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"To every thing there is a season, and a time  
to every purpose under the heaven:"

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*





# Missionary Newsletter Excerpts

## National Home Missions

### From the Gwartneys in Arizona:

Greetings from Arizona! We are in our new building and we think it is absolutely wonderful!... Even though we are in our new building, we do not yet have a certificate of occupancy. The City of Mesa will not issue that certificate until we complete our parking lot and street improvements--a \$40,000 project. We cannot afford to borrow any more money from the loan fund. We must raise the additional cash to do this. To date the City has been lenient with us. However, Maricopa County officials just forced another small church on the west side of Phoenix to close because they did not have the money to pave their parking lot. Please pray about this matter!

### From the Mertz' at Wentzville, MO

We just concluded our first full length Revival Meeting in the history of our church! Our evangelist was Rev. Bobby Jackson! The working of the Holy Spirit was evident and there were several decisions and rededications. I was deeply grateful to the O'Fallon Free Will Baptist Church for their prayers and support through the week.

Let me share with you also that the Lord has moved to help in our parking lot problem. We have decided to annex into the city of Wentzville. The city will then take jurisdiction from the county codes, meaning...they will give us all the time we need to pave the parking lot. This indeed is an answer to prayer.

### From the Maness' in New Jersey

Alyne and I, your missionary family in Vineland, New Jersey, serve our Lord, our church, our denomination and you, because He loved us, died for us, saved us and gave to us the "ministry of reconciliation." We are delighted to send good news when it takes place. We are seeing some moves in the midst of summer that are encouraging. This newsletter is coming to you in July and we just baptized eight on July 11. During the week we already have had 3 more ask about being baptized also.

### From the Johnsons in Wyoming

I want to thank all of you who so faithfully support the work here. Many of you have stayed with us from the start and we appreciate all of you. We want to thank the churches of the Greater Springfield, Missouri Association for the rally they had for us in May. All of your faithfulness is deeply appreciated, for we are all laborers together.

## Foreign Missions

### From the Mission Office

The Foreign Missions Department has suffered significant financial losses due to the recent controversy. Nineteen missionary accounts and the general fund are currently in the red. Mr. Waddell is urging Free Will Baptists across the nation to join delegates at Louisville in expressing their endorsement of the foreign missions program.

"People can express approval and backing in at least three ways," says the general director. "First, please remember us before the Father in your prayers. Second, write a word of encouragement to the missionaries. They certainly can use it. Third, give generously NOW. The ministries of several of our missionaries are in jeopardy. Faithful servants like the Ken Baileys in Japan, the Dennis Owens in Uruguay, and the Jeff Turnboughs in Spain have passed the \$8,000 deficit point which could signal their recall to gain additional support.

"If that becomes necessary, our overseas ministries will suffer tremendously and the witness of our missionaries will be silenced. To prevent that from happening, I want to ask every Free Will Baptist to join me in making a special gift to these vital ministries around the globe."

### From the Hollands in Brazil

We live in a city that has over one million people in it. Our neighborhood is on a hill that is about 25 minutes from downtown. At night you can look out and the darkness is dotted with the lights of the city. It's beautiful, but often times it makes me think of how big the city is and how few lights there really are. When dawn breaks you can see that there was a large city hidden in the darkness. The few lights revealed very little of what was beneath the darkness.

...We are in a hurry!! Why?? Because those people that we have just met are dying without ever knowing about their greatest NEED...Jesus Cristo! We are in a hurry to learn their language so that we might save some. Darkness does hide the NEEDS of the city and its people at night, but the light always shines in the morning. So why the hurry? Because each night thousands never make it out of the darkness. Hurry...work while it is yet light, for the night comes when no man can work (Jn 9:4). We are among those who are in the dark because you have sent us here. Pray, as we share the light of Jesus Cristo, who can meet all of their NEEDS!

*Support our missionaries in prayer and finances!*

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## Convention Reaffirms Church Covenant

When the 57th annual Free Will Baptist National Convention adjourned almost 90 minutes late in Louisville, Kentucky, a near-record voting delegation sounded a clear note reaffirming the denomination's commitment to the Church Covenant. The July 18-22 conclave met at Commonwealth Convention Center in some of the most warmly debated sessions in recent years.

The Thursday morning vote brought into sharp focus the 14-month controversy over the status of Free Will Baptist mission work in Europe which had resulted in two missionaries resigning. Foreign Missions director Eugene Waddell had fielded questions during Monday's General Board meeting and Wednesday's business session. Delegates not only approved the Foreign Missions Department's report with a standing ovation, they also expressed confidence in the Foreign Missions Department, the general director and missionaries. The convention urged churches to continue supporting the Foreign Missions Department.

However, extended debate resumed Thursday when a resolution reaffirming the Church Covenant came to the floor. The resolution reaffirmed the historic Free Will Baptist position opposing consumption of alcoholic beverages and instructed all national agencies to bring into their ministries only those persons committed to the same position. Agencies involved in evangelism, church growth, and church planting will require that the principles and precepts of the Church Covenant be taught early in their mission work.

In other action, delegates:  
ELECTED...members to 41 positions.  
REGISTERED...6,946 in three concurrent conventions.

ADOPTED...a \$13.8 million 1994 budget.

GAVE...a \$32,000.00 Wednesday evening missionary offering.

LEFT...More than \$3 million in the Louisville economy.

RESOLVED OPPOSITION...to lifting the ban on homosexuals in the armed forces and opposition to the government condoning or accommodating homosexual practices.

RESOLVED AFFIRMATION...of the denomination's pro-life stance.

SURVIVED...a record 997 entries in the NYC Bible Competition and Music and Arts Festival.

HONORED...Herman and Vernie Hersey as they retired from the Board of Retirement and Insurance. Reverend Hersey has led the Board for 23 years.

ACKNOWLEDGED...that WNAC had reached a crossroads in its history when the organization voted to change its name from Woman's National Auxiliary Convention to Women Nationally Active for Christ. Local, district, and state Auxiliaries can choose their own names under the WNAC umbrella.

REJECTED...a resolution that musicians at the national convention be allowed to use pre-recorded sound tracks during services.

