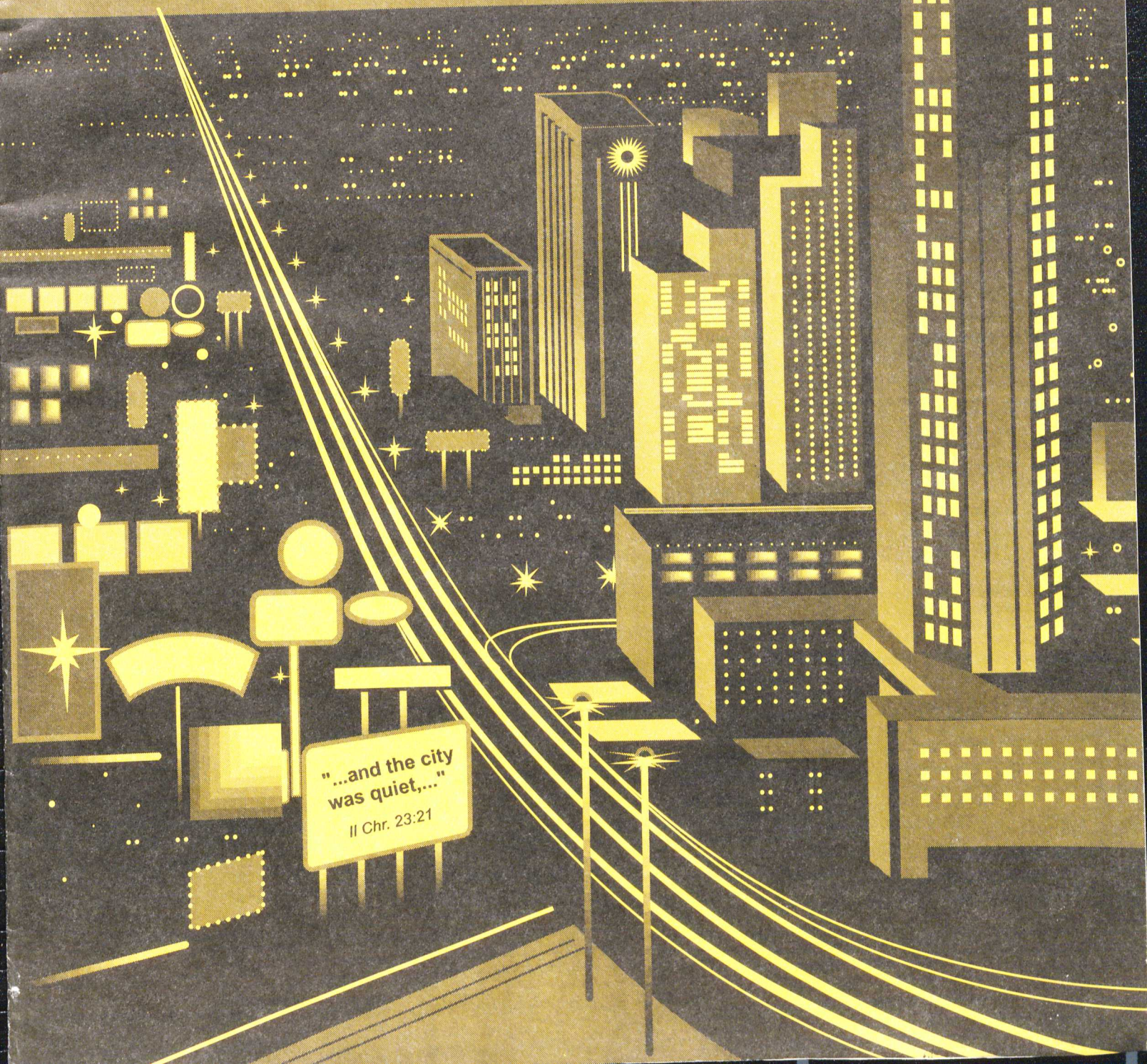


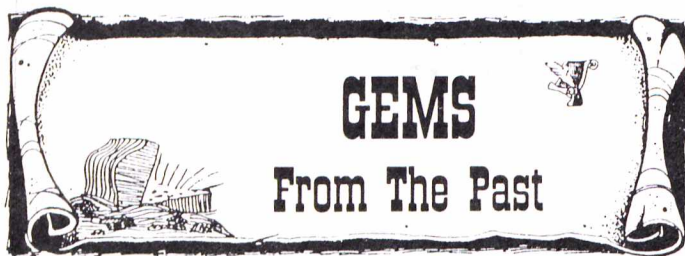
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My Son, Give Me

by Rev. R. Wilfong

(This "Gem from the Past" is taken from the December 1955 Gem.)

A young man came running to Jesus one day with a question on his lips and in his heart, and in dealing with this boy "Jesus beholding him loved him." To me, there is an indication here of a special love in the heart of our Lord Jesus for young people. We know that His love is a world-wide love and that it takes in every creature, but this instance of the Saviour's love is something different, something other than the general feeling and compassion that He had for those around Him. From this I like to go on to think that there is something special and different in the Lord's love for every young person. He has a special concern for kids.

Now if all this be true, there is a challenge here for the young people to return that love with something. Remember that the Word says to everyone, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind;" how can our love and dedication to Him be anything else than the best that He asks of everyone?

As this special challenge to youth finds a theme in "My Son, give me:", look with me at some of the things He would like to have from us and really has a right to expect in our lives.

He says, "My Son, give me thine heart." Our heart is the thing we love with, isn't it? If I have a sweetheart, I tell her that I love her with all of my heart. Then the heart becomes the seat of the affections. This life of a Christian is really a life of love, then our lives are to be marked by the love of our hearts, and that's the reason the Lord asks for our hearts. We are to give Him all of our affections so that we love Him with all our heart, with all our soul, all our mind, and with all our strength. The thing that He wants first and last is our hearts.

Here's something else. Proverbs 23:15-17, "My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart will rejoice, even mine. Yea, my reins shall rejoice when thy lips speak right things. Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long." Look at what it says now, "If thine heart be wise," God says, "my heart shall rejoice." I remember another scripture that tells us this, "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding." Then turn to Job 28:12-28 and find a problem and a solution that runs something like this, "But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding? . . . God understandeth the way thereof, and He knoweth the place thereof . . . And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." Then back of that wisdom and back of that understanding, somewhere behind the fear of the Lord and the departing from evil are our hearts.

