

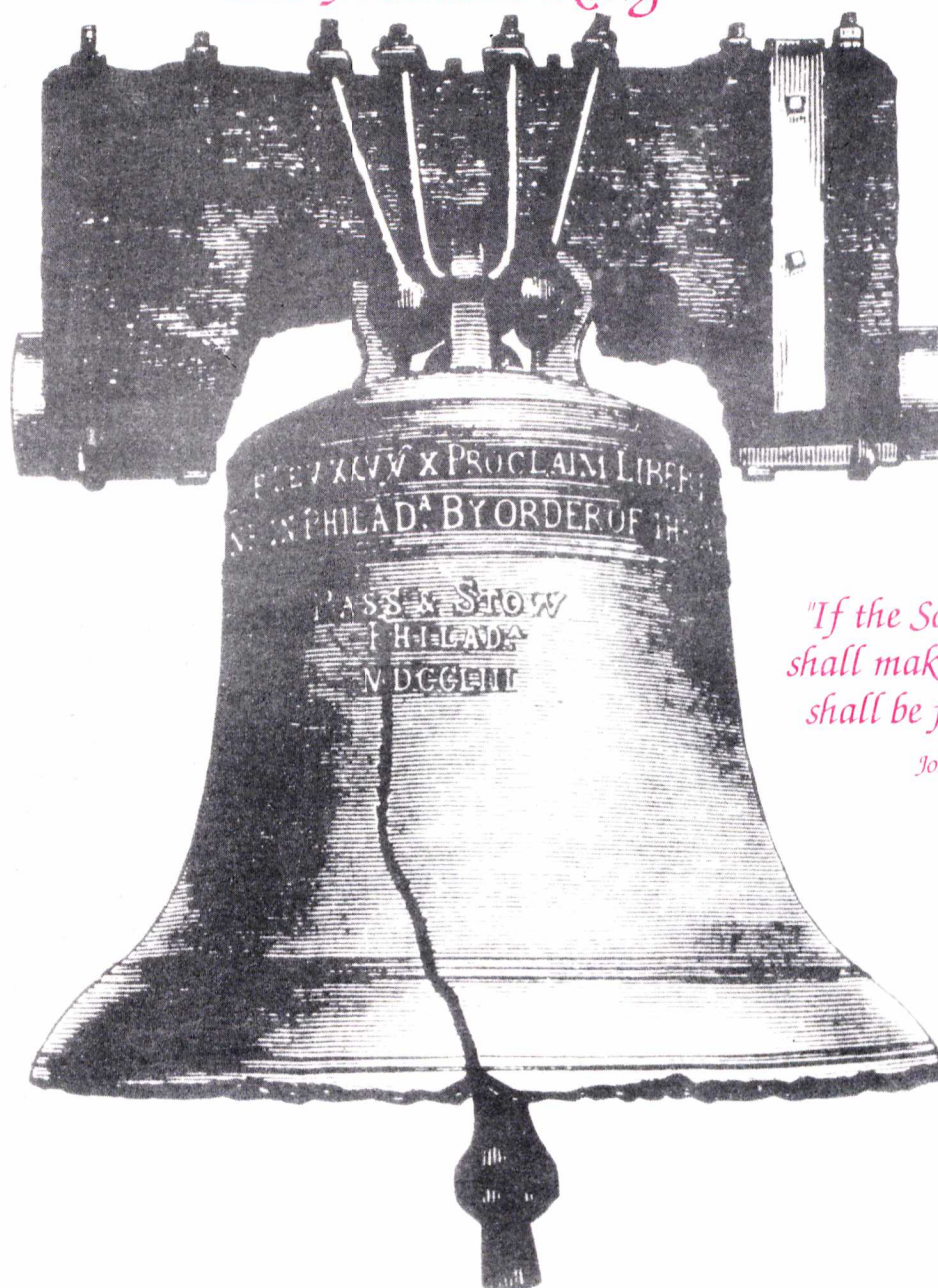
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"Let Freedom Ring"



*"If the Son therefore
shall make you free, ye
shall be free indeed."*

John 8:36



Nathan Ruble



From The Desk of The Executive Secretary

The 82nd session of the Missouri State Association was blessed of the Lord. Two hundred and seventy-one people registered and enjoyed great preaching, singing, and fellowship.

The speakers; Rick Dablemont, Elmer Towns, R.E. Helsley, Jerry Pilgrim, Ken Reiter, and Vernon Long; developed the theme of the convention, "Bear the Burden." The messages and the devotions instructed, challenged, and inspired the hearers.

As in the past, the music was outstanding. Jim Williams, Curt Gwartney, Gene Howell, and David Bates led the congregational singing, and Mariam Pilgrim provided the instrumental music. Curt Gwartney directed the Men's Chorale on Wednesday evening. Special music was provided by several people representing different parts of the state work. All the music was inspirational and edifying. My thanks is extended to all those who helped with the music.