AGREED...with WNAC officials that it was time to pay tribute to Lorene Miley, former missionary to Cote d'Ivoire and editor of Co-Laborer magazine for 14

years. WNAC executive secretary Mary Wisheart read a tribute to Mrs. Miley; the entire audience stood in a rousing ovation.

ACCEPTED...the announcement from Roger Reeds that he will retire December 31 as general director of the Sunday School and Church Training Department. The new general director will be Alton Loveless who currently serves as executive secretary for the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists.

INSTRUCTED...the Music Commission to proceed with a second printing of Rejoice: The Free Will Baptist Hymn Book, with all errors found in the earlier printing to be corrected.

POINTED...toward the Tuesday evening service of the 1994 convention as a celebration time for completion of the capital Stewardship Campaign. "A Million More by '94."

AUTHORIZED...reduction of the percentage of undesignated funds used to underwrite the administrative budget of the Executive Office. The reduction will begin in 1995 and end by 1998 when no more than 45% of undesignated Together Way Plan receipts will be used for administrative purposes.

LISTENED...as WNAC voted to raise annual representation fees from \$2 to \$10 per member, and delegate fees from \$3 to \$5 effective January 1994. WNAC also requested that the Home and Foreign Missions Departments share the rent on the provision closet, each asked to pay one-third of the total cost.

ADJOURNED...to meet in Little Rock, Arkansas, at Statehouse Convention Center for the July 17-21, 1994, session.



## Gems From the Past

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following poem was printed in the April 1952 issue of the Gem.

### THE CHURCH WALKING WITH THE WORLD

The church and the world walked far  
apart

On the changing shore of time;  
The World was singing a giddy song,  
And the Church a hymn sublime.

"Come give me your hand," said the  
merry World,  
"And then walk with me this way,"  
But the good Church hid her snowy hand,  
And solemnly answered--"Nay.

"I will not give my hand at all  
And I will not walk with you;  
Your way is the way of eternal death,  
And your words are all untrue."

"Nay, walk with me a little space,"  
Said the World with a kindly air,  
"The road I walk is a pleasant road,  
And the sun shines always there.

"Your way is narrow and thorny and  
rough,  
While mine is flowery and smooth;  
Your lot is sad with reproach and toil,  
But in rounds of joy I move.  
My way you can see, is a broad fair one,  
And my gate is high and wide;  
There is room enough for you and me,  
And we'll travel side by side."

Half shyly the Church approached the  
World,  
And gave him her hand of snow;  
And the false World grasped it, and  
walked along  
And whispered in accents low,  
"Your dress is too simple to please my  
taste;  
I have gold and pearls to wear;  
Rich velvets and silks for your graceful  
form,  
And diamonds to deck your hair."

The Church looked down at the plain  
white robes  
And then at the dazzling World,  
And blushed as she saw his handsome lip,  
With a smile contemptuous curled;  
"I will change my dress for a costlier  
one."  
Said the Church with a smile of grace;  
Then her pure white garments drifted  
away,  
And the World gave in their place

Beautiful satins, and fashionable silks,  
And roses and gems and pearls;  
And over her forehead her bright hair fell  
And waved in a thousand curls.  
"Your house is too plain," said the proud  
World,

"Let us build you one like mine,  
With kitchen for feasting and parlor for  
play,  
And furniture ever so fine."

So he built her a costly and beautiful  
house--  
Splendid it was to behold;  
Her sons and daughters met frequently  
there,  
Shining in purple and gold.  
And fair and festival--frolics untold,  
Were held in the place of prayer;  
And maidens bewitching as syrens, of  
old--  
With world-winning graces rare.

Bedecked with fair jewels and hair all  
curled--  
Untrammelled by Gospel of Laws,  
To beguile and amuse and win from the  
World,  
Some help for the righteous cause.  
The Angel of mercy rebuked the Church,  
And whispered "I know thy sin;"  
Then the Church looked sad, and  
anxiously longed  
To gather the children in;

But some were away at the midnight ball,  
And others were at the play;  
And some were drinking in gay saloons,  
And the angel went away.  
And then said the World in soothing  
tones--  
"Your much loved ones mean no harm--  
Merely indulging in innocent sports,"  
So she leaned still on his proffered arm,

And smiled, and chatted, and gathered  
flowers,  
And walked along with the World;  
While countless millions of precious  
souls  
Were hungering for truth untold.  
"Your preachers are all too old and plain,"  
Said the gay World with a sneer;  
"They frighten my children with dreadful  
tales,  
Which I do not like to hear.

"They talk of judgments and fire and  
pain,  
And the doom of darkest night.  
They warn of a place that should not be  
Thus spoken to ears polite!  
I will send you some--a better stamp,  
More brilliant and gay and fast,  
Who will show how men may live as  
they list  
And go to heaven at last.

"The Father is merciful, great and good,  
Loving and tender and kind;  
Do you think He'd take one child to  
heaven,  
And leave another behind?"  
So she called for pleasing and gay  
divines,  
Deemed gifted, and great, and learned;  
And the plain old men that had preached  
the cross  
Were out of her pulpits turned.

Then mammon came in and supported  
the Church,  
And rented a prominent pew;  
And preaching and singing and floral  
display  
Soon proclaimed a gospel new.  
"You give too much to the poor," said the  
World,  
"Far more than you ought to do;  
Though the poor need shelter, food and  
clothes,  
Why thus need it trouble you?"

"Go take your money and buy fine robes  
And horses and carriages fine;  
And pearls and jewels and dainty food,  
The rarest and costliest wine.  
My children they dote on all such things,  
And if you their love would win,  
You must do as they do, and walk in the  
way,  
The flowery way they're in."

Then the Church her purse-strings tightly  
held  
And gracefully lowered her head,  
And simpered, "I've given too much  
away,  
I will do, sir, as you have said."  
So the poor were turned from the door in  
scorn  
She heard not the orphan's cry;  
And she drew her beautiful robes aside  
As the widows went weeping by.

