

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

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**Harry Beatty
1911 - 1994**

1993 Foreign Missions Giving

The Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department wishes to thank Free Will Baptists in Missouri for their contributions to the foreign missions ministry during 1993. Out of 2,400 churches nationwide, 124 gave between \$5,000 and \$72,860. Eleven churches in Missouri were among those that gave over \$5,000. They are:

First, Monett	\$18,697.40
Calvary Fellowship, Fenton	11,291.53
Hannon, Liberal	8,971.25
Verdella, Liberal	8,318.18
Grant Ave., Springfield	7,767.58
Trinity, Bridgeton	7,108.31
Freeman Chapel, St. Joseph	6,864.50
Hazel Creek, Kirksville	6,419.69
First, Farmington	6,231.93
First, DeSoto	5,787.00
Fellowship, Park Hills	5,663.00

Thank you for the combined efforts of all churches and individuals in the state which brought total 1993 contributions from Missouri to \$320,423.72.

Ready for His Call

(The following is a testimony printed in "African Breezes," the newsletter from our missionaries in the Ivory Coast.)

My name is Dibe Emmanuel Kambou. I was born in Ondefidou near the village of Bouna. When I was seven years old, I entered school. In 1981 my older brother, Jerome, returned from school for the vacation. When he arrived, he presented the gospel to us. Since my father was a witchdoctor, we made fun of Jerome. After awhile, I began to feel remorse. I knew I was a sinner so I invited the Lord to come into my heart.

I spent four years of Junior High at Bouna and, after the exams, I was admitted and orientated into High School at Bondoukou. I am in my second year here at Bondoukou. The life of a student first of all depends on the situation of your family. If your parents are well off, you will not have any problems. In the other case, you will suffer, especially if you have lost your parents, which is my case. The Lord said that He would not leave us as orphans and this is true in the sense that here at Bondoukou God has given me a parent and it is with him that I live. He assures me of housing and food, but my brothers pay for my school supplies. During the vacations, I help them in their fields.

In my free time, I take the opportunity to speak to my neighbors of the gospel. Evangelization is a necessary task for every Christian. Each day I ask God to direct my path, my words, and my actions so that everything that I do would be for His glory. A piece of isolated charcoal loses its fire. For this reason, I try to be at every church and youth meeting. For my future, I do not know what the Lord has reserved for me, but I will always be ready for His call.

Portrait of Brother Beatty by Jerry Wilson



Melisa Thomas

A Taste of Culture Shock

Have you ever traveled and been unfamiliar with the language in that country? Just asking what time it is can be a monumental task.

Now imagine what missionaries experience abroad. They are not asking for such simple things as time and directions but explaining the Word of God in another language in a culture that, no matter how much study, will never be theirs.

The Ladies Auxiliary at the Monett Free Will Baptist Church experienced a taste of this "culture shock" during their December meeting when guest speaker Melisa Thomas, who grew up in the Monett church, spoke about her experiences teaching English in Japan.

Dressed in a "yukatta" style of kimono, Miss Thomas began by addressing the group in Japanese as an example of the common form of "language immersion" teaching. Only the language being taught is used, and the student must "sink or swim" -- an exhausting, but effective, way to learn.

This was followed by a classroom ballgame in which one "student" asked "o-genki desu ka?" (How are you?) and tossed the ball to an unsuspecting "student" who responded with "Hai, genki desu. Arrigato" (Yes, I'm fine. Thank you). "Genki" is an important cultural word because it also connotes health, cheer, and readiness -- key characteristics for a missionary -- or any Christian, in fact.

Members were then invited to ask Miss Thomas about her experiences and impressions during her 15 month stay in Hamamatsu, Japan. She emphasized that stereotypes were usually incorrect. Asian people most certainly do not look all alike. Not everyone learns karate or flower arranging. Kimonos are usually for formal occasions.

"However, the most important thing I learned," said Miss Thomas, "was not about differences, but similarities. People there have the same general concerns that we do. They care for their families, eat dinner, have fun -- they just carry out the action differently -- and in another language than we do."

As the presentation concluded, missionaries were appreciated anew as members reflected on the linguistic and cultural barriers missionaries face -- and take down for Christ.

All items for publication must be in the hands of the editor *no later than the 10th of the month* preceding the issue month.

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A Tribute to Rev. Harry Beatty



"Today I'm going to give a hallelujah report . . ."

From October 1961 until June 1975, Missouri Free Will Baptists heard those words from Missouri Promotional Secretary Harry Beatty. Not many folks could take a dry statistical report and make it "preach," but Brother Harry Beatty's lively, enthusiastic accounting of the state cooperative plan has brought many a quarterly meeting and state association alive.

Brother Beatty's ministry began in the Thayer, Missouri, area when he was saved at age 19 and called to preach the same night. His first three pastorates were at Rose Hill, Cane Hill, and Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Churches. He pastored the Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church two different times for a total of 14 years.

