



## In Remembrance of Me

"Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. . . . This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me." I Corinthians 12:24,25

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## Personal Crucifixion and Resurrection

by Rev. J.R. Davidson

Galatians 2:20 - I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

As we approach Easter with our world so engulfed in turmoil, hatred, vengeance, strife, bloodshed and battling for existence; a time when every condition seems to challenge us to a personal application as to what sacrificial part we should play in this conflict it seems to move my mind to an application which goes beyond production lines of the material into an application of the greatest principles for the greatest contribution one can make in such a needy world. One may feel sure of his qualifications for making his contribution when he is able to join, unreservedly, the apostle Paul in his testimony in Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

In consideration of these applications may we turn our minds to meditation on the two most outstanding events of history, namely; the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Not that He, merely fitting into the order of all men died, but in that He died that we might live, willingly taking our sins upon Himself. He set His face steadfastly toward Jerusalem (the cross) and unswervingly said, "No man taketh my life from me, but I lay it down of myself." This could He do because of His omniscience, that is to say He could see beyond the cross into His awaiting glory. Hebrews 12:2, "Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." The cross was thus looked upon as His transition into His original glory through His resurrection. Hence our personal crucifixion should be viewed as the bearer into eternal glory.

#### **Personal Crucifixion**

The apostle Paul expressed this principle in the text. "I am crucified with Christ," said he. He expressed a voluntary offering of himself upon a cross of self denial and sufferings for the name of his crucified Christ, and I would that we think just now of our position in sharing Christ's sufferings. "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also suffer for his sake." (Phil. 1:29). Rev. Robert G. Lee of Memphis, Tennessee raises the following questions: "Who can save a life from burning and remain himself unsinged? Who can save a life from drowning and keep his own clothes dry? Who can do remedial work -Redemptive labor - without agony? Know ye not that redemptive labor costs exhaustion? Know ye not that that poor soldier of the cross is he who, though well uniformed, has never had his skin broken by the enemy's sword or bullet? Paul is proclaimed as a good soldier of Jesus Christ in these significant words, "I am crucified with Christ." Could such an acclamation be justified by virtue of the fact that we are good emulators of the apostle?

Crucifixion is often the price of consecration. Permit me to here quote a paragraph from Doctor Lee's message on "Reenacting Calvary." "Being crucified to the world is not having a spasm of rectitude and then a long fainting spell; not having a shallow stream of piety that runs on Sabbath days a fresher course; not lurking in the tent, not getting the fighting spirit when the battle is over. There is no cross bearing in being a Christian of the nominal sort. In sufferings everything must be claimed for Him, everything sealed with the King's seal, every talent used for His exclusive glory. But we cannot follow in His steps in the fellowship of His sufferings if we choose ease, prefer the protected areas of life, seek safety far beyond the battle lines, consult selfishness rather than sacrifice - forgetting that God does not look upon us, nor over us, for man-bestowed medals, man-given degrees, or man-signed diplomas, but for scars. Be it ours to say with Bunyan, 'My marks and scars I carry with me to show I fought His battles well.' Could we truthfully make the application to our lives by the use of the words of the apostle Paul recorded in Galatians 6:17, 'For I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus."

#### **Personal Resurrection**

Paul expresses the fact that he looks beyond his cross of crucifixion into the glory of the resurrection life in the text announced as the basis for our message. "Nevertheless I live," said he. That is to say that I can no more know the resurrection life without the preceding crucifixion than could my Lord and Saviour. Evidently it was while Paul was passing through the most crucial experiences of personal crucifixion that his personal resurrection life was most real to him. He placed the most emphatic emphasis upon the fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Said he, "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is vain." Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God. "If Christ be not risen your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also who are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ we are of all men most miserable." But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept." The resurrection stands alone in the history of events among men, for without it the crucifixion is emptied of all its significance. The resurrection is something absolutely unique. There had never been such an event before, and there has never been such an event since. If it did not occur we may well doubt the miraculous element in the Bible, but if it did occur all argument against the other miracles fail. In logic there is what is known as afortiori (a-for-shi-o-ri) argument, that is, arguing from the greater to the less. An instance may be seen in Romans 8:32, "He that spared not his own Son but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things." The less is included in the greater. Just so, if the resurrection of Christ is a veritable fact it carries proof of all else connected with Christianity. Christianity rests upon the great basic truth of the bodily resurrection of Christ, (continued on page 10)

