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*"Yea, the Lord shall give that
which is good; and our land
shall yield her increase."*

Psalms 85:12





And Be Ye Thankful

by Rev. Cecil Campbell

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was taken from the November 1951 *Gem*.)

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful -- Col. 3:15.

Small inconveniences, momentary weakness, personal feeling, moral retribution, fleshly pride, and unsuccessful achievement many times cause us to forget and fail to be thankful.

The ten lepers who were cleansed by Christ, as recorded by Luke in the seventeenth chapter and verse twelve through eighteen, received what they needed and wanted most, but only one returned to give Him the praise and thanksgiving.

Ingratitude to God is a common sin among the believers in the world today. In Deuteronomy 32:6 we read, "Do ye thus requite the Lord, O foolish people and unwise? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?" If He is our Father who hath given us all good things to enjoy, should we not give thanks and praise to Him? David said, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." Psalm 150:6. Ingratitude to God causes our spiritual eyes to become blinded to the truth, and we soon find pride has become the ruler of our life. Ezekiel called upon Jerusalem to stop and consider that all her beauty, wealth and lavish adorning of their body was made possible as a result of the goodness of God. He said, "Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of my gold and my silver, which I had given thee, and madest to thyself images of men, and didst commit whoredom with them." Ezekiel 16:17. We have shown our ingratitude to God by our failure to regularly attend the house of worship, where we obtain our spiritual strength, by neglecting the reading of His Word in which we find instruction in the developing our stewardship, by failure to follow His instructions and teachings, and to act the expression of His goodness and mercy.

Dr. Russell Owens is accredited with the statement that of all the present day church members, "five per cent do not exist, ten per cent cannot be found, twenty per cent never pray, twenty five per cent never attend any church services, thirty per cent never read the Bible, forty per cent never give to any kingdom cause, fifty per cent never attend Sunday evening services, sixty per cent never give to missions, seventy five per cent never accept any responsible position in the church, eighty five per cent never go to

prayer meeting, ninety per cent never practice family worship, and ninety five per cent never win a soul to Christ." Does not this prove our ingratitude to God? We should feel like the Publican who stood afar off and smote his breast saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner."

We surely have so much to praise and thank God for in our country. Beside the blessing of having the most wonderful Book of the whole world -- the Bible -- we have the blessing of all the essentials of life in the physical world: good crops, beautiful weather, good schools, churches and communities, and in the business world, good wholesome, moral and honest men. In Deuteronomy 8:10 we read, "When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shall bless the Lord thy God for all the good land which he hath given thee." Psalm 100:4, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

If it was good for our country in the days of our fathers to have proclaimed by our president, a day in the which all men should, with their families, give thanks to God for the bountiful goodness shown us through the year, it is expedient for us in the day of uncertainty, changing ideals and standards, that we not only give thanks but pray for a return to the foundation principles of faith in God, faith in each other, and faith in ourself. Sometimes it is easy to become a bit discouraged in the pathway of life, but we read that the children of Israel also became weary in their travels. "And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way." Numbers 21:4. When they finally settled in the land of Canaan they soon forgot the hard travels that they had endured. So we today find ourself in hard travel, but with thanksgiving and praise to God, we travel on. We are indebted to Rev. Johnson Oatman, Jr. for the beautiful words, "When upon life's billows we are tempest tossed, when you are discouraged thinking all is lost, count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done."

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I Thes. 5:18.

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The Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

A man who did not serve the Lord once asked a Christian if he'd ever considered the possibility that God was not real, Christianity was a fraud, and he may be living his life for naught. The Christian was unshaken as he responded that he knew in his heart, and through the Scriptures, that he was serving the One, True Master.

The unsaved man persisted. "But, if -- just if -- you learned tomorrow that there was a chance that God and Heaven were not real ---"

"I'd continue walking the same path I walk now," God's servant answered firmly.

The conversation continued until the Christian decided to give some of the reasons why he'd rather "chance" serving a non-existent God than follow the world.

"I like having Someone to thank when a beautiful sunrise starts my day, and I like knowing Someone Divine is in control: loving, caring, and listening to me when I'm sad or hurt.

"It's nice to live a life in which I don't have to be ashamed to face anyone or wonder what I did last night, but it's even nicer to

know there's One who will love and forgive me no matter what I've done or how badly the world makes me feel.

"And hope... I could not go another day without hope. Hope for something better gives me strength through the rough times. I would not risk giving up perfect happiness someday on a chance that I'm wrong. The other path does not offer enough to make me want to turn."

How true! We all have to believe in something, and we all serve a "god" in our lives -- whether it's active service or serving Satan by default (God is never served by "default").

God never lies or breaks a promise; therefore, Christians can believe in Him and everything He has said. However, if there were ever doubt, what is there on the world's path valuable enough to make us stray?

I'd have to agree with the Christian man: I'd chance it!!



YOUTH BLURBS

Attention All Missouri Youth Workers:

The first National FWB Youth Worker's Retreat will be held in our state February 18-20, 1994, at the Stonecroft Conference Center. You won't want to miss this exciting, inspirational, and resourceful event. Mark these dates on your calendars now, and stay tuned to the *GEM* for more information.

CTS Competition

The 1994 Missouri State CTS Competition will be here before you know it. NOW is the time to start practicing, learning, drawing, or playing to be at your best for the competition. If the Youth Ministries Board can help in any way to better prepare or introduce your young people to the CTS competition, please let us know.

Pet Rock Syndrome

Building Your Child's Character

Kay Kuzma

I wasn't paying much attention. The TV was on in the other room so I didn't hear all the story, but it was something about this fellow who had a pet rock. It sat on his desk for weeks, months ... it may have been years.

Then one day someone noticed the rock, picked it up, examined it, and recognized its potential. A treasure that when cut and polished by caring hands would be worth millions.

At the mention of the extraordinary turn of events, I ran to the TV just in time to see the stone being polished. The inside beauty, with its shape and rich blue color, was starting to appear. The pet rock was in the process of becoming a stunning, multiple-karat gem!

As I reflected on the story, I wondered how many of our children are like that pet rock. We live with them; we've grown accustomed to their ways but are oblivious to their true value. With some cutting and polishing by caring hands, their true potential can emerge.

The importance of actively building a child's character was made clear to me when I was miles above the earth. "We have reached our cruising altitude of 35,000 feet," the pilot's voice came crackling over the intercom. "It's a little choppy up here. We're doing everything we can to make your ride as comfortable as possible, but ..." I tightened my seat belt. "I hate turbulence," I muttered as the plane bounced through the air. My seat mate laughed.