Brother Beatty always had a missionary heart. Two of his pastorates were new works that he organized. They are Garfield and Thayer. He also pastored Norman, Royal Oaks, Walnut Grove, Clifton, Fredericktown, and two Oklahoma churches: Drumright and Bartlesville.

He counted the summer of 1944 as one of the highlights of his ministry. That summer he helped conduct three revival meetings and saw a total of 100 conversions. Only God knows for sure how many souls have been born again, how many backsliders have been reclaimed, and how many Christians have been encouraged to keep living for the Lord because of Brother Beatty's life; but surely the devil has suffered many a bruise because of the life of this man of God.

It was October 1961, when Brother Beatty became the promotional secretary of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. He was the first man to be elected to that office. During his years in that position, Missouri led all the other states in national cooperative giving most of the time.

On February 27, 1994, Brother Beatty went home to give his final hallelujah report at the throne of God. Surely he is praising the Lord He loved with many of those he pointed to Christ.

A memorial service was held for Brother Beatty on March 2, 1994, at the Carter Funeral Home in West Plains, Missouri. Rev. Glen Murray, pastor of the United Free Will Baptist Church of West Plains, officiated. Brother Murray said that when he thought of Brother Beatty, he thought of a soldier, and truly Brother Beatty was a soldier of the cross.

Harry Howard Beatty, son of the late Robert George Beatty and Dulcena Bonepart Young Beatty, was born August 16, 1911, in Oregon County, Missouri, and died February 27, 1994, in Owasso, Oklahoma, at the age of 82 years, 6 months, and 11 days.

He was united in marriage June 17, 1934, at Alton, Missouri, to Lucille Harrison who preceded him in death October 30, 1990.

He is survived by two children, Kenneth Beatty, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Gordan Beatty, Springfield, Virginia; eight grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and one brother, Harold Dunsmore, Springfield, Missouri.

Missouri Free Will Baptists were blessed by the life and ministry of Rev. Harry Beatty. He loved the Lord and the Free Will Baptist denomination and gave his best to both.

(Information for this article was taken from the June 1975 Gem.)



Rev. Mark Williford

New Pastor at Licking

The first of February saw the New Life Free Will Baptist Church in Licking welcome Rev. Mark Williford as their new pastor. His first Sunday had 112 in attendance for the morning worship service with an offering over \$1,600.

In 1985, Rev. Williford earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. He has served as Youth and Music Minister at churches in Georgia and South Carolina as well as Interim Pastor at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Brunswick, Georgia. His most recent ministry was at the Maranatha Christian School where he taught Bible, science, and history. He has taught for the last four-and-a-half years.

He and his wife, the former Ginny Reeves of Flat River, Missouri, have two boys: Robbie, age 4, and Jaron, 21 months.

Please pray for the Willifords as they minister in Licking.

Ozark Mission News

Missionary Pastor Gary Mitchener reports that the Lord continues to bless the Ozark mission with new families and a steady growth. The Mitcheners desire prayer that the Lord will make them a blessing to those that they endeavor to tell about Him. They have a special need for Sunday School tables and chairs. If anyone would like to give money to help them meet this need, the gift can be sent to the State Office and designated "Ozark Work for Tables and Chairs."

National Day of Prayer

The first Thursday of May

May 5, 1994

Program

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

Theme: "When Thou Prayest - Thy Will Be Done"

Scripture: Matthew 6:9,10

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1994

10:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting United Church
 1:00 p.m. General Board Meeting United Church
 7:30 p.m. **EVENING WORSHIP** Civic Center
 Presiding Rev. Gary Fry, Moderator
 Congregational Singing
 Prayer
 Welcome Rev. Allen Sanders
 Response Rev. Ken Dodson
 Convening the State Association Rev. Rick Dablemont, Clerk
 Congregational Singing
 Worship in Giving
 * Special Music
 Congregational Singing
 * Special Music
 Message Rev. Glenn Murray
 "On Behalf of the Sinner" II Peter 3:9
 Invitation
 Benediction

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 1994

9:00 a.m. General Board Meeting United Church

MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Theme: "You Are The Key" - Matthew 16:19

West Plains Civic Center

Tuesday, June 7, 1994

9:00 a.m. Registration
 9:30 a.m. Congregational Singing
 Prayer
 Welcome Reva Baker
 Response Debbie Beck
 Special Music
 Morning Devotion *"Unlocking Your Heart"* Pinkertons
 Missionaries to Ivory Coast
 Seating of Delegates
 Appointment of Committees
 Greetings from Missionaries and National Ministries
 Recess
 11:00 a.m. Congregational Singing
 Prayer
 Special Music
 Offertory
 Special Music
 Morning Challenge *"Unlocking Your World"* Pinkertons
 Missionaries to Ivory Coast
 Benediction
 1:30 p.m. Congregational Singing
 Skit
 Congregational Singing
 Business Session
 Special Music *"Presenting Our Keys To Unlock The World"* *
 Prayer