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#### Senior Adult Ministries Board

April 25 - 27, 1995

#### 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.



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Please Print Home Phone ( ) Name Address 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 April 1995.

#### Dear Friends and Family,

Exodus 35:29 says, "The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the Lord, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work . . . "

As I was growing up, I loved to attend youth camp every year. When I was thirteen, I went to the altar at one of the services, to pray. I could feel the presence of God dealing in my heart saying, "Give your all to me, and let me be your guide." I wanted to be totally committed to God. Ken and Judy Bailey were the missionaries at camp that year. Judy prayed with me. I told her of my burden and that I felt that God was calling me to missionary service. She told me to stay close to God and continue to listen to Him.

After camp I was excited about the changes and challenges God had placed on my heart. My grandma gave me this advice, "Rachel, just continue to pray and God will open doors, and, if He wants you to do missionary work, He will continue to call you as you get older."

After high school, God led me to attend Hillsdale Free Will Baptist Bible College. I took mission classes that deepened my burden for the lost. During missionary conferences I was impressed with the commitment of our missionaries. They have happiness and peace, even with struggles in their work, because they are doing the work God calls them to do. Besides mission studies, as part of my preparation to do what God has laid on my heart. I am also majoring in the special education field.

I feel like God has opened a door to show me His way by allowing me the opportunity to go to Belo Horizonte, Brazil, for ten weeks this summer to work with Missionaries Dave and Pat Franks. I am depending on God to show me the way. I need prayer partners to pray for me – Here is a praise and prayer list I have started:

 Praise for the opportunity to go, for the Franks and the Foreign Mission Board. - Pray for financial need - there needs to be three thousand dollars raised by April 1 for my account.

- Pray for God's direction in accomplishing the needed preparation (getting passports, etc.).

 Praise for meeting my college needs this Spring semester at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, for a good Bible study group, and beginning fellowship with Free Will Baptist churches in Springfield. (I have only been in Springfield for two weeks.)

 Pray that I will have the willing heart to do whatever God calls me to do in preparing to go, and then for a willing heart to do His work this summer.

- Mrs. Franks has shared with me about some of the work in Belo Horizontel. Pray for the small church and the youth camp I will be involved in this summer.

Will you be a prayer warrior for me? I am including my address and would love to hear from you. If you feel the Lord leading you to help with my needed support, I would really appreciate your love offering for this my first foreign missions trip. Thank you and may God bless as we all do our part in answering His call to share the gospel.

Yours in Christ, Rachel Vandivort 25255 S. US Highway 63 Edgar Springs, MO 65462

NOTE: All checks should be made payable to Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, designated for "Rachel Vandivort Account." (All funds will be used directly for Rachel's missionary activity.) Contributions can be sent directly to the Foreign Mission Office or to my home address.

Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board Post Office Box 5002 Antioch, TN 37001-5002

#### Faron Thebeau Ordained

The Rev. Faron Thebeau, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Bob Thebeau and the grandson of the Rev. and Mrs. Truman Huffman, was ordained to the ministry January 14, 1995. The ordination service was held at the Bismarck Free Will Baptist Church where Brother Faron serves as pastor.

