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*"Ye are my witnesses, . . .
I, even I, am the Lord;
and beside me
there is no saviour."*

Isaiah 43:10,11

Verdella Church Honors Hazel Bowman

On Sunday, January 9, 1994, Verdella Church honored their oldest member, Hazel Ball Bowman, with a card shower for her ninetieth birthday.

One of eight children, Hazel was born January 11, 1904, in a sod house near Broken Bow, Nebraska. When she was ten years old, she moved with her family to a farm near Verdella in the Liberal area. She was sixteen years old when she married a neighbor boy, Willie Bowman, on December 11, 1920. They were both saved at the old Verdella church when she was seventeen and joined the church at that time. Her husband passed away in 1969.

Hazel has been a continuous member of the Woman's Auxiliary for close to fifty years. She first joined the Hannon Auxiliary which was begun by Sister Rowena Thomas.

An excellent cook, Hazel has collected many recipes throughout the years and still continues to clip recipes. She likes to surprise her guests or those at a church dinner with something delicious she has prepared. Her specialty for a church dinner is chicken and noodles. This past Christmas, she baked homemade bread for friends.

Hazel is a talented seamstress who makes her own clothing and often sews for others. She has made a quilt for many of the pastors who have served Verdella. She likes to "mend and patch" and beams when someone brings a pair of overalls or jeans for her to repair. Many newly-married couples have been blessed with embroidered pillowcases or dishtowels from Hazel.

Hazel remembers when families would take turns cleaning the church each month. The women would get down on their hands and knees to scrub the floors. Since the church burned coal, the ashes caused dusting to be quite a task.

Hazel likes to reflect upon a few of her memories of Sunday dinners. Two or three families would be invited to another family's home for Sunday dinner, usually a spur-of-the-moment invitation. One Sunday, they were invited to a home where the men rolled up their sleeves and helped pick strawberries for dessert. The wife got busy baking shortcake and cooking dinner



Hazel Bowman with her Pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Milan Ruble

on a wood stove. Another home where they were invited quite often meant that the women and children would have to catch two or three chickens then kill and clean them. The women would stir up and bake a cake while frying chicken and preparing the rest of the meal. They were lucky to eat by three o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

When the yearly association met for three or four days, Hazel recalls that the area church women would provide food, and a tent was set up for serving the food as well as the meetings. Each family provided housing for the visitors.

The Bowman home was always open to young people. In the fifties, her daughter,

Lorene Williford, started "Fun for a Dime" in the basement of their home on Saturday nights. Hazel provided cookies, and the dime was for pop. Teenagers came from the Verdella and Hannon churches along with guests from other churches. There was time set aside for devotions followed by games. Several couples who are now active in Free Will Baptist churches met at "Fun for a Dime." Some are deacons as well as deacons' wives, and some are in full-time ministry including a minister's wife and a missionary.

Hazel and her husband had two children: Lewis Bowman of Greenwood, Missouri, and Lorene Williford of Harrison, Tennessee. Her son-in-law, Conrad Williford, pastors a church in Harrison, Tennessee. Her grandson, Mark Williford, is the new pastor of the New Life Free Will Baptist Church in Licking, Missouri. Her nephew, Roger Phillips, serves as a deacon at the Verdella Church.

Her dedication and faith in the Lord have been an encouragement to her pastors and church family and many pastors, evangelists, and missionaries have found her to be a prayer warrior. She is still active in church and attends Sunday School and church every Sunday.

Hazel has truly blessed the Verdella church. Old and young alike love and respect her.

Free Will Baptist Bible College 1994 Choir Tour Schedule

March 10-20

Thurs., Mar. 10--7 p.m.	Tupelo FWB Church, Tupelo, MS
Fri., Mar. 11--7 p.m.	Allen Chapel FWB Church, Batesville, AR
Sat., Mar. 12--7 p.m.	First FWB Church, Russellville, AR
Sun., Mar. 13--10:15 a.m.	Cavanaugh FWB Church, Ft. Smith, AR
Sun., Mar. 13--6 p.m.	First FWB Church, Norman, OK
Mon., Mar. 14--7:30 p.m.	First FWB Church, Ada, OK
Tues., Mar. 15--7 p.m.	Owasso FWB Church, Owasso, OK
Wed., Mar. 16--7 p.m.	Fellowship FWB Church, Flat River, MO
Thurs., Mar. 17--7 p.m.	New Life FWB Church, O'Fallon, MO
Fri., Mar. 18--(TBA)	Calvary Fellowship FWB Church, Fenton, MO
Sat., Mar. 19--7 p.m.	First FWB Church, Mt. Vernon, IL
Sun., Mar. 20--10:30 a.m.	Johnston City FWB Church, Johnston City, IL

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The Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

Last month, the issue of "teens at risk" was addressed. The contributors to "at-risk" behavior were identified as well as effective deterrents. One of the deterrents mentioned was involvement in the church, youth group specifically. How does a youth group become a refuge for teens -- and why should a

youth group be responsible for providing such shelter?

Both questions can be answered by looking at a few factors as well as the blanket statement, "The world can be a confusing, scary place."

Take, for example, the family structure. For an average high school senior whose parents have stayed together, the family's income has risen 500% in the twelve years since he was in kindergarten. However, in those same twelve years, the average home price has risen 1000%!!! The cost of living has WELL overtaken the average income; thus, the standard of living has fallen. Because there are more single-parent families today than ever before (and most are headed by women), mothers are looking into all possible means to piece together a stable family income. Reports say a divorced woman can expect a 75% income reduction. Coupled with the fact that a significant portion of the remaining 25% must go toward some kind of child care, struggling mothers must spend even more time away from their children. This leaves public institutions, such as daycares and schools, in charge of most parental responsibilities. When a mother grows accustomed to an institution providing most of the care to her children, chances are she'll depend more and more on the schools as the children grow.

With the aforementioned increase in single-parent households, schools are being left with more responsibility than with which they can effectively deal. Many schools have adapted to parents' schedules by offering breakfast programs for children left early and supper programs for children picked up late. Who is teaching values to a child who does not even enjoy one meal with his family? Nobody! Nowhere in an educator's contract does it state that he must be a "replacement parent" to a student. Besides, since the states bar teachers from passing on Christian values to kids, who would want his child raised by the public school system?

Parents will cry, "Quality time! I spend very little time with my children, but the time I do spend is quality time!" What they don't seem to understand is that quality time basically can be defined as quantity time. Dr. James Dobson has used the illustration of a very hungry person entering an elite restaurant and ordering a prime steak. Twenty minutes later, the waiter returns with a piece of meat - one inch square - and a lonely bite of baked potato. Of course, the starving person protests the small quantities to which the waiter replies that this is the finest piece of meat that money can buy and, though it is small, the quality cannot be beaten anywhere in the city. Naturally, the small bit of "quality" is not going to satisfy the hunger.