He was an administrator of a large juvenile detention facility with more than nine hundred incarcerated kids. In the course of our conversation I learned that his facility, although one of the best, had only a forty percent success rate in preparing the kids to fit into society without having them return at some future date.

When I probed for an answer to why the majority of the kids ended up back in jail, he responded, "These kids have never heard of integrity. Their value systems are confused -- upside down -- and we have to lay a foundation for a new way of thinking. We've got to teach these kids, from the inside out, a whole new set of values. And it's difficult to do what needs to be done so late in life -- and in such a short period of time. If they could have a more supportive family or peer group when they return to society, it would make a real difference."

I was troubled with what he said. Yet I knew that the philosophy and way of life of many people today is opposite to God's way. Contrast God's way with the confused, upside-down way of the world. The dominant motivating force for the worldly person today is self-gratification, winning by whatever means possible, acting dishonest as long as you don't get caught, solving problems with violence, performing questionable acts as long as it feels good, and having little respect for authority.

There is a character crisis in our culture. An effective way to solve this crisis is with a plan that starts within your own heart and home, and starts now! Postponement will only make the task more difficult. Halfhearted resolve will never do it. Building your

child's character must become your all-consuming passion. But it can't be done effectively unless you are working daily on your own character development -- a task that is equally challenging!

How can our children develop godly characters in a society that doesn't know the meaning of integrity? Somehow we have to instill integrity, which by definition is the quality or state of being of sound moral principle; uprightness, honesty, and sincerity; in perfect condition; complete. We must develop those fundamental, biblical principles that will help them develop distinctive characters in spite of growing up among corrupting influences.

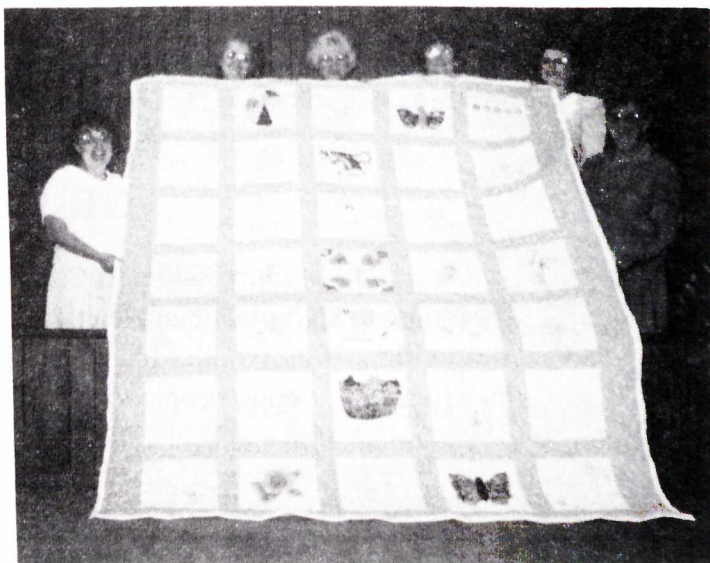
True character development must begin on the inside with correct motives, unselfish desires, and pure thoughts that come as a result of having a close relationship with God. When kids are spiritually healthy, we don't have to worry about them catching society's "colds"!

You must assume the responsibility for developing your child's character, and with the Master Designer's help, nurture it, inspire it, and polish it until your child's character is everything God intended it to be -- Christlike and beautiful "from the inside out."

(Excerpted from Building Your Child's Character From the Inside Out, by Dr. Kuzma. Used by permission of David C. Cook Publishing Company.)

Bethel Auxiliary

The Auxiliary from Bethel FWB Church in Festus has completed a friendship quilt for Home Missionaries David and Sandra McGowan, who are serving in Hamilton, Ohio. Pictured with the quilt are Janet Politte, Bonnie Day, Rose Huddleston, Aileen Estes, Sandra Skiles, and Edna Gebhart. Not pictured are Wilma Lowry, Mary Frazier, Velna Crouthers, Thelma Brashears, and Anna Robinson.



Bethel Church Organized At Northview



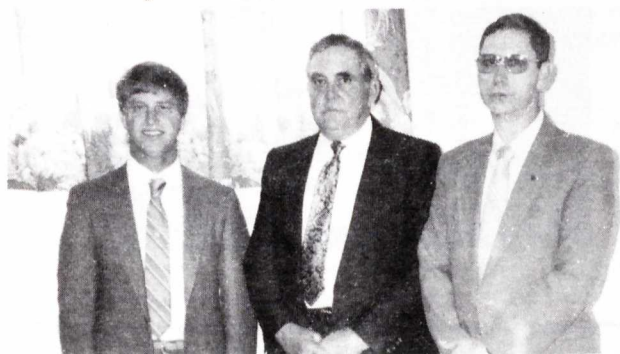
Charter Members

Missouri has a new church. It is located about eighteen miles East of Springfield, Missouri, on I-44 at the Northview exit.

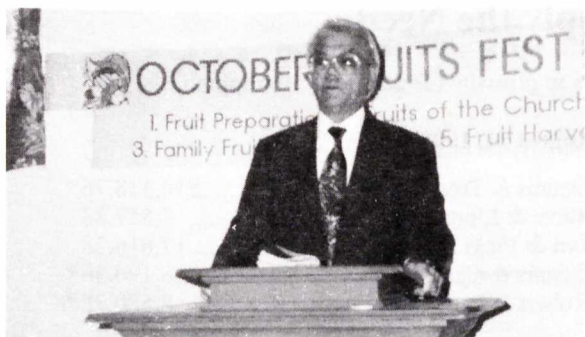
The afternoon organizational service for the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church began with the founding pastor, Rev. James Crawford, giving a warm welcome to the church and visitors. A lively song service followed by good special singing prepared hearts for the preaching of the Word of God. Rev. Nathan Ruble delivered the message. He pointed out the Founder, the Function, and the Future of the church.

The service was then turned over to Rev. Dale Skiles, Director of Missouri Home Missions, to moderate the meeting. Brother Skiles asked those who wished to unite with the church to stand. He then charged them to be faithful to the Lord, to their Pastor, and to their Church. He introduced the Liberty Association Executive Board member who assisted in the service. Rev. Bill Jones presented the Word of God to the new church. Rev. Larry Hyder read the church covenant and the church adopted it. The moderator then called for those who were joining the church to come forward for a prayer of dedication. Rev. David Douglas led the prayer. The church elected Rev. James Crawford as pastor of the church.

Please pray for this new church. When you are in the area, stop in and worship with them.