A capacity crowd gathered to sing, pray, and listen to the Word of God proclaimed in this special service. Rev. Raymond Michael, pastor of the Twin Oaks Free Will Baptist Church and a member of the Southeast Association Executive Committee, presided over the service. Sister Kathy Thebeau, Faron's mother, prayed the opening prayer and Rev. Bob Thebeau preached the ordination message. He used I Timothy 4:6 for his text and instructed his son to be a good minister of the gospel. Rev. Truman Huffman delivered the charge to his grandson. He charged him to be faithful to God and to never give up.

The Spirit anointed service was closed with prayer led by Faron's grandmother, Amylee Huffman. Other special guests attending the service were Lloyd and Mildred Hufford, Faron's paternal grandparents.



Bro. Bob & Kathy Thebeau with Faron



Laying On Of Hands By All Ordained Ministers Present



Bro. Raymond Michael Giving Faron His Ordination Certificate

#### Teacher Needed

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Festus, Missouri will be opening a Christian School in the fall of 1995. A classroom teacher is needed. If you are interested in a teaching position, please call Rev. Don Robinson at 314-937-3233.



## Roll Call Sunday

March 26, 1995 Goal: 230.000

The Home Missions Department's 12th annual ROLL CALL SUNDAY is scheduled for March 26, 1995! (Roll Call Sunday is always the last Sunday of March.) Write or call the Home Missions Office or Randall House for materials to promote attendance in this special denominational effort.

#### Member Of Team '95

Hello! My name is Karen Hook, and I have been invited by the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board to be a member of TEAM '95 to France this summer.

I was called to be a missionary when I was in the seventh grade. I am now a Junior at Tri-City Christian School, and I have been trying to prepare for what I know God wants for my life. I have studied Spanish for three years, and I spent two months in Spain last summer learning about the mission work there. After last summer, I know for sure that God wants me to spend my life telling people of other countries about Jesus. I am very thankful for the family and friends God has given me. They have helped me grow in Christ, especially my parents, Rev. Alvin and Gave Hook.

In order to go this summer, I will need to raise \$2,800. I am asking you to prayerfully consider supporting me. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 816/229-0882 or write me at 2504 South East 7th Street, Blue Springs, Missouri 64014.

> Because He Lives, Karen Hook

#### **New Pastor at Trinity** in Bridgeton, Missouri

Rev. Lynn Davenport assumed the pastorate of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church on February 5, 1995. Bro. Lynn is a native of North Carolina and a 1985 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College. He and his wife, Pamela, have two sons, Kreston (age 5), and MacKenzie (age 1 1/2). After graduating from FWBBC, Bro. Lynn worked at Randall House Publications for six years serving as editor for Teen Sunday School Curriculum. He then served as Associate Pastor at the Calvary Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Fenton, Missouri, before accepting the pastorate at Trinity in Bridgeton, Missouri.

On February 4, the Davenport Family was honored at an informal get-acquainted luncheon at the church. The fellowship hall was draped with a large banner done in



**Lynn Davenport** 

red, blue, and white which read, "WELCOME BRO. LYNN and FAMILY." The social committee, along with the elders' wives, served a luncheon of mostaccioli and deli sandwiches, funded by the church. For dessert, there was a large decorated sheet cake with "Welcome Pastor and Family" written on it. The centerpiece on the serving table was a bouquet of one dozen red roses, a gift from the church. Each table had a centerpiece of three balloons anchored in colorful bags. There was a good turnout for this occasion.



Lynn, Pam, Kreston & MacKenzie Davenport

On February 5 the message board on the corner of Old St. Charles & McKelvey Roads read: "Welcome to New Pastor and His Family - Lynn, Pam, Kreston & MacKenzie." There was a large crowd present to warmly welcome the Davenport family. The combined children's choirs sang, "Welcome to the Family" and presented the Davenports an oversized card with the words to the song and a picture of the children's group.

The Elder Board conducted an installation of the Pastor with his wife. Pam, joining him. There were pledges by the Pastor and the congregation with a prayer at the altar afterwards. The Davenport's first Sunday with us was a memorable one, and we left God's house feeling blessed.