Behind the happiness of the man that findeth wisdom is the heart of that person who has learned to love the Lord.

Take your Bible and concordance, and search the passages that have to do with our hearts. You can see just how important our hearts are to the Lord. Here is just a sample of some of the words: Matt. 12:34 "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Matt. 15:19 "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts." Acts 11:23 Barnabas exhorted the Christian in Antioch, "that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord." Which makes me think, what is the purpose of our hearts? What is the purpose of my heart? What is the purpose of your heart? Is it that we would cleave unto the Lord. That we would love Him with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our minds, and with all our strength? Our hearts are important to Him. Isn't He saying to us over and over, "My Son, give me thine heart."

In the epistle to the Ephesians, Paul prays, "that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith." When we are saved by faith, the Lord Jesus comes into our hearts, so apparently He stays there by faith. Then we Christian young people may truly say that Christ lives in our hearts. But something follows that, because the Christian life for us becomes simply the result of the Church in our hearts coming out in our lives. And that is really what God wants and why He is saying to us, "My Son, give me thine heart."

All of this makes our Christian life a life of service, so that He can say to us, "My Son, give me thy strength." Youth is the time of strength. Youth is marked by power, by vigor, by enthusiasm. The wise man of Proverbs said, "The glory of young men is their strength." Now look, with a mission to win the world to the Saviour, the Lord of the Christian Church needs strong, going Christians. He needs strong, doing Christians. Most important, He needs them today. He needed them yesterday that is true, and He may need them tomorrow, but **Today** is the day of salvation. Yesterday is gone and will never return, tomorrow may never get here, so if the mission of the church is to be completed it must be completed today. Remember that the Lord has no hands but our hands, no feet but our feet, no lips but our lips, to take the gospel to every creature. That is the reason the Word says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be ye not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect, will of God."

But as you yield to the Lord your strength, remember that the Psalmist said, "The Lord will give strength unto his people;" and "the Lord is the strength of my life." That tells me that as our strength is poured out to Him and to His will, He replenishes the supply of fuel, fills the tank again, that we may be able to keep on keeping on.

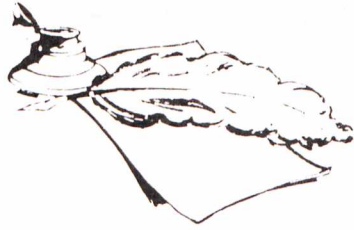
God says, "My Son, give me thy youth." Youth signifies freshness and purity. Remember, "in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth." Now use that freshness of your life for the glory of the Lord Jesus before it becomes stained. The best part of our lives is not good enough for the Saviour who came that we might have life and that we might have it more abundantly, then how can we present to Him anything else than the very best part of our lives, that those lives might live for Him.

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Nathan Ruble



From The Desk of The Executive Secretary

The 81st session of the Missouri State Convention of Free Will Baptists is now a part of our history. The events of the four days spent in West Plains, Missouri, will linger in our memories for a long time. Four hundred and forty-seven people registered and were blessed of the Lord.

The speakers, Glenn Murray, Melvin Worthington, Bob Thebeau, Wayne Phillips, Lee Neil, and Melvin Moon, encouraged the people to pray as they developed the theme of the convention, "When Thou Prayest - Thy Will Be Done." They admonished the people to pray for the sinner, the saved, the saint, and the servant. The messages and devotions were anointed of the Lord as each magnified God and edified the people.

Convention music was outstanding. Jerry Pilgrim and David Bates led the congregational singing in an enthusiastic manner that made you want to join in. Michael Garner directed the Convention Choir. They provided special music for two evening services and the music lifted our hearts with gladness and praise. There are plans to have a men's corral next year. The instrumental music provided by David and Stephanie Brawley was exceptional. Their faithfulness in providing music for all the services is greatly appreciated. Special music was provided by several people representing different parts of the state work. Each individual and group inspired the listeners and added to the blessings of the convention.

The State Officers, Moderator Gary Fry, Assistant Moderator Ken Dodson, Clerk Rick Dablemont, Assistant Clerk Bob Warner, expeditiously led the convention through the business sessions. State and National reports were heard and approved. The state officers were reelected for another year. The only new board member elected to serve was Howard Anderson as he was elected to serve on the Youth Ministries Board. Roger Harwell, Pam Hutson, and Richard Robinson were elected to represent Missouri on the Hillsdale College board of trustees. Three Resolutions were adopted by the convention. One expressed opposition to the EEOC and other government agencies that make policies or rules that would infringe upon religious freedoms and practices. One stipulated that song sheets be provided for all the services of the state convention. One recommended a standing vote of thanks for the Cave Springs Association for hosting the State Convention. The North East Association invited the State Convention to come to Kirksville in 1995, and this was approved by the body.

The Cave Springs Association is to be commended for the manner in which it hosted the '94 Convention. The facilities were excellent and the workers excelled in carrying out their responsibilities. Janie King and the ladies who served with her at the registration tables are to be complimented for a job well done.

Ronnie Blanks and the ushers who served with him were in their places when they were needed and are worthy of praise. Our thanks is also extended to the United Church for the loan of its building during the meeting.

Each year as we meet to conduct state business, we are reminded of our differences and our unity. Because of our unity we are able to disagree while exercising tolerance and respect for the other person's position. May God continue to bless Missouri Free Will Baptists with individuality and love for the brethren.

Sunday School Averages January 1994 - June 1994

CHURCHES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Belton	66	65	66	64	56	
Bethel - Festus	53	67	66	64	62	60
Calvary Chapel	71	78	82	81	73	76
Calvary Fellowship	236	242	337			
Cape Girardeau	75	99	132	91	78	81
Central	69					
Cuba	112	114	124	120	115	113
DeSoto	172	187	200	184	178	175
Farmington	339	367	408	387	351	343
Hannon	81	78	83	81	83	73
Harmony	66	72	81	72	60	59
Hartville	97	93		101	91	96
Hopewell	33	33	33	33	29	30
Houston	51	52	59	61	51	54
Jones Creek	13		13	18	13	15
Kirksville	24	28				
Lebanon First	96	115	118	115	111	107
Mill Creek	51	51	51	55	46	44
Monett	110	110	110			
Myrtle	26	27	26	27	32	27
Ozark	42	48	50	59	50	50
Park Hills First	126	130	141	134	136	
Parkview	46	44	42		41	
Richwoods	32	35				
Rock Chapel	63	66	77		67	
Springfield First	101	105	123	102	105	113
Thayer	117	126	146	132	126	115
United, West Plains	199	228	203	206	200	
Unity	35	39	44	37		37
Verdella	69	72	73	75	78	67
Willow Springs	49	65	61	72	66	60

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.