The State Officers did an outstanding job in leading the convention through the business sessions. Moderator Gary Fry completed his third year as Moderator and, according to the Constitution and By-Laws, could not be reelected. Gary has done an outstanding job while serving as Moderator. The officers for the coming year are: Rev. Ken Dodson, Moderator; Rev. Rick Dablemont, Assistant Moderator; Rev. Robert Warner, Clerk; and Rev. Richard Robinson, Assistant Clerk. Please pray for these fine men as they serve our state association.

The State Convention gave the Northeast Association a standing vote of thanks for hosting the 1995 meeting. The Northeast Association is to be commended for the excellent manner in which they hosted the convention. Those who worked in registration, in ushering, and in setting up are to be complimented. Our thanks is extended to each one who helped make the 1995 meeting a success.

The delegates voted to hold the 1996 state meeting in Lebanon, Missouri.

A Letter of Thanks

From Rev. Lynn R. Beck

Dear Brother Nathan,

I just wanted to express my thoughts and appreciation to the Missouri State Association for a wonderful state meeting here in Kirksville. We enjoyed a wonderful spirit amid great music and great preaching.

It was gratifying for me to hear the various comments from our people from around the state. There was genuine praise for our community, our people, the facilities, and the area in general. A lot of work went into this meeting with the people of the Northeast Association working with your office as well as some of our community leaders in Kirksville. I am proud of the efforts of all.

I believe it was good for the people of Missouri to see our field of labor, but, most importantly, I am personally thankful that some of our people in north Missouri had an opportunity to experience the state meeting. Missouri Free Will Baptists may never know the joy and blessings they brought to our people, people who are faithful to God's work but cannot participate in the state meetings. Some of them will never see another state meeting, but they are thankful for this one.

Again, thank you for all you did. Please tell others around our great state that we appreciated having them in our "home" for a few days this year. They are welcome here any time.

May God bless our state work.

In Christ,

Rev. Lynn R. Beck



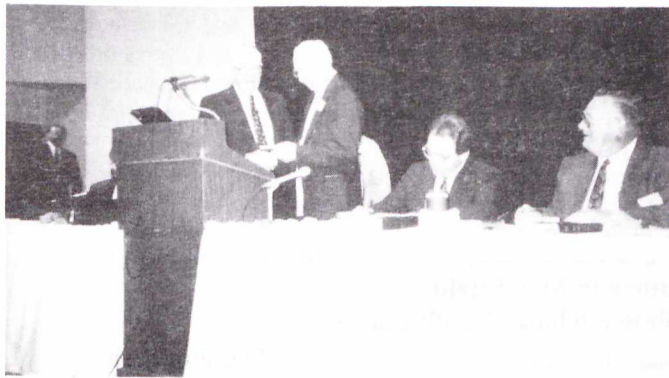
Newly Elected State Officers

Left to Right: Bob Warner, Clerk; Rick Dablemont, Ass't. Moderator; Ken Dodson, Moderator; and Richard Robinson, Ass't. Clerk.

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1858 Treatise Presented to the Historical Commission



During the Thursday morning session of the Missouri State Meeting, Mr. & Mrs. Monorable Alexander presented an original 1858 Free Will Baptist Treatise to Rev. James Barker, a member of the Missouri Historical Commission. Brother Monorable stated that his great grandfather's brother, Martin Myers, brought this little book with him when he came to Missouri from Franklin County, Pennsylvania, in 1865. There were no Free Will Baptist churches in Schuyler County at that time. In 1890 his grandfather, Ira Myers, and his other grandfather, Niles Alexander, helped build the New Harmony Free Will Baptist church. The church is located west of Greentop, Missouri. They celebrated their 100th anniversary in 1990.

The treatise is on display at the Missouri Free Will Baptists state office. If you have old Gems, Treatises, or other Free Will Baptist material, please donate them to the state archives. The material will help preserve the history of Free Will Baptists.

CTS Competition Winners from Hannon

Hannon Free Will Baptist Church had 24 entries in the Youth Competitive Activities which were recently held in Bolivar, Missouri. They brought home 12 trophies. We are extremely proud of all our youth. Those who received I ratings will go to National Competition which will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, July 18. Terrific job, kids!!!

The pastor of Hannon Free Will Baptist Church is George Naumann. His wife, Dianne, is the CTS director and puppet-maker.

EDITOR'S NOTE: See the names of the winners listed in the Youth Ministries Board's report of the competition.