The Trinity Church Family is grateful for those ministers who preached for us during our time without a pastor. The church body worked well together during that period, with Kevin Scott. Minister of Youth and Evangelism, pro-

viding leadership. However, there was always the feeling that something was missing. We rejoice that the void has been filled by the Davenports, and we can go forward for the Glory of God as a whole body once again.



Trinity's Elders and Pastor & Wife Jim Moody, Gary Walls, Harold Bailey, Lynn Davenport, Pam Davenport, Robert Jackson, Don Gill

#### United Free Will/ Television Outreach



**The Bartons** 

The United Free Will Baptist Church of West Plains, Missouri has begun a new outreach ministry. Pastor Glenn Murray and the congregation are sponsoring a television ministry called, "Singing With the Bartons." The program consists of the Curtis Barton family and their guests performing a 30-minute gospel music and talk program each Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. The program is aired on OC-TV-Falcon Cable System - Channel 13. The church hopes the program will reach those who do not attend church and that it will be a light to those who are unable to attend.

The Bartons are members of the United Free Will Baptist Church. They have trav-

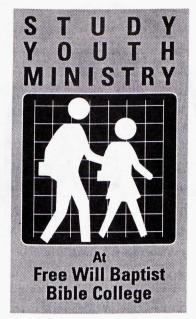
eled throughout the Midwest ministering to people through music. For the last two years, they have performed on stage at Branson, Missouri. If you would like to contact the Bartons, you may reach them by phone at 417-256-9185 or you may write them at P.O. Box 272, West Plains, MO 65775.

# Excerpt from the McClure Newsletter

We thank the Lord for His presence, for His leadership, and for His guidance. Last year was a very eventful year, and in this short letter it would be impossible to relate all that occurred as we served here in Mexico.

While on itinerant, we saw the hand of God before us as we met many new brothers and sisters in Christ. We felt your prayers as new churches were opened to us in Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, Tennessee, and Missouri.

The trip was not without its trials, including a freak accident with the pickup. It went off a hill in Illinois without anyone in it and caused more than \$2,000 damage. It took a month to repair it. Our special thanks goes out to all who helped get us back on the road, especially the Pierce family.



For a free catalog, call: 1-800-76-FWBBC

Please pray for the country of Mexico for there is a lot of unrest here. As you probably know, the peso (money) has devaluated sharply again, the first time in two years. Everything is going up in price to match the value change. This makes it even more difficult for the people here, including us.

### 1995 MISSOURI STATE COMPETITION

The 1995 Missouri State Competition will be May 12-13 at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, MO. Since we last visited Southwest in 1992, they have built a new music building which will accommodate a large part of our competition. The facilities are very nice and won't be as "scattered out" as last time. The staff has been very helpful and eager to host our competition again.

The deadline for entering the 1995 competition is April 15, 1995. Please send your entry forms and fees to:

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

(Use a separate form for EACH entry. Example: A vocal trio is one entry.)

Housing will be available in Plaster Lodge at Southwest Baptist or at the Colony Inn a few miles away. Here are the rates for each:

1 person per room 2 persons per room	Plaster Lodge \$28.00 \$30.00 (2 twin beds)	Colony Inn \$35.00 + tax \$38.00 + tax
3 persons per room	\$36.00 (2 twin beds & a rollaway)	\$42.00 + tax
4 persons per room		\$46.00 + tax

Plaster Lodge has "dorm type" rooms with two twin beds in each. A rollaway can be placed in some of the rooms. Linens, pillows and towels are provided. Make reservations directly with Southwest Baptist by calling Becky Watson or Larry Staggs in the Evangelism and Conference Center (417) 326-1775. A \$5.00 refundable key deposit is required for each room key issued. The \$5.00 will be refunded when you return your key.