Rev. David Douglas, Rev. Bill Jones and Rev. Larry Hyder



Rev. Dale Skiles

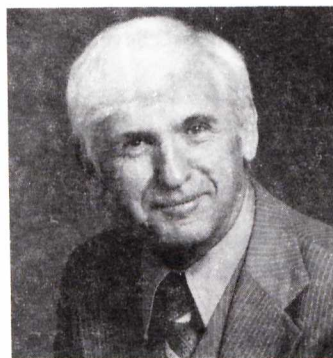
Rolla Church

by Judy McWilliams

Things are going well at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Rolla. We held a revival September 22-25 with Rev. Nathan Ruble as evangelist. Following these wonderful services, we were blessed yet again when the Terry Lewis Family ministered to us in song on September 26 during the morning service.

We so appreciate Pastor Jim and Sister Jean Parker and are thankful to have him pastoring our church once again. To show them our appreciation, we honored them on September 26 and presented them a weekend trip to Eureka Springs, Arkansas. During Bro. Jim's absence, we were blessed by Bro. Alvin and Sister Laura Gibles' faithfulness in serving our church.

We pray for God's continued blessings on our church.



Pastor Appreciation Day At Wolf Creek

The Wolf Creek Free Will Baptist Church chose Sunday, September 26, 1993, as Pastor Appreciation Day to honor their pastor, Rev. R.E. Helsley. The day was also the annual Homecoming. Lunch was served following the morning worship service with singing in the afternoon. Throughout the day the church demonstrated their appreciation to Rev. Helsley in various ways. Among them was this poem written by Glenda Keith.

PASTOR is a title conferred upon a man
By various congregations of people in this land.
Sometimes they are appointed to keep the flock of God,
While others are elected to do this tedious job.

Whatever method God may choose to put His man in charge,
The field in which he labors is boundless; it's so large.
The work so time consuming, his tasks are never finished;
His duties so compelling, yet the call is not diminished.

It takes a very special man to be a model Pastor,
For he must lead men by the Plan dictated by the Master.
He's obligated to the Truth, ideas not his own;
The guidance needed for his sheep must come from God alone.

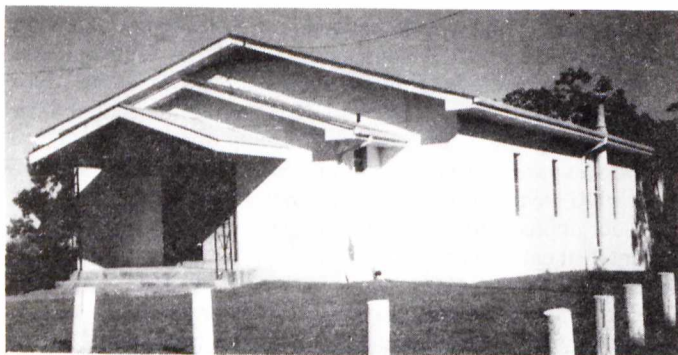
His eyes must see the enemy, his voice must warn of such;
His ears must hear the faintest cry, his heart with love is
touched.

His worth cannot be measured in silver or in gold.
The treasures he possesses cannot with words be told.

For who can place a value on peace within the heart;
Or joy beyond expression, or the grace that God imparts?
Many men have been more famous than he will ever be;
But the reward for a loyal Pastor will be revealed in eternity.

So walk on faithful Pastor, keep sowing precious seed.
Keep pointing men to Jesus by precept and by deed.
You will never be a loser, you are blessed from day to day;
But your wages will be given when God has his pay day.

Pleasant Hill Church Celebrates 75 Years



The Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Thayer, Missouri, truly lives up to its name. The Church is located on a hill that gives it a glorious view of the Ozark terrain.

On Sunday, October 3, the Church celebrated its Seventy Fifth Anniversary with an all day service.

Pastor Walter Simpson opened the 10:00 a.m. service by welcoming a good number of people to the service. Following the good congregational singing, special singers from the Church praised God in song. The Heritage Boys, a gospel singing group from Rolla, continued the praise service. At the close of the song service, the Pastor introduced the Rev. Nathan Ruble, Executive Secretary of the Missouri State Association, to deliver the morning message.

The Church served a delicious lunch following the morning service.

A good number of visitors from other churches attended the afternoon service. Special singing, testimonies, and praise filled the afternoon. Three former pastors, Rev. J.W. King, Rev. Grover Pingleton, and Rev. David Honeycutt, were present and shared in the service.

The Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church was organized on October 6, 1918, by the Reverend Henry C. Crase and Reverend Elbert J. Vaughn with seventeen charter members. The members were: Riley Wilmouth, Nora Wilmouth, Willey Ary, Homer Ary, Lela Ary, Willie Arnold, May Arnold, Daniel Cline, Lena Cline, Alpha Hayes (Pauli), Arley Hayes, John Hollis, Retta Hollis, Grover Hollis, Gertha Cantrell, Elsie Cline, and Lucindy Arnold. Reverend Elbert J. Vaughn was chosen to be the first Pastor.

Ministers who have pastored the church are: Elbert J. Vaughn, K.C. Crase, Winfield Harbison, Tom Dunkin, Jim McGeehee, Billy Rogers, Eddie Vaughn, W.M. Johnson, W.P. Stogdill, Harry Beatty, Jess Rolen, E.E. Simpson, Grover Pingleton, Davie Combs, Grover Terry, Meril Shaw, Virgil Blankenship, J.W. King,

Owen Harvell, James Lee Reed, Charles Gower, Doyle Williams, David Honeycutt, Lonnie Clubb and Walter Simpson.

Eight men have been called to preach the gospel from the church ranks including brothers Elza Hollis, John England, Leon Price, David Honeycutt, Stan Elms, Ron Barnett, Ron Taylor, and Wayne Cloven.

The Church built a new building in 1978. The first service in the new church was held on Saturday night, April 15, 1978.



Part of the Anniversary Congregation



Preparing for Lunch



Pastor & Mrs. Simpson

Please Ask God to Supply the Need

"...My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

Major Account Deficits as of August 31, 1993

Ken & Judy Bailey	\$22,579.81 *
Robert & Judy Bryan	5,350.37
Dwain & Debbie Crosby	29,260.15
Dave & Pat Franks	13,712.86 *
Darrel & Lila Nichols	18,139.19

Dennis & Trena Owen	\$14,318.76 *
Steve & Linda Reeves	7,517.33
Jim & Vicki Sturgill	17,616.28
Dennis & Carol Teague	8,196.30 *
Robert & Pam West	8,580.72 *

* Currently on the field

Flood Relief 1993

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was sent from the primary class of the Arnett Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Arnett, West Virginia. The offering sent by the class was given to the Hannibal Mission. Gifts for flood relief have been received from the following states: South Carolina, Oklahoma, West Virginia, Mississippi, and Arkansas.