* Special Mission Project: You are the key to unlock your world for Christ. Each Auxiliary holds the special combination to reach its city, its state and its world. We are asking each Auxiliary to bring a key with their combination of 10-20-10, which is a total of \$40. This will give \$10.00 to National Home Missions, \$20 to Foreign Missions, and \$10 to Missouri State Home Missions. The keys with each auxiliary pledge will be presented during the afternoon session.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 7, 1994

United Free Will Baptist Church

Workshop:

2:00 p.m. *"Trends In The American Society"* Dr. Alton Loveless

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 7, 1994

7:30 p.m. **EVENING WORSHIP** Civic Center
 Presiding Rev. Frank Giunta
 Congregational Singing
 Prayer
 Congregational Singing
 Special Music
 Worship in Giving
 Special Music
 Message Dr. Melvin Worthington
 "On Behalf of the Saved" Jeremiah 6:16
 Invitation
 Benediction

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 8, 1994

Civic Center

9:00 a.m. Presiding Rev. Gary Fry, Moderator
 Congregational Singing
 Credentials Committee Report
 Seating of Delegates
 Moderator's Message Rev. Gary Fry, Moderator
 Partial General Board Report
 ** Reports: National Offices, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, and California Christian College
 11:00 a.m. **MORNING WORSHIP**
 Presiding Rev. Russell McDaris
 Congregational Singing
 Prayer
 * Special Music
 Congregational Singing
 * Special Music
 Message Rev. Bob Thebeau
 "On Behalf of the Saint" I Corinthians 15:57,58
 Invitation
 Benediction

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 8, 1994

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 8, 1994

7:30 p.m. **EVENING WORSHIP** Civic Center
 Presiding Rev. Kevin Jackson
 Congregational Singing
 Prayer
 Congregational Singing
 Worship in Giving
 * Special Music
 Congregational Singing
 * Special Music

Message..... Rev. Wayne Phillips
 "On Behalf of the Servant" Matthew 28:19-20
 Invitation
 Benediction

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 9, 1994

Civic Center

9:00 a.m. Morning SessionRev. Gary Fry, Moderator
 Congregational Singing
 Devotional Message..... Rev. Melvin Moon
 Reports Continued
 Stewardship Commission
 Historical Commission
 Resolutions Committee
 Obituary Committee
 Placement Committee
 Nominating Committee
 State Association Adjourns
 Benediction

Note:

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

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

Motel Information For Missouri State Convention, June 6 - 9

You will need to make your reservations as early as possible for the state convention.



Way-Station Motel

P.O. Box 278 • Highway 63
 West Plains, Missouri 65775
 417-256-4135

	<u>Upstairs</u>	<u>Downstairs</u>
1 Bed ---- 2 persons	\$40.00 + tax	
2 Beds --- 2 persons	41.00 + tax	\$43.00 + tax
2 Beds --- 3 persons	44.00 + tax	46.00 + tax
2 Beds --- 4 persons	47.00 + tax	49.00 + tax

Please mention you are with the Free Will Baptist Convention when you make your reservations. Reservations must be made on or before May 16, 1994. Reservations made after May 16 will be made on a room available basis.



SUPER 8 MOTEL — WEST PLAINS

1210 Porter Wagoner Blvd. • West Plains, MO 65775 • 417-256-8088

1 Bed ---- 1 person	\$32.29 + tax
1 Bed ---- 2 persons	37.69 + tax
2 Beds --- 2 persons	39.49 + tax
2 Beds --- 3 persons	42.19 + tax
2 Beds --- 4 persons	44.89 + tax

Children under 12 stay free.

Free Toast Bar each morning.

Please mention you are with the Free Will Baptist Convention when you make your reservations. Reservations must be made on or before May 16, 1994. Reservations made after May 16 will be made on a room available basis.

RAMADA INN

P.O. Box 6 - By-Pass 63 & 180 South - West Plains, Mo. 65775 - (417) 256-8191

Single	\$36.00 + tax
Double	47.00 + tax
Triple	54.00 + tax
Quad	61.00 + tax

Please mention you are with the Free Will Baptist Convention when you make your reservations.