The Colony Inn is a very nice motel just a few miles away on Highway 13. Many of our people stayed there last time. Make reservations by calling (417) 326-8004. You must tell them you are with the Missouri Free Will Baptists. You can save the tax by paying with a Church check and providing them with a copy of your church's tax letter in advance.

Entry fees are as follows:

Bible Memorization & Sword Drill - \$12.00 per participant Tic Tac Toe & Bible Bowl - \$20.00 per team Music and Arts

Category 01 - \$12.00 per participant

Category 02 – \$20.00 per group Category 03 – \$45.00 per group

Category 04 – \$12.00 per participant

Category 05 – \$20.00 per group Category 06 – \$45.00 per group

Category 07 -

Divisions 1 & 2 - \$12.00 per participant

Division 3 - \$20.00 per group

Category 08 -

Division 1 - 5 - \$12.00 per participant

Division 6 - 10 - \$20.00 per group

Category 09 - \$12.00 per entry

Category 10 - \$12.00 per entry

Category 11 - \$12.00 per entry

(Entries in categories 09-Creative Writing and 10-Multi-Media must be sent directly to the Youth Ministries Division at Randall House Publications in Nashville, TN.)

## NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE COMPETITION REGISTRATION FORM

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00.9 Horizon				
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02.3 Trio 02.4 Quartet	Complete the following information for each p	articipant in th	is entry:	
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Chorale & Choir	Address	Address		
03.1 Chorale (7–14) 03.2 Choir (15 or more)	CitySTZIP	City	ST	ZIP
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Keyboard	CitySTZIP			ZIP
07.1 Manual (solo) 07.2 Electronic (solo)	PhoneBirthday Grade just completed			Grade just completed
07.3 Keyboard Ensemble (2—6)	5. Name	12. Name		
Oral Communication 08.1 Extemporaneous Speech	Address ST ZIP		ST	ZIP
06.2 Dramatic Selection 06.3 Poetry	PhoneBirthday Grade just completed			Grade just completed
08.4 Prose 08.5 Interpretive Reading of Scripture	6. Name	13. Name		
08.6 Puppetry (live) 08.7 Puppetry (recorded)	Address			
08.8 Duet Acting 08.9 Readers Theater	CitySTZIP	City	ST	ZIP
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09.2 Short Story 09.3 Essay	Address			ZIP
09.4 Play or Skit 09.5 Song	City ST ZIP Phone Birthday Grade just completed			ZIP Grade just completed
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11.4 Ceramic 11.5 Textiles	Missouri Youth Ministries Board			
11.6 Photography (Black & White)	Curt Gwartney			
11.7 Photography (Color)	P.O. Box 444			

USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH ENTRY!

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Signature of Participant or Director (Coach)

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			TOTAL \$415,330.22

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# Free Will Baptist WNAC National Retreat October 20-22, 1995 Glorieta Conference Center Glorieta, New Mexico

THEME:

## "On the Trail with Him" Psalm 37:23

## RESERVATION FORM

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Name of Roommate(s): (if applicable)		
Special Needs: Disabled ac	ccess	First floor required
❖ GROUP RESERVATIONS: Total num	ber of rooms	needed Number of persons in group
Attach list of participants, grouped by	roommates. In	ndicate special needs (disabled access; first floor
required). Group should plan to pay w	ith one check,	if possible; if not, please notify Glorieta in advance.
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which if take away leaves the whole structure without foundation, hence its importance cannot be over emphasized. How do we know the New Testament is divinely inspired? By the resurrection of Christ from the dead. How do we know that the miracles in the records accorded to Christ are true? By the resurrection of Christ from the dead. How do we know that the miracle of salvation from sin may become effective in the heart of a penitent sinner? By the resurrection of Christ from the dead. How do I know that new life is my portion in the Lord? By the resurrection of Christ from the dead. How do I know the final installment of my salvation shall be complete, to wit, the redemption of my body, at the coming of our Saviour? By the resurrection of Christ from the dead. In view of His resurrection beyond the crucifixion Jesus offers the following comforting words: "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in the father, and ye in me, and I in you." John 14:18-20. Through the reality of our crucifixion and His resurrection life in us may we be revealing mediums of His saving efficacy for others.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was reprinted from the April 1954 issue of the Gem. It was first printed in 1944.

