to all who knew her. She and Bro. Bowman raised several children in their home. All of the children at Kiddie Kare Kampus (a ministry of the Olivet FWB Church and of which Sis. Bowman was the director) called her "Grandma Bowman" whether they were at school, at church, or at the local grocery store. She figured people around town probably thought she had a large and varied family. For that matter, she did! Those she loved, she considered to be her family -- a family made by God. The special love of her last four years of life on this earth was Lucas Daniel Scott (better known amongst the preachers as the "Duke of Marshall"). There was no blood relationship, but Duke and his Dobie truly had a love connection.

Bro. Dennis Bowman had promised his mother at a very young age that he would preach at her funeral. This was her desire. Bro. Dale Skiles, who through many midnight hours had entertained his friend with guitar and song, now would fulfill his commitment to sing for her this one last time. Olivet FWB Church was filled to capacity with family and friends who came to pay a final tribute to Sis. Frances. How she would have loved to have seen all her dear ones gathered together to hear her beloved son proclaim God's message!

Because of her many fund-raising efforts for our state works, Sis. Bowman was teased by one of her preacher friends. "When you die," he said, "your tombstone will read -- 'And the Beggar Died'." She laughed and laughed every time she told that story. But if she were here to tell it again, she would doubtless say one more time, "Please give to the Perpetual Loan Fund. Remember, you can never outgive God!"

*The following is a copy of an article about Sis. Bowman which was printed in the "TV FOCUS" for the Marshall area. Waynelle Scott (who put together the information for "A Tribute to Frances L. Bowman") writes the "Timely Tidbits from Ellen" each week. Sis. Scott is a member of the Olivet FWB Church and is actively involved in the ministries of the church. She has taught in the Olivet Christian Academy and in the pre-school program, Kiddie Kare Kampus (of which Sis. Bowman was director), for the past eleven years.*

## Timely Tidbits from Ellen

You may have seen us around town together. She loved to patronize the dress shops and children's shops on the square. The dress shops were visited in hopes of finding a bargain on a good quality dress or suit for herself or for one of her special friends. The children's shops were always included on any trip to the square because the "Duke of Marshall" had to be the best-dressed child in Missouri. Invariably, we would go by the pharmacy and see about picking up one of her collectible figurines.

Some days we missed the downtown area completely and went shopping on the other side of town; or, sometimes we got a newspaper and hit all the yard sales we could find (I say "we could find" because neither of us had any sense of direction -- we were like the blind leading the blind!). Wherever we went, one thing was for sure: her checkbook went with us. It was a huge checkbook, which made it hard to carry and shop at the same time. She would almost always ask permission to leave it at the counter until she was ready to pay for her selections.

A little over a week ago, my friend left this world behind. Never again will I be privileged to escort her to her favorite places. All of her "Dukie" stories will be entertaining heaven's forces in the days to come. She would have loved to have heard the exchange between the Duke and his "Poppie" two mornings following her death. They got into the car, and Dukie saw his "Dobie's" checkbook.

"Poppie!" he exclaimed, "Dobie forgot her checkbook."

"That's all right, Duke, where Dobie's gone she won't need her checkbook," Poppie replied.

"Poppie," his brown eyes were flashing, "Dobie always says, 'You don't take anything until you pay for it!'"

Poppie was ready with the answer, "But, Dukie, Jesus has already paid for the way."

Nothing could be more perfect. She's found the greatest "bargain" ever made!