Who do young people turn to when there is no one to lead them? Each other! In an experiment, first graders came out of the school building daily to a large, enclosed playground for recess. The kids would cluster into small playgroups all around the schoolyard. One day, the sociologists who were conducting the experiment removed the fence from the playground. When the kids went to recess, the freedom from boundaries did not make them happy, but it instead made them insecure. They grouped together and played near the doorway.

This tells us when there are no set rules, young people will look to see what the peer-established rules are and adopt those as

their own. The most aggressive becomes the leader and enforces the rule "It's us or rejection."

Up to this point, who has been available to counteract such a rule? Parents? No, they have been working. Teachers? They have had a schoolhouse full of students in the same predicament. Peers? They have been the ones that set such a rule. Media?

The media... The very ones that say, "If you don't buy a certain product, or a specific brand of a product, you're unacceptable." They tell kids, "I know your parent(s) have no money, but if you do not look a certain way, the few people who do pay attention to you WON'T!"

Enter the youth group. The youth group experience will either provide the healing a young person seeks or contribute to his pain. Which does your church offer? Ask yourself:

1) Do we understand? Not all kids are from "Bible backgrounds," and many who are may need some guidance back to such values. All youth will seek to be recognized as an individual -- unique from all others in their backgrounds, experiences, and current situations.

2) Do we know what their needs are, and can we meet them? If your youth group comes in and follows an inflexible routine during its meetings, the answer is obviously NO! Sometimes it's easy to look away so as not to become involved in something we're uncomfortable in handling.

3) How much time, resources, and people are we willing to involve in meeting their needs? Will we stand up for them in situations where others may not understand? It takes much commitment, patience, and courage to provide a refuge.

4) Does our group feel safe here? In a safe place, there is acceptance, kindness, real laughter, RULES, listening, and learning (youth groups are not just social circles but church training and Christian growth).

Jesus went out to the people in search of the hurting and hopeless to offer love and peace; He calls us to do no less.

(The statistics were taken from a Jerry Goebel article in a 1990 "Group")

Available For Pulpit Supply

Rev. Clifford Ball, a member of the Central Free Will Baptist Church of Grandview, Missouri, is an ordained Free Will Baptist minister and is available for pulpit supply. He may be reached by phone at (816) 221-5653. His mailing address is: Rev. Clifford Ball, 1008 E. 24th Ave. North, Kansas City, MO 64116.

State Home Missions Tidbit

The mission church at Ozark is rejoicing over the fact that, in January, they had two saved and one rededication. Praise God for the good work in our newest mission church.

Fruitful February at Beacon

(The following item ran in the February issue of the Beacon newsletter, sharing a very novel promotion idea).

February is an unusual month for fruitbearing. But it is definitely a possibility, at least in the spiritual realm! The plan is to encourage attendance with emphasis on SPIRITUAL GROWTH. Here's how it will work. You'll receive a piece of fruit for each service attended during the month. All services are included. In addition, a daily Praise Exercise Sheet will be distributed and, if you participate, you will receive additional fruit. Each fruit will be signed and placed on a special "FRUIT TREE" in the auditorium. This should prove to be a gauge of our fruitfulness for the month.

The Trail Has Been Trod Before

by Rev. Wade Jernigan

Much is being said about bringing the Church back. Such a statement brings up all kinds of thoughts and questions. On the surface, one is made to ask, "Back from where?" Dare say, not many would want to publicly admit that they know from where and others would not want to name from what, but that a return is needed seems to be the opinion of some. These generally, however, point out the problems but never deal with the prescriptions. They are somewhat like "lay doctors" who have no medical training. Pointing to the one who has symptoms of illness, they proclaim "he appears to be sick or is sick." Much speculation then follows. Disagreement sets in. Division is wrought. No clear determination is made. Sick or seeming to be sick; what's the difference? No practice is applied with remedy. No change is made. Spiritual quackery has triumphed again. God's Word is clear in stating that what happened to Israel "were our examples." I Corinthians 10:6. This is true even in the formative years of Israel. It is said of Abraham, "and he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning -- Unto the place of the altar which he had made there at the first---." Genesis 13:3b and 4a. Note that in Genesis 10:1 it reads, "And Abram went up out of Egypt." These are significant words. Here the proposition is clear. Abraham went back to Bethel, the place of the altar, the place of the beginning, the first (the start) from Egypt. What and how it is stated here must not be ignored. This tells from whence he came. Likewise it tells where he went. Every Bible student knows the implications.

Later, with Jacob, a very similar picture is drawn. Twenty years had elapsed since Jacob had been at Bethel, the place he described in the following words, "How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the House of God, and this is the gate of Heaven." Genesis 28:17. In Genesis 31:13, God speaks to Jacob, "I am the God of Bethel, where thou anointest the pillar and where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred." Jacob in a prayer brings up the fact that the Lord had said to him, "Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee." Genesis 32:9. Again, God spoke to Jacob on the subject of return and said, "Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: And make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee---" Genesis 35:1.

Though the starting points for Abraham and Jacob were somewhat different, both struck the trail back. It is said of Abraham "that he might be the father of all them that believe." Romans 4:11. Further, it is declared that Abraham is "the father of us all." Romans 4:16. This being true then it behooves believers to "walk in the steps of that faith of our Father Abraham." Romans 4:12. There is no question but what believers are "all one in Christ" (Romans 3:28) and those who belong to Christ "are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise." Romans 3:29.

Think it not then strange that Christ called to the Church at Ephesus, "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen and repent and do the first works; or else---" Revelation 2:5.

Bringing the Church back is a challenge... a challenge that can be met. Consideration should be given to these areas:

- I. Back to the Biblical focus -- "Lift up your eyes and look on the field." John 4:35.
- II. Back to Biblical faith -- "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1.
- III. Back to Biblical following -- "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19.
- IV. Back to Biblical fellowship -- "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship ---." I John 1:7.
- V. Back to Biblical friendship -- "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for a friend. Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." John 15:13-14.
- VI. Back to Biblical force -- "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.
- VII. Back to Biblical finance (funding) -- "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem." I Corinthians 16:1-3.

Of significant note are the following in the above quote. (1) "let every one of you," (2) "lay by him in store," (3) "your liberality."

Volumes could be written, but why complicate the issue with much verbiage? Conciseness here is the better virtue. Malachi, speaking for his God said, "Return unto me, and I will return unto you." Malachi 3:7. Some may say as Israel did when Malachi spoke the above, "Wherein shall we return." Christ said, "The Way you know." John 14:4.