Mission Association Bible Conference

September 15 & 16, 1994

First FWB Church, Mtn. Grove

7:00 p.m.

Oklahoma Ministers Quartet
Preaching and Singing

MISSIONARY NEWS

GENTUSO GAZETTE

Since arriving in Cote d'Ivoire, the Gentuso family has experienced their fair share of trials. First, their car was stolen -- before they even got to see it! Obviously, this complicated their plans to go up country to Doropo, and they were left "stranded" in Abidjan for two weeks. Next, John broke out with chicken pox (Stephen had them two weeks before) -- and Stephen fell and cut his head (yes, Dr. Paul's first patient at the hospital was his own son).

The car was eventually found, but had been totaled by the thieves. Added to this, they even lost the only shade tree in their back yard. A gale force wind blew the stately Niri tree over, just hours after the boys' new swing had been hung from its branches! Fortunately, the tree will provide lots of needed firewood for local cooking fires. In spite of the trials that they've been facing, the Gentuso family is already actively involved in ministry.

BAILEYS IN JAPAN

The time is quickly approaching for us to return to the U.S. Our daughter, Tracey, will be graduating from high school on June 10, and our plans are to return soon after that. Please pray with us that we will have a smooth trip and reentry into the States.

PLUNKETT UPDATE

We are now well into the third trimester (the second for us) of the school year here and we are feeling much more comfortable with our responsibilities. Please pray for Lloyd's health. He had malaria and shingles within a month.

THE BUNCHES

We wanted to be back in Panama by June to share the gospel and train and encourage Christians in Parita and Chitre. God has changed our plans and He is always right. Thank you for praying for: Jonathan -- the ear reconstruction went great. He has future hearing tests. Alicia -- Dr. Puckett (plastic surgeon) will do surgery August 1, and Dr. Gaines will do the bone surgery six weeks later. Amanda -- her reading has improved and she loves to read.

"MOORE" PRAISE

Praise the Lord for those who have been saved and are now seeking to be baptized: 24 at Bondoukou and over 40 in nearby villages. Praise the Lord for the opening of the regional Bible Institute at Bondoukou and all the excitement that it has created in the area.

VANDIVORTS

Louise and I and our family have ministered in Flagstaff for 18 years. We believe that it is urgent for us to be able to build a building on our own property in order for our church to grow to self-supporting status in this isolated mission field. I wish you could meet our people, some of whom have key contacts with three different Native American Tribes. These tribes represent 300,000 people.

Louise has received good reports from her latest series of cancer tests. Please remember the Vandivorts as you pray. Louise's mother, Bessie Underwood, went home to be eternally with her beloved Savior, Jesus Christ, June 5.

HOWARD GWARTNEYS

Our church attendance is still holding up over last year! However, we're still having a little difficulty financially. We still have to do \$40-\$50,000 worth of parking lot paving and street improvements, landscaping, etc., in order to meet the city requirements.

Ozark Mission News



First Free Will Baptist Church of Ozark

Missionary Pastor Gary Mitchener reports that the Lord continues to direct and bless the First Free Will Baptist Mission in Ozark. The church celebrated its first anniversary, July 10, with special all day services and have four people to baptize in July. Sunday School attendance now averages in the 50's and morning worship attendance averages in the 70's.

The church has relocated to 201 East Church on the Northeast corner of the square in Ozark. The new building has given much needed Sunday School space and room to continue to grow. Pray that the old property will sell and that God will anoint the people and the services. The goal of the church is to pay for the building as soon as possible in order to be able to give more to the Missouri Cooperative Plan and Missions. If you would like to help, please designate your offering for the "Ozark Building."

If you are visiting or vacationing in the Ozark area, come and visit. Services are as follows:

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

The Mitchener's home address is 801 North 12th Street, Ozark, MO 65721. Telephone numbers are: Home, 417/581-3758; Church, 417/581-5246.

New Missionaries in Columbia

The Rev. Gary Junge family moved to Columbia, Missouri, June 10, 1994. This fine family is serving under the direction of the Missouri State Home Mission Board as tent makers to rebuild the work at the Columbia Free Will Baptist Church.

Brother Junge writes: God has already opened numerous doors of ministry. There has been an increase in attendance, especially among the children. We praise God for what He has done and even more for what He will do. Pray that God will continue to bless and provide the help we will need to minister to the growing needs of the community.

If you have family or friends in the Columbia area that you would like Brother Gary to contact, send their name, address, and phone number to the address listed below.

Columbia Free Will Baptist Church
3316 Rock Quarry Rd.
Columbia, MO 65201

Fall Monitored External Studies

The Missouri Christian Education Board, in cooperation with Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, will be offering Monitored External Studies classes again this fall. Missouri currently has two mini-campus sites. One is located at the Victory Free Will Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri. Rev. Mark Braisher serves as the primary instructor at that location. The second site is the Cuba Free Will Baptist Church in Cuba, Missouri. Rev. Rick Dablemont and Rev. Jay Tilson serve as the instructors for the classes offered there.

Students may enroll in the program for college credit with options of completing a 30-hour Bible certificate. They also have the option of enrolling on an "auditing" basis with the opportunity of earning a 12-hour Christian Workers Certificate or a 30-hour Advanced Certificate from the Missouri Christian Education Board.

In the Kansas City area, classes are scheduled to begin on August 29th. Two classes are being offered there for the Fall 1994 semester:

(1) **"The Life and Writings of Paul,"** which is a survey of the basic events in the life of the Apostle Paul and an introduction of his writings.

(2) **"Church History I,"** a survey of the development of the Christian church from the end of the apostolic age to the Protestant Reformation.

Classes are scheduled to begin on September 6th at the Cuba site. The following classes are slated for the Fall 1994 semester:

(1) **"Homiletics,"** which deals with the science and art of sermon preparation and delivery. It is designed to assist the ministerial student to present a gospel message in a clear and meaningful way.

(2) **"Evangelism,"** which is designed to acquaint the student with the need for evangelism and with various methods of witnessing.

Tuition for any one of these courses for college credit is \$120.00 plus the cost of textbooks, workbooks, and any other class-related materials needed. Tuition for auditing students is \$60.00 per class plus textbooks, workbooks, and any other class-related materials needed. [Most college external studies programs would cost three times this amount for per course.]