# Dr. Roger Reeds Announces Multi-Ministries, Inc.

Dr. Roger C. Reeds, who served for thirty-two years as the General Director of Randall House Publications, has announced a continuance of his ministries. He has recently formed Multi-Ministries, Inc. The purpose is . . . "To exalt Jesus Christ and bring people to Him that they may enjoy an abundant life now and eternal life later."

Dr. Reeds states that one of his greatest burdens is to help Free Will Baptist preachers. If you contact him, he will add you to his prayer list. He expresses that he is concerned for the health and wealth of our preachers. Some of our preachers can be helped by operating a business from their home. Dr. Reeds says, "I can put our preachers on a path to earn as much money as they are being paid to preach by operating a part-time home business. The program is also one that can greatly help our preachers with their health."

If you have any interest in this program that Dr. Reeds offers, you may contact him at 1-615-876-9045.

#### A Letter From Rev. Bob Shockey

Dear Pastor,

It is with eager and prayerful anticipation that I look forward to being the evangelist for revivals. I have served as a pastor, missions director, and conference speaker for the past 30 years, and now I feel the tug at my heart for full-time evangelism. If you should feel led of the Holy Spirit to use me as an evangelist, my objectives for revival are seven-fold:

- 1. To win souls to Jesus Christ.
- 2. To stimulate Christians to grow in grace.
- 3. To undergird and compliment the pastor's ministry.
- 4. To major on the importance of Christian homes.
- 5. To stimulate the teaching and missionary ministries.
- 6. To strengthen every area of the Church.
- 7. To enlarge and encourage personal soul winning.

Yours for Souls, Bob Shockey

Brother Shockey can be contacted by phone at 615/746-3498 or by letter at 3520 Thomasville Road, Chapmansboro, Tennessee 37035.



**Philip Irvin Lindquist** 

#### Home With The Lord

Philip Irvin Lindquist, of Milan, Missouri, was born December 11, 1914, in Adair County, Missouri. He passed away January 13, 1995.

Mr. Lindquist is survived by his wife, Kathleen Carr; two sons, Jim and Gary Lindquist of Greentop, Missouri; one daughter, Ada Lindquist of the home; and one stepson, William Carr II of Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Philip was a member of the New Harmony Free Will Baptist Church of Greentop, Missouri, where he served as Sunday School superintendent and Sunday School teacher. He also served as treasurer from 1947 to 1994 when he resigned due to ill health.

# 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 tremendous year with some great accomplishments in 1994. Although some months were very tight financially, the year ended with a total income of \$2,657,833.23, which was a record year for the Department. For this we are very thankful!

Eighteen (18) states exceeded their goals in giving to National Home Missions. Missouri gave \$121,138.52 toward your 1994 goal of \$150,000.00. I thank the churches of Missouri for what you did.

The 1995 goal for Missouri is \$150,000.00. I hope you will begin now 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 1995. I urge every church to join the *Benjamin Randall Club* by putting the Home Missions General Fund in your monthly church budget.

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

# Financial Information

JANUARY 1995
COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS
18.50% Mo. State Home Missions
Board \$7,281.39
17.50% Executive Office 6,887.80
3.50% General Fund 1,377.56
8.50% Youth Camp Bd. 3,345.51
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd. 983.97

Foreign Missions Board
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
(\$120.04 included in \$12,004.46)
5.00% Mo. State Conference
Center Fund 1,967.94
TOTAL\$39,358.87

"...Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!..." Ps. 106:1. God has given us another good month, and He is to be praised. The faithfulness of the Pastors and Churches in Missouri make it possible for us to have a part in carrying out the Great Commission. As we continue to work together, we will see the lost saved and the saints edified.