Arnett Chapel
Arnett, West Virginia 25007

September 13, 1993

Superintendent of Sunday School

Dear Superintendent:

I am writing to you on behalf of my Primary Sunday School Class of Arnett Chapel located in Arnett, West Virginia.

We have heard of the terrible damages that were caused in your area by the flooding of the Mississippi River and was reminded by a Sunday school lesson that God loves a cheerful giver. So, we decided to take a collection up for the month of August to send to a church in the hard hit area. Monies we collected were raised by doing chores at home and by asking for donations. The idea spread to our other three children's Sunday school classes, who also wanted to help.

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$70. We ask that this money be used strictly for Sunday school purposes to teach the children in your area of Jesus Christ. We realize that the children of today are our church of tomorrow.

Our donation may not seem very big to you but we hope that you understand that our church is situated in the heart of the United Mine Workers strike along with very high unemployment. We thought as Christians that it was our duty to help God's children who were recovering from such a disaster.

We may never meet you here on earth but you are in our prayers. Until we meet in Heaven . . .

God Bless!

Terri Jarrell

Terri Jarrell
Substitute Teacher for the Primary
Class of Arnett Chapel

!! Attend Bible College In Missouri !!

Monitored External Studies

(Spring Semester - 1994)

This program is being conducted under the oversight of the Christian Education Board of the Missouri Free Will Baptist State Association in association with Hillsdale Free Will Baptist Bible College. Designed especially for those who are unable to move to a regular college setting, the primary objective is to provide a continuing program of college level study in Biblical and Practical Theology, with the goal of helping to equip and prepare pastors, ministerial students, and lay people for their service in the local church.

Students may enroll in the program courses for college credit, with the options of completing a thirty (30) hour Bible Certificate or a sixty (60) hour Associates Degree. Students also have the option to enroll on an Auditing basis with no college credit, but with the opportunity of earning either a twelve (12) hour Christian Worker's Certificate or a thirty (30) hour Advanced Christian Worker's Certificate from the Christian Education Board.

The Spring semester will begin on Tuesday, January 11, 1994. Location of the majority of students primarily determines the instruction site from semester to semester. Classes will be held again during the Spring semester at the Cuba FWB Church at 707 Myrtle in Cuba, MO.

Two classes will be offered again this semester, meeting on Tuesday night each week with each class lasting approximately one hour and fifteen minutes. Classes are arranged so that students may take both courses on the same night, thus earning six (6) hours of credit during the eighteen (18) week semester.

Courses being offered during the Spring semester 1994 are:

En 1613 Literary Study of the English Bible II (3 credits)

This is a New Testament Survey course encompassing an over-all view of the structure, content, history, people and teaching of the New Testament.

Bi 2613 Early Christianity (Acts) (3 credits)

This is a study of the early formative years of the Christian church with special reference to the Book of Acts and other early Christian writings.

Both courses are part of the regular curriculum of Hillsdale FWB Bible College. Tuition for college credit is \$120.00 for each course and \$60.00 per course for Auditing students.

All students who wish to enroll for college credit must complete the attached enrollment form and make application to Hillsdale FWB Bible College. All Auditing students may enroll directly through the Christian Education Board. To begin your enrollment process, complete the attached application and send to the appropriate official.

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Questions regarding transcripts or college credit transfers should be directed to Dr. Marberry. General information regarding the program for either college credit or auditing students may be obtained from Mr. Tilson or Mr. Dablemont.

Mo. FWB C.E. Board Monitored External Studies Program

Application and Enrollment Form

External Studies Department
Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Name _____
(last) (first) (middle)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Occupation _____

SS Number _____ Birthdate _____

Sex _____ Marital Status _____ No. of Children _____

Church Membership _____

Area of Service in the Church _____

High School Attended _____

Year of Graduation _____

Colleges Attended _____

No. of Hours Earned _____ Degrees Completed _____

Length of Christian Life _____

Please list the courses which you wish to take:

1. Course Number _____ Title _____ Tuition _____

Workbook _____ Text _____ or Text Rental _____

Total Cost _____

2. Course Number _____ Title _____ Tuition _____

Workbook _____ Text _____ or Text Rental _____

Total Cost _____

Total Cost of Courses Listed \$ _____

Matriculation Fee (New students only) \$ _____

Total Amount Due \$ _____

If you wish to pay the entire amount at enrollment, please enclose your payment for the above amount with this application. If you wish to use the Time Payment Plan, please fill out the Time Payment Contract and send in this application with your down payment.

College Credit Students

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Moore, Oklahoma 73153-1208

Auditing Students

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Rt. 1 Box 80
Lonedell, MO 63060

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Department of External Studies

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College is pleased to make available to its External Studies students a time payment plan which will allow them to spread out the cost of their courses over a longer period of time.

If you would like to share in this program, this is the way it will operate. The matriculation fee (\$10.00 new students only) and at least 60% of the tuition must be paid at the time of enrollment. The remaining 40% or less of the tuition may be paid in monthly payments to be arranged to suit the student's budget. The amount due must be paid in full before credit can be given for the course. Even if the student does not complete the course, he is still obligated to pay the entire cost of the course(s) for which he enrolled. All cost of course materials must be paid at enrollment.

If you would like to make use of this time payment tuition plan in your enrollment, please fill out the contract printed below and return it with your application and down payment.

I, _____, wish to enroll in the courses listed on the application. I am enclosing the matriculation fee (\$10.00 new students only) if required, the cost of the course materials, and a down payment of \$ _____ which is at least 60% of the tuition cost. I promise to pay the remaining \$ _____ as I take the course(s). I understand that I cannot receive credit for them until this amount is paid in full. I also understand that I am obligated to pay the full amount due even if I do not complete the course(s).

Date _____ Signature _____

For Auditing Students Only

There is no matriculation fee of \$10.00 for Auditing students. Tuition should be sent by check or money order along with your application to Jay Tilson. If you are unable to pay the full balance of Auditing tuition upon enrollment, go ahead and send your check for books and workbooks in with your application when you enroll and make arrangements for payment of Auditing tuition with either Jay Tilson or Rick Dablemont on the first evening of classes.