# All Boards Meeting - Preacher/Layman's Retreat September 20, 21, 1993 YOUTH CAMP, NIANGUA

**Monday, September 20, 1993**

1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. .... Fun and Fellowship

**Golf Tournament - Golf Course in Marshfield**  
Miniature Golf, Ping Pong, Horse Shoe Pitching - Youth Camp

5:00 p.m. .... Evening Meal

6:00 p.m. .... Message from the Moderator

Rev. Gary Fry

6:45 - 7:30 p.m. .... Using Music & Praise in Worship

Rev. Doug Little

7:30 p.m. .... Boards Meet

9:30 p.m. .... Refreshments

**Tuesday, September 21, 1993**

8:00 a.m. .... Breakfast

9:00 - 9:45 a.m. .... Using Scripture in Worship

Rev. Mike Garner

Break

10:00 - 10:50 a.m. .... Using Music & Praise in Worship

Rev. Doug Little

10:50 - 11:30 a.m. .... Summary and Coordinating State Activities

Dismiss

11:30 a.m. .... Lunch

*There will be a time given for questions and comments on the subjects that are presented.*

## GUIDELINES FOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

2 Man Scramble

3 trophies will be awarded for the tournament:

A trophy each to first place finishers

A trophy each to second place finishers

A trophy for the ball closest to the hole off the tee on #7, par 3

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### Registration For Golf Tournament

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Each participant will pay his own green fee.  
Dale Skiles will be in charge of the Golf Tournament.  
Mail the registration form to:

**Dale Skiles**  
**4534 McCullough**  
**Springfield, MO 65804**

*The other activities -- miniature golf, horse shoes, ping pong -- will not be organized.  
Those who want to play may play when they want to.*



# WINNERS OF THE 1993 MISSOURI STATE COMPETITION

## 00.1 BIBLE MEMORIZATION

1st Grade Lauren Helsley  
2nd Grade Daniel Harkey  
3rd Grade Sarah Blackwell

Hartville  
Hartville  
Trinity

## 00.2 BIBLE SWORD DRILL

4th Grade Angelic Thomas  
5th Grade Lindsay Scott  
6th Grade Christopher Haynes

Monett First  
Calvary Fellowship  
Monett First

## 00.3 BIBLE TIC TAC TOE

HARTVILLE

Rebecca Hughes, Grant Boyer  
Kyle Mays, Justin Dowden

## 01.1 VOCAL SOLO

AGE GROUP

B Laura Terry

Monett First

## 01.2 MALE VOCAL SOLO

C Luke Boyer  
E Mark Phillips

Hartville  
Fellowship

## 01.3 FEMALE VOCAL SOLO

C Jamie Lewis  
D Lindsey Allen

DeSoto First  
Farmington First

## 02.2 VOCAL ENSEMBLE - DUET

A Harrison & Gwartney  
C Beck & Dalton  
D DeSoto First Duet  
E Leonard & Phillips

Fellowship  
Joplin First  
DeSoto First  
Fellowship

## 02.3 VOCAL ENSEMBLE - TRIO

D DeSoto First Trio  
F New Home Trio

DeSoto First  
New Home

## 02.4 VOCAL ENSEMBLE - QUARTET

D Grant Ave. Girls' Quartet

Grant Avenue

## 02.6 VOCAL ENSEMBLE - SEXTET

D DeSoto First Sextet

DeSoto First

## 03.1 CHORALE

D Farmington Chorale

Farmington First

## 04.3 INSTRUMENTAL SOLO -- WOODWIND

C Brian Scott

Calvary Fellowship

## 05.6 SMALL INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

F New Home Instrumental Trio

New Home

## 07.1 KEYBOARD SOLO - MANUAL

B Shea Bassham  
D Gayla Smith

Carthage  
Mill Creek

## 08.2 DRAMATIC SELECTION

A Lyn Allison Martin  
C Kristin Hood  
D Jason Stephens  
E Dawn Real

Calvary Fellowship  
Monett First  
Calvary Fellowship  
Monett First

## 08.5 INTERPRETIVE READING OF SCRIPTURE

B Bryan Lennox  
C Emily Dowden  
D Mandy Williams

Hartville  
New Home  
Carthage

## 08.8 DUET ACTING

D Mackey & Hood  
E Dodson & Mackey

Monett First  
Monett First

## 08.0 SKIT

C Monett Herald Skit  
D JMP Productions  
E Monett Ambassador Skit

Monett First  
Fellowship  
Monett First

## 11.2 PAINTING

B Patricia Chandler  
D Christopher Chandler

DeSoto First  
DeSoto First

## 11.3 GRAPHICS

C Allison Wright  
E Tammi Brinkhoff

Monett First  
Carthage

## 11.5 TEXTILES

C Kevin Moser

Carthage

## 11.7 PHOTOGRAPHY -- COLOR

A Cody Turner  
B Richard Fowler  
C Amber Fowler  
D Hannah Dowden  
E Kelly Shilling