Hobo Camp Ground

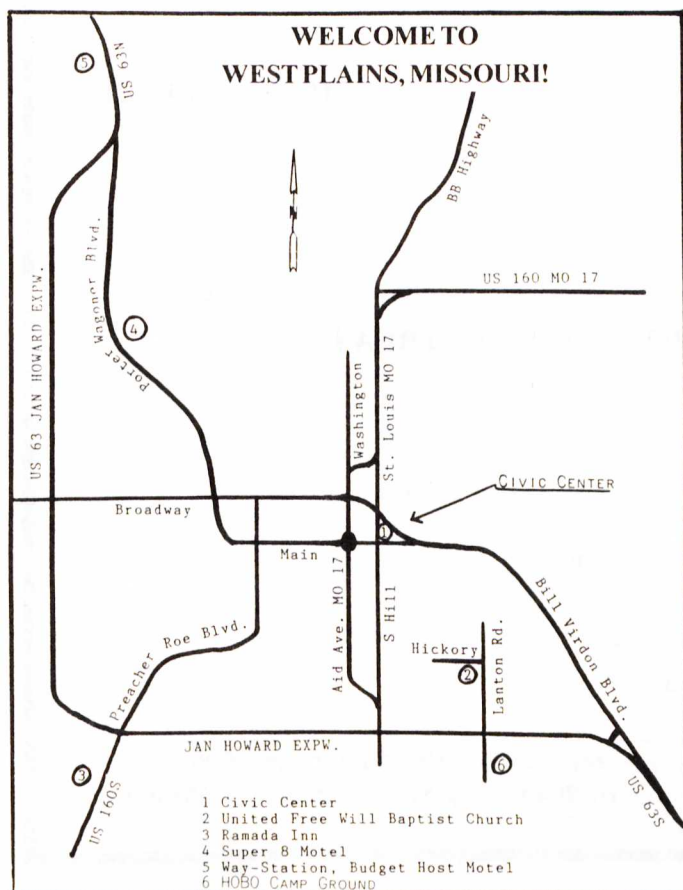
Lanton Rd. (see map)

Phone 417/256-5154

\$8 per night

Electric & Water Hookup

Dump Station



Senior Adult Retreat

sponsored by
Senior Adult Ministries Board

May 16 - 18, 1994

**Stonecroft Conference Center
Branson, Missouri**

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

GREAT SINGING!

Masterpeace Quartet

GREAT PREACHING!

Rev. Charlie Miller
Rev. Glenn Rehkop
Rev. Clarence Burton

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

Dress: Causal

REGISTRATION FORM: SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

Please Print

Name _____ Home Phone () _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Church _____

Please check here if you are willing to stay in a motel.

We will be staying with _____.

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

**Please return Registration form to: Senior Adult Ministries Board, 2040 Osage St., Lebanon, MO. 65536 by
May 1994**



South Central Moderator Don Strausser and Clerk David Brawley Present Check to Hillsdale President Jim Shepherd



New Life Singers



DeSoto Youth Choir

SCA Leadership Conference & Youth Rally

Approximately 150 Free Will Baptists assembled for worship on Saturday morning, February 19, at the Sixth Annual South Central Association Leadership Conference at the Oak Hill Free Will Baptist Church in St. Clair, Missouri. Participants enjoyed the music ministry of the New Life Singers from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College and were blessed by two messages on "Strong Families, Strong Churches, Strong Challenges" brought by Rev. Jim Shepherd, president of Hillsdale.

A noon fellowship meal was enjoyed, followed by more special singing by New Life, then a brief business session. Seven churches of the association gave a combined gift of \$2,414.35 to the college for the annual "Have a Heart for Hillsdale" campaign.

Delegates approved the recommended ordination of Mike Krampf and also gave approval to two scholarships to be presented to students currently enrolled in the Missouri Monitored External Studies program which is being conducted under the oversight of the Christian Education Board in association with Hillsdale at the Cuba Free Will Baptist Church.

Later the same evening, approximately 170 people attended the SCA Teen Youth Rally at Cuba. The rally was well-attended by youth groups from several churches who enjoyed the ministry of the DeSoto Youth Choir as well as singing and skits presented by New Life from Hillsdale. Following the services, the youth enjoyed a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Sunday School Averages September 1993 - February 1994

CHURCHES	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
Belton	64	65	65	65	66	65
Bethel - Festus	49	59	58	55	53	67
Calvary Chapel	71	79	72	71	71	78
Calvary Fellowship	232	292	229	218		
Cape Girardeau	105	116	84		75	
Central	64	67	68	69	69	
Cuba	106	108	106	102	112	114
DeSoto	188	185	165	183	172	187
Farmington	323	374	338	370	339	367
Hannon	76	81	81	79	81	78
Harmony	67				66	72
Hartville	104	99		98	97	93
Hopewell	27	34	34	33	33	33
Houston	51	54	59	51	51	52
Jones Creek	15	15	12	12	13	
Kirksville	28	31	31	28	24	28
Lebanon First	103	97	107	111	96	115
Mill Creek					51	51
Myrtle	28	21	25	27	26	27
Oskaloosa	10	10				
Ozark	35	44	44	49	42	48
Park Hills First	147	144	131	131	126	
Parkview	53	49	42	48	46	44
Richwoods	44	38				
Rock Chapel	61	67	64	69	63	66
Springfield First	110	112	108	108	101	105
Thayer	127	121	104	125	117	126
United, West Plains	207	199	209	220	119	199
Unity	41	52	40	39	35	39
Verdella	75	72	74	81	69	72
Willow Springs	61	64	66	62	49	65

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.