And they of the Church, and they of the  
World  
Journeyed closely, hand and heart,  
And none but the Master, who knoweth  
all,  
Could discern the two apart.  
Then the Church sat down at her ease  
and said,  
"I'm rich and in goods increased.  
I have need of nothing, and naught to do,  
But to laugh and dance and feast."  
The sly World heard her and laughed  
within,

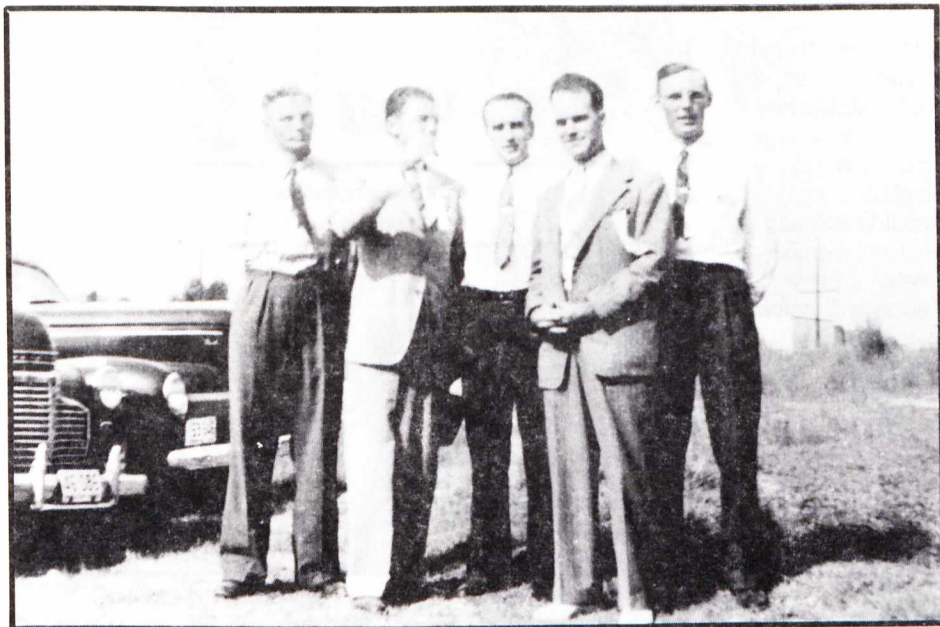


And mockingly said aside,  
 "The Church has fallen--the beautiful  
 Church,  
 Her shame is her boast and pride."  
 Thus her witnessing power, alas was lost,  
 And perilous times came in;  
 The times of the end so often foretold,  
 Of form and pleasure and sin.  
 Then the Angel drew near the mercy-seat,  
 And whispered in sighs her name,  
 And the saints their anthems of rapture

hushed,  
 And covered their heads with shame.  
 A voice came down from the hush of  
 heaven,  
 From Him who sat on the throne;  
 "I know thy works and what thou hast  
 said,  
 But alas! thou hast not known  
 That thou are poor and naked and blind,  
 With pride and ruin enthralled;  
 The expectant Bride of a heavenly Groom

Is the Harlot of the World!  
 Thou hast ceased to watch for that  
 blessed hope,  
 Hast fallen from zeal and grace;  
 So now, alas! I must cast thee out,  
 And blot thy name from its place."

-----Anonymous



## Missourians Attending The 1942 National Convention

This photo was taken when the National Convention was held in Columbus, Mississippi, in July 1942. From left to right are: Albert Halbrook, Cecil Campbell, Ken Turner, Damon Dodd and Alvin Halbrook.

## Dr. Malcolm Fry Retires

As of August 4, 1993, Dr. Malcolm C. Fry retired from his full-time position at Randall House Publications as Editor-in-Chief, Adult Curriculum. He served a total of 16 years in the National Offices: 1971 to 1978 at Church Training Service, 1978 to 1983 at the merged Sunday School and Church Training (Randall House Publications), and again at Randall House since 1989.

In addition to his editorial duties, Dr. Fry conducted seminars and workshops annually in several states at Christian Education and Sunday School Conventions. He has also ministered through music and sermons in many Free Will Baptist churches.

Dr. Fry has pastored a total of 25 years: twice as a home missionary, and since August 1990 part time at the Goodlettsville, Tennessee, Free Will Baptist Church.

He will continue to work at Randall House on a part-time basis, and will be available for one or one and a half day Teacher Training Conferences. You may contact him at his office, phone (615) 361-1221, Extension 314, or at his home: 112 Ellington Place, Madison, TN 37115, phone (615) 868-0212.

## Roll Call Statistics

The National Home Missions Department announces a total attendance of 224,547 and 706 salvation decisions on Roll Call Sunday, March 28, 1993, with 2,640 churches reporting. Missouri had 17 associations reporting, 173 churches, a total attendance of 12,644, and an average of 73.08 per church. Missouri had 7 churches listed in the denomination's top 100 churches in attendance on Roll Call Sunday. These were:

Rank:	Church:	Pastor	Attendance:
16	First FWB Church, Farmington	Pastor Roger Hogan	571
20	Calvary Fellowship Church, Fenton	Pastor Jerry Norris	532
65	United Church, West Plains	Pastor Glen Murray	300
66	First FWB Church, Springfield	Pastor Max Courtney	298
85	First FWB Church, Monett	Pastor Ken Dodson	251
88	Fellowship Church, Flat River	Pastor Wayne Phillips	248
90	First FWB Church, Mountain Grove	Pastor Gary Fry	246

**Roll Call Sunday Next Year Is March 27, 1994.**



## Jones Chapel Dedicates New Building



Jones Chapel Church

On August 2, 1992, the ninety-eight year old Jones Chapel church building was destroyed by fire. On August 1, 1993, a beautiful new building was dedicated to the glory of God. The new brick building includes a sanctuary which will seat 150, a large vestibule, rest rooms, fellowship hall, and seven Sunday School rooms. The spacious fellowship hall divides into class rooms.

The special day began with a good number attending Sunday School. Pastor Bob Hudson welcomed 145 visitors and members to the Morning Worship service. Following a worshipful song service the Pastor introduced the Rev. Clarence Burton as the guest speaker. Brother Burton preached a stirring message concerning the Church.

Following the morning service the ladies of the church served a delicious lunch in the new fellowship hall. That was followed by an hour of great gospel singing by the McNatt Messengers Quartet.