Carthage  
Carthage  
Carthage  
New Home  
Carthage

# WINNERS, WORKERS AND WANDERERS

Editor's Note: These photos do not show all the winners of the competition. They do show some of the competitors and workers who made the competition possible.









## Bible College Adds Youth Ministries Teacher

Free Will Baptist Bible College has added Mr. Phillip Nelson to its faculty to teach Christian Education and Youth Ministry, according to Dr. Robert Picirilli, Academic Dean.

Mr. Nelson has served as Associate Pastor of Senior High Youth at Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia, where he supervised a staff of 52 workers. He earned both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Liberty University.

"We're excited about Mr. Nelson's coming," says Dr. Picirilli.

Mr. Nelson will move to Nashville this summer and begin his teaching responsibilities at the Bible College during the Fall semester.

## 50 In Bible College Graduation

Free Will Baptist Bible College graduated 50 students from four degree programs in Commencement Exercises held on campus May 13.

Graduates represented 15 states and Canada. Those graduating in the Class of 93 from Missouri were:

### Bachelor of Arts Degree

David A. Baker  
Monett, MO

Steven Jay Lindsay  
Cum laude  
Odessa, MO

James Matthew Gates  
Cum laude  
Fenton, MO

Terry Lance Skiles  
Magna cum laude  
Festus, MO

### Bachelor of Science Degree

Kevin R. Scott  
Summa cum laude  
Bridgeton, MO

### Associate of Christian Ministries Degree

Randy Dean Bishop  
Joplin, MO

### Associate of Science in Business Degree

Rebecca Lea Jones  
Hartville, MO

## 84 Finish Semester on Bible College Dean's List

The names of 84 students were placed on Free Will Baptist Bible College's Dean's List following final examinations in mid-May. Nine completed the semester with a straight-A average.

Missouri students on the Dean's list were:

### "A" Honor Roll

Kevin Scott, Senior  
(Bridgeton, MO)

### "B" Honor Roll

Terry Skiles, Senior  
(Festus, MO)

Bill Stringer, Junior  
(Esther, MO)

Faron Thebeau, Freshman  
(DeSoto, MO)

## Hillsdale Honor Students

During the 1992-1993 school year, many of our students excelled spiritually as well as academically. In the spring semester 1993, 12 students made the President's List and 20 students made the Dean's List. We are proud of the hard work our students gave.

Missouri students which made the President's List and the Dean's List are:

### President's List

Mary Bodine  
(Farmington F.W.B. Church)

### Dean's List

Michelle Cropper  
(South Fremont F.W.B. Church)

Ryan Long  
(Fellowship F.W.B. Church)

Rachel Vandivort  
(Flat River F.W.B. Church)

## Calendar of Events

### Youth Camp

Pre-Teen Camp Group 1, July 25 - 30  
Pre-Teen Camp Group 2, August 1 - 6

#### 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  
Louisville, Kentucky

### Woman's Auxiliary Retreat

August 20, 21  
Stonecroft Conference Center  
Branson, MO

### All Boards Meeting

September 20, 21  
Youth Camp, Niangua, MO

### State Youth Conference

November 19, 20  
Camp Windemere, Roach, MO

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



# Financial Information

## MAY 1993

### COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board .....	\$5,101.31
17.50% Exec. Off. & Gem .....	4,825.57
3.50% General Fund .....	965.11
8.50% Youth Camp Bd. ....	2,343.85
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd. ....	689.37
2.50% C.E. Board .....	689.37
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board .....	689.37
9.00% Mo. State Retirement Program .....	2,481.72
30.50% Nat'l Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College .....	8,410.27
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 (\$84.10 included in \$8,410.27)	
5.00% Mo. State Conference Center Fund .....	1,378.73
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$27,574.67</b>

"We thank God for the Pastors and Churches that consistently give in order to help carry out the Great Commission." Souls are being saved and saints are being edified to the praise and glory of God. God has blessed with another good month and He is to be praised. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, in whom there is no variable-ness, neither shadow of turning." James 1:17

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%.