Sunday School Averages December 1994 - May 1995

CHURCHES	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Beacon		65	70	78		
Belton					48	41
Bethel - Festus	63	77	80	84		
Calvary Chapel	77	86	104	94		
Calvary Fellowship	239	217	220	271		
Cape Girardeau	98	76	78	107	82	69
Columbia	13		14	17	16	
Cuba	117	102	109	122	117	104
DeSoto	183	164	179	235	176	
Farmington	348	315	311			
Fredericktown	40	34	38	43	41	38
Hannon	90	85	78	87	99	96
Harmony				57		
Hartville	102	94	96	91	94	77
Hazel Creek	67	74	72			
Hopewell	35	28	29	31	30	
Houston	46	39	50	58	57	54
Jones Creek	11	10	7	8	10	8
Lebanon First	134	117	121	122	122	115
Mill Creek	62	48	50	50	52	48
Monett			90	97	86	99
Myrtle	37	33	48	42	39	34
Oskaloosa		17	17	21	21	21
Ozark	79		76	82	80	
Park Hills First	131	120	137	140	125	
Richwoods	41	48	39	61		
Rock Chapel	76	67	66	65	62	
Springfield First		105	103	106	107	97
Thayer	144		139	170	155	132
United, West Plains	236	203	237	243	267	246
Unity	41	36	35	36	36	44
Verdella	80	67	65	69	71	68
Willow Springs	67	57	63	61	63	

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.

21 Years of Faithful Service

Sunday afternoon, June 11, a reception was held to honor Connie Myers for twenty-one years of faithful service to the Lebanon Bible and Book Store. The reception was held at the home of Bookstore manager, Warren Livingston. He and his wife, Ann, prepared a delicious buffet for the present and past employees of the bookstore and the state offices. During the time of fellowship, Connie stated that she has enjoyed working at the store and that it has aided her in her spiritual development.



Connie's sunny personality continues to brighten the store on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week. If you stop by the bookstore, take time to say hello to her. Connie and her family are members of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon.

All Boards Meeting - Preacher/Layman's Retreat

September 18 & 19, 1995

Youth Camp, Niangua

Theme: "Faith and Works"

Monday, September 18, 1995

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Fun and Fellowship

Golf Tournament - Golf Course in Marshfield

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

5:30 p.m. Evening Meal

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. "Living by Faith"

Rev. Bill Evans

7:30 p.m. Boards Meet

9:30 p.m. Refreshments

Tuesday, September 19, 1995

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Message from the Moderator

Rev. Ken Dodson

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

Rev. Bill Evans

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.

Those who want to play may play when they want to.

A Letter from Vergel Maness

Dear Gem Readers,

Thank you for the many kindnesses you have shown me during the time I have been doing missionary itinerant in the state of Missouri. I will be spending more time in the state in order to raise the support necessary to begin my third mission project.

It was a great privilege to attend the Missouri State Association for the first time in over fifteen years. I appreciated the recognition given to me by the officers of the association. It was good to fellowship with my many friends in Missouri.

Thank you sincerely,
Vergel Maness
National Home Missionary

New Products From Randall House

Free Will Baptist Lapel Pin

This new high quality multicolor pin features the Free Will Baptist logo. The pin is red, white, and blue set in gold. The price is set low for promotional purposes. We want all Free Will Baptists to be able to proudly proclaim their denominational affiliation. The price is \$3.00 each. The pin can be purchased from Randall House or your Randall House supplier.

Financial Letters to Help Churches

This is destined to be one of the most helpful books in any pastor's or church's library. These 96 letters provide ample ideas and opportunities to reach and encourage your congregation to support the work of Christ, locally and worldwide. With increased offerings, you should have opportunities for greater service. The book is bound in a three ring-binder; this allows you to add your own personal fund raising letters. A computer version is also available. The regular price is \$24.95 for the book and \$39.95 for the computer version. A special introductory offer is available until October 1, 1995. Until then you can purchase the book for \$19.95, a \$5.00 savings.

THREE NEW DRAMAS

Our Gift Was Sent to Bethlehem

Carry your congregation back in time to the birth of the Christ Child. Share the joy of those who worship Christ and the disappointment of those who disbelieve. This is a powerful drama pointing out the urgency of not waiting to come to Christ. This drama retails for \$1.95 each.

Nellie's Guests

A moving drama that reveals, behind every tragedy there is a blessing waiting to happen. Visit in Nellie's home as she hosts a group of stranded youth on Christmas Eve. See how God rewards her faith, answers a prayer for a small boy, and challenges the entire youth group to examine their attitudes and perspectives. This drama retails for \$1.95 each.

Act One Scene One

These nine dramatic selections written by youth workers are sure to challenge and motivate not only your youth but your entire church. For a sure fire spiritual impact, order your copies today. The book retails for \$6.95 each.

Our Need for Spiritual Friends

Jim Smoke

Too many of us try to live out our Christian faith behind the mask of a spiritual Lone Ranger. We often cannot talk about spiritual matters to others freely. If we converse at this level at all, we do so cautiously, lest we be misunderstood or deemed "superspiritual." This spiritual isolationism often leads to lack of spiritual maturity, accountability, and productivity. The age-old idea that faith in God is a private matter may be the reason for our inability to build solid Christian communities through a network of vital spiritual friendships.