At 2:00 p.m. over 200 members and friends gathered for the dedication service. Present were three grandchildren and one great grandchild of Sam Jones, founder of the church. Sam Jones donated the land when the original church was built in 1895. He also served as one of the first trustees. Also present was the great-granddaughter of Granville Henrickson. He too served as one of the first trustees.



Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Bob Hudson welcomed the congregation and told of some of the advancements the church has made over the years. Special music was provided by a ladies trio from the church (jokingly called the Mortuary Mothers) and the Pastor's wife, Sister Pam Hudson. Rev. Nathan Ruble delivered the dedication message. In his message he commended the church for their commitment to the cause of Christ. Even with the loss of their building the church continued to have a vision for the work of Christ and gave consistently and faithfully beyond themselves. The service was closed with all the ordained gathering around the altar for the prayer of dedication. Rev. Cecil Campbell, a former pastor, led the prayer. Following the benediction refreshments

were served by the ladies of the Church.

God is to be praised for his goodness and guidance. When the Jones Chapel church building burned, the people were without a building and without a pastor. Pastor Dale Underwood had resigned earlier and had preached his last service the night of the fire. God in His wisdom and goodness led the Rev. Bob Hudson and his family to accept the leadership of the church. God has used them to encourage and lead the people not only in building a new building, but in gaining a new vision of ministry.



Mennonite Builders



Pastor Bob Hudson  
and wife Pam



Sam Jones' Grandchildren

## Homecoming At Bethel



Pastor Hall & Family

On June 27, the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church of El Dorado Springs celebrated Homecoming with Rev. Nathan Ruble preaching the morning message. This was followed by a delicious meal and a time of fellowship. This fine church is pastored by Rev. Warren Hall.

Bethel Free Will Baptist Church was born out of a revival held in El Dorado Springs, Missouri, at the Old Flat Church in 1965. The song leader at this revival was Dewey Pennell. He also was the basketball coach and physical education teacher at the local school. Coach Pennell's life showed how much he loved God. His testimony and witness at his job was instrumental in the good attendance during this revival. His students came to the revival to hear the Word taught and find out why their coach and teacher was such a good person. For at least two weeks the attendance of the young people was amazing. They gave their hearts to the Lord and many rededications were made.

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# Missouri State Youth Conference

November 19 - 20, 1993

At Windermere Baptist Assembly

**Featuring:**



Bob  
**Stromberg**

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING...

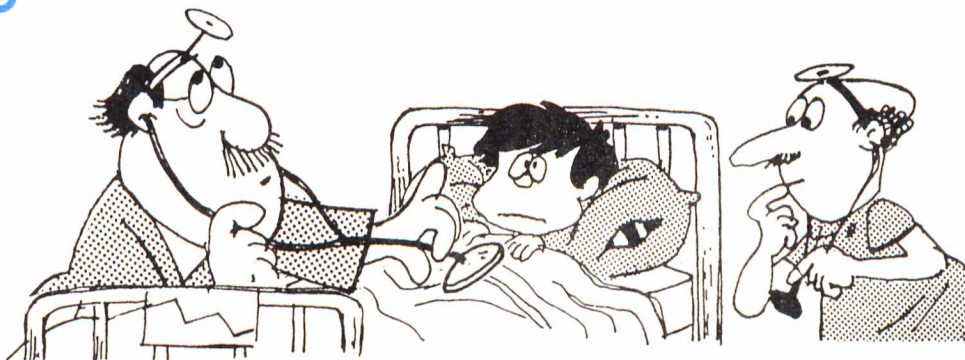
"Bob Stromberg is absolutely fantastic, as an individual as well as a performer... the audience was mesmerized by his mime, his stories, and actually, his whole personality."

*Principal, River Forest, IL*

"Bob is a gifted musician, an excellent songwriter, a delightful storyteller, a dramatic mime, and a superb communicator. His ability to relate to and interact with both large and small audiences is a remarkable gift. The rapport that develops is electric. I have seen few individuals who are able to move an audience like Bob Stromberg."

*Pastor, Modesto, CA*

**Theme: "Spiritual Vital Signs"**





# REGISTRATION FORM

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUTH\*\*\*\*Boys

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## SPONSOR\*\*\*\*Male

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3. \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

## SPONSOR\*\*\*\*Female

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_
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3. \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Cost **\$30** x Total Attending \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Note the increase in the registration fee.

This increase is unavoidable, due to increased costs in camp rental and expenses.

Completed form, with fees and signed medical releases, must be received by October 1. Mail completed forms to: **MISSOURI YOUTH MINISTRIES** c/o Mark Braisher

4041 NE Antioch Rd.  
Kansas City, MO 64117



## Camper Medical Release Form

Windemere Baptist Assembly  
Roach, MO 65787

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (Zip Code)

Residence Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area Code) (A/C)

Church Coming With \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (City)

Allergy To Any Medicine? \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, What? \_\_\_\_\_

If not available in an emergency, notify:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(A/C)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(A/C)

I \_\_\_\_\_, having legal custody of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Name of Parent/Legal Guardian) (Minor)

who resides with me at the above address, am entrusting the care of him/her to the adults responsible for the camp program in which the child has been enrolled during the dates of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ at Windemere Baptist Assembly, located at Roach, Missouri.