Missouri Christian Education Board of Free Will Baptists

Subject: Information on the "Lending Library"

The "Lending Library" provided by your Missouri Christian Education Board is located and operated from our Lebanon Bible and Book Store at 200 West Commercial, Lebanon, Missouri 65536, Phone (417) 532-9516. We thank Bro. Warren Livingston, Manager of the Book Store, for handling the processing of these materials.

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

We pray you will find these materials of value and benefit to your ministries. We stand ready to assist you in every aspect of your mission that includes Christian Education.

— The Missouri Christian Education Board



"After You Say 'I Do' "

A video series presenting the finest in marriage counseling by H. Norman Wright, Tim & Beverly LaHaye and Larry Burkett.

Tape I — Dr. H. Norman Wright - *Communication and Conflict Resolution* (120 min.)

Tape II — Mr. Larry Burkett - *Money & Finances in Marriage* (120 min.)

Tape III — Dr. Tim and Mrs. Beverly LaHaye - *Sexual Intimacy in Marriage* (100 min.)

"Living Your Potential" — Zig Ziglar

Tape I — *Zig's Story*

Tape II — *Success Starts Here*

Tape III — *How God Sees You*

"Teens In Crises Relationships"

(a video survival guide series)

Tape I — *Relationships With the World*

Tape II — *Relationships With the Self*

Tape III — *Relationships With the Parents*

Tape IV — *Relationships With the Opposite Sex*

Tape V — *Relationships With the Friends*

"How to Raise the Strong-willed Child" — James Dobson

"Towns on Teaching" — Elmer Towns

"Aids" — Moody Adams

"Good News Is For Sharing" — Leighton Ford

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

"Building Your Mate's Self-Esteem — Dennis & Barbara Rainey

"Free Will Baptist Doctrines" — Dr. Robert Picirilli

"A Counseling Series — The Minrith/Meyers Clinic

"A Deacon's Ministry That Works " — Herb Peterson

Thanks A Lot . . .

A Special Thank You from Dr. Roger C. Reeds Retiring General Director of Randall House Publications

Free Will Baptists will always occupy a warm spot in my heart for the following reasons:

1. They won me to Christ.
2. They provided a Christian education for me at Free Will Baptist Bible College.
3. They have given me multiple opportunities of service. Here are some of them:
 - a. Pastored churches
 - b. Served on boards
 - c. Edited the *Missouri Gem*
 - d. Directed the Denominational Publishing House

Most of my ministerial time has been given to the work at our publishing house known as Randall House Publications. It has been thrilling to serve hand-in-hand with the Lord, our denomination, the Sunday School and Church Training Board, and the employees of Randall House.

The development of Randall House Publications has never been a one-man accomplishment. It has involved the help of many. I would like to personally thank a few of these.

I would like to thank Harrold Harrison and Jim Lauthern who worked beside me for over twenty-five years. I would like to thank Bill Foster, who is now with the Lord. He was a faithful co-worker. I would like to thank Delbert Wood who has directed our printing operation for over 20 years. I would like to thank Becky Beverly who has managed our bookstore for over 15 years. I would like to thank Myrtle Reeds. Not only has she been my wife for all of these years, but she has made an excellent children's editor for 25 years. I would like to thank Tim Reeds, my oldest son, who manages our Shipping Department and sees to it that our literature gets out to our customers.

I am deeply grateful to Howard Smith who has served as our building supervisor for a number of years. He has helped to keep our building in excellent shape and make it a tribute and testimony to our community.

There is a whole list of other names that I could give you in this note of appreciation. I do not omit any out of ingratitude but for lack of space.

I have loved every minute of every day that I have spent at Randall House Publications. My work here never has been a drudgery. It has always been a blessing. Those who know me could tell you that I hate holidays and vacations because they take me away from Randall House.

I will be stepping down as the Director of Randall House Publications on December 31, 1993. I will serve as a consultant to the new director, Dr. Alton Loveless, for one year. I will always be available to help out at Randall House Publications in anyway that I can.

I want to say a very special thank you to all of the people who have faithfully used our curriculum over the years. My goal has been to help keep our denomination Biblically sound and doctrinally pure. I have had letters telling of conversions and growth because of our literature. Those kind of plaudits are the best.

I will continue to be available for weekend Sunday School Revivals. In these meetings I preach about Sunday school and Sunday school growth on Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday morning. I conduct workshops on teaching on Saturdays during the day. If you are interested in a Sunday School Revival, please contact me at 615-361-1221. I will try to place your church into my schedule.

Thanks a lot, Free Will Baptists. I love you dearly. I plan to serve the Lord and you until the day I die. May God continue His blessings upon you.

Newsletter Clippings

24 THINGS WE CAN'T DO

1. Sow bad habits and reap a good character.
2. Sow jealousy and hatred and reap love and friendship.
3. Sow wicked thoughts and reap a clean life.
4. Sow wrong deeds and live righteously.
5. Sow crime and get away with it.
6. Sow dissipation and reap a healthy body.
7. Sow crooked dealings and succeed indefinitely.
8. Sow self-indulgence and not show it in your face.
9. Sow disloyalty and reap loyalty from others.
10. Sow dishonesty and reap respect.
11. Sow profane words and reap clean speech.
12. Sow disrespect and reap respect.
13. Sow deception and reap confidence.
14. Sow intemperance and reap sobriety and temperance.
15. Sow indifference and reap nature's rewards.
16. Sow mental or physical laziness and reap a responsible position in Society.
17. Sow cruelty and reap kindness.
18. Sow wastefulness and reap thriftiness.
19. Sow cowardice and reap courage.
20. Sow destruction of other people's property and reap protection for your own.
21. Sow greed and envy and reap generosity.
22. Sow neglect of the Lord's house and reap strength in temptation.
23. Sow neglect of the Bible and reap a well-guided life.
24. Sow human thistles and reap human roses.

NO EXCUSE SUNDAY

In order to make it possible for everyone to attend church, we are planning a special no-excuse Sunday.

1. Cots will be placed in the vestibule for those who say, "Sunday is my only day for sleeping in."
2. Eye drops will be available for those whose eyes are tired from watching TV too late on Saturday night.
3. We will have steel helmets for those who believe the roof will cave in if they show up for church service.
4. Blankets will be furnished for those who complain the church is too cold. Fans will be on hand for those who say the church is too hot.
5. We will have hearing aids for the parishioners who say, "The pastor doesn't talk loud enough." There will be cotton for those who say, "The pastor talks too loud."
6. Score cards will be available for those who wish to count the hypocrites.
7. We guarantee that some relatives will be present for those who like to go visiting on Sunday.
8. There will be TV dinners available for those who claim they can't go to church and cook dinner too.
9. One section of the church will have some trees and grass for those who see God in nature, especially on the golf course.
10. The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies to create a familiar environment for those who have never seen the church without them.