Jeremiah's advice still holds, "Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said we will not walk therein." Jeremiah 6:16.

A Letter from Dr. Roy Thomas to the Churches of Missouri:

I thank the Lord and the good people and churches of Missouri for all the prayers and gifts which enabled the National Home Missions Department to have a good year with some great accomplishments in 1993. Although the year was very tight financially, it ended with a total income of \$2,464,088.49, for which we are very thankful.

Eighteen (18) states exceeded their goals in giving to National Home Missions. Missouri gave \$134,794.85, which was under your 1993 goal of \$150,000.00.

I thank the churches of Missouri for what you did.

The 1994 goal for Missouri is \$150,000.00. I hope you will begin now to begin to work toward reaching it.

Our greatest need at this time is additional support for our *General Fund*. This fund undergirds the work of the entire department, pays the missionaries whose accounts are in the red, and provides many other helps for our home missionaries. (No money is taken out of home missionary accounts to help operate the office.) It is our prayer that the annual *Benjamin*

Randall Day Offering each November will grow until it completely underwrites Home Missions' General Fund needs.

I pray that the churches and individuals of Missouri will include the General Fund in their giving for 1994.

Thank you for your help. May the churches of Missouri and the National Home Missions Department join hands to put "*Missionaries In Every State For Churches in Every City.*"

In His Service,
Dr. Roy Thomas
General Director

Reminder: Have a Heart for Hillsdale Gifts Through April

Gifts for "Have a Heart for Hillsdale" may continue through the month of April. These gifts are not only helpful, but they are necessary for the continued ministry of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College.

In the recent "Insight," a publication of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, the Purpose Statements of the college is listed in four divisions. Item one of the Intellectual division is as follows: To serve members of the Free Will Baptist denomination and others who desire an education in the Free Will Baptist tradition by providing courses of study including theology, missions, and church music leading to a baccalaureate degree.

Gifts to Hillsdale are an investment in the lives of those who are endeavoring to serve God and labor through the Free Will Baptist denomination.

The clerk of a local church wrote, "Thanks for giving us at the Faith Free Will Baptist Church an opportunity to help meet the goal of \$30,000. We are small in number, but we thank God for Hillsdale College and pray that God will bless in a mighty way." May this be the attitude of every local church.

The gift, large or small, will help! Gifts may be sent to the State Office at P. O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536 or to Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, P. O. Box 7208, Moore, OK 73153. Please mark the gift "Have a Heart."

Clarence Burton, Assoc. Dir. Church Rel.
Richard Robinson, Trustee Board Member

Bible College Looking for Teachers

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE--Dr. Robert Picirilli, Free Will Baptist Bible College's Academic Dean, says the college is looking for several qualified teachers. People are needed to fill the following areas:

- Teacher Education:** courses in methods or human development and learning
- English/Speech:** literature, English composition, and speech
- Music:** music theory, music education, and/or piano
- Business:** accounting

Preference will be given to those with earned doctorates or with master's degrees and some progress toward a doctorate. In the case of accounting, he says an M.B.A. and C.P.A. will suffice.

If you are interested, please send a resume and written testimony of Christian experience to Dr. Picirilli as soon as possible. You may send these to: Free Will Baptist Bible College
ATTN: Dr. Robert E. Picirilli
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE ON - CAMPUS DAYS

April 8 & 9, 1994

Planning has begun for On-Campus Days '94 at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. We are anticipating one of the largest groups of high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors to ever be on our campus at one time.

Entertainment!
Food!
Fun and Games!
Fellowship!
Saints Baseball Games!
Youth Rally!
Much More!!

For more information, call Hillsdale's Student Recruitment Office at (405) 794-6661.

Missouri State CTS Competition

The 1994 Missouri State CTS Competition will be held at West County Assembly of God Church in Chesterfield, MO (west of St. Louis). The dates of the competition will be May 13 and 14, 1994.

The deadline for entering the competition will be April 15. Please make sure your entries are in on time. Send your entry forms with the proper fees to:

Missouri State Youth Ministries Board
c/o Curt Gwartney
P.O. Box 444
Park Hills, MO 63601-0444

The entry fees are as follows:

Bible Memorization	\$12 per participant
Bible Sword Drill	\$12 per participant
Bible Tic Tac Toe	\$20 per team
Bible Bowl	\$20 per team

Music & Arts

Category 1	\$12 per participant
Category 2	\$20 per group
Category 3	\$45 per group
Category 4	\$12 per participant
Category 5	\$20 per group
Category 6	\$45 per group

Category 7

Div. 1-2	\$12 per participant
Div. 3	\$20 per group

Category 8

Div. 1-5	\$12 per participant
Div. 6-10	\$20 per group
*Category 9	\$12 per entry
*Category 10	\$12 per entry
Category 11	\$12 per entry

*Entries in categories 9 and 10 must be sent directly to the National Youth Conference Office before June 1, 1994.

Remember to use a separate form for each entry. If you have any questions, please contact a Youth Ministries Board Member.

Curt Gwartney (314) 431-3235 or 431-5115
Mike Garner (314) 291-1710 or 434-4886
David Brawley (314) 629-6215
Mark Braisher (816) 454-2066 or 453-4253

DeSoto Free Will Baptist Church

by Nedra Courtaway

The young people of the DeSoto Church began a lock-in at 9:00 p.m. on Friday, February 5th, which started a special weekend. Kenny Simpson, Tim Lewis, and John Gorrell, representatives of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, were in charge of the night's activities. There were games, prayer, discussions, food, and fellowship. On Saturday evening, the men brought a good program for the youth and the church. An ice cream social was held afterward. Joining the DeSoto youth was the Cuba Free Will Baptist Church who brought a van of young people.

A warm and sincere invitation is extended to all as the DeSoto Church observes Homecoming Sunday on March 27th. Pastor Bob Thebeau will be preaching the morning and evening services, and dinner will follow the morning service.

1993 State Youth Conference

by Becky Gwartney

The weather was cold on November 19-20, but that didn't keep 302 teens and sponsors from gathering for the 1993 State Youth Conference at Windermere. Bob Stromberg - gifted speaker, musician, and humorist - warmed hearts as he filled the weekend with laughter, singing, and the Word of God. Bob challenged each one to check their "spiritual vital signs"..... brain waves, reflexes, and heartbeat. As we did, two teens were saved, and many were challenged as God stirred and changed hearts.

Not only was this a weekend to get away from the world's pressures, but it was also a time to renew friendships and commitments to God. What a blessing it was to see hundreds of youth enjoying Christian fellowship, singing, laughing, sharing, laughing, crying, and ... laughing!