Conference \_\_\_\_\_

### Authorization For Emergency Care

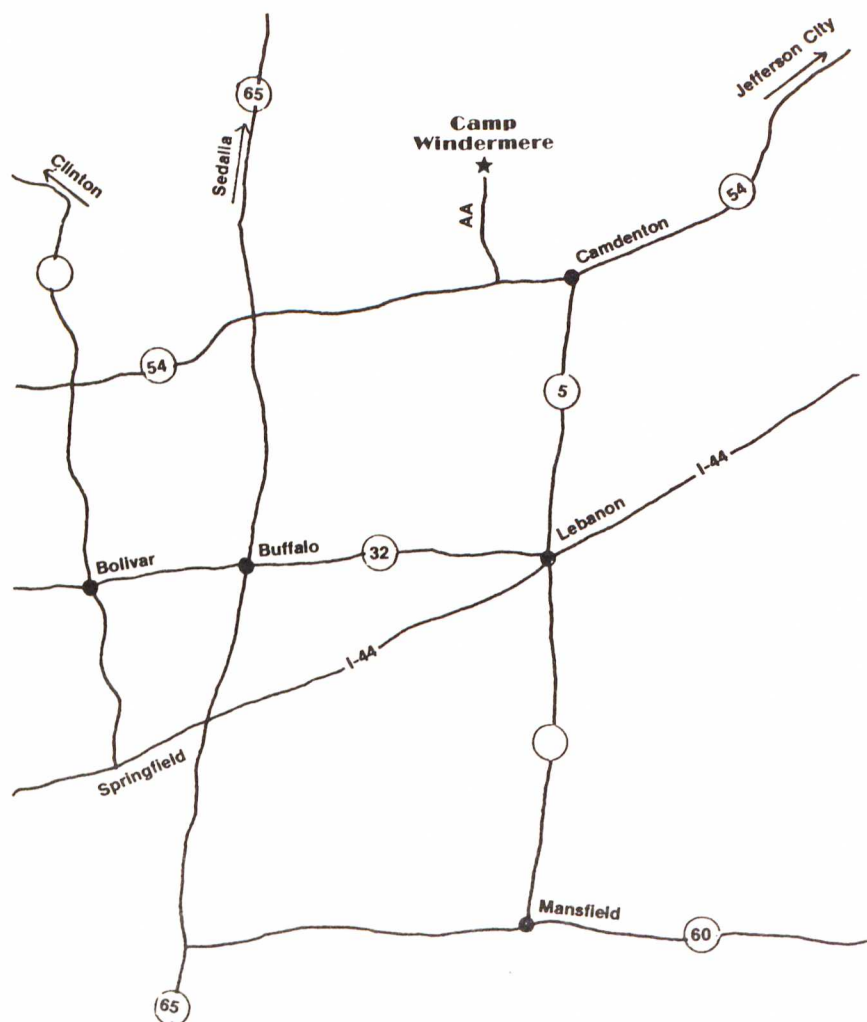
I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the camp personnel entrusted with the care of my child to order x-rays, routine tests, and treatment for the health of my child, and in the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the camp personnel entrusted with the care of my child to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection and/or anesthesia and/or surgery for my child as named above. I also authorize said physician or any physician or hospital who has previously treated my child, to disclose any information thus acquired, if requested, to the camps insurance carrier.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

(PLEASE PHOTOCOPY)





## 1993 MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1993

- 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Registration/Check-In
- 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Supper
- 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Meet Bob Stromberg (Comedy & Fun)
- 9:00 - 10:30 p.m. - Free Time (Games & Videos)
- 10:30 - 11:00 p.m. - In-Cabin Devotions
- 11:00 p.m. - LIGHTS OUT

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1993

- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast
- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Session No. 1 with Bob - "Spiritual Vital Signs"
- 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. - Break (Free Time)
- 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. - Session No. 2 with Bob - "Spiritual Vital Signs"
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch
- 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. - Skits for Youth
- 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. - Youth Workers' Session with Bob -  
"Jesus' Heartbeat For Ministry"
- 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Closing Rally with Bob - "Spiritual Vital Signs"





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This revival was very exciting and the young people didn't want to see it end, so it was decided that there was a need for this type of church in El Dorado Springs. All the dedicated young people and the Pennell family and the Fidell Bridges family decided to organize a church.

The Bethel Free Will Baptist Church was organized on July 23, 1965, at the Roberts School near El Dorado Springs, MO. There were fifteen charter members. The first pastor was Rev. Fidell Bridges. It was organized as an independent Free Will Baptist Church, but joined the Central Western Association in July, 1970. The group of believers then purchased a church building in El Dorado at the corner of Joe Davis and Ohio streets. The Lord blessed and the church grew so much that a new one was built at the present location in 1974. This proved to be too small, so a large addition was built on to it. The following men served as Pastors:

Rev. Fidell Bridges	1965 - 1981
Rev. Bill Swearingen	1981 - 1982
Rev. Cletus Nichols	1982 - 1988
Rev. Allen Degonia	1989 (6 months)
Rev. Warren Hall	1989 - present



Part of the Homecoming Congregation



The Cooks

## New Home Young People Attend National

Nine people from New Home Free Will Baptist Church, Hartville, Missouri, attended the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, July 18-22. Laura, Hannah and Emily Dowden represented the church in the National Competition with over one thousand other young people in 993 entries.

The girls received a number "1" rating with their vocal trio and first place with their instrumental number. Hannah won first place in photography with a picture of her great-grandmother Mosley and Andrea and Amanda Claxton, granddaughters of Melvin and Venita Claxton. Hanna's other entry was an essay about the early history of Free Will Baptists. She received a number "1" rating on

it also. Emily won an additional first place with her scripture interpretation of Daniel, chapter 3.

Others from New Home attending the convention were Leo and Rebecca Dowden; Tom, Wanda and Amanda Young; and the Pastor's wife, Leah Postlewaite.

The group is already looking forward to next year's convention which will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas.



## New Hope Burns Mortgage

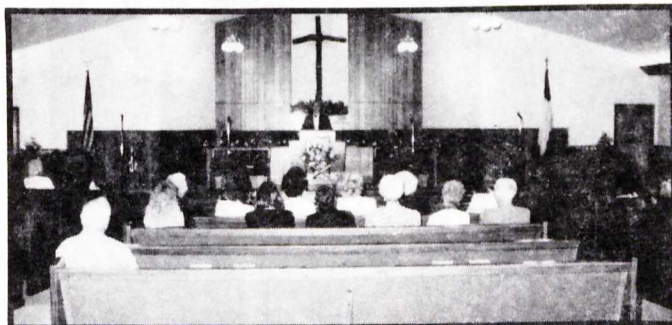
In a candlelight service on January 5, 1993, Pastor Ronnie and Sister Sue Payne and the congregation of the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church at Fredericktown, Mo., praised God as they burned the mortgage on the Church.

Although the weather was cold outside, there was a warm spirit inside the church, as the congregation sang and gave testimonies of praise. The church adopted as their theme song "To God be the Glory."

This joyful service was dismissed with a circle of prayer as the congregation sang: "To God be the Glory - Great things He Hath Done for New Hope Free Will Baptist Church."