To enroll for the fall semester, contact one of the instructors, or you may enroll directly through Hillsdale.

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c/o Dr. Thomas Marberry
P. O. Box 7208
Moore, OK 73153
Phone: (405) 794-6661

Mark Braisher
4236 North Spruce
Kansas City, MO 64117
Phone: (816) 454-2066

Jay Tilson
55 Chinkapin Ln.
Lonedell, MO 63060
Phone: (314) 629-0213

Rick Dablemont
405 South Phillips
Cuba, MO 65453
Phone: (314) 885-3543

YOU'RE IN THE ARMY NOW: FIGHTING SPIRITUAL BATTLES

by Warren W. Wiersbe

My wife and I were in flight to a Bible conference when she asked, "What series are you preaching this week?"

I hesitated and then replied, "I think I'll do a series on Satan."

She pursed her lips, pondered my answer for a minute, and said, "Every time you preach about Satan, something happens. You should have told me sooner so I could have lined up more people to pray for us."

She was right -- preaching and teaching about Satan (and against Satan) is like declaring war. Whenever God's people learn how they can detect and defeat their adversary, he usually goes to work to confuse and discourage them. Peter warned, "Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (I Peter 5:8).

Respect your enemy. Peter didn't tell us to run and hide or to stand and shake, even though that's probably what most of us would do if we heard a lion roaring nearby. He told us to face facts: 1) We have an enemy, 2) The enemy is stronger than we are in ourselves, and 3) He would kill us if he could. Christians should respect the

devil the way they respect fire, high-voltage electricity, and land mines. Jesus taught us to pray "deliver us from the evil one" in Matthew 6:13. He wouldn't have said that if Satan weren't a dangerous enemy.

Beware of footholds! "Do not give the devil a foothold," Paul warned in Ephesians 4:27; and verses 20-32 of that chapter list some of those footholds: lying, anger, stealing, bitterness, grudges, slander, and an unforgiving spirit. When Satan finds one of those in somebody's life, it gives him a place to settle down and go to work.

It's my conviction that Satan works primarily in the mind, just as he did with Eve (II Corinthians 11:3). His chief weapon is deception because he's a liar (John 8:44). If we lie about the footholds in our lives and refuse to deal with them, we're playing right into Satan's hands.

We fight from victory. One of my favorite Old Testament characters is Joshua. I especially like the scene before the battle of Jericho when Joshua met the Lord. If this event isn't familiar to you, read Joshua 5:13-6:2. Notice how the Lord prepared him for the battle: *He reminded him that he was second in command!* The Lord

had already won! All Joshua had to do was obey orders and trust God for the victory.

As Christians, we don't fight for victory so much as from victory -- the victory that Jesus Christ has already won. Keep in mind that you are seated with Him "far above all rule and authority, power and dominion" (Ephesians 1:21). Jesus' victory is your victory!

Dressed for conflict. In 1586, the English poet Sir Philip Sidney was leading a military attack in the Netherlands when he saw that his friend wasn't wearing any leg armor. Sidney removed his leg armor, and during the attack, he was struck in the leg by a bullet and died.

Paul wrote in Ephesians 6:11, "Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." As an important part of my devotional time, I put on the "full armor" of God, piece by piece. Be sure you're wearing the armor by faith or you may become a casualty in the battle.

Born winners! When you were born the first time, you were born "in Adam" and were therefore a loser. But when you were

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born again through faith in Jesus Christ, you were born a winner. "For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith" (I John 5:4). "But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 15:57).

Whether Satan comes against us as the liar (Genesis 3), the destroyer (Job 1-2), the boaster (II Samuel 24), or the accuser (Zechariah 3, Revelation 12:10), we have the victory in Jesus Christ if we remember that we are second in command. Jesus is the captain of the Lord's hosts, and He has never yet lost a battle.

You are God's Joshua. Prepare for conflict and win the battle. The devil is going to fight you, but he's already a defeated enemy. "What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God be for us, who can be against us?"

On to victory!

(This article is courtesy of David C. Cook Publishing Company).



Bro. Bill & Sis. Kay Gilkerson

New Pastor at Buffalo

by Pauline Clayton

First Free Will Baptist Church in Buffalo recently welcomed Reverend Bill Gilkerson as their new pastor. Along with his wife, Kay, Rev. Gilkerson came to Buffalo from the Longview Church in Purdy, Missouri.

In February of this year, Rev. Gilkerson joined the Free Will Baptist Association and began his pastorate at Buffalo after ministering in the Fundamental Methodist organization since 1974.

Pray for the Gilkersons and the Buffalo church as they labor together for the Lord.



Bro. Richard & Sis. Betty Robinson

Surprise Celebration

Can one hundred people keep a secret? Yes!! The First Free Will Baptist Church of Joplin surprised their pastor, Brother Richard Robinson, and his wife, Sister Betty Robinson, on the tenth anniversary of their pastorate. Rev. Robinson delivered his first sermon as pastor of the church on June 3, 1984.

Rev. Dale Skiles, pastor of the South Fremont Church in Springfield, was the guest speaker for the special celebration held June 5, 1994. Brother Skiles was Brother Richard's pastor when he was saved and when he answered the call to preach. Brother Dale used Psalms 119:121-128 as his text for the morning message. He stressed the importance of a minister being a servant to the Lord and a servant to his congregation. The First Church congregation feels that Brother Richard and Sister Betty meet those standards in their service.

The church was decorated with banners, and two bulletin boards displayed pictures of the events that have happened since the Robinsons have been in Joplin. The Robinsons were presented gift certificates and love offerings and were served a bounteous luncheon. It was a wonderful day with the church expressing its thanks for a loving pastor and his family.

RUBY LINTON HOME WITH THE LORD

by Ruth Wilkerson

Funeral services for Ruby Ann Linton were held on June 6, 1994, at Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church. Reverend Robert Long conducted the service.

Ruby Ann Patton was born January 3, 1907, in Barry County, Missouri, to Thomas A. and Saphronia (Birkes) Patton and departed this life on June 2, 1994. On July 31, 1928, she was united in marriage to Franklin Linton. To this union, five children were born.