"It was fun. It was a blast! If you want to grow spiritually, it's a great place to go," commented B. J. Willis, a first-time visitor.



Above: Bob Stromberg Getting Tuned Up



Right: Youths Enjoying the Conference

Youth Camp News

ATTENTION BOYS & MEN!!!!

Have you heard? Construction has begun on a brand new bathhouse for you. The girls received one in 1991, and it is time the fellows got one, too!!! The Camp Board borrowed the money, and construction began immediately. There should be no problem finishing the project by camp. The loan on the boys' bathhouse is \$20,000.00, and the payments are set for six years. If we carry the loan to full term, other important improvements will be put on hold plus much interest will be paid. Therefore, the board has set aside Sunday, May 1st, as "Boys Bathhouse Loan Sunday." On (or near) that date, they are asking every church to receive a special offering for this project. All gifts received should be earmarked and sent to the state office or mailed to the camp address: Camp Niangua, c/o Rev. Ken Goff, Director, HCR 83 Box 22, Niangua, MO 65713. Thank you for the help given in the past and for the consideration given to this important project. All who will use this new facility will surely thank you for it.

CAMP WORK DAY --- MAY 14!!!!

DRESS CODE CHANGES

CLASS & ACTIVITY TIME -- Girls and women may wear dresses, skirts, or split-skirts that cover the knees or full-length jeans or slacks. Blouses, shirts, or sweaters must be full-length and cover the shoulder. No spaghetti straps, tank tops, etc.

Boys and men may wear full-length slacks or jeans. Shirts are to be worn full-length and cover the shoulder. No fish net, muscle shirts, tank tops, etc.

WORSHIP TIME -- Girls and women may wear dresses or skirts that cover the knees. Blouses or sweaters must be full-length and cover the shoulder. No spaghetti straps, tank tops, etc.

Boys and men may wear full-length slacks or jeans. Shirts are to be full-length and cover the shoulder. NO FISH NET, MUSCLE SHIRTS, TANK TOPS, etc.

From the Desk of the Executive Secretary Capital Stewardship Victory Campaign

Missouri Free Will Baptists have given \$28,854.75 to the Capital Stewardship Campaign. Our fair share is \$60,484.40. The campaign to pay off the national office building is drawing to a close. It will end with a victory celebration during the Tuesday evening service of the 1994 National Convention.

The Churches of the Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists are encouraged to do their fair share by receiving an offering before the end of June, 1994. Some of our churches have already set Roll Call Sunday as the day to receive an offering for the victory campaign. If this date is not convenient for your church, you may want to use the date designated by the Campaign Committee as Victory Sunday, June 26. After you have received your offering, please send it to the state office and designate it for the national office building. If every Missouri Free Will Baptist will give \$2.50, we will reach our goal.

Quarter folders and other promotional material will soon be available. Contact the state office for your needed supplies.

NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE COMPETITION REGISTRATION FORM

DISTRICT-STATE-NATIONAL

COMPETITION CODES

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

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

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

MUSIC & ARTS...
Vocal Solo
01.1 Vocal Solo (Age A-B)
01.2 Male Vocal Solo (Age C-E)
01.3 Female Vocal Solo (Age C-E)

Vocal Ensemble
02.2 Duet
02.3 Trio
02.4 Quartet
02.5 Quintet
02.6 Sextet

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

Instrumental Solo (not keyboard)
04.1 String (Bowed)
04.2 String (Fretted)
04.3 Woodwind
04.4 Brass
04.5 Percussion

Small Instrumental Ensemble (max. 6)
05.1 String (Bowed)
05.2 String (Fretted)
05.3 Woodwind
05.4 Brass
05.5 Percussion
05.6 Combination of instruments

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

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

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

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

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

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

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YEAR

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AGE CODE COMPETITION CODE

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

Name of Church

City

State

Pastor's name

Pastor's phone number

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Name of director (or coach)

Director's phone number

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Complete the following information for each participant in this entry:

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

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

PARTICIPANT'S PLEDGE

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

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

MAIL TO:

Missouri Youth Ministries Board

Curt Gwartney

P.O. Box 444

Park Hills, MO 63601-0444

USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH ENTRY!

Signature of Participant or Director (Coach)

President Clinton's Healthcare Plan Would Bring Abortion Mills to Every Community -- And You'd Pay the Bill for Abortion on Demand

President Clinton is urging Congress to approve his national health bill, which would make abortion a government-guaranteed "basic health benefit." If Congress agrees, the number of abortions will increase vastly -- and you'll pay the bill.

The Clinton plan would guarantee every woman any number of insurance-paid abortions, for any reason.

Because federal law would declare abortion to be a "guaranteed benefit," no health insurance policy could be sold if it did not include abortion on demand. In order to receive government approval, local health care plans would have to establish facilities to provide abortion on demand -- even in many communities where no abortionists currently practice.

Who pays? *You would.* Under the Clinton plan, federal law would force every employer and every worker to pay "premiums" for at least the "basic benefits package," including abortion on demand. Moreover, for low-income persons, the government would pay much or all of the cost, using taxpayer dollars.

Pro-abortion groups such as Planned Parenthood are prepared to spend millions of dollars to pressure Congress to approve the Clinton abortion plan, because they say it would put abortion into the "mainstream" of the American health-care system. If they succeed, the number of abortions performed in the U. S. will skyrocket.

What can you do?

The Clinton bill will be voted on sometime this year and Members of Congress are already taking positions on the issues raised by the bill. **Now** is the time to communicate strong opposition to the President's proposal to your U. S. House member and your two U. S. Senators.

Letters to Members of Congress should be in your own words, hand written, short and to the point. Your letters should be polite but firm.

U. S. Congressman

2134 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20115

U. S. Senator

Christopher Bond
293 Russell Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

U. S. Senator

John C. Danforth
249 Russell Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

(Reprinted from **LIFE FACTS**, newsletter of
Laclede County Right to Life)

What if Beer Ads Lasted Longer than 30 Seconds?

by Bob Moeller

This month (January) is the height of the football season, and with all the college bowl and NFL playoff games cluttering up the screen, it can mean only one thing: tons of beer commercials.

Why are these 30-second beer spots aired so often? Because they feed the fan-

tasy of what a "real man" looks like and what he does for entertainment.

Notice that the advertisements always feature young, virile, noticeably single men in their 20s, 30s, and sometimes 40s. These macho figures live out exquisite fantasies with alluring young nymphs who appear the moment they pop the lid of a Coors Light. The chicks are there to meet their every need.