The Church had its first service in May, 1981. The new steeple, evident in the picture, was added in late May of this year.

## Waynesville Hosts District Auxiliary



On May 17, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Waynesville hosted the Greater Ozark Women's Auxiliary District Meeting. The church is praising God for the good turnout, and a good time was had by all. Even some of the men who came with their wives enjoyed a good meal, singing and a skit.

This was the first meeting held in the new church since fire destroyed the old church building. Only God can take a disaster and turn it into a miracle! The church is looking forward to God's continued blessings as they labor and work for His glory.



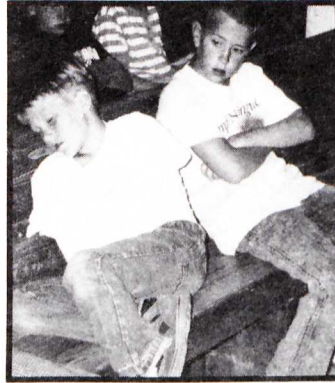


# 1993 Pre-Teen Youth Camp





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# Building Self Esteem in Teens

by Dr. Bob Laurent

A successful parent helps teenagers accept themselves, like themselves, and be glad they are who they are. Successful parents help their young people realize their value.

How do you begin? Here are several things you can do to build self-esteem in your teenagers.

## 1. Give them a sense of belonging.

Fitting into most of the social groups which make up the teenager's world almost always depends upon performance, looks, economic standing, or conformity. If your son is athletic enough, he is sure to find acceptance among the school "jocks." If your daughter is attractive, other-centered, and willing to conform to the dating system, she can count on popularity among her peers.

There is only one group which does not - or at least should not - insist that teens measure up to its expectations before they are accepted: that is the family. It is possible for you to make your home that one place where your teenagers can fit in - in spite of an acne problem, empty wallet, fumbled football, bouts with depression, or an inability to grasp advanced algebra.

## 2. Resist the urge to recount your former successes.

Zig Zigler reminds us that when we rehearse our accomplishments from the past with our teens, "time dramatically improves our performance." It is not uncommon for teens to become so discouraged with trying to live up to the quixotic stories and embellished achievements of their parents' past that they opt for destructive behavior.

Competing with the past, even if it is not an illusion, is too unrealistic a burden to lay on any teenager. So avoid the temptation to finish any sentence which begins with, "What do you mean can't do it? Why, when I was your age -" or "I'm not one to brag, but -"

Your teens are bound to learn about your past laurels from old high school yearbooks, casual banter at family reunions, and diaries that turn up when you pack to move to a new house. If they discover your credits on their own, it is liable to endear you to them and give them a sense of healthy pride. But if you preach your past to them, do not be surprised by their resentment and alienation. Better that you discreetly share your blunders than your boasts with your teenagers.

## 3. Caution them frequently that no one can steal their self-worth without their permission.

Neither you nor your teen is responsible for how others mistreat you, but you are accountable for how you react to slander, unjust criticism, and a vindictive spirit.

I had a student with a history of low self-esteem. He was aware of his susceptibility to depression triggered by anyone who criticized his efforts. We talked often about how his true self-worth was derived not from his performance, nor from the opinions of others, but from the fact that God had made him who he was. He had to stop allowing people or circumstance to steal his self-esteem.

One day in my office, I saw the lights go on in his head and a smile come across his face. It was not long afterwards that I heard he had placed a poster with three meaningful words over the bookshelf in his dorm room: Don't allow it!

Saint Augustine once observed, "People travel to wonder at the height of mountains, at the high waves of the sea, at the long

courses of the rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motion of the stars - and they pass by themselves without wondering."

## 4. It's never too late to focus on your teenager's inner qualities.

We learn not to expect much in the way of physical attractiveness in our newborns for the first few weeks. Though they grow into fine looking children, each of our babies has been characterized by a head remarkably misshapen from its trip down the birth canal, a scalp as hairless as a billiard ball, and a funny little scowl that could curdle Similax. Cabbage Patch "preemies" have nothing on any of them.

So when our third child was born, I stood outside the hospital nursery window watching the nurse bathe her, thanking God for the smooth delivery, rejoicing in her good health, and praying for God to help us raise our daughter to be a committed Christian woman. Presently a fellow member of the church softball team came along to view the baby and congratulate me.

It was humorous for me to see him taking in that lopsided head, bald pate, wrinkled brow, and toothless scowl. Not knowing me very well, I'm sure he felt that he had to say something appropriate. He went beyond the call of duty.

"Hey, hey! what beauty, huh? You're going to have a hard time keeping the guys away from that one. She's going to be a real heartbreaker!"

I knew that he meant no harm, but his comment got me thinking about the imbecilic system we have for evaluating human worth in this country. Almost from the day of their births, we condition our sons and daughters to believe that their self-worth is wrapped up in their physical appearance.

I overheard a young woman say that girls do not spend all that time and money on cosmetics because they are dumb or vain. On the contrary, they are intelligent enough to know that guys can see better than they can think!

One of the greatest lessons a child can learn is the meaning behind the verse, "The Lord does not see as man sees. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." It would be a good idea, when we are with our teens, if we could focus on things which last. Perhaps if we took every opportunity to compliment them on their character, integrity, and the fruit of the Spirit as it is evidenced in their lives, we might see them better handle their struggle with self-esteem.

(continued in next month's GEM)



## Financial Information

JULY 1993

### COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board	\$6,046.06
17.50% Exec. Off. & Gem	5,719.24
3.50% General Fund	1,143.85
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	2,777.92
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.	817.03
2.50% C.E. Board	817.03
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board	817.03

9.00% Mo. State Retirement Program	2,941.33
30.50% Nat'l Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	9,967.83
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  
 1.00% Calif. Christian College  
 (\$99.68 included in \$9,967.83)  
 5.00% Mo. State Conference  
 Center Fund ..... 1,634.07  
**TOTAL.....\$32,681.39**

"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 FWBCC and Hillsdale receiving an equal amount. California Christian College will continue to receive the 1%.