See you in church.



HAVE A HEART FOR HILLSDALE

One of the greatest needs of this generation is Christian teaching and training. If the United States is to survive, it must have Christian homes and, from these homes, Christians in the workplace and in our public institutions. Free Will Baptists must provide a place where our young people will be taught the Word of God, enabling them to apply its teachings in the home, in the church and in the community.

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College is the Christian institution in this geographic area where the Bible is taught unashamedly, as the inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God, in the tradition of our denomination. This institution deserves our support! Your financial support is critical to its continued accreditation.

February is HAVE A HEART month. Missouri's goal is \$30,000. Begin preparing now to do what you can to enable us to reach this goal. This goal will be reached if the following guideline is used:

1* Church	\$3,000	20 Churches	\$400	50 Churches	\$50
2 Churches	\$2,500	40 Churches	\$200		
4 Churches	\$1,000	50 Churches	\$100		

*Praise God! A church has already made this commitment.

Will you do three things for Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College?

- * PRAY - at home, at church, at work, at school
- * GIVE - Church gift or a personal gift
- * ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO PRAY AND GIVE

(Please post this on your church bulletin board)

Please Mark All Gifts "Have A Heart"

Sunday School Averages April 1993 - September 1993

Churches	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Belton	72	69	67	71	72	64
Bethel - Festus	55	39	42	41	49	49
Calvary Chapel	83	74	75	67	77	71
Calvary Fellowship	284			212		226
Cape Girardeau	99	89	82	83	87	105
Central	85	72	73	65	63	64
Cuba	118	106	107	92	100	106
DeSoto	179	179	175	172	179	188
Farmington	321	296	310	297	333	323
Flat River, First	142	136	139	136	137	147
Hannon	77	72	79	86	72	76
Harmony	82	63	67	60		67
Hartville	107	109	99	101	113	104
Hopewell	39	37	27	31	31	27
Houston	55	51	49	54	49	51
Jones Creek	21	22	20		18	15
Kirksville	33	30	29			
Lebanon First	106	96	96	94	93	103
Marshfield	32	27	35	36		
Myrtle				21	21	28
Parkview	55	55	49	48	54	53
Richwoods	52	42				
Rock Chapel	68	65	65	55	66	61
Springfield First	123	109	102		112	110
Thayer	124		120	128	121	127
United, West Plains	196		195	189	199	207
Unity	40	41	39	48	44	41
Verdella	72	74	68	63	65	75
Waynesville			66			
Willow Springs	75	74	75	69	60	61

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.



Thanksgiving

You have probably heard the prayer, "Lord, you have given so much to us, give us one thing more -- a grateful heart." And surely thanksgiving is inherent to the Christian life. Can you identify who is giving thanks?

1. He gave thanks, he was not like other men.
2. He took a cup and gave thanks.
3. He was healed and returned to Jesus to give thanks.
4. He knelt and gave thanks three times a day.
5. He gave thanks to God for his "inexpressible gift."
6. He thanked God for the gifts to build the temple.
7. He thanked God that God's truth was revealed to babes.
8. She gave thanks when she saw the infant Jesus.
9. They sang thanks to God when the temple foundation was laid.
10. He thanked God for the strangest of all places.

(Answers on page 14)

Answers to "Thanksgiving" Questions

1. the pharisee (Luke 18:11)
2. Jesus (Luke 22:17)
3. a Samaritan leper (Luke 17:12-16)
4. Daniel 6:10
5. Paul (2 Corinthians 9:15)
6. David (I Chronicles 29:9-13)
7. Jesus (Matthew 11:25)
8. Anna (Luke 2:36,38)
9. priests and Levites (Ezra 3:10-11)
10. Jonah 2:1,9



THE STANLEY JONES SINGERS

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Singing Gospel music is as natural for THE STANLEY JONES SINGERS as breathing. Their music flows from a heart in touch with God and life. Parents (Stanley and Glenda), along with daughter Rachel (age 20) and son Aaron (age 14), are joined by Stanley's sister, Ruth Van Genden, to complete this family group of southern gospel singers.

The group appears about 100 times each year. Within the past twelve months, their travels have taken them to portions of ten states -- Arizona, Arkansas, California, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas. Their concerts include, but are not limited to, churches and schools. They have also performed for McDonald's Hamburgers of Houston, Missouri, Petro Stopping Center of Effingham, Illinois, the Tri-County Fair Board and radio station KCMG of Mountain Grove, Missouri, Taylorsville Country Fair of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Leisure World Christian Fellowship of Mesa, Arizona, and the National Association of Free Will Baptists of Antioch, Tennessee.

Two cassette tapes of THE STANLEY JONES SINGERS' music have been released and a third is in the making. Much of the material for these projects is original music written by Stanley's brother, John Jones, of Cushing, Oklahoma. Also, Heritage Communications of Charlotte, North Carolina, distributed a CD of the song, "Tell Me More" from their second tape, to 1000 radio stations nationwide. The response has been very good. WGSF of May, Florida, selected the single as their "pick of the week."

The family-style Gospel music of THE STANLEY JONES SINGERS is designed to provide a positive influence in each community where they appear. To God be the glory!

THE STANLEY JONES SINGERS is a full-time, Free Will Baptist singing group. Any church who is seriously interested in the possibility of a concert may request a sample cassette tape of their music.

Enrollment Increase At Free Will Baptist Bible College

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE -- Free Will Baptist Bible College has enrolled 334 students from 27 states, the Virgin Islands and four foreign countries for the fall semester, according to Dr. Charles E. Hampton, Registrar. The school year began in late August with registration and a series of evening services led by President Tom Malone.

This semester's enrollment is an increase of 34 students (11.3%) over the same time last year. Increases in students were seen from 17 states, including three new states represented this year.

By classes, there are 131 freshmen, 87 sophomores, 57 juniors, 47 seniors, and 12 special students enrolled.

By states, the enrollment breaks down as follows:

Alabama	36	Nebraska	1
Arkansas	7	North Carolina	30
California	2	Ohio	14
Colorado	4	Oklahoma	1
Delaware	2	Pennsylvania	1
Florida	11	South Carolina	14
Georgia	20	South Dakota	1
Illinois	29	Tennessee	67
Indiana	12	Texas	6
Kansas	2	Virginia	17
Kentucky	10	Washington	4
Louisiana	3	West Virginia	5
Michigan	4		
Mississippi	10	Virgin Islands	1
Missouri	10	Foreign	10

The student body includes 60 ministerial students and 47 missions students.