What you won't see are wives, children or -- heaven forbid -- babies. That would spoil the fun, pop the fantasy. The message is clear: The good life is free of commitments, kids and conscience. Order another brewski, bring on the babes, and forget the tired wives, irritable teenagers and monthly bills.

But what would happen if the commercials stayed on the screen longer than the customary 30 seconds? Let's say the macho man and the barroom babe fall in love. Their overpowering physical attraction to one another can't be denied. They decide to get married.

As months turn to years, he sees what to him is a tragic and unforgivable thing:

She starts to age. At 29, she no longer looks 20. Worse yet, she's had a baby. He's bothered that her waistline has lost its snap and her bloated legs are crisscrossed with varicose veins.

Hey, wait a minute, this wasn't in the script, the macho man says to himself. Life is young chicks, good buddies, and a party in the offing. It isn't measles, crabgrass and clogged sinks. I deserve better. I'm a gift to women. They need me. I'm outta here!

But the truth is the macho man has developed his own problems. He suffers from a Budweiser tumor (translation: a beer belly). His bloodshot eyes resemble a Los Angeles freeway map. The top of his head is starting to shine. What happened? This once virile young stud is growing older himself.

To deny reality, he heads back to the bar to find another 22-year-old beauty who will keep the illusion alive that's he still young. Perhaps he repeats this cycle two or three times more before he realizes what a fool he's been. He abandoned the wife of his youth to chase a beer commercial that lasted only 30 seconds.

The kids are grown up now. The "ex" is remarried and living in New York. All he's left with is a six-pack.

As he puts another Miller Lite to his lips, he realizes just how cold a cold one can be.

(Bob Moeller is the author of *FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE, FOR KEEPS*, Multnomah/Questar Books, 1993.)

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Free Will Baptists Lighting the World Together

—Every concerned Free Will Baptist
—Every FWB Church

Working Together Through the
**Laura Belle Barnard
World Missions Offering
April 24, 1994**

Goal: \$100,000

Your gifts will provide necessary services to help every missionary continue winning souls on his/her field.



The Bondoukou Team

by Jerry and Carol Pinkerton

Is a picture worth a thousand words? We just wanted to say hello to you, thanking you for all you do in helping us to be here.

The Bondoukou Team is composed of the Hollands (Ernest & Elaine, Joshua, Leah, and Elissa). Only the people who work with youth will be able to appreciate all the work Ernest does. His duties are quite varied: dealing with boy-girl problems to how to find God's will for individual lives. We're really glad he is here, touching young lives. Elaine does most everything from home-schooling two of the children to giving home permanents; from helping with Children's Church and Ladies' Class to always having some new recipe that needs a "taste test!!"

Ron and Linda Moore are also important members of this Team. They're just getting settled back in after returning from furlough. Linda helps Elaine with schooling. Ron is a computer whiz. You should see the lessons he's put together for the area Leadership Training Classes. It's professional... and greatly appreciated by the 35 area church leaders who are enrolled.

Jerry will continue to serve as pastor of the Bondoukou Church until we leave for furlough in April. That's a full-time job, but he also does village teaching four nights a week... plus is now welding some new pews for the church, works on the car/cycle and can do a little bit of most everything... at least, he'll give it a good first try! Carol continues to enjoy teaching the grade school Sunday School Class and Wednesday Kid's Class. Most all of the 40-50 Wednesday kids now come to our FWB Church. She helps with Children's Church and Ladies' Classes. It seems we're always busy yet don't accomplish as much as we'd like each day.

We do try to be good examples through daily living: paying bills on time, making hospital and home visits... Actions speak louder than words, but we want both to be effective. Our desire is to be faithful to our Lord and YOU, our USA Team Members.

We thank you for the confidence you have placed in us -- so many have been consistent in prayers and giving for many years. We know you will be thankful when you meet many of these dear folks in Heaven.

We just received our September and October print-out from the Missions Office. Please excuse us for being so very slow in sending our thanks. We could NOT be here without your prayer and financial support... and **WE THANK THE LORD FOR YOUR BEING SO HELPFUL.**

Activities for Christmas and New Year's had to be cancelled due to the accidental death of one of our church leaders, Mr. Bini Kouame Daniel. Time and space do not permit me to tell you just how much this great man of God will be missed. He died December 16, and the funeral was January 8. This has been a very difficult time, yet we praise the Lord for the wonderful, consistent testimony Mr. Bini shared by word AND deeds. Please pray for his

precious family: Mrs. Bini, Leah (18 years old), Anne-Marie (16), Jean-Michael (14), and Anita (5).

Dry season came again this year. The air is a dirty gray filled with dust and ashes from burning fields and a variety of energetic germs. Needless to say, there are many respiratory health problems --especially the elderly (that's anyone over 45) and the newborn babies. We have been in good health; we know it is a gift of our Lord, and we are thankful.

You may have heard that the President of the Cote d'Ivoire died. His funeral was January 8th. So far, all has been calm and quiet. We firmly believe that this is the result of many sincere Christians who have been praying. Thank you... please continue.

A word about our furlough... We're still awaiting word from Columbia Bible Seminary in South Carolina so we can't make definite plans and must be flexible. Here's what we think we know:

Leave Cote d'Ivoire on April 7 ;

Visit family that is scattered from Chicago, Kansas City, Denver, New Mexico, Oklahoma City, and Nashville ;

Be in Columbia, SC, for the two summer sessions -- then hit the road visiting churches ;

Hoping and praying to be back in Africa in late 1994 or early, early 1995.

We hope our paths cross somewhere -- there's so much to share about what all God is doing here. Since you're also members of the Bondoukou Team, we want to fill you in on the great details.

In Memory

by John K. Knox

The Reverend Paul Tribble, assistant pastor of the Blue Springs Free Will Baptist Church in Blue Springs, Missouri, went home to be with the Lord on December 27, 1993.

Pastor Tribble was born in Franklin, Kentucky, on October 19, 1917. With his father, he moved to Missouri in 1926. During his early years, Paul became a prominent figure in the music business in Kansas City and beyond. He was married to the former Frances Huntsinger in 1939.

After suffering a near-fatal heart attack in 1959, he pledged his future life and health to the Lord. Following a brief recovery in 1960, Paul was called into the ministry. With little formal education and relying only on God to assist him, he established the Church of God at 26th and Stark in Kansas City, Missouri. Four years later, the pastor returned to his music as a gospel singer-evangelist, making public appearances throughout the area as well as hosting a gospel music radio program carried simultaneously on stations in Liberty, Missouri, and Leavenworth, Kansas. In 1968, Paul returned to pastor the church he had founded in Kansas City remaining there until his retirement in 1982. A short time later, acquaintances asked him to begin a new work at 202 South 8th Street in Blue Springs, Missouri.