Survivors include her children and their spouses: Frank and Joan Linton; Peggy and J. R. Clopp; Vera and Ray Cain; Don and Jeanette Linton; and Ruth and Bob Wilkerson. Other survivors include a brother, H. P. Patton, as well as nineteen grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. Ruby was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, her parents, five sisters, one brother, one son-in-law, and one granddaughter.

The grandsons served as casketbearers and the granddaughters served as honorary casketbearers. Though the services were held during a torrential rainfall, a beautiful sun had broken through as the granddaughters exited the church.

Ruby was a kind and loving mother and grandmother as well as a willing helpmeet to her husband. A schoolteacher in her early years, she later retired from the garment industry. She assisted her husband as he pastored 22 Free Will Baptist churches, notably Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church in Tunas for 29 years, and where she was a faithful member.

Ruby had waited twelve years to join her husband in Heaven. We know there is great rejoicing in Glory.

Isn't it time that you did more with your life?

Isn't it time that you changed your world?

Life is more than waiting to die. Maybe

it's time for you to.....

CONFERENCE!
The Missouri State Youth
November 18-19, 1994
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Assembly

**With Will Harmon, pastor of the Oak Park
FWB Church in Pine Bluff, AR.**

**Music by Mark Brawley, minister of youth
and music at Oak Park.**

Registration Form

Wow! Believe it or not, it's almost time for the Missouri State Youth Conference again. This year's theme is "Cross The Line". You need to fill out this registration form and get a completed medical release form for everyone who's coming to the Conference. Be sure you read all the information carefully.

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The Conference costs \$30 per camper, so complete this formula:

_____ x \$30 = _____
(# attending) (Total amount)

Mail completed registration form, check and medical releases to The Missouri Youth Ministries Board, c/o Mark Braisher, 4041 NE Antioch Rd, Kansas City, MO, 64117. All forms must be postmarked by October 10, 1994. After October 10, the fee rises to \$35, so get everything done on time!

Camper Medical Release Form
Windemere Baptist Assembly
Roach, MO 65787

Camper's Name _____ Sex _____ Age _____

Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Home Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip Code)

Residence Phone _____ Business Phone _____
(Area Code) (A/C)

Church Coming With _____
(Name) (City)

Allergy To Any Medicine? _____ If Yes, What? _____

If not available in an emergency, notify:

(Name) Phone (A/C)

(Name) Phone (A/C)

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

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

Conference _____

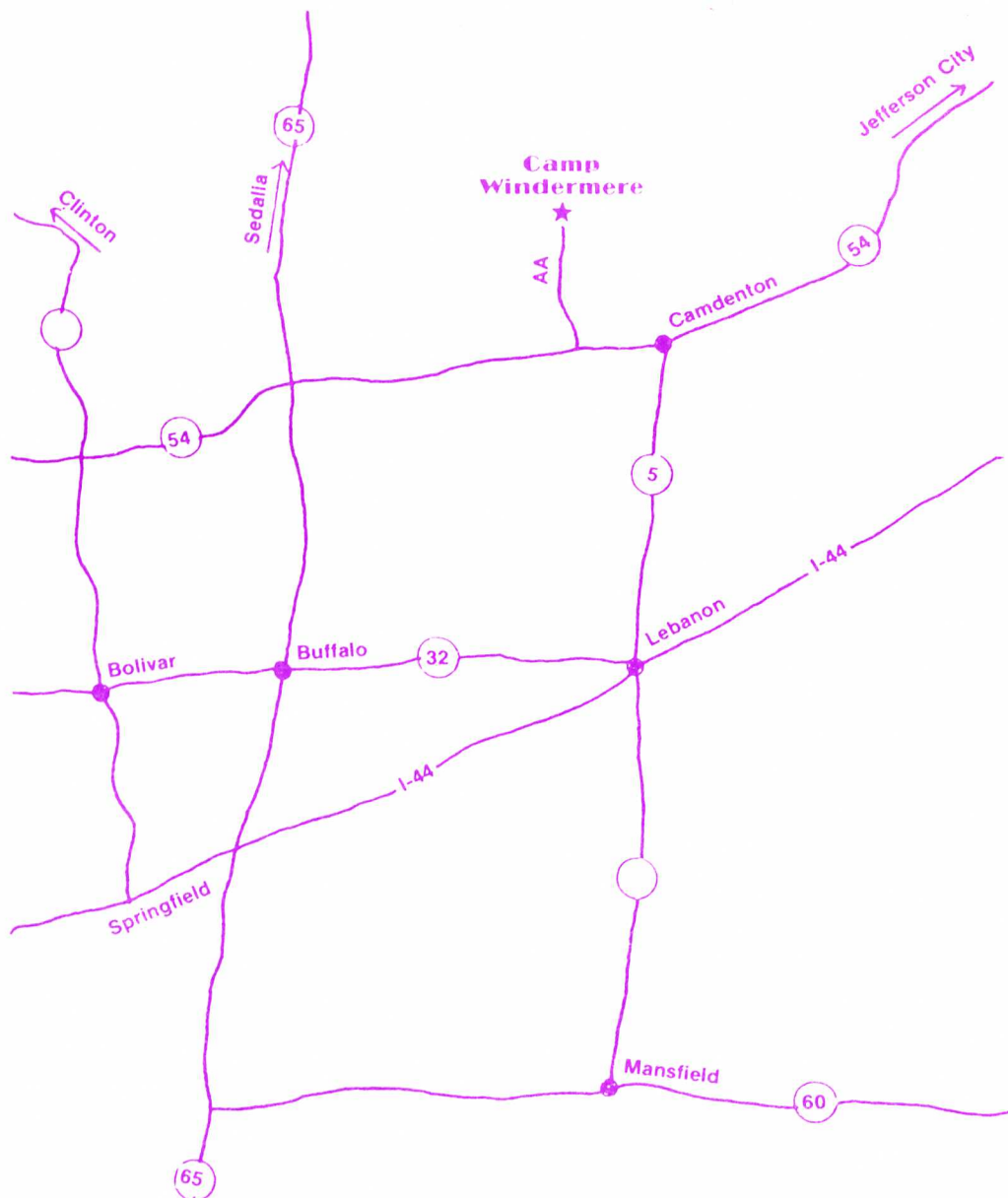
Authorization For Emergency Care

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

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

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1994 MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE SCHEDULE THEME: "CROSS THE LINE"

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1994

- 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Registration
- 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Supper
- 8:30 - 9:45 p.m. - Mark Brawley Concert
- 9:45 - 10:30 p.m. - Free Time
- 10:30 - 11:00 p.m. - In-Cabin Devotions
- 11:00 p.m. - LIGHTS OUT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1994

- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast
- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. - General Session
- 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. - Free Time
- 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. - Youth Session with Mark
- Youth Workers with Will
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Youth Session With Will
- Youth Workers with Mark
- 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. - Free Time
- 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. - Closing Rally

All Boards Meeting - Preacher/Layman's Retreat

September 19 & 20, 1994

Youth Camp, Niangua

Monday, September 19, 1994

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

Golf Tournament - Golf Course in Marshfield

Miniature Golf, Ping Pong, Horse Shoe Pitching - Youth Camp

5:00 p.m. Evening Meal

6:00 p.m. Message from the Moderator

Rev. Gary Fry

6:45 - 7:30 p.m. The Pastor's Personal Life

Rev. Don Walker

7:30 p.m. Boards Meet

9:30 p.m. Refreshments

Tuesday, September 20, 1994

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Devotion

Rev. Ken Dodson

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. The Pastor's Personal Life

Rev. Don Walker

Break

10:45 - 11:30 a.m. Summary and Coordinating State Activities

Dismiss

11:30 a.m. Lunch

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

GUIDELINES FOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

2 Man Scramble

3 Trophies will be awarded for the tournament:

A trophy each to first place finishers

A trophy each to second place finishers

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

Registration For Golf Tournament

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

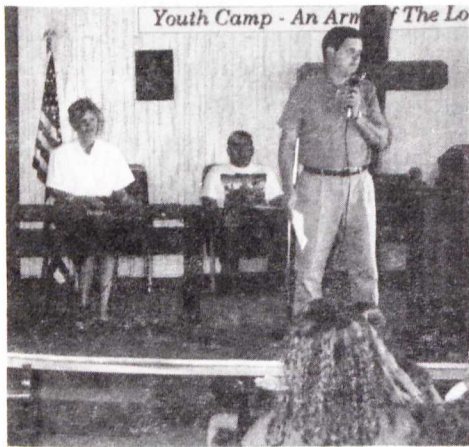
Each participant will pay his own green fee.

Dale Skiles will be in charge of the Golf Tournament.

Mail the registration form to:

Dale Skiles, 4534 McCullough, Springfield, MO 65804

The other activities -- miniature golf, horse shoes, pingpong -- will not be organized.



CAMP




New Boys Bath House



Helping Kids Gain Positive Identities

by Helen Musick

Can you remember what you looked like as a young teen? What kind of clothes did you wear? How did you feel about yourself? These years are filled with many new challenges. One of the most demanding is developing a sense of identity. Young teens are seeking to answer the question, "Who am I?"

This can be extremely confusing -- for them and their parents. They often try different personalities before they develop a stable sense of who they are. One day a young teen may be happy and compliant; the next day he may be argumentative and defiant. One day she may spend hours working on her appearance; the next day she may dress sloppily. This type of experimentation is a deliberate attempt to find out where they "fit" in the world.

Aiding the teenager in creating a self-identity is his or her new ability to think abstractly. The cognitive changes that occur during these years bring several new dimensions to teenagers' thought patterns. As a result, they are able to reason about what is possible and hypothetical, as opposed to only what is real. They can compare and evaluate.

A teenager will ask, "If God is good, why does He allow terrible things to happen?" Such questions and reflection may carry over to the young person's identity development as well. He or she may ask, "If my parents tell me that I'm special, why am I not popular at school?"

God has placed you as the youth leader or Sunday School teacher in an important role at a critical time in the lives of young teens. Here are some ways that you can effectively use this opportunity for God's best.

Create Safe Place

Your group should be a place where young people feel secure and know that they will be affirmed for who they are and who God is making them to be. It is crucial that you set an example of acceptance. Resist the temptation to use sarcasm and inappropriate humor to "break the ice." This can destroy a person's self-worth.

Be sensitive to early and late bloomers. Developing late physically is extremely hard on a boy's self-concept. He may feel inadequate and insecure because of his size and/or athletic ability. Girls who are early bloomers are sometimes embarrassed that they are developing more quickly. Affirm your young teens for qualities other than physical appearance.

Don't Forget the Parents

A child's new ability to reason, critique, and evaluate can be threatening to his or her parent. Family experiences play a large role in the formation of identity. Parents who create a positive, expressive atmosphere tend to produce "identity-achieving" children. Families characterized by conflict and negativism can stunt a child's identity development.

Something that really helped the parents in our church was a Sunday school program that addressed key issues in understanding teenagers. Parents not only learned important principles but also discovered that other parents were experiencing the same things they were. They shared frustrations with each other and committed themselves to pray for each other. The group became a source of strength and support that each parent needed.

Memory is an Important Part of Your Ministry

It's helpful to remember what it felt like to be a young teen. Remember how important it was to be accepted by your classmates -- and how it hurt when you weren't. Remember what it felt like to have your first crush on the boy or girl who sat three rows over

from you in homeroom. Remember what it felt like when you couldn't seem to say anything right to your parents and your bedroom was the only "safe" place.

When you're a young teen, you believe that all adults were never teenagers and never felt the same stresses and joy that you feel. By remembering these feelings, you will be better able to empathize with your group members and ultimately help them feel understood and loved. God will use you in a special way to mold their identities and help them understand that they are "fearfully and wonderfully made."

(This article is courtesy of David C. Cook Publishing Company)

The Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

Did you know that public school students have a Bill of Rights? After all, the Constitution is theirs, too. However, the worldly powers would have us to believe that a student's rights (and restrictions) are different from the actual guaranteed rights.



1. You have the right to meet with other Christian students on campus for prayer, Bible study, and worship. The First Amendment guarantees the right of freedom of association with others.

2. You have the right to form and meet with Bible clubs and prayer groups on campus. The U. S. Supreme Court has held that the federal Equal Access Act gives students the right to organize and participate in Bible clubs and prayer groups, just like any other club that is not related to curriculum.

3. You have the right to share your Christian faith on campus. The First Amendment guarantees freedom of speech, which cannot be prohibited on school grounds without significant justification.

4. You have the right to wear Christian T-shirts or symbols to express your beliefs through your clothing, jewelry, buttons, etc.

5. You have the right to carry your Bible, and read it during unassigned reading time, on campus.

6. You have the right to publicize the gospel or hand out tracts on campus. First Amendment's free speech rights include the right to hand out literature, use school bulletin boards, school newspapers, or other methods of communication available to students.