Evening services in which the Lord was clearly at work attended the opening of the school year, August 23-25. Students and college personnel have felt God's Spirit at work on the campus.

Please join us in prayer that this will be a year of revival at FWBCC and across the Free Will Baptist denomination.

Financial Information

SEPTEMBER 1993

COOPERATIVE

DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board	\$7,198.48
17.50% Exec. Off. & Gem.	6,809.37
3.50% General Fund	1,361.87
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	3,307.41
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.	972.77
2.50% C.E. Board	972.77
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board	972.77
9.00% Mo. State Retirement Program	3,501.96
30.50% Nat'l Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	11,867.77

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	
(\$118.67 included in \$11,867.77)	
5.00% Mo. State Conference	
Center Fund.....	1,945.54
TOTAL.....	\$38,910.71

God continues to bless the faithful, consistent giving of the churches in Missouri, and He is to be praised. Souls are being saved and saints are being edified. Pastors and churches are to be commended for their Great Commission vision. Paul, writing to the Church at Corinth, said... "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." II Cor. 9:6

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%.

SEPTEMBER 1993 COOPERATIVE

Koshkonong	\$ 95.50
Harmony	520.00
Faith & Hope, Aur.	95.10
Niangua	15.00
Kingsway	470.12
Victory Hill	70.00
New Rock Springs	120.00
Number One	45.05
Houston 1st	364.40
Friendship	311.90
New Hope, Fredericktown	20.00
Myrtle	165.35
Thayer	923.00
Ozark 1st	177.96
Central	856.79
Hartville 1st	568.51
Pleasant Ridge, Urb.	135.00
Lone Star	49.10
Carthage	303.00
Terrill Road	222.00
Hannon	477.50
Monett 1st	965.33
Liberty, Phil.	285.00
O'Fallon 1st	262.02
Union Grove	195.00
Royal Oak	154.00
Macedonia	36.13
Clifton	96.34
Rolla 1st	92.56
Mt. Zion, Gower	54.00
Merls Chapel	272.00
Mill Creek	285.93
Cabool	358.37
Mine La Motte	43.70
Freeman Chapel	276.05
Victory, Alton	168.80
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	68.04
United	881.56
Stockton	127.02
Victory, K.C.	229.95
Pleasant Home	132.33
Pleasant Home	147.87
Rock Chapel	554.04
Hurryville	379.44
Belton	467.41
Eastern Gate	429.70
Cope	45.00
Bailey Chapel, Tunas	100.00
Black Oak	217.85
Hazel Creek	521.47
Happy Home	102.32
Happy Home	116.05
Unity	253.00
New Harmony	23.97
North Five	95.35
Hopewell	162.00
Overland	131.00
Calvary Chapel	327.09
Fellowship	500.00
Tyrone	42.00
Cuba	378.96
Seymour	95.00
DeSoto	940.00
Cape Girardeau	907.96
Lebanon 1st	632.27
Trinity	1,287.71
Springfield 1st	937.85
Grace	1,330.00
Lingo	20.62
Waynesville 1st	339.98
Flat River 1st	657.39
Niangua	7.00
West Plains 1st	539.07
Columbia	75.00
Parkview	387.64
Grant Avenue	1,116.26
Fordland	419.94
Riverview, Iowa	672.20
Parkway	994.00
Crossroads, Wentzville	260.00
Marshfield	276.71
Potosi 1st	102.75
Verdella	605.47
Terrill Road	225.00
Copper Mines	290.33

Farmington	2,903.73
Bethel, El Dorado Springs	61.06
Hannibal	100.00
Pleasant Hill, Thayer	72.98
Fourth, St. Louis	250.00
Union, Success	60.00
Joplin 1st	466.48
Mt. Pisgah, Cabool	187.00
Wolf Creek	260.50
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	224.60
Union Light	129.10
Neosho 1st	71.25
New Rock Springs	77.00
Myrtle	132.66
Thayer	684.00
New Hope, Fredericktown	20.00
Harmony	431.00
Clifton	76.87
Twin Oak, Fredericktown	1,112.70
Ozark 1st	201.95
Leadington	312.34
Central	636.91
Kirksville 1st	165.00
Oak Hill, Union	473.22
Bootheel Dist. Assoc.	17.84
Niangua	28.00
Number One, Huggins	41.23
Houston 1st	296.71
Alton	225.00
Faith & Hope, Aur.	87.50
TOTAL	\$38,910.71

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Faith & Hope, Aur.	\$ 55.66
Myrtle	55.00
Thayer	40.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
Central	10.00
Garfield	100.00
Pleasant Ridge, Urb.	25.00
Hannon	238.74
Lebanon Bible & Book	174.00
O'Fallon 1st	47.00
United	19.63
Victory, K.C.	5.00
Rock Chapel	160.32
Eastern Gate	20.00
Faith & Hope, Willow Springs	59.95
N. Ruble	10.00
DeSoto	70.00
L. Wormington	\$30.00
Lebanon 1st	60.00
Trinity	98.00
Grace	30.00
West Plains 1st	5.00
Grant Avenue	140.63
Marshfield	27.67
Farmington	76.66
Fourth, St. Louis	50.00
Union Light	56.00
New Testament	20.00
Macedonia Woman's Aux.	50.00
Myrtle	43.50
Thayer	40.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
Central	10.00
Kirksville 1st	9.75
Oak Hill, Union	22.00
Fayetteville, AR, 1st	43.00
Viburnum	8.00
Faith & Hope, Aur.	45.33
TOTAL	\$1,975.84

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Myrtle	\$ 125.00
Thayer	290.00
Bethel, Festus	25.00
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
Central	187.50
Richwoods	32.00
Carthage	93.00
Hannon	5.00
Monett 1st	30.00
Blue Springs	20.00
O'Fallon 1st	47.00
Madison County Quarterly	25.00
United	10.00
Victory, K.C.	25.00
Pleasant Home	17.93
Pleasant Home	23.21
Rock Chapel	45.00
Eastern Gate	10.00
Faith & Hope, Willow Springs	50.00
J.W. Rader	20.00

Oak Grove, Norwood	54.50
New Harmony	119.88
Overland	4.00
N. Ruble	10.00
New Life Fellowship	169.84
DeSoto	190.00
Lebanon 1st	5.00
Trinity	133.00
Grace	130.00
Waynesville 1st	25.00
Flat River 1st	80.74
West Plains 1st	40.00
Columbia	45.00
Parkview	28.00
Grant Avenue	40.00
Fordland	25.00
Leadington	25.00
Verdella	25.00
Farmington	30.00
Mt. Pisgah, Cabool	50.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Wolf Creek	31.49
Union Light	35.00
New Testament	50.00
Myrtle	98.00
Thayer	190.00
Central	129.75
Belton	80.00
Oak Hill, Union	22.00
Viburnum	41.00
TOTAL	\$3,047.84