After Paul's second heart attack in 1984, a young, Free Will Baptist minister named Alvin Hook assumed the pastor's position. Rev. Hook was the son of Brother Paul's close friends, and Paul stayed on as assistant until his death.

During the last several years of his life, Brother Paul continued to be active in gospel music as both host and performer at monthly music presentations at the Blue Springs church.

He leaves his wife, Frances, two sons, a daughter, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Brother Paul Tribble was loved by all who knew him and will be sorely missed by his family and many friends.

Newsletter Clippings

(The following article was printed in the DeSoto Church newsletter by Kathy Thebeau, pastor's wife, in the "Kathy's Korner" column).

At the height of my tomboy period, and the beginning of 9th grade, I was introduced to the world of Home Economics. It was hate at first sight. I wanted to be playing ball, riding horses, even picking cotton -- anywhere other than in a rural classroom learning sissy stuff like cooking, child-rearing and, worst of all, sewing. My teacher, Mrs. Wilmoth, probably grasped the immensity of her teaching task when I tied the first fruits of my sewing labor, an apron, around my waist and the strings fell to the floor.

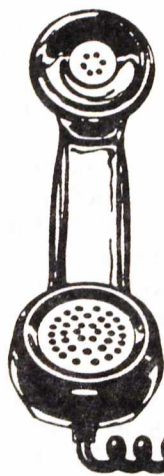
Undaunted, she gave me another assignment -- a dress. Never mind the fact that I hated wearing the things. Never mind that I was all thumbs when I picked up scissors and fabric. Mrs. Wilmoth wanted a dress, and she got a dress. Actually, the finished product didn't look too bad -- on the outside. But Mrs. Wilmoth turned the dress wrong side out and coldly inspected the inside -- an outrageous conglomeration of knotted threads, crooked seams, small holes (where I'd ripped out too often) and skipped threads (the dumb bobbin kept messing up).

"Young lady, this is quite unacceptable." Mrs. Wilmoth's voice had that no nonsense tone.

I asked in my meekest voice why the inside was so important, since nobody was going to be looking at it.

"After this dress is washed a few times, the seams will ravel and come apart. Always remember that if the quality of the inside is poor, it won't be long until the outside will begin to show the results."

That dear unsung heroine of years ago was right. When I allow resentments, envy, or anger on the inside, it isn't long until my outward appearance changes, and I become impatient, unforgiving, and unkind. It's only through prayer and meditation that I once again become the loving person I long to be.



Roll Call Sunday

Date: March 27, 1994
Goal: 270,000

The Home Missions Department's 11th annual ROLL CALL SUNDAY is scheduled for March 27, 1994! (Roll Call Sunday is always the last Sunday of March.) The attendance goal for that exciting day is 270,000 in the churches of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. That day is also the final Sunday of the Sunday School Department's Spring Enlargement Campaign. Write or call the Home Missions Office and Randall House for materials to promote attendance in this special denominational effort on Roll Call Sunday, March 27, 1994!

The Revocable Living Trust

If you want to avoid probate, protect your heirs, and not pay any unnecessary estate taxes, the Living Trust may be exactly what you need and want.

It was Oliver Wendell Holmes who said, "Put not your trust in money, but put your money in trust." That is certainly applicable in this age and generation.

(1) The Living Trust avoids probate. Since the purpose of the probate court is to establish what a deceased person owned and who will now receive his/her property, probating items in a Living Trust is unnecessary, because those two questions are already satisfactorily answered.

(2) A Living Trust is a private transaction. Probate proceedings, including the estate inventory, are matter of public record. But items transferred from the estate of a descendant by means of the Living Trust are not made public. Nosey neighbors, relatives receiving no inheritance, even con artists who may want to pursue a list of debts and assets have no knowledge of the proceedings because it is a private transaction.

(3) A Living Trust is usually settled more quickly. Sometimes, and more often than not, probate court proceedings are lengthy. Because of the nature and function of the Living Trust, it is usually settled much more quickly.

(4) A Living Trust provides for a Successor Trustee to manage your assets in the event of your death or legal incapacity. If a person becomes "legally incapacitated," the court usually gives someone power of attorney to take care of the business. By having one's assets in and owned by a Living Trust, you have already named your Successor Trustee and would not be at the mercy of the court to choose the person to handle your affairs.

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists provides the help you need in having a Living Trust prepared. If you are interested, fill out the form below and mail to Clarence Burton, Stewardship Commission, 115 Brook, Lebanon, MO 65536.

I am interested in the Living Trust.

Name _____

Address _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Phone _____ - _____



Financial Information



JANUARY 1994

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board.....	\$6,765.56
17.50% Executive Office	6,399.85
3.50% General Fund	1,279.97
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	3,108.50
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.....	914.27
2.50% C.E. Board.....	914.27
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board.....	914.27
9.00% Mo. State Retirement Program	3,291.36
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	

.....11,154.04

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
(\$111.54 included in \$11,154.04)

5.00% Mo. State Conference
Center Fund.....\$1,828.53
TOTAL.....\$36,570.62

"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 blessed with a good month in January and gave us a good start for 1994. He is to be praised.

The allocation for National Ministries is designated for this year, with FWBCC and Hillsdale receiving an equal amount. California Christian College will continue to receive the 1%.