7. You have the right to include religious themes or points of view relevant to school projects. Nothing in the Constitution prevents the mention of religion or religious beliefs in school. In fact, religion can be legitimately studied, if the school does not try to advocate a particular faith.

8. You have the right to study and to observe Christmas and Easter holidays on campus. These have been held to be part of the culture and heritage of our country.

9. You have the right to voluntarily participate in prayer at school. The only prayers which have been held unconstitutional are those which are mandatory, and initiated by the school administration. Student-led, student-initiated prayers are allowed.

10. You have the right not to participate in activities (or possibly classes) that conflict with sincerely held religious beliefs.

The Students' Bill of Rights is produced by the American Family Association Law Center. For more information, contact them at ---

AFA Law Center
P. O. Drawer 2440
Tupelo, MS 38803

Financial Information

JUNE 1994

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board	\$7,050.97
17.50% Executive Office	6,669.84
3.50% General Fund	1,333.90
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	3,239.63
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.	952.83
2.50% C.E. Board	952.83
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board	952.83
9.00% Mo. State Retirement Program	3,430.20
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	\$11,624.57
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 (\$95.79 included in \$11,624.57)	
5.00% Mo. State Conference Center Fund	1,905.67
TOTAL	\$38,113.34

"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 another good month. He is to be praised. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, in whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." James 1:17

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

JUNE 1994

COOPERATIVE

Bailey Chapel - Tunas	\$ 100.00
Belton	439.49
Bethel - El Dorado Springs	80.14
Bethel - Festus	332.00
Black Oak	300.75
Blue Springs	10.00
Bourbon	80.00
Cabool	342.89
Calvary Chapel	399.48
Cape Girardeau 1st	874.06
Carthage	195.00
Central	898.07
Central	183.53
Chapel of Ozarks	103.65
Clifton	153.00
Columbia	240.63
Copper Mines	460.00
Crossroads - Wentzville	427.00
Cuba	1,065.00
DeSoto 1st	564.85
Eastern Gate	74.47
Faith & Hope - Aurora	52.00
Faith & Hope - W. Springs	2,347.10
Farmington	400.00
Fellowship - Park Hills	483.60
Fordland	265.00
Fourth	410.00
Fredericktown 1st	287.12
Freeman Chapel	968.00
Grace	1,238.00
Grace	980.44
Grant Avenue	87.50
Hannibal	530.82
Hannon	113.55
Happy Home - Ava	517.00
Harmony - Parkville	522.68
Hartville	557.46
Hazel Creek	174.00
Hopewell - Tunas	338.51
Houston	433.46
Hurryville	148.72
Jones Chapel	

Jones Chapel	802.07
Kingsway	340.83
Kirkville	435.97
Kirkville	172.73
Koshkonong	251.52
Leadington	350.00
Leadington	487.00
Lebanon 1st	623.56
Liberty - Phillipsburg	295.00
Lone Star	25.62
Marshfield	304.11
Merls Chapel	244.00
Mine La Motte	63.95
Monett	918.55
Mountain Grove 1st	1,426.86
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool	215.00
Mt. Zion - Gower	55.70
Myrtle	222.32
Neosho 1st	71.25
New Harmony	24.90
New Harmony	22.45
New Hope - Fredericktown	20.00
North Five	90.26
Number One	56.32
O'Fallon 1st	640.10
Oak Hill - Fredericktown	101.57
Oak Hill - Union	594.98
Overland	121.80
Ozark	467.44
Park Hills 1st	630.38
Parkview	431.91
Pleasant Hill - Thayer	242.07
Pleasant Ridge	100.00
Potosi 1st	150.78
Rock Chapel	468.03
Royal Oak	145.00
Smyrna	155.00
South Fremont	330.00
Springfield 1st	815.41
Stockton	130.20
Terrill Road	236.00
Thayer	1,018.00
Trinity - Bridgeton	1,205.89
Twin Oak	963.63
Union Grove	257.00
Union Light	85.00
United	1,225.00
Verdella	473.42
Victory - Alton	168.00
Victory - Kansas City	304.91
Waynesville	400.36
Willow Springs	249.84
Wolf Creek	302.68
TOTAL	\$38,113.34

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Central	\$ 10.00
DeSoto 1st	50.00
DeSoto's Victor's CTS	10.00
Eastern Gate	20.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora	52.55
Farmington	20.00
Fordland	9.00
Fourth	10.00
Grace	30.00
Grace	30.00
Grant Avenue	129.54
Hannon	265.42
Kirkville	34.11
Lebanon 1st	10.00
Lebanon Bible & Book	190.00
Macedonia Aux.	50.00
Marshfield	30.41
Mountain Grove 1st	30.00
Myrtle	50.00
New Testament	25.00
O'Fallon 1st	58.60
Ozark	10.00
Pleasant Ridge	25.00
Rock Chapel	134.74
S. E. Association	25.00
South Fremont	15.00
State Meeting Offerings	225.62
Thayer	52.50
Trinity - Bridgeton	135.00
Union Light	56.00
Victory - Kansas City	5.00
TOTAL	\$1,798.49

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Belton	\$ 65.00
Bethel - Festus	25.00
Blue Springs	1.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00

Calvary Fellowship	5.00
Carthage	65.00
Cave Springs Association	25.00
Central	463.00
Columbia	10.00
DeSoto 1st	150.00
DeSoto Children's Church	40.00
Eastern Gate	10.00
F. Rogers	10.00
Faith & Hope - W. Springs	25.00
Farmington	30.30
Fordland	15.00
Fourth	45.00
Grace	250.00
Grace	150.00
Grant Avenue	110.00
Hannon	53.08
J.W. Rader	20.00
Leadington	20.00
Lebanon 1st	10.00
Mountain Grove 1st	60.00
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool	50.00
Myrtle	140.00
New Harmony	124.52
New Harmony	112.24
New Home - Hartv.	20.00
New Testament	25.00
O'Fallon 1st	53.50
Oak Grove - Norwood	60.32
Oak Hill - Union	27.00
Overland	4.00
Park Hills 1st	83.04
Parkview	13.00
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
R. White	10.00
Richwoods	32.00
Rock Chapel	45.00
S. Hart	10.00
South Fremont	10.00
State Meeting offerings	225.62
Thayer	167.50
Trinity - Bridgeton	45.00
Union Light	35.00
Verdella	20.00
Victory - Kansas City	20.00
Waynesville	25.00
Wolf Creek	27.59
TOTAL	\$3,102.71