Looking for Spiritual Friends. What should we look for in a "Friend of the soul?" Allen Jones, in *Exploring Spiritual Directions: An Essay on Christian Friendship*, lists four qualities a spiritual friend should possess:

*Love – an openness and readiness to accept another into one's heart.

*Discernment – the heart of spiritual direction.

*Patience – sitting and waiting rather than making quick judgements.

*Utter frankness and honesty – a naked trust that sets the tone for the relationship.

According to Urban T. Holmes' book *Spirituality for Ministry*, people seek spiritual friends who display greater spiritual maturity, the presence of the Spirit, a willingness to listen, a liberal amount of holiness, compassion, a total commitment to their needs, an inability to be shocked, compatibility, honesty, confidentiality, and kindness. Most of us would count it a high privilege to have a spiritual friend with these qualifications. We all need someone who is a little farther down the spiritual road than we are, tugging on our sleeves to bring us along. Too often we find ourselves being bulldozed, steamrolled, dive-bombed, and blitzed into spiritual growth by our well-meaning Christian friends.

Seldom are we nudged, loved, and encouraged to spiritual growth in an atmosphere of understanding.

Building Spiritual Friendship Foundations. The following guidelines will help us build foundations that encourage the formation of spiritually friendly relationships:

1. Pray for the Lord to send the right person into our lives.
2. Be willing to ask for and receive direction.
3. Be willing to be spiritually accountable to another person.
4. Give the relationship time to form and grow.
5. Spend time with our spiritual friend. This time will include talking about the inner things of our hearts and spirits, praying, and developing long-term plans of action for our continued spiritual growth.

Passing on Spiritual Friendship. As ministers, we frequently talk about church work but seldom discuss matters of the heart and spirit. If such hesitancy exists among those who lead, how widespread must it be among those who follow? Having a spiritual friend and being a spiritual friend means bringing God into the open space between our lives and allowing Him to do His work through each of us. By having and being spiritual friends, we encourage those who receive help and direction from us to share that same friendship with others.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article is supplied by David C. Cook Church Ministries.

WINNERS OF THE 1994 MISSOURI STATE COMPETITION

00.1 BIBLE MEMORIZATION

- * 1st Grade Austin Vandivort
- * 2nd Grade Lindsay Keith
- * 3rd Grade Kerrie Morgan

O'Fallon First
Wolf Creek
Hannon

00.2 BIBLE SWORD DRILL

- * 4th Grade Justina Hopper
- * 5th Grade Sarah Blackwell
- * 6th Grade Ashley Montee

Calvary Fellowship
Trinity
Hannon

00.3 BIBLE TIC TAC TOE

- * HARTVILLE
Rebecca Hughes, Ben Hughes,
Heath Coy, Brian Lennox

00.4 BIBLE BOWL

- * NEW HOME
Hannah Dowden, Emily Dowden

01.1 VOCAL SOLO

AGE GROUP

- * A Casey Gwartney
- * B Cortney Shafer

Fellowship
Hannon

01.2 MALE VOCAL SOLO

- * C Aaron Beck
- * D Brian Scott

Joplin First
Calvary Fellowship

01.3 FEMALE VOCAL SOLO

- * C Laura Terry
- * D Candice Beard
- * E Jennifer Stecher

Monett First
Mountain Grove First
Beacon

02.2 VOCAL ENSEMBLE - DUET

- * A Jesse Blackwell/Ashley Gipson
- * B Calvary Duet
- * C Aaron Beck & Kim Dalton
- * D Lewis Duet

Trinity
Calvary Fellowship
Joplin First
DeSoto First

02.3 VOCAL ENSEMBLE - TRIO

- * A Hannon Girls' Trio
- * B Calvary Trio
- * C Carthage Trio
- * D DeSoto Girls' Trio
- * E New Home Trio

Hannon
Calvary Fellowship
Carthage First
DeSoto First
New Home

02.4 QUARTET

- * D DeSoto Quartet

DeSoto First

02.6 SEXTET

- * B Calvary Sextet

Calvary Fellowship

04.1 INSTRUMENTAL SOLO - STRING (Bowed)

- * C Aaron Beck

Joplin First

04.3 INSTRUMENTAL SOLO - WOODWIND

- * B Christine Miller
- * C Alisha Ragsdale

Beacon
Calvary Fellowship

05.2 SMALL INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE - STRING (Fretted)

- * D Willow Springs Trio

Willow Springs

05.6 SMALL INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE - COMBINATION OF INSTRUMENTS

- * E New Home Ensemble

New Home

07.1 KEYBOARD SOLO - MANUAL

- * A Jesse Blackwell
- * B Sarah Blackwell
- * C Aaron Beck
- * D Micah Derby

Trinity
Trinity
Joplin First
Calvary Fellowship

08.1 EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH

- * C Tara Webster

Neosho First

08.2 DRAMATIC SELECTION

- * A Jeremy Crittendon
- * C Michelle McMillin
- * A Kristin Hood
- * E Jennifer Stecher