JANUARY 1994 COOPERATIVE

Mill Creek	\$223.19
Koshkonong	\$84.46
Unity	\$231.00
Twin Oak	\$1,058.31
Number One	\$41.65
Houston	\$349.00
Leadington	\$283.25
Pleasant Hill	\$39.92
Bourbon	\$71.27
Clifton	\$99.78
Kingsway	\$453.56
Oak Hill - Fredericktown	\$72.09
Bethel - El Dorado Spgs.	\$48.21
New Rock Springs	\$77.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$211.65
Hartville	\$435.50
Faith & Hope - Aurora	\$99.00
Cuba	\$353.00
United - W. Plains	\$488.88
Blue Springs	\$316.73
Pleasant Home-Mt. Grv	\$158.89
Pleasant Home-Mt. Grv	\$121.93
Lebanon 1st	\$545.54
Myrtle	\$176.42
Monett 1st	\$438.51
Carthage	\$151.00
Beacon	\$1,910.00
Thayer	\$616.00
Mine La Motte	\$43.09
Seymour	\$84.00
North Five	\$78.67
Tyrone	\$50.00
Royal Oak	\$118.00
Oak Hill - Fredericktown	\$77.01
Mt. Zion - Gower	\$50.80
Harmony	\$480.00
Bailey Chapel	\$79.00
Lone Star	\$37.45
Union Grove	\$201.00
Black Oak	\$190.89
Friendship	\$250.64
Victory Hill	\$71.85
Victory - Alton	\$155.24
New Hope - Fredericktown	\$20.00
Calvary Chapel	\$188.55
Alton	\$225.00
Rolla 1st	\$71.96
Greenfield	\$272.00
Overland	\$124.00
United	\$770.81
Ozark 1st	\$322.47
Merls Chapel	\$187.00
Eastern Gate	\$341.58
Parkview	\$404.56
Willow Spgs. - Mtn. Grove	\$190.54
Faith & Hope - Willow Spgs.	\$59.17
Fordland	\$364.94
Hannon	\$355.85
Rock Chapel	\$357.54
Smyrna	\$300.00
Cape Girardeau	\$713.66
Hurryville	\$352.25
Liberty - Phil.	\$206.00
Springfield 1st	\$945.92
Hopewell	\$125.00
Freeman Chapel	\$242.43
Columbia	\$112.00
Pleasant Home-MtnGrve	\$142.35
Pleasant Ridge-Good	\$103.00
New Harmony	\$19.50
Park Hills 1st	\$577.00
Central	\$685.91
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$1,360.93
DeSoto 1st	\$915.00
Stockton	\$96.90
Parkway	\$968.00
Cope	\$42.00
Jones Chapel	\$826.99

Belton	\$307.18
Potosi 1st	\$114.71
Cross Roads - Rich	\$45.72
Cabool	\$338.46
Riverview	\$542.70
Hickory Grove	\$187.00
Oak Hill - Union	\$423.16
Union Light - Marq.	\$169.00
West Plains 1st	\$419.18
St. Francois Assn.	\$16.50
Trinity	\$1,237.38
Happy Home	\$104.68
Copper Mines	\$205.27
Marshfield	\$225.48
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool	\$245.00
Verdella	\$372.23
Farmington	\$1,879.33
Grant Avenue	\$734.88
Crossroads - Wentz.	\$215.00
Richwoods	\$367.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$301.00
Fourth	\$185.00
Wolf Creek	\$281.54
Waynesville 1st	\$355.58
Joplin 1st	\$412.96
Joplin 1st	\$465.24
Grace	\$1,143.00
Wilderness	\$341.00
Bethel - El Dorado Spgs.	\$64.01
Faith - Oak Grove	\$330.69
Faith - Oak Grove	\$198.28
Terrill Rd.	\$218.00
TOTAL	\$36,570.62

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Leadington	\$35.00
Niangua	\$22.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$63.25
New Life Fellowship	\$80.00
Richwoods	\$30.00
N. Ruble	\$45.00
Hartville	\$87.10
Faith & Hope-Aurora	\$35.00
Cuba	\$48.28
Calvary Chapel	\$100.00
United - W. Plains	\$74.63
Blue Springs	\$593.90
Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove	\$35.89
Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove	\$59.36
Lebanon 1st	\$95.00
Myrtle	\$77.00
Belton	\$512.00
Monett 1st	\$1,575.00
Carthage	\$164.00
Beacon	\$1,120.00
Thayer	\$190.00
Union Mission	\$115.51
C. Thompson	\$25.00
Niangua	\$17.00
J. Schebaum	\$15.00
D. Akeman	\$10.00
Monett 1st	\$200.00
Greenfield	\$106.00
United	\$30.00
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
F. Green	\$35.00
Merls Chapel	\$200.00
Eastern Gate	\$168.31
Parkview	\$336.50
Houston 1st	\$256.90
Faith & Hope - Willow Spgs.	\$250.00
Fordland	\$138.00
Hannon	\$590.85
Rock Chapel	\$174.18
Calvary Fellowship	\$804.64
Monett 1st	\$638.00
Faith - St. Louis	\$150.00
Freeman Chapel	\$388.50
Columbia	\$15.00
Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove	\$34.24
Pleasant Ridge - Good	\$45.00
New Harmony	\$97.50
Park Hills 1st	\$230.80
Central	\$264.30
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$145.00
DeSoto 1st	\$350.00
R. Thebeau (DeSoto)	\$15.00
Hickory Grove	\$59.16
Calvary Chapel	\$140.00
Niangua	\$10.00
Lebanon 1st Pri. SS.	\$30.00
Leadington	\$52.50
Union Light - Marq.	\$185.00
Oak Grove - Cabool	\$65.00
West Plains 1st	\$25.00

St. Francois Assn.	\$2,406.98
Calvary Fellowship	\$959.64
Trinity	\$638.08
S. Hart	\$20.00
Union Mission	\$144.36
Faith - Oak Grove	\$30.00
Bethel - Festus	\$119.00
Marshfield	\$40.00
Parkview Mission Grp.	\$60.00
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool	\$100.00
Verdella	\$602.22
Farmington	\$606.34
Grant Avenue	\$380.48
Grant Ave Women SS	\$25.00
Grant Ave Partners	\$25.00
Grant Ave Teen SS	\$8.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Waynesville 1st	\$25.00
Joplin 1st	\$40.00
Joplin 1st	\$20.00
Grace	\$57.50
Viburnum	\$275.50
Niangua	\$15.00
Oak Grove - Norwood	\$98.80
TOTAL	\$18,194.20

STATE HOME MISSIONS

L. Wormington	\$30.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$35.00
N. Ruble	\$5.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora	\$35.00
Cuba	\$96.56
United - W. Plains	\$34.62
Lebanon 1st	\$60.00
Myrtle	\$52.00
Thayer	\$40.00
Cotton Creek	\$218.71
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Eastern Gate	\$20.00
Hannon	\$177.92
Rock Chapel	\$99.03
Calvary Fellowship	\$40.00
Pleasant Ridge - Good	\$25.00
Central	\$10.00
Lebanon Bible & Book	\$190.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$25.00
DeSoto 1st	\$50.00
Oak Hill - Union	\$24.00
Union Light - Marq.	\$56.00
West Plains 1st	\$5.00
Calvary Fellowship	\$20.00
Trinity	\$45.00
Marshfield	\$22.54
Farmington	\$86.66
Grant Avenue	\$102.49
Madison Co. Qty. Mtg.	\$25.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Joplin 1st	\$5.00
Grace	\$25.00
Viburnum	\$10.00
L & J Wormington	\$30.00
TOTAL	\$1,760.53