FOREIGN MISSIONS

B. Thebeau	\$ 15.00
Belton	608.51
Bethel - Festus	142.00
Blue Springs	173.10
C. Thompson	50.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo	121.00
Calvary Fellowship	1,121.64
Carthage	154.00
Central	1,625.00
Columbia	15.00
D. Akeman	10.00
DeSoto 1st	350.00
DeSoto Friends & Co.	20.00
Eastern Gate	182.98
F. Green	35.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora	52.55
Faith & Hope - W. Springs	125.00
Faith - St. Louis	150.00
Farmington	486.78
Fordland	127.00
Fourth	60.00
Freeman Chapel	277.00
Grace	83.00
Grace	145.75
Grant Ave. Prayer Partners	25.00
Grant Ave. Women's SS	25.00
Grant Avenue	494.59
Greenfield	180.00
Hannon	715.82
Hartville	104.54
Houston	134.15
K. Minor	246.98
Kirkville	20.00
Leadington	49.10
Lebanon 1st	35.00
Lebanon 1st	925.00
Lebanon 1st	90.00
Macedonia Auxiliary	650.00
Marshfield	45.00
Merls Chapel	200.00
Monett	651.00
Monett	721.16
Mountain Grove 1st	301.20
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool	100.00
Mt. Zion - Gower	136.00
Myrtle	92.00
Neosho 1st	814.50
Neosho Auxiliary	10.00
New Harmony	124.52
New Harmony	112.24
New Home - Hartv.	308.00
New Testament	110.00
Niangua	7.00

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Niangua	10.00
Niangua	11.00
O'Fallon 1st	53.50
Oak Grove - Houston	65.00
Oak Grove - Norwood	120.64
Oak Hill - Union	20.55
Ozark	50.00
Park Hills 1st	252.16
Parkview	294.00
Parkview Mission Group	60.00
Pleasant Ridge	45.00
Richwoods	30.00
Rock Chapel	43.44
S. Hart	20.00
South Fremont	41.00
State Meeting Offerings	225.62
Thayer	192.50
Trinity - Bridgeton	1,128.82
Union Light	145.00
Union Mision	155.64
Verdella	768.42
Victory - Kansas City	386.00
Waynesville	25.00
Young Adult Class	50.00
TOTAL	\$17,783.40

HILLSDALE FWB COLLEGE

Neosho 1st	\$ 60.00
Central	45.00
Hannon	50.00
Eastern Gate	112.98
Oak Hill - Union	22.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Thayer	42.50
Victory - Kansas City	37.72
Farmington	151.66
TOTAL	\$529.86

MISSOURI FWB YOUTH CAMP

Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove	\$ 10.00
New Home - Hartville	10.00
Parkview Mission Group (Men's Bath)	10.00
Myrtle	40.00
DeSoto	50.00
Hartville	10.00
Hannon	15.00
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool	10.00
Park Hills 1st	26.89
Mtn. Grove 1st	10.00
Ozark	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	25.00
Verdella (Men's Bath)	77.00
Thayer	37.50
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Trinity - Bridgeton	14.00
Lebanon Bible & Book	85.00
TOTAL	\$490.39

FWB BIBLE COLLEGE

Parkview Mission Group	\$ 10.00
DeSoto	35.00
Grant Avenue	10.00
Thayer	37.50
Farmington	158.33
TOTAL	\$250.83

HOME FOR CHILDREN - TN

Parkview Mission Group	\$ 10.00
DeSoto 1st	50.00
TOTAL	\$ 60.00

CHILDREN'S HOME - AL

Myrtle	\$32.00
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CALIF. CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington	\$25.00
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REV. JOHN MCCLURE

Grace	\$ 22.50
Monett	55.00
Thayer	5.00
Grace	17.50
TOTAL	\$100.00

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FWB

Calvary Fellowship	\$ 26.00
Fredericktown 1st **	97.00
Victory - Kansas City **	27.72
TOTAL	\$150.72

**Victory Campaign

WORLD VISION

Victory - Kansas City	\$5.00
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WORLD RELIEF

Victory - Kansas City	\$5.00
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NATIONAL FRIEND DAY

Randall House Publications and Church Growth Institute have declared October 30, 1994, **National Friend Day**, and we invite you to join us and thousands of churches across America as we participate in this exciting attendance campaign. Church Growth Institute is petitioning Congress to declare the last Sunday in October, **National Friend Day**.

Over 10 million people have visited churches as a result of Friend Day. You can double your attendance in just four weeks with proper use of the program. Your Friend Day packet at \$79.95 includes everything you need to plan, promote, and celebrate **National Friend Day** in your church. Members will be excited when they discover how easy – and fun – it is to bring friends, family, neighbors, and associates to church for the first time.

To receive more information or to enter your church in the campaign call Randall House Publications at 1 - 800 - 877-7030.

Regional Pastor/Layman's Retreat

The Master's Men of Illinois are sponsoring a Regional Pastor/Layman's retreat September 8-10, 1994, at Camp Hope near Ewing, Illinois, south of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, on Interstate 57. This will include men from Missouri, Ohio, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, Kansas, Indiana and Illinois. The cost will be \$50.00 per person, and a \$15.00 deposit will be required by August 29. Speakers for the retreat will be: Dick Byers, Carlie Lloyd, Mike Robertson, Ben Scott, Jessie Meade. Address all registrations and inquiries to: Eldon Schmidt, 1409 Princeton Drive, O'Fallon, IL 62269, Telephone 618/632-7869.

September is
Pastor Appreciation Month.
Plan now to do something nice
for your pastor!

Nuggets of Gold

(Copied from The Voice in the Wilderness)

1. Truth is not only violated by falsehood; it may be equally outraged by silence.
2. A man's character is like a fence; it cannot be strengthened by whitewash.
3. Americans have the right and advantage of being armed, unlike the citizens of other countries whose governments are afraid to trust people with arms.
4. Don't expect God to use you as a lighthouse somewhere else, if He cannot use you as a candle where you are.
5. Preachers must preach as though they would never preach again, and as dying men to dying men.
6. Study the Bible to be wise; believe it to be safe; practice it to be holy.
7. The hill of the Cross is the highest one of significance. There hate's worst and love's best met -- AND LOVE WON.
8. Politeness is like an air cushion. There may be nothing in it, but it eases the jolts.

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