## JULY 1993 COOPERATIVE

Koshkonong	\$ 79.33
Central	606.16
Union Grove	161.17
Friendship	257.71
Cope, Hartville	43.00
Fourth, St. Louis	227.00
New Hope, Fredericktown	20.00
Number One	30.88
Niangua	9.00
Houston	295.98
Monett	478.17
Bailey Chapel	78.00
Mill Creek	208.65
Union Light	506.40
O'Fallon 1st	273.57
Cuba	374.24
Carthage	198.00
Belton	368.36
Fellowship, Flat River	400.00
Eastern Gate	360.82
Hartville	247.40
Springfield 1st	715.21
Verdella	195.89
Overland	129.00
Royal Oak	96.00
Thayer	609.00
West Plains 1st	489.88
Greenfield	223.00
Merls Chapel	166.00
Rock Chapel	374.56
United, West Plains	724.52
Stockton	117.70
Victory, Alton	138.56
Black Oak	149.73
Happy Home, Ava	105.57
Freeman Chapel	84.90
Lingo	223.09
Victory, K.C.	14.15
Alton	428.38
Columbia	225.00
Liberty	75.00
Harmony, Parkville	230.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	393.00
Hannon	126.36
Bootheel Dist. Qtrly.	355.06
Mt. Pisgah	11.40
North Five	231.00
Seymour	126.78
Byrd Church	74.00
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	129.00
Lebanon	127.00
DeSoto	510.31
Trinity	800.00
South Fremont	1,029.18
Lone Star	500.00
Hopewell	61.25
New Harmony	126.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	19.75
Hurryville	54.70
Cape Girardeau	293.13
Macedonia	652.07
Riverview	38.28
Calvary Chapel, Buffalo	635.50
Unity	277.11
	194.00

Niangua	23.00
Marshfield	250.90
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	201.98
Fordland	370.38
Mtn. Grove 1st	929.12
Pleasant Home, Mtn. Grove	151.92
Mine La Motte	42.40
Copper Mines	234.58
Blue Springs	263.45
Waynesville	242.00
Joplin 1st	544.69
Joplin 1st	435.79
Farmington	1,789.03
Wolf Creek	188.99
Pleasant Hill, Thayer	40.26
Potosi 1st	104.23
Fredericktown 1st	392.00
Niangua	24.00
Oak Hill, Union	368.15
Cabool	278.26
Kirksville 1st	113.95
Grace	1,145.00
New Life, Licking	834.38
Flat River 1st	506.70
Parkview	353.20
Terrill Road	185.00
Wilderness	482.00
United	843.24
Bethel, El Dorado Spgs.	53.83
Friendship	347.89
Faith & Hope, Aurora	93.00
Tyrone	42.00
New Hope, Fredericktown	20.00
Fredericktown 1st	1,235.00
Central	716.27
Myrtle	138.72
Victory Hill	70.55
Kingsway	334.93
Niangua	13.00
Clifton S.S.	91.97
Grant Avenue	681.77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,681.39</b>

## STATE HOME MISSIONS

Central	\$ 10.00
Beacon	2.00
Richwoods	5.00
O'Fallon 1st	42.00
Lebanon Bible & Book	174.00
Cuba	90.83
Thayer	40.00
West Plains 1st	5.00
Rock Chapel	195.56
United, West Plains	12.63
Hannon	177.52
North Five	100.00
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	25.00
Lebanon	60.00
DeSoto	50.00
DeSoto Children's Church	20.00
Trinity	54.00
South Fremont	5.00
Union Light	261.00
Marshfield	25.09
Mountain Grove 1st	27.00
Joplin 1st	10.00
Farmington	166.66
Oak Hill, Union	13.25
Kirksville 1st	19.75
Calvary Fellowship	20.00
Grace	30.00
United	57.50
Faith & Hope, Aurora	35.00
Central	10.00
Myrtle	51.00
Viburnum	8.00
L. Wormington	30.00
N. Ruble	5.00
Grant Avenue	111.68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,949.47</b>

## NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Central	\$ 134.75
Monett	30.00
Lone Star	80.00
Richwoods	37.00
O'Fallon 1st	42.00
Carthage	88.00
Eastern Gate	10.00
Verdella	15.00
Overland	4.00
Parkview Mission Group	20.00
Thayer	210.00
West Plains 1st	30.00

Rock Chapel	45.00
United, West Plains	75.00
J.W. Rader	20.00
Madison Co. Qtrly.	25.00
Victory, K.C.	65.00
Columbia	45.00
Hannon	5.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Lebanon	5.00
DeSoto	175.00
Trinity	44.00
South Fremont	12.00
New Harmony	98.76
Union Light	35.00
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	25.00
Fordland	24.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	40.00
Pleasant Home, Mtn. Gove	10.00
Blue Springs	20.50
Waynesville	25.00
Farmington	17.00
Wolf Creek	32.28
Oak Grove, Norwood	53.50
United	20.00
Oak Hill, Union	15.00
Bethel, Festus	30.00
Calvary Fellowship	10.00
Grace	220.00
Flat River 1st	65.67
Parkview	52.00
United	20.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Central	114.75
Myrtle	105.00
Viburnum	41.00
New Life Fellowship	172.18
N. Ruble	5.00
Grant Avenue	21.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,589.39</b>

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

Central	\$ 408.50
Fourth, St. Louis	109.92
Monett	784.00
Beacon	172.16
Richwoods	32.00
Grace	100.00
O'Fallon 1st	42.00
Calvary, Conway	75.57
S. Hart	20.00
Cuba	45.42
Carthage	104.00
D. Akeman	10.00
F. Green	35.00
W. Dixon	40.00
Eastern Gate	152.16
Hartville	349.48
Verdella	481.18
Parkview Mission Group	145.00
Thayer	343.00
West Plains 1st	25.00
Greenfield	255.00
Merls Chapel	200.00
Rock Chapel	171.10
United, West Plains	32.62
Grant Avenue VBS Offering	158.46
Houston	119.23
Greater Springfield Dist. Aux.	79.50
Freeman Chapel	327.50
Victory, K.C.	739.50
Columbia	15.00
C. Thompson	25.00
Hannon	680.06
Mt. Pisgah	225.00
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	45.00
Lebanon	90.00
DeSoto	370.00
DeSoto Joymakers	100.00
Trinity	515.21
South Fremont	162.00
New Harmony	98.77
Union Light	760.00
Calvary Chapel, Buffalo	275.00
Union Mission	301.00
Oak Grove, Cabool	65.00
Marshfield	40.00
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	159.57
Fordland	163.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	123.00
Pleasant Home, Mtn. Grove	70.63
Lebanon 1st	136.00
Faith, St. Louis	205.00
Blue Springs	291.76