First Free Will Baptist Church in Kirksville recently honored their charter members at the 40th anniversary celebration. From left to right are: Eugene Swisher, Betty Swisher, Dwane Matthew, Lola Matthew, and Julia Mollick.

HAVE A HEART FOR HILLSDALE

Please continue your gifts for Have a Heart for Hillsdale!!!

Gifts that are given through May will go toward Missouri's goal of \$30,000.

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...

- 001 Bible Memorization
- 002 Bible Sword Drill
- 003 Bible Tic Tac Toe
- 004 Bible Bowl
- 008 Turning Point
- 009 Horizon

MUSIC & ARTS...

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

Vocal Ensemble

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

Chorale & Choir

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

Instrumental Solo (not keyboard)

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

Small Instrumental Ensemble (max. 6)

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

Large Inst. Ensemble (Band/Orchestra)

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

Keyboard

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

Oral Communication

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

Creative Writing

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

Multi-Media

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

Creative Arts

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

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YEAR

Record code numbers from left column here →

-
AGE CODE COMPETITION CODE

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

Name of Church

City

State

Pastor's name

Pastor's phone number

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Name of director (or coach)

Director's phone number

() -

Complete the following information for each participant in this entry:

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

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

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

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

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

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

PARTICIPANT'S PLEDGE

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

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

MAIL TO:

Missouri Youth Ministries Board

Curt Gwartney

P.O. Box 444

Park Hills, MO 63601-0444

Signature of Participant or Director (Coach)

USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH ENTRY!

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

An Expression of God's Love by Rev. Keith Garrison

The Lord has truly performed a miracle in the life of Sister Ruth Courtney. Sister Courtney, wife of First Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield's pastor Max Courtney, had a reaction to some medication on January 6th of this year and began suffering asthmatic complications. Rev. Courtney began rushing her to the hospital when, halfway there, her heart and breathing stopped. Calling for an ambulance from a cellular car phone, Rev. Courtney administered CPR until the ambulance arrived. Her breathing and heartbeat could not be regained as she was rushed to St. John's Hospital in Springfield. By the hand of God, a pulse was found after nearly twenty minutes. This miraculous recovery was an inspiration to medics, doctors, and Christians alike. Tests showed no damage to any vital organs; God had truly held her in His arms of safety. Hospitalized for eight days with no major health insurance, Sister Ruth's hospital costs have totaled over \$20,000!

On March 6, 1994, the First Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield held a love benefit for Sister Ruth. An all-day service was held with the evening service dismissed. Rev. Courtney brought a tremendous message in the morning service then dismissed everyone to the fellowship hall for dinner. Members of other churches were on hand to enjoy the good fellowship and delicious food prepared by the ladies of the church. After dinner, Brother Kenneth Larimore welcomed each one, then introduced the Keith Family from the Wolf Creek Free Will Baptist Church. The Sonshine Gospel Singers from Wichita, Kansas, also sang, and the Lord truly blessed hearts with the songs of praise and mercy. An offering was taken for Sister Ruth's medical expenses and totaled over \$4,600. At the end of the service, Rev. Keith Garrison gave an altar call. People came forward to the altars. The service was dismissed with a prayer of thanksgiving offered by Rev. Seth Draper.

We praise God for saving Sister Ruth's life. It was the touch of the Master's hand that healed her and our hearts rejoice.

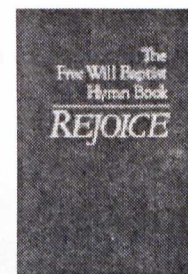
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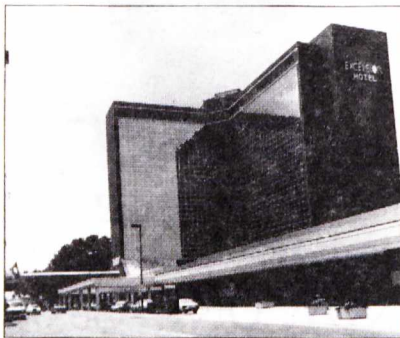
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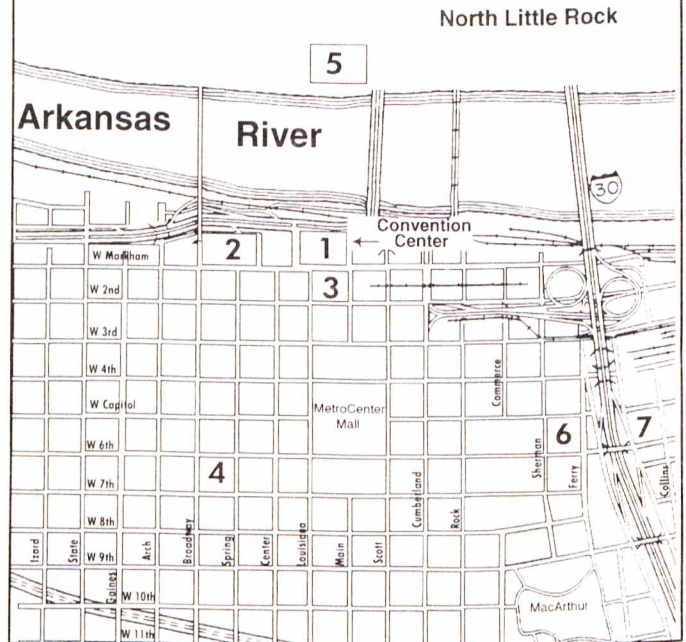
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8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	2,950.58
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.	867.82
2.50% C.E. Board	867.82
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board	867.82
9.00% Mo. State Retirement Program	3,124.14
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	10,587.37
Foreign 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	
(\$105.87 included in \$10,587.37)	
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TOTAL	\$34,712.68