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

#### JANUARY 1995 COOPERATIVE

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Columbia		74.	26
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Myrtle		164	.64
New Harmony		15	.80
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New Hope - Fredericktown	20.00
New Rock Springs	
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O'Fallon 1st	
Oak Hill	70.90
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Rickwoods 1st	393.00
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Thayer	
Trinity	
Twin Oaks	
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Union Grove S.S.	152.00
Union Light	66.00
United - W. Plains	
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Unity	165.00
Verdella	319.33
Victory	116.60
Victory Hill	42.14
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Victory - KC	313.47
Waynesville 1st	305.48
Wilderness	588.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove	203.83
TOTAL\$3	9,358.87
STATE HOME MISSIONS	
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Beacon	2.00

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Bethel - Festus	35.75
Central	10.00
Cuba	104.30
DeSoto CTS Class	10.00
Eastern Gate	20.00
Faith & Hope - Willow Springs	25.00
Farmington 1st	10.00
Grace	25.00
Grant Avenue	. 135.35
Hannon	. 238.18
Joplin Joy Harvesters	. 100.00
Kirksville - 1st	18.75
Larry Wormington	30.00
Lebanon 1st	30.00
Marshfield	27.66
Mtn. Grove 1st	
Myrtle	45.00
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New Life - Monett	
O'Fallon 1st	52.83
Ozark 1st	10.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	25.00
Rock Chapel	81.61
Thayer	62.50
Trinity	160.00
Union Light	56.00
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Greenfield	160.00
Rock Chapel	164.64
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Trinity	605.84
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Ozark 1st	45.00
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Beacon	260.00
Belton	30.00
Bethel - Festus	10.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
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Calvary Fellowship	122.15
Carthage	77.00
Central	
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DeSoto 1st	100.00
DeSoto Children's Church	
DeSoto CTS Class	
Eastern Gate	10.00
Faith & Hope - Willow Springs	25.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora	35.37
Farmington 1st	
Fordland	
Grace	125.00
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Grant Avenue	
Hannon	52.63
J. Rader	
Lebanon 1st	
Madison Co	
Monett 1st	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	
Mtn. Grove 1st	
Myrtle	80.00

N.R	10.00
New Harmony	79.00
New Home Hartville	20.00
New Life Fellowship	95 00
O'Fallon 1st	52.83
O'Fallon 1st	100.00
Oak Grove - Norwood	
Ozark 1st	
Park Hills 1st	73.70
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
R. White (DeSoto)	10.00
Rock Chapel	45.00
Shelva Hart	
Thayer	
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New Hope - Fredericktown	30 00
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New Life - Monett	56 90
Park Hills 1st	106.00
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Eastern Gate\$	59.83
Central - Grandview	.36.00
Thayer	.42.50
Hannon	.50.00
Victory - KC	.36.12
Grant Ave Springfield	
Farmington 1st	
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REV. JOHN McCLURE	
Grace - Arnold	
Carthage	
Monett 1st	.1,230.00
Thayer	
Grace - Arnold	15.00
Farmington 1st	12.23
TOTAL	\$1299.23

CALIFORNIA CHRISTI	AN COLLEGE
Parkway - Sedalia	\$1,000.00
Farmington 1st	25.00
TOTAL	

#### FELIZ NATAL

Excitement was in the air as we opened boxes of Christmas decorations. I could tell that this would be no small task – decorating a Christmas tree with three small children, one with a broken arm. I thought that I should have waited until they were all asleep and then decorated it by myself. However, their eyes danced with joy waiting to help. So with 90 degree weather and three excited children, I put on a Christmas tape and we began.