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Leadington	\$20.00
Buffalo 1st	\$50.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$63.25
New Life Fellowship	\$25.00
Richwoods	\$32.00
N. Ruble	\$10.00
United - W. Plains	\$10.00
Blue Springs	\$20.00
Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove	\$10.00
Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove	\$10.00
Lebanon 1st	\$5.00
Myrtle	\$105.00
Belton	\$95.00
Monett 1st	\$20.00
Carthage	\$93.00
Beacon	\$556.72
Thayer	\$385.00
J.W. Rader	\$20.00
Overland	\$4.00
United	\$10.00
Eastern Gate	\$10.00
Parkview	\$13.00
Faith & Hope - Willow Spgs.	\$50.00
Fordland	\$18.29
Hannon	\$5.00
Rock Chapel	\$45.00
Calvary Fellowship	\$62.54
Columbia	\$10.00
Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove	\$15.68
New Harmony	\$97.50
Park Hills 1st	\$67.70
Central	\$135.15

Mtn. Grove 1st	\$75.00
DeSoto 1st	\$150.00
F. Rogers (DeSoto)	\$10.00
R. White (DeSoto)	\$10.00
G. Youngblood (DeSoto)	\$10.00
DeSoto Chil. Church	\$40.00
Oak Hill - Union	\$21.50
Leadington	\$62.50
Union Light - Marq.	\$35.00
West Plains 1st	\$30.00
St. Francois Assn.	\$1,922.78
Calvary Fellowship	\$35.00
Trinity	\$60.00
Buffalo 1st	\$50.00
Bethel - Festus	\$25.00
Parkview Missions Grp	\$10.00
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool	\$50.00
Verdella	\$85.00
Farmington	\$40.00
Grant Avenue	\$40.00
Wolf Creek	\$32.38
Waynesville 1st	\$25.00
Grace	\$199.25
Viburnum	\$98.00
Oak Grove-Norwood	\$49.40
TOTAL	\$5,239.64

YOUTH CAMP

Buffalo 1st	\$50.00
New Rock Springs	\$10.00
Hartville	\$10.00
Myrtle	\$37.00
Thayer	\$35.00
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Willow Spgs. - Mtn. Grove	\$10.00
Hannon	\$15.00
Calvary Fellowship	\$25.00
Park Hills 1st	\$24.96
Lebanon Bible & Book	\$85.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$10.00
DeSoto	\$50.00
Willoughby (from Kingsway Church - men's bath)	\$2,000.00
Calvary Fellowship	\$25.00
Trinity	\$14.00
Buffalo 1st	\$50.00
Marshfield (golf course)	\$300.01
Parkview Mission Group	\$10.00
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool	\$10.00
TOTAL	\$2,780.97

HILLSDALE FWB COLLEGE

HAVE A HEART FOR HILLSDALE

Thayer	\$40.00
Calvary Chapel	\$82.04
Hannon	\$50.00
Eastern Gate	\$68.31
Central	\$36.00
Oak Hill - Union	\$11.00
Farmington	\$141.66
Grant Avenue	\$6.00
Rock Chapel	\$200.00
Terrill Road	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$735.01

REV. JOHN MCCLURE

Thayer	\$15.00
Monett	\$1,300.00
Carthage	\$22.00
St. Francois Dist.	\$389.01
Farmington	\$30.00
Verdella	\$10.00
Grace	\$37.50
TOTAL	\$1,803.51

FWB BIBLE COLLEGE

Thayer	\$35.00
DeSoto	\$35.00
Parkview Mission Group	\$10.00
Farmington	\$133.33
TOTAL	\$213.33

HOME FOR CHILDREN

Waynesville	\$26.09
Park Hills 1st	\$115.50
DeSoto	\$50.00
Parkview Mission Group	\$10.00
TOTAL	\$201.59

WNAC

Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove	\$14.26
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CALIF. CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington	\$25.00
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CHILDRENS HOME - AL

Myrtle	\$4.50
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Calendar of Events 1994

State Youth Competitive Activities

May 13, 14, 1994

West County Assembly, St. Louis, MO

Senior Adult Retreat

May 16 - 18, 1994

Stonecroft Conference Center, Branson, MO

Missouri State Convention/

Woman's Auxiliary Convention

June 6 - 9, 1994

Civic Center, West Plains, MO

Youth Camp

Teen Camp Group 1, June 12 - 17, 1994

Teen Camp Group 2, June 19 - 24, 1994

Pre-Teen Group 1, July 24 - 29, 1994

Pre-Teen Group 2, July 31 - August 5, 1994

Group 1

Greater Springfield

Bootheel

Indian Creek

Central Western

Mission

Cave Springs

Liberty

Niangua

Laclede

Group 2

Greater Kansas City

Northwest

South Central

Northeast

St. Louis

St. Francois

Mid-Rivers

National Convention, NYC & WNAC

July 17 - 21, 1994

Little Rock, Arkansas

Missouri Woman's Auxiliary Retreat

August 19, 20, 1994

Stonecroft Conference Center

Preacher/Layman's Retreat and All Boards Meeting

September 19, 20, 1994

Youth Camp, Niangua, MO

Suggestion: Put this information on your Church Bulletin Board.

Sunday School Averages August 1993 - January 1994

CHURCHES	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
Belton	72	64	65	65	65	66
Bethel - Festus	49	49	59	58	55	53
Calvary Chapel	77	71	79	72	71	71
Calvary Fellowship	229	232	292	229	218	
Cape Girardeau	87	105	116	84		
Central	63	64	67	68	69	69
Cuba	100	106	108	106	102	112
DeSoto	179	188	185	165	183	172
Farmington	333	323	374	338	370	
Hannon	72	76	81	81	79	81
Harmony		67				66
Hartville	113	104	99		98	
Hopewell	31	27	34	34	33	33
Houston	49	51	54	59	51	51
Jones Creek	18	15	15	12	12	13
Lebanon First	93	103	97	107	111	96
Mill Creek						51
Myrtle	21	28	21	25	27	26
Oskaloosa	10	10	10			
Ozark	26	35	44	44	49	42
Park Hills First	137	147	144	131	131	126
Parkview	54	53	49	42	48	46
Richwoods	30	44	38			
Rock Chapel	66	61	67	64	69	63
Springfield First	112	110	112	108	108	101
Thayer	121	127	121	104	125	117
United, West Plains	199	207	199	209	220	
Unity	44	41	52	40	39	35
Verdella	65	75	72	74	81	69
Willow Springs	60	61	64	66	62	49

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.

Fiftieth Wedding Celebration

A fiftieth wedding celebration will be held for Rev. John and Mrs. Lorene Shebaum, April 10, 1994, at Hengel Hall in Cabool, Mo. from 1:30 p.m. till 4:00 p.m.

Friends and relatives are invited to this event given by Lucille Bell and Stella Hanna.

Omission of gifts is requested.



Rev. John & Mrs. Lorene Shebaum

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