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FEBRUARY 1994

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Victory - Altton	167.55
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Clifton	101.00
Cuba	437.00
Koshkonong	89.44
Calvary Chapel	364.25
Leadington	297.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	20.00
Harmony	577.00
Rolla	110.66
Hartville	489.37
Faith & Hope - Aurora	106.50
Willow Spgs. - Mtn. Grove	221.26
Overland	120.00
O'Fallon 1st	714.62
Pleasant Ridge - Goodson	119.25
Oak Hill - Union	606.41
Myrtle	232.87
Carthage	230.00
Rock Chapel	450.26
Mountain Grove 1st	1,612.19
Neosho 1st	71.25
Thayer	723.00
Tyrone	31.75
Friendship	297.31
Happy Home	113.59
Stockton	127.20
North Five	97.61
Bourbon	69.65
Springfield 1st	906.78
Hurryville	391.60
Olivet	1,000.00

Merls Chapel	221.00
Fourth	290.00
Faith & Hope - Willow Spg	52.34
Ozark 1st	388.03
Eastern Gate	397.16
Verdella	344.00
Houston 1st	383.16
Lebanon 1st	656.27
Central	785.25
Kingsway	339.14
Oak Hill - Fredericktown	75.80
Black Oak	272.12
Belton	420.47
Hopewell - Tunas	137.00
Cross Roads - Richland	165.97
Cross Roads - Richland	221.94
Cabool	324.86
Mt. Zion - Gower	49.00
Columbia	91.00
Marshfield	238.43
West Plains 1st	580.50
Hannon	455.93
Victory - K.C.	190.92
Victory - K.C.	303.44
DeSoto 1st	1,160.00
Monett 1st	808.66
Salem	120.00
Mine La Motte	33.78
New Life - Licking	313.00
Bethel - Festus	360.22
Freeman Chapel	274.29
Fordland	326.35
Parkview	458.68
Park Hills 1st	564.48
Farmington	2,532.39
Federicktown 1st	364.00
Victory Hill	69.22
Potosi 1st	130.52
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Crossroads - Wentzville	352.00
Cape Girardeau 1st	842.51
Wolf Creek	459.08
New Harmony	17.37
Union Light - Marquand	122.00
Chapel of the Ozarks	179.71
Neosho 1st	71.25
Smyrna	220.00
Terrill Road	215.00
Pleasant Hill - Thayer	50.71
Bethel - El Dorado Spgs	71.23
New Rock Springs	96.00
Waynesville 1st	440.80
Grace	1,357.00
Grant Avenue	985.52
Trinity	1,203.86
Unity	165.00
Faith - Oak Grove	236.42
Kirkville 1st	437.04
TOTAL	\$34,712.68

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Union Mission	\$ 145.62
S. Hart	20.00
W. Dixon	60.00
Hartville	97.87
Faith & Hope - Aurora	63.54
Niangua	14.00
O'Fallon 1st	76.30
F. Green	35.00
Pleasant Ridge - Goodson	45.00
Myrtle	80.00
Carthage	194.00
Rock Chapel	173.85
Mountain Grove 1st	344.00
Neosho 1st	20.00
New Testament	50.00
Macedonia Woman's Aux.	550.00
Thayer	192.50
D. Akeman	10.00
J. Schebaum	15.00
Merls Chapel	200.00
Fourth	80.00
Faith & Hope - Willow Spg	125.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
Eastern Gate	179.43
Parkview Mission Group	60.00
Verdella	479.00
Richwoods	30.00
Houston 1st	222.00
Lebanon 1st	100.00
Central	306.00
C. Thompson	25.00
Mt. Zion - Gower	135.00
Columbia	15.00