## MAY 1993 COOPERATIVE

Fellowship .....	\$ 400.00
Fourth Church .....	335.00
Overland .....	132.00
Hannon .....	340.20
Stockton .....	101.15
New Home .....	129.84
Royal Oak .....	108.00
Merl's Chapel .....	223.00
Union Grove .....	143.50
Tyrone .....	47.80
Happy Home .....	104.80
Happy Home .....	94.92
Cuba .....	487.85
Springfield 1st .....	661.41
Rock Chapel .....	341.43
Calvary Chapel .....	394.80
Victory .....	151.00
Black Oak .....	177.67
Lone Star .....	48.75
Eastern Gate .....	381.83
Rolla 1st .....	78.93
Bailey Chapel .....	90.00
Kingsway .....	482.66
Trinity .....	993.68
Oak Hill .....	60.36
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana .....	123.00
Cape Girardeau .....	786.01
Mill Creek .....	241.70
Mtn. Grove .....	1,160.15
Niangua .....	17.00
Freeman Chapel .....	236.91
Greenfield .....	137.00

Mine LaMotte .....	44.89
New Hope, Fredericktown .....	20.00
Belton .....	357.48
Columbia .....	75.00
Lingo .....	14.96
Niangua .....	14.00
Marshfield .....	226.19
United, W.P. ....	699.85
Lebanon 1st .....	520.77
Liberty .....	215.00
Hurricane .....	333.95
DeSoto 1st .....	840.00
Crossroads .....	263.00
Parkway, Sedalia .....	177.00
Parkway, Sedalia .....	134.00
Waynesville 1st .....	244.54
Joplin 1st .....	504.16
Joplin 1st .....	531.52
Cabool .....	309.96
Victory Hill .....	106.35
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Victory, K.C. ....	195.41
Macedonia .....	53.35
Farmington 1st .....	2,070.23
Mt. Pisgah .....	228.00
Leadington .....	254.95
Riverview, IA .....	646.90
Beacon .....	1,910.00
Fredericktown 1st .....	390.00
Hopewell .....	127.00
Neosho 1st .....	71.25
Jones Chapel .....	36.85
Pleasant Hill .....	51.46
Harmony .....	501.00
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove .....	211.95
Grant Avenue .....	690.88
Flat River .....	650.79
New Life, Licking .....	203.02
Copper Mines .....	206.60
Fordland .....	186.23
Potosi 1st .....	119.38
West Plains 1st .....	470.00
Bethel, Eldorado Spg. ....	56.28
Parkview .....	396.63
North Five .....	125.80
Terrill Road .....	204.00
Wolf Creek .....	282.28
Oak Hill, Union .....	408.47
Verdella .....	252.94
Oskaloosa .....	158.20
Niangua .....	25.00
Unity .....	239.00
St. Francois Assoc. ....	16.50
Seymour .....	64.00
Grace .....	1,119.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$27,574.67</b>

### STATE HOME MISSIONS

Fourth Church .....	\$ 10.00
Hannon .....	170.10
N. Ruble .....	5.00
L. Wormington .....	30.00
Rock Chapel .....	121.06
Eastern Gate .....	20.00
R. Keith .....	10.00
Trinity .....	45.00
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana .....	25.00
Mtn. Grove .....	27.00
Lebanon Bible & Book .....	174.00
Marshfield .....	22.61
United, W.P. ....	34.50
Lebanon 1st .....	60.00
DeSoto 1st .....	70.00
Joplin 1st .....	10.00
Victory, K.C. ....	5.00
Farmington 1st .....	96.66
Union Light .....	61.00
New Testament .....	20.00
Grant Avenue .....	86.09
West Plains 1st .....	5.00
Viburnum .....	8.00
Oak Hill, Union .....	25.50
St. Francois Assoc. ....	75.00
Gr. Springfield Assoc. ....	1,019.00
Grace .....	30.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$2,265.52</b>

### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Hannon .....	\$ 5.00
N. Ruble .....	5.00
Richwoods .....	32.00
Rock Chapel .....	20.00
J. Rader .....	20.00
Eastern Gate .....	10.00
R. Keith .....	10.00
Trinity .....	60.00
Madison Co. Qlty. ....	25.00
Mtn. Grove .....	245.00
Faith & Hope, W.S. ....	43.44
Bethel .....	40.00
Columbia .....	45.00
United, W.P. ....	370.00
Lebanon 1st .....	5.00
DeSoto 1st .....	175.00
Waynesville 1st .....	25.00
Victory, K.C. ....	20.00
Farmington 1st .....	31.96
Mt. Pisgah .....	50.00
Leadington .....	20.00
Union Light .....	35.00
Beacon .....	315.00
New Testament .....	60.00
Grant Avenue .....	20.00
Flat River .....	90.08
Fordland .....	10.00
Parkview Mission Group .....	10.00
Buffalo 1st .....	50.00
West Plains 1st .....	153.00
Parkview .....	19.00
Viburnum .....	41.00
Oak Grove, Norwood .....	60.42
Wolf Creek .....	38.60
Oak Hill, Union .....	16.50
Verdella .....	15.00
St. Francois Assoc. ....	150.90
Gr. Springfield Assoc. ....	1,019.00
Grace .....	120.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$3,480.90</b>

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Fourth Church .....	\$ 60.00
Hannon .....	465.20
C. Thompson .....	25.00
Unity .....	20.00
Calvary, Conway .....	84.66
N. Ruble .....	20.00
Richwoods .....	35.00
Merl's Chapel .....	200.00
S. Hart .....	20.00
D. Akeman .....	10.00
Rock Chapel .....	187.90
Calvary Chapel .....	150.00
Eastern Gate .....	166.37
Trinity .....	487.79
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana .....	45.00
F. Green .....	35.00
Houston .....	120.21
Mtn. Grove .....	372.00
Freeman Chapel .....	362.00
Faith & Hope, W.S. ....	118.44
Bethel .....	128.00
Belton .....	50.00
Columbia .....	15.00
Oak Grove, Nor. ....	65.00
Marshfield .....	40.00
United, W.P. ....	34.50
West Plains 1st .....	325.00
Lebanon 1st .....	90.00
DeSoto 1st .....	385.00
Waynesville 1st .....	25.00
Joplin 1st .....	45.00
Victory, K.C. ....	165.00
Faith & Hope, W.S. ....	25.00
Farmington 1st .....	506.01
Mt. Pisgah .....	100.00
Leadington .....	402.00
Union Light .....	160.00
Beacon .....	993.00
North East Assoc. ....	827.98
Neosho 1st .....	250.00
Chapel of Ozarks .....	45.24
New Testament .....	75.00

Grant Avenue .....	437.68
Grant Ave. Teen SS .....	43.51
Flat River .....	260.32
Fordland .....	111.50
Calvary Fellowship .....	1,610.42
Parkview Mission Group .....	60.00
West Plains 1st .....	225.00
Faith, St. Louis .....	75.00
Parkview .....	325.32
Viburnum .....	120.00
Oak Grove, Norwood .....	120.84
Oak Hill, Union .....	12.00
Verdella .....	657.26
Union Mission .....	101.45
Calvary Chapel .....	120.00
Gr. Springfield Assoc. ....	1,019.00
Grace .....	31.50
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$13,067.10</b>