Calvary Fellowship
Beacon
Monett First
Beacon

08.3 POETRY

- * A Josh Parker
- * C Amanda Young

Calvary Fellowship
New Home

08.4 PROSE

- * B Christine Miller

Beacon

08.5 INTERPRETIVE READING OF SCRIPTURE

- * A Joni Dixon
- * B Adam McNeely
- * C Brian Lennox
- * D Kristin Hood
- * E Mandy Williams

Hartville
Carthage
Hartville
Monett First
Carthage

08.6 PUPPETRY (Live)

- * C Christie Zimmerman

Hannon

08.7 PUPPETRY (Recorded)

- * A Hannon Puppeteers
- * B Hannon Puppeteers
- * C Hannon Puppeteers

Hannon
Hannon
Hannon

08.8 DUET ACTING

- * C Beacon Duo
- * D Kristin Hood/Amanda Terry

Beacon
Monett First

08.0 SKIT

- * C Beacon Players
- * D Willow Springs Drama Team

Beacon
Willow Springs

11.1 SCULPTURE/POTTERY

- * A Matthew Leek
- * B Adam McNeely
- * D Austin Williams

Carthage
Carthage
Carthage

11.2 PAINTING

- * A Timmy Stephens

Carthage

11.3 GRAPHICS

- * A Aaron Hutsell
- * B Jamie Wilson
- * C Ryan Bolin
- * D Jamie Lewis

Cape Girardeau First
Beacon
Calvary Fellowship
DeSoto First

11.4 CERAMIC

- * A Kerrie Morgan
- * B Gwynne Dickey
- * C Amber Fowler
- * D Elizabeth Zimmerman

Hannon
Hannon
Carthage
Hannon

11.5 TEXTILES

- * A Samantha Williams

Carthage

11.6 PHOTOGRAPHY - BLACK & WHITE

- * B Richard Fowler
- * D Candice Beard

Carthage
Mountain Grove First

11.7 PHOTOGRAPHY - COLOR

- * A Lukas Mawhirter
- * B Richard Fowler
- * C Melisha Thompson
- * D Austin Williams

Beacon
Carthage
Hannon
Carthage

* Denotes winner who earned a 1 rating at State Competition and will represent Missouri at the National Youth Conference in July.

76 WINNERS FROM 17 CHURCHES



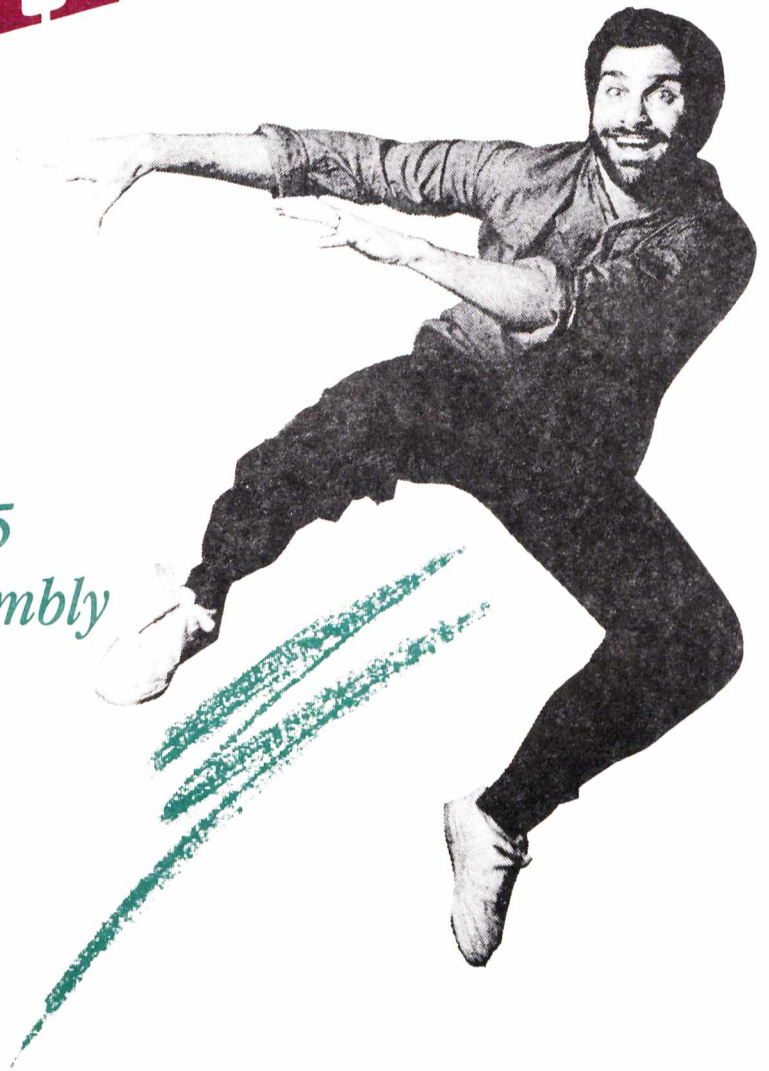
WINNERS AND WORKERS

Editor's Note: These photos do not show all the winners of the competition. They do show some of the competitors and workers who made the competition possible.