Marshfield	45.00
West Plains 1st	25.00
Blue Springs	245.50
Leadington	40.00
Hannon	670.93
Victory - K.C.	112.00
Victory - K.C.	106.00
DeSoto 1st	350.00
Friend's & Co. (DeSoto)	10.00
K. Minor (DeSoto)	20.00
B. Thebeau (DeSoto)	30.00
Monett 1st	755.00
Niangua	18.00
Bethel - Festus	111.75
Freeman Chapel	429.50
Faith - St. Louis	75.00
Calvary Chapel	250.00
Oak Grove - Cabool	65.00
Fordland	109.00
Parkview	341.00
Park Hills 1st	225.80
Farmington	622.32
Greenfield	114.00
New Harmony	86.86
Union Light - Marquand	165.00
Calvary Fellowship	759.64
Neosho 1st	237.00
New Testament	85.00
Macedonia Woman's Aux.	650.00
Waynesville 1st	25.00
Niangua	15.00
Oak Grove - Norwood	102.08
N. Ruble	40.00
Grace	57.50
Grant Avenue	535.60
Grant Ave. Women's SS	25.00
Grant Ave Prayer Partners	16.50
Grant Ave Tenn SS Class	7.45
Trinity	736.54
Faith - Oak Grove	30.00
C. Brawley	50.00
Kirkville 1st	27.38
TOTALS	\$12,575.46

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Lebanon Bible and Book	\$ 190.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora	63.54
O'Fallon 1st	76.30
Pleasant Ridge - Goodson	25.00
Oak Hill - Union	21.00
Myrtle	47.00
Rock Chapel	126.79
Mountain Grove 1st	25.00
New Testament	20.00
Macedonia Woman's Aux.	50.00
Thayer	42.50
Madison Co. Qty Mtg	25.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
Eastern Gate	20.00
Richwoods	5.00
Lebanon 1st	10.00
Central	10.00
Marshfield	23.84
West Plains 1st	30.00
Hannon	227.96
DeSoto 1st	50.00
Victor's CTS (DeSoto)	20.00
Fordland	3.45
Farmington	10.00
Union Light - Marquand	56.00
New Testament	20.00
Macedonia Woman's Aux.	50.00
L. Wormington	30.00
N. Ruble	10.00
Grace	30.00
Grant Avenue	29.00
Trinity	55.00
Kirkville 1st	12.37
TOTAL	\$1,424.75

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Overland	\$ 4.00
O'Fallon 1st	76.30
Oak Hill - Union	26.50
Myrtle	123.00
Carthage	103.00
Rock Chapel	45.00
Mountain Grove 1st	250.00
New Testament	75.00
Thayer	162.50
Faith & Hope - Willow Spg	25.00
Eastern Gate	10.00
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
Verdella	20.00

Richwoods	37.00
Central	40.00
J.W. Rader	20.00
Columbia	10.00
West Plains 1st	30.00
Blue Springs	20.00
Leadington	20.00
Hannon	5.00
Victory - K.C.	45.00
DeSoto 1st	150.00
F. Rogers (DeSoto)	20.00
R. White (DeSoto)	20.00
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DeSoto Children's Church	80.00
Bethel - Festus	25.00
Fordland	5.00
Parkview	13.00
Park Hills 1st	66.45
Farmington	70.00
Wolf Creek	26.05
New Harmony	86.86
Union Light - Marquand	35.00
Calvary Fellowship	126.20
New Testament	70.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Waynesville 1st	25.00
R. Keith	20.00
Oak Grove - Norwood	51.04
N. Ruble	10.00
Grace	125.00
Grant Avenue	31.00
Trinity	55.00
TOTALS	\$2,337.90

REV. JOHN McCLURE

Thayer	\$ 10.00
Macedonia Woman's Aux.	100.00
Fourth	20.00
Monett	55.00
Farmington	25.00
Grace	17.50
TOTAL	\$227.50

YOUTH CAMP

Lebanon Bible & Book	\$ 85.00
Hartville	10.00
Willow Spgs - Mtn. Grove	10.00
Myrtle	37.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	10.00
Thayer	37.50
Ozark	10.00
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
Hannon	15.00
DeSoto	50.00
Park Hills 1st	23.86
Calvary Fellowship	25.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Trinity	14.00
TOTAL	\$387.36

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Macedonia Woman's Aux.	\$1,000.00
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CALIF. CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington	\$25.00
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CHILDREN'S HOME - AL

Myrtle	\$40.93
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WORLD VISION

Victory - K.C.	\$10.00
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FWB BIBLE COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 37.50
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
DeSoto	35.00
Farmington	133.33
TOTAL	\$215.83

HOME FOR CHILDREN - TN

Parkview Mission Group	\$ 10.00
DeSoto 1st FWB	125.00
Park Hills 1st FWB	26.00
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Thayer	\$1,042.50
Oak Hill - Union	50.55
Eastern Gate	79.43
Central	45.00
Hannon	50.00
Victory - K.C.	66.68
Calvary Chapel	1,000.00
Farmington	141.66
St. Louis Dist.	200.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
TOTAL	\$2,683.82