### MISSOURI FWB YOUTH CAMP

Hannon .....	\$ 15.00
Mtn. Grove 1st .....	10.00
Trinity .....	14.00
Lebanon Bible & Book .....	78.00
DeSoto 1st .....	50.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	100.00
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove .....	10.00
Flat River 1st .....	15.87
Calvary Fellowship .....	25.00
Parkview Mission Group .....	10.00
Gr. Springfield Woman's Aux. ....	83.20
Buffalo 1st .....	50.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$461.07</b>

### HILLSDALE FWB COLLEGE

Hannon .....	\$ 50.00
Eastern Gate .....	76.37
Victory, K.C. ....	34.54
Farmington .....	151.66
Grant Avenue .....	6.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$318.57</b>

### FWB BIBLE COLLEGE

DeSoto 1st .....	\$ 35.00
Farmington .....	133.33
Parkview Mission Group .....	10.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$178.33</b>

### REV. JOHN MCCLURE

Unity, Lebanon .....	\$10.00
Victory, K.C. ....	5.00
Farmington .....	5.00
Verdella .....	10.00
Grace, Arnold .....	17.50
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$47.50</b>

### CALIF. CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington .....	\$25.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>

### WNAC

Joplin 1st .....	\$10.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>

### FWB HOME FOR CHILDREN-TN

Unity, Lebanon .....	\$ 10.00
DeSoto 1st .....	50.00
Parkview Mission Group .....	10.00
North Five Woman's Aux. ....	74.44
(for Emergency Shelter)	
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$144.44</b>



## Sunday School Attendance Averages December 1992 - May 1993

CHURCHES	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Belton	49	54	56	70	72	69
Calvary Fellowship	250	246	258	356	284	
Cape Girardeau	91	86	98	96	99	89
Central				86		
Cuba	113	110	118	128	118	106
DeSoto	193	178	181	189	179	179
Farmington	300	258	299	369	321	296
Fiat River First	146	116	144	151	142	
Hannon	76	83	86	78	77	72
Harmony	70	64	80	88	82	63
Hartville	97	109	100	116	107	109
Hopewell	31	25	36	38	39	37
Houston	61	63	67	59	55	51
Jones Creek	22	24	17	24	21	22
Kirksville	32					
Lebanon First	104	96	104	104	106	96
Marshfield	28	30	28	30	32	27
Monett	123	119	127			
Myrtle	30	25				
Parkview	54	53	51	60	55	55
Richwoods	46	47	59	55	52	42
Rock Chapel	67	65	73	66	68	65
Springfield First	118	112	114	137	123	109
Thayer	115	127		143	124	
United, West Plains	165	188		197	196	
Unity	36	35	41	40	40	41
Verdella	69	62	70	70	72	74
Victory		63	73	79		
Waynesville		48	41	47		
Willow Springs	57	59	59	65	75	

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.

## Take The Challenge

The Men's Fellowship of the Belton Free Will Baptist Church has contributed \$50.00 to the Youth Camp for the proposed boy's bathhouse.

They would like to challenge other churches to match their contribution for this special project.

## Youth Camp Project

The Greater Ozark District Woman's Auxiliary recently voted to start a fund for the purpose of adding a bathroom to the nurse's station at the Youth Camp. \$83.20 was sent to the Youth Camp to begin this fund.

The Greater Ozark District Woman's Auxiliary invites others to join in this worthwhile project.

## Thank You

We would like to express our deepest appreciation and thanks to all our friends and acquaintances for your prayers and for your acts of love, kindness, sympathy and concern during the loss of our loved one. Everything you have done has meant more to us than words could express. We need and desire your continued prayers. May God richly bless you.

*The Family of Frances Bowman*

Cliff Bowman

Dennis, Jeannie, David & Stephen Bowman

Kathy, Gerald, Chad & Melissa Daniel

## Centennial Celebration At New Home

New Home Free Will Baptist Church, northeast of Hartville in Wright County, will have a centennial celebration on September 5, 1993.

All former pastors, members and friends are urged to attend. Brother John Postlewaite is the current pastor.

Plans are not complete at this time, but there will be both morning and afternoon services, with a basket dinner at noon.

Start making plans to attend and be sure to tell anyone who might be interested.

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