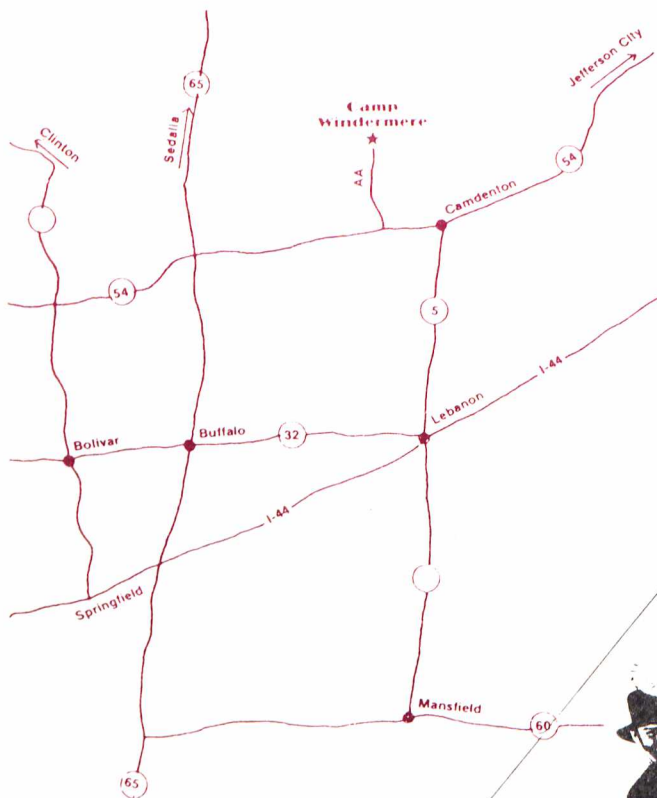
“Straight to The Heart”

*Missouri State
Youth Conference
November 17-18, 1995
Windermere Baptist Assembly*

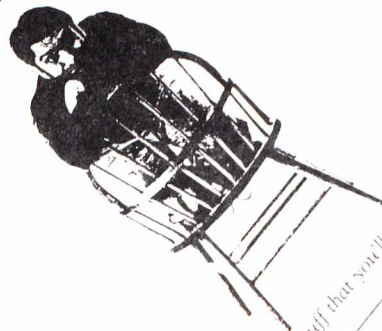


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Cloninger***
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Friends!!!!!!
Food?????
Fantastic T-shirts!!*



Curt Cloninger. He'll fill the stage with so many characters who give you so much insight into God and life and love and all that good stuff that you'll wish there wasn't an empty seat in the house.



1995 Missouri State Youth Conference "Straight To The Heart"

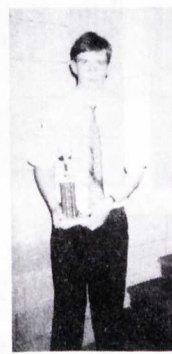
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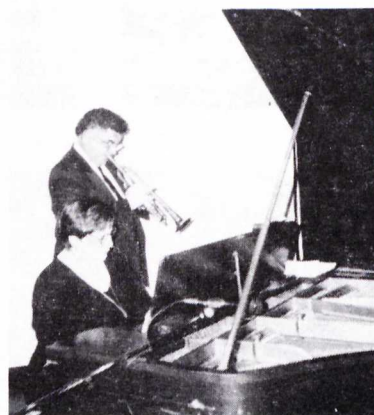
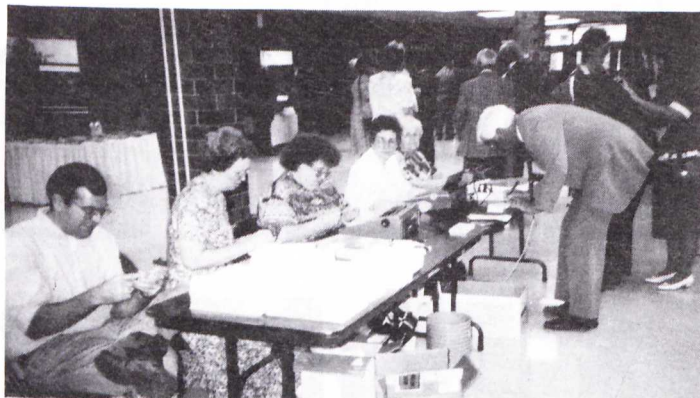
- 4:00-7:30 p.m. - Registration/Check-In
- 7:30-8:30 p.m. - Supper
- 8:30-9:45 p.m. - Curt Cloninger - "GOD VIEWS"
- 9:45-10:30 p.m. - Free Time (Games & Videos)
- 10:30-11:00 p.m. In-Cabin Devotions
- 11:00 p.m. - LIGHTS OUT