Waynesville	25.00
Joplin 1st	30.00
Farmington	342.88
Oak Grove, Norwood	107.00
United	40.00
Oak Hill, Union	15.50
Bethel, Fetus	103.00
Kirksville 1st	19.75
Calvary Fellowship	979.64
Grace	31.35
Flat River 1st	202.68
Parkview	242.50
Wilderness	233.00
United	57.50
Faith & Hope, Aurora	35.00
Central	368.50
Myrtle	107.00
Viburnum	90.00
New Life Fellowship	293.27
N. Ruble	20.00
Grant Avenue	940.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,757.42</b>

## REV. JOHN McCCLURE

Monett 1st	\$ 15.00
Thayer	20.00
Verdella	10.00
Victory, K.C.	70.00
Grace, Arnold	57.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$172.50</b>

## MISSOURI FWB YOUTH CAMP

Lebanon Bible & Book	\$ 78.00
Hartville	10.00
Parkview, Desloge, Msn. Gr.	20.00
Thayer	35.00
Grant Ave. (for Playground)	400.00
Hannon	15.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
DeSoto 1st	50.00
Trinity	14.00
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	10.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	10.00
Union Mission, Lebanon	48.68
Calvary Fellowship	25.00
Flat River 1st	27.46
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Myrtle	36.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$839.14</b>

## HILLSDALE FWB COLLEGE

Central, K.C.	\$ 36.00
Thayer	40.00
Eastern Gate	72.16
Hannon	50.00
Victory, K.C.	35.00
Victory, K.C.	42.84
Farmington 1st	141.66
Oak Hill, Union	19.00
Central, K.C.	36.00
Grant Avenue	4.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$476.66</b>

## FWB BIBLE COLLEGE

Parkview, Desloge, Msn. Gr.	\$ 20.00
Thayer	35.00
Grant Avenue (Evangelists)	150.00
DeSoto 1st	35.00
Farmington	133.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$373.33</b>

## FWB CHILDREN'S HOME - AL

Victory, K.C.	\$10.00
Myrtle	11.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21.00</b>

## FWB HOME FOR CHILDREN - TN

Parkview, Desloge, Msn. Gr.	\$20.00
DeSoto 1st	50.00
Flat River 1st	20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>

## WNAC

Joplin 1st	\$30.00
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## WORLD RELIEF

Victory, K.C.	\$10.00
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## CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington	\$25.00
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## WEST VALLEY FWB CHURCH

North Five FWB	\$400.00
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## Missouri WNAC Officers Elected

Pictured above are Missouri WNAC officers elected at the 1993 Missouri State Convention. From left to right are Paula Dodson, Betty Reeves, Reva Baker, Jewell Spurgeon, Elaine Skiles, Shirley Jackson, and Rose Mertz. Not pictured is Maureen Hocker.

## Sunday School Attendance Averages February 1993 - July 1993

CHURCHES	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
Belton	56	70	72	69	67	71
Calvary Chapel	71	79	83	74	75	
Calvary Fellowship	258	356	284			
Cape Girardeau	98	96	99	89	82	83
Central	93	86	85	72	73	65
Cuba	118	128	118	106	107	
DeSoto	181	189	179	179	175	172
Farmington	299	369	321	296	310	297
Flat River First	144	151	142	136	139	
Hannon	86	78	77	72	79	86
Harmony	80	88	82	63	67	60
Hartville	100	116	107	109	99	101
Hopewell	36	38	39	37	27	
Houston	67	59	55	51	49	49
Jones Creek	17	24	21	22	20	
Kirksville	30	33	33	30	29	
Lebanon First	104	104	106	96	96	94
Marshfield	28	30	32	27	35	36
Monett	127					
Parkview	51	60	55	55	49	48
Richwoods	59	55	52	42		
Rock Chapel	73	66	68	65	65	55
Springfield First	114	137	123	109	102	
Thayer		143	124		120	128
United, West Plains		197	196		195	189
Unity	41	40	40	41	39	48
Verdella	70	70	72	74	68	63
Victory	73	79				
Waynesville	41	47			66	
Willow Springs	59	65	75	74	75	69

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.

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## Have A Heart For Hillsdale

Many of us read the letter, from Rev. Jim Shepherd, president of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College - "Victory!" The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education granted provisional accreditation to Hillsdale College (the same recognition it has had for the past twenty years) through June, 1994. This is an answer to prayer! Rev. Jim Shepherd, Rev. Tim Eaton, and others have worked hard for this, and we thank God for this labor of love.

Brother Shepherd states further, "Let's celebrate the victory by spreading the word that Hillsdale is very much alive! Our accreditation is a statement that our educational program is sound and that our financial position is stable."

In order that this may continue and that Hillsdale College may satisfy the North Central Accreditation Association there are two specific things that need special attention. (1) A continued strong financial base. (2) The college library needs to be strengthened. There are others which the college can address and work out, within the institution. But the two that have been mentioned require the help of everyone who has an interest in Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College.

How can we help? The Missouri State Association adopted a goal of \$30,000 for the Hillsdale "Have A Heart" campaign. This is ten percent of the total goal of \$300,000. Our sister state, Arkansas, has a similar goal of \$30,000.

The plan -- (it is simple, and workable) Every adult and hi-teen that is a member or friend of a Free Will Baptist Church is asked to give \$1 for each Sunday (there are 4) during the month of February, 1994. Surely we can do this! By doing this, our goal will be reached!

Pastors, you are the key to that which the local church will do. May the Lord help you, and others in leadership, as we accomplish this needed task together. Every person should at least have the option of attending a Christian institution. Let's work together to make this possible!

HAVE A HEART FOR HILLSDALE -- \$1 for every adult and hi-teen for each Sunday in February. Please PRAY for God's blessings as we labor for Him. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

Clarence Burton  
Assoc. Director Ch. Rel.

Richard Robinson  
Trustee Board Member

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