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Faith & Hope, Aur.	\$ 55.67
Myrtle	101.00
Thayer	210.00
Bethel, Festus	96.67
D. Akeman	10.00
Parkview Mission Group	60.00
Central	381.00
Richwoods	40.00
Hartville 1st	113.70
Pleasant Ridge, Urb.	45.00
Carthage	178.26
Hannon	942.50
S. Hart	20.00
Monett 1st	1,023.50
Blue Springs	51.42
O'Fallon 1st	52.00
Mt. Zion, Gower	130.00
Merls Chapel	200.00
F. Green	35.00
J. Schebaum	15.00
Freeman Chapel	414.50
United	44.62
Victory, K.C.	200.00
Pleasant Home	48.23
Pleasant Home	54.79
Rock Chapel	173.79
Houston 1st	141.00
Eastern Gate	195.94
Faith & Hope, Willow Springs	100.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	109.00
New Harmony	119.89
Calvary Chapel	150.00
N. Ruble	30.00
New Life Fellowship	329.76
DeSoto	535.00
DeSoto-Joymakers	25.00
Lebanon 1st	95.00
Trinity	690.70
Grace	99.50
Waynesville 1st	25.00
Flat River 1st	376.96
Greenfield	157.00
West Plains 1st	659.97
Columbia	15.00
Parkview	383.73
Grant Avenue	502.75
Grant Avenue Women's SS	25.00
Grant Avenue "Moore Partn."	50.40
Grant Avenue Teen SS	28.55
Fordland	276.00
Marshfield	40.00
Oak Grove, Cabool	65.00
Leadington	30.00
Verdella	\$1,408.36
Faith, St. Louis	75.00
Farmington	493.12
Fourth, St. Louis	50.00
Joplin 1st	20.00
Calvary Chapel	105.00
Mt. Pisgah, Cabool	100.00

Union Light	165.00
Neosho 1st	526.95
New Testament	70.00
Macedonia Woman's Aux.	650.00
Myrtle	103.00
Thayer	190.00
Central	283.50
Kirksville 1st	14.75
Kirksville 1st - Child. Ch.	50.00
Belton	523.50
Oak Hill, Union	17.00
Viburnum	120.00
Faith & Hope, Aur.	45.33
TOTAL	\$14,963.31

MO. FWB YOUTH CAMP

Myrtle	\$ 45.00
Thayer	35.00
B. Hughes	300.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
Hartville	10.00
Hannon	15.00
Lebanon Bible & Book	78.00
DeSoto	50.00
Trinity	14.00
Flat River 1st	22.94
Union, Success	30.00
Mt. Pisgah, Cabool	10.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	10.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Myrtle	33.50
Thayer	35.00
West Plains 1st Youth **	300.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
Springfield 1st Youth **	140.00
Springfield 1st **	160.00
Cross Roads, Richland **	300.00
T. Blackburn **	300.00
DeSoto 1st Joymakers **	300.00
Trinity Teens **	300.00
** Golf Course	
TOTAL	\$2,578.44

WORLD RELIEF

Victory, K.C.	\$5.00
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HOME FOR CHILDREN - TN

Parkview Mission Group	\$10.00
DeSoto	50.00
TOTAL	\$60.00

FWB CHILDREN'S HOME - AL

Myrtle	\$52.00
Myrtle	10.50
TOTAL	\$62.50

HILLSDALE FWB COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 40.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
Hannon	50.00
Central	45.00
Victory, K.C.	42.99
Eastern Gate	85.94
Grant Avenue	8.00
Farmington	151.66
Thayer	40.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
Central	36.00
Oak Hill, Union	25.50
TOTAL	\$545.09

FWB BIBLE COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 35.00
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
DeSoto	35.00
Farmington	133.33
Thayer	35.00
TOTAL	\$248.33

REV. JOHN McCLURE

Thayer	\$ 15.00
Waynesville 1st VBS	160.92
Monett 1st	112.50
Grace	17.50
Verdella	10.00
Thayer	15.00
TOTAL	\$330.92

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington	\$25.00
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Thanksgiving Is A Religious Holiday

The Pilgrims celebrated their first Thanksgiving with a "grateful offering" for God's loving care through the many challenges which faced their colony. They shared their bounty with friendly Indians who offered goodwill, peace, and honor.

Centuries passed, and with the same "grateful offering," Thanksgiving became an official holiday, as part of the Christian moral and spiritual heritage, festively celebrated with family, neighbors, and friends. In unity and love, we seek the Lord's blessings; we thank Him for His guidance and grace, for life and harvest, brotherhood and wisdom for freedom. We sing praises to His name, and lovingly worship His contribution to the founding of the distinctive U. S. Christian nation, securing God-given rights for all orderly individuals, non-Christian or Christian.

Most presidents, including Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, Wilson, Cleveland, Roosevelt, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Nixon, Carter, Reagan, and Bush made their "grateful offerings," acknowledging the Maker of heaven and earth and all therein. President Jefferson, March 4, 1805, publicly acknowledged:

"I shall need, too, the favor of that Being in whose hands we are, who led our fathers as Israel of old, from their native land and planted them in a country flowing with all the necessities and comforts of life, who has covered our infancy with His providence and our riper years with His wisdom and power, and to whose goodness I ask you to join in supplications with me."

Ann Neamon, Citizens for God and Country
(copied from "Pulpit Helps")

John Adam's First Brigade Address, 3rd Division, Massachusetts Militia, said in part:

"We have no government armed in power capable of contending in human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other."

Daniel Webster in a discourse at Plymouth, 1820, asserted:

"...Our ancestors established their system of government on morality and religious sentiment. Moral habits, they believed, cannot safely be trusted on any other foundation than religious principle, nor any government be secure which is not supported by moral habits.

President Reagan, July 4, 1983, emphasized the essence of the U.S. Constitution, representative government, individual rights, and the rule of law, under God.

The Congress, in Public Law 97-820, authorized President Reagan to proclaim 1983 the Year of the Bible. Christianity is not separate, but is part of the common culture.

No free nation survives, if it abandons its founding religious heritage, its very basis for stability of justice for all. The celebration of Thanksgiving, as Christmas and Easter, serves this purpose! A Christian nation is entitled to a Christian administration.

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