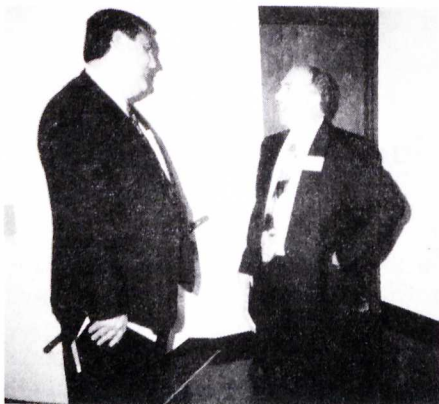
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 8:00-9:00 a.m. - Breakfast
- 9:00-10:00 a.m. - Curt Cloninger - "WITNESSES"
- 10:00-10:45 - Free Time
 - Youth Workers' Roundtable Discussion
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. - Lunch
- 1:00-2:00 p.m. - Youth - "OFF THE WALL"
 - Youth Workers' Only Session
- 2:00-3:15 p.m. - Free Time
- 3:15-4:30 p.m. - Curt Cloninger - "WHEN I DIED LAST TUESDAY"



1995 MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING





"Peachy Summer"

A letter from Free Will Baptist Children's Home

Dear Friends,

For the past several years, many of you have responded to our "Rosy Summer" project at Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Alabama. As you know, during the summer, Faith ministries suffer a significant drop in giving with people going on vacations, etc. However, the bills for this House full of children continue on . . . in fact, they increase. Someone said, "Everything takes a dip except kids enthusiasm and desire to have fun."

So, we came up with the "Rosy Summer" idea. People gave whatever they could, over and above their regular giving (otherwise it would not work). The money goes into a special account just to spend on the kids and their activities during these summer months.

You see, most children can look forward to vacations with their parents, going places and doing things. Our kids should have that same privilege. It is not their fault that giving drops during the summer and we have to squeeze every way we can just to survive until fall. They should not have to suffer, stay home, and not have an enjoyable summer.

One of my girls said last week, "Wouldn't it just be peachy if we could go there this summer!" Another said, "That's it . . . why not have a "Peachy Summer" this year." So, that's what we're doing.

Our kids work faithfully promoting the Home and exalting Jesus each weekend. They work hard around here helping us keep the place up. They deserve a few outings this summer which we cannot normally afford. Your "Peachy Summer" gift can make this possible.

Would you please help us with a gift, over and above your regular giving? Send your special offering to Free Will Baptist Children's Home, P.O. Box 8, Eldridge, Alabama 35554. I assure you we will not use the "Peachy Summer" offering to pay bills, etc. It will go strictly for "Peachy Summer" (activities, trips, fishing, camping, etc.).

God bless you. You have always been there when we needed you. I know our kids will say a great big, "Thanks."

For the children,

Levy Corey, Executive Director

Old Time Camp Meeting

There will be an **OLD TIME CAMP MEETING** held at the National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. This meeting will be held Monday afternoon, July 17, in Hall C of the new Charlotte convention center. The meeting time will be 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. with pre-service gospel singing beginning at 2:45 p.m.

Dr. Roy Thomas, General Director of National Home Missions Department, will be preaching a soul-stirring message. Great gospel singing will feature The Howard Gwartney Family, Home Missionaries to Mesa (a suburb of Phoenix), Arizona, and Lawrence Taylor, formerly with the gospel group - *Heaven Bound*.

Please make your plans now to attend this great meeting. It will remind you of the old-fashioned revival meetings of yesterday and today, and will put a song in your heart.

The Youth Look

By Ann Poletti



For my family and me, it was one of life's happiest days. For the rest of our nation, it will be remembered as one of the saddest. April 23, 1995 . . . "The National Day of Mourning" for the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing, and the birth of Kelsie Elaine Poletti.

I spoke with friends in Oklahoma City that day, bubbling over with joy at our newest baby's birth while still feeling the heavy weight of sadness this tragedy had brought. The irony was eerie - the same date marking life and death, joy with mourning - and the mixed feelings I had, with happiness outweighing the sad, made me feel guilty. How could I celebrate when ones we knew were suffering? How could I celebrate the birth of another child when so many had lost theirs in a senseless act of violence?

It all reminded me of a day coming when we Christians will know the greatest joy we have ever imagined while others will experience the deepest sadness and desperation ever known. It would make us almost dread our own happiness, knowing of the pain and torment ahead for others, if we did not have the assurance that God will wipe away our tears. Guilt will be unallowed, as well as unnecessary, if we are certain we are doing all we can to take everyone we meet to Heaven with us.