I could have decorated the tree myself and it would have looked just the way I wanted it to. But then it would have been "mom's" tree, not "our" tree. As we put on the final touches, I noticed that the tree leaned a little to one side. There on one little branch hung six ornaments. As I was getting ready to relieve the branch, Kelsey said, "Amber, look how pretty I made this branch!", as she pointed to the weighted down branch. How could I move the ornaments after that excited remark?

After the tree was decorated, the girls ran out to play with their friends. There in the floor lay empty boxes, ornaments that didn't make it to the tree and still others that didn't survive the excitement at all. I began picking up the mess. As I was picking up the aftermath of excitement I started thinking . . .

"Yes, it would have been easier to have done it myself." I thought of the things that are easier if we "do it yourself " and if it is done "the way that we want it." I thought, "What if Jesus had been that way?" How many times did He want to "do it Himself," instead of repeating instructions to the disciples again and again.

How about you and me? If Jesus wanted to, He could build His church by Himself, but He lets us help. He lets us make mistakes, make a mess of things, and learn. Then many times He picks up the pieces. Oh, the patience of Jesus! As we work and learn, we feel needed by Jesus, loved by Him and a part of His great plan.

When I finished cleaning up the mess, the kids came back into the house with a friend. They began showing her all of their ornaments and where they had carefully placed their personal touch. My children felt needed and a part of what had taken place. I could have done it by myself, but I was glad that I allowed them to be a part of what I was doing. Yes, mom was left with the mess to clean, but so is Jesus many times when we 'help' Him.

Christmas is being a part of each other's lives, helping, learning and growing. I'm so thankful that Jesus lets us be a part of telling His story to the Brazilians. I'm glad that He lets us help Him prepare "ornaments" for the Tree of Life. Thank you for helping us be here in Brazil as we seek to help Jesus this CHRISTmas season. We pray you have a blessed "Christ" centered Christmas. Remember to take the time to let others help and be a part of you and your life.

Yours for BRAZIL, The Hollands

P.S. "Our" tree still leans but it looks beautiful and is full of sweet memories.



Kelsey, Amber & Brooklin Holland

#### New Employees

Mrs. Tonja Cullen is the new reception-

ist and bookkeeper at the Missouri Free



**Fonja Cullen** 

Will Baptist Office. Tonja comes to her new job from the Lebanon Bible and Bookstore where she was employed for four years.

Tonja's position at the bookstore has been filled by

Mrs. ludy Pierce. Judy is a former employee of the bookstore. Both of these fine Christian ladies will compliment the work of the state association.



**Judy Pierce** 

#### Sunday School Averages August 1994 - January 1995

CHURCHES	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	JAN
Bethe - Festus	67	68	70	71	63	77
Calvay Chapel	90	88	90		77	86
Calvay Fellowship	233	254	303	228	239	
CapeGirardeau	74	76	109	83	98	76
Colunbia			17	13	13	
Cuba	87	110	107	111	117	102
DeSoo		180	177	184	183	164
Farmington	340	348	361	337	348	315
Fredericktown	40	37	42	42		
Hannon	81	76	80	82	90	85
Harmony	54	60	56	54		
Hartvile	87		85	89	102	94
HazelCreek	62	72	70	74		
Hopevell	32	28	29	33	35	28
Housbn	47	54	43	45	46	39
Jones Creek	12	13	13	13	11	10
Kirksville	30	32				
Lebaron First	117	115	115	124	134	117
Mill Ceek	46	50	49	50	62	48
Myrtle	27	37	31	28	37	33
Oskabosa	11	11				
Ozark	53	58	64	77	79	
Park Hills First	133	136	136	125		120
Parkvew	49	58	51	49		
Richwoods	29	33	60	45		
Rock Chapel	69	70	69	72	76	67
Springfield First	114	112	107	102		105
Thayer	123	137	139	126	144	
United, West Plains	217	212	211	219	236	203
Unity	34	36	42	47	41	
Verdela	70	65	70	69	80	67
Willow Springs	64	65	71	67		57

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 nonth

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