Fix it Before it Breaks by Rev. Jerry Norris

All my life I have heard the statement, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." I have sincerely used that statement. If something is going along all right, just leave it alone. As long as it does well, don't tamper with it. It is only recently that I have come to realize the folly of such a statement. I don't know whether we realize it or not, but every company that does well fixes it BEFORE it breaks. If you wait until it breaks, you have waited too long. In the business world, we can site IBM. IBM was long the dominant force in its field. "Big Blue" feared no one; everyone feared them. However, last year, we saw IBM take a nosedive. They began downsizing for the first time. They cut their dividend for the first time. Their stock tumbled from over 100 to under 50. It was not a pleasant experience for this mighty company, but *they waited until it was broken to fix it.*

What am I saying? We must improve something, even when it is doing well. It might do our churches well to have a "research and development department" in order to continually improve Sunday School, music program, Shepherd ministry, Master's Men, Woman's Auxiliary, Senior Adult program, and youth ministry. Let's don't wait until it's broken, and then try to fix it. Let's keep improving it to the point where it won't ever get broken!

I think one of the present and future trends is QUALITY. I do not believe future generations will be as forgiving for shoddy workmanship as the past generations. This whole concept is illustrated in our U. S. automobile industry. In the fifties and sixties, "Made in America" meant quality, while "Made in Japan" meant cheap junk. However, in the fifties an American named W. Edwards Deming went to Japan to sell his Total Quality philosophy. Why did he go to Japan? Because America wouldn't listen to him. Remember, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." The auto industry in America was the best in the world. It didn't need fixing. **But it was broke in Japan**, and they listened to Deming. We saw what happened in the seventies and early eighties. Our American

auto industry was drowning in red ink. Japan became the world leader in the auto industry. Why? Because they embraced Deming's "Total Quality" concepts. To this day they give an annual "Deming Prize." Their automobiles outperformed ours by incredible margins. America tried to explain it away, but the bottom line was **Japan was building better automobiles than we were!** When this finally dawned on us, we began to emphasize Total Quality. The result? **Today, America is selling cars to the Japanese.** We have once again become a leader in the industry. What put us there? QUALITY!

But we are involved in a far more important business than making computers or automobiles; we are in the business of reaching and teaching men and women for the Master.

I do not believe that a church can reach this current generation with shoddy workmanship. I believe when people come to our churches they want to see good and clean facilities, a clean and well-staffed nursery, well-prepared teachers, well-prepared sermon, well-presented music, good programming, etc. You get the idea? We may not be able to do all the great programs that many churches do, but we must do what we do well! That is difficult for those of my age niche and older to comprehend. We see church the way we have always seen church, but I think we must see church through the eyes of the people whom we are trying to reach.

Many people make their decisions to return to church before they even park their car in the church parking lot. Directional signs, parking facilities, landscaping, the outward condition of the buildings, all play a significant role in whether or not they will return.

I read a phrase the other day that has stayed in my mind -- "continuous improvement." It doesn't have to be tremendous improvements as long as it is gradual and continual. I believe that is what we must always be doing if we are to be successful in building a church that will glorify God.

Musings of a Country Preacher

Attendance at worship last Sunday was a mite poorly. I don't reckon I ought to grumble, because I had a bunch of sick members; and when you add to that all of my shut-ins, we don't have a site of pew fillers. So, I went ahead and preached to what I had. Only thing was the echo in the near empty church building hurt my ears.

My wife said I needed to get out, ride awhile, and let the fresh air clear my head. It made me feel real good inside. What I saw made me rejoice; I saw miracle after miracle!

Old Hezekiah who had been deathly sick that morning was roused up and riding down the highway with his fishing poles. Nothing but a miracle could have rescued Hezekiah from the jaws of death in such a short time.

Now there's Rufe's brother. Rufe told me Sunday morning his brother's back was in such foul shape they were afraid that an operation was gonna be necessary. Well, we remembered him in our prayer, and lo and behold at two o'clock there he was at the driving range hitting golf balls. If that wasn't a quick recovery, then I don't know what is.

All told, about 20 of my sick folks had roused up and was taking nourishment in some form or other. But what made me really happy was to see so many of my shut-ins out riding around and enjoying the world.

Hezekiah's pa, who don't attend worship "cause he can't stand crowds," was headed for the baseball game. Sister Nell's mama, who can't come on account of her kidneys, stood in line for two hours to get into the picture show. Yes sir, it sure thrilled my heart to see what I saw!

I ought to have a packed house next Sunday with all my sick folks being healed and my shut-ins set free. I just hope they don't overdo themselves and have a relapse before next Sunday.

I gotta go now and play with my smallest young'un. He is gonna be a farmer, and I'm gonna be the goat. Tin cans will be easy to eat after what I have swallowed!

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