We have no promise that life holds no such tragedies as this one that's shocked our nation. We can only prepare ourselves for the end, and trust in God to comfort us every step of our way.

The Stanley Jones Singers Update

Dear Ministry Friends,

Because of your faithful support, we are rapidly approaching our \$10,000 goal for the purchase of a vehicle. To date, you have given \$6,500. That leaves \$3,500. A bus has been purchased and is now being converted into an RV.

Our whole family wishes to say "thank you" from the depths of our hearts. The cost of equipping the bus with living quarters has now been determined. We need to raise an additional \$10,000. To complete the project as soon as possible, we need to have a total of \$13,500. If you have already given, you may wish to do as others have done and give a second donation. If you have not had the opportunity to respond, now may be a good time for you to be part of this ministry by designating an offering for the "Bus Fund." Everyone who supports this fund with a minimum offering of \$100 will receive a copy of our latest cassette tape. This is our "thank you" for helping with this project. Everyone who gives any amount will have their name added to a plaque to be displayed in the completed bus. Plans are being made to have a dedication for the converted bus. At a later date, several locations will be announced where you can tour the bus and pray for God's blessings on its use.

Your support can be mailed to Stanley Jones Singers, 5515 Broyles Road, Hartville, Missouri 65667.

"THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU!"

Financial Information

MAY 1995

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions	
Board	\$7,287.21
17.50% Executive Office	6,893.30
3.50% General Fund	1,378.66
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	3,348.18
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.	984.76
2.50% C.E. Board	984.76
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries	
Board	984.76
9.00% Mo. State Retirement	
Program	3,545.13
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	
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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	
(\$120.14 included in \$12,014.05)	
5.00% Mo. State Conference	
Center Fund	1,969.51
TOTAL	\$39,390.32

"...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%.

MAY 1995

COOPERATIVE

Bailey Chapel	\$ 100.00
Belton	310.54
Bethel - El Dorado Springs	61.59
Bethel - Marshfield	167.60
Black Oak - Niangua	304.24
Blue Springs	166.42
Bourbon	60.58
Cabool	380.34
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo	254.68
Cape Girardeau 1st	911.48
Carthage	180.00
Central - Grand	969.60
Clifton - Thayer	86.58
Columbia (MO ST Home Miss. Bd.)	99.00
Copper Mines - Fredericktown	286.98
Crossroads - Lebanon	188.90
Crossroads - Wentzville	370.00
Cuba	612.00
DeSoto 1st	1,050.00
Eastern Gate - Springfield	375.81
Faith & Hope - Aurora	94.50
Faith & Hope - Willow Springs	115.48
Farmington 1st	2,391.01
Fordland	619.28
Fourth - St. Louis	350.00
Fredericktown 1st	706.00
Freeman Chapel	360.07
Friendship - Branson	480.18
Grace - Arnold	1,280.00
Grant Avenue - Springfield	1,205.15
Greenfield	450.00
Hannon - Liberal	621.70
Happy Home - Ava	119.73
Harmony - Parkville	459.00
Hartville	653.56
Hopewell - Tunas	212.00
Houston 1st	411.73
Hurryville - Park Hills	467.57
Joplin 1st	716.25
Kingsway - Springfield	305.10
Kirksville 1st	175.39
Koshkonong	113.07
Leadington	533.00
Lebanon 1st	800.12

Liberty - Phillipsburg	252.73
LoneStar - Seymour	66.10
Marshfield	392.04
Merls Chapel	253.00
Mill Creek - Fredericktown	334.43
Mine La Motte	45.37
Monett 1st	642.17
Mt. Zion - Gower	73.93
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool	192.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	1,449.14
Myrtle	259.11
New Harmony	28.29
New Hope - Fredericktown	20.00
New Life - Licking	296.72
North 5 - Lebanon	193.62
Number One	74.58
O'Fallon 1st	813.43
Oak Hill - Fredericktown	92.98
Overland	159.00
Ozark 1st	808.79
Park Hills 1st	852.98
Pleasant Hill - Thayer	131.22
Pleasant Home - MG	222.02
Pleasant Home - MG	249.77
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	93.00
Potosi 1st	131.22
Republic	159.09
Riverview - Bettendorf, Iowa	692.70
Rock Chapel - Norwood	412.02
Rolla 1st	74.01
Royal Oak - Alton	142.00
Seymour	121.00
Seymour	136.00
Smyrna	210.00
Springfield 1st	910.66
St. Peters - New Life Fellowship	809.03
Stockton	169.13
Thayer	964.00
Trinity - Bridgeton	1,212.91
Tyrone - Elk Creek	51.35
Union Grove - Norwood	282.00
United - West Plains	1,127.51
Unity - Lebanon	437.00
Verdella - Liberal	448.37
Victory - Alton	153.22
Victory - K.C.	598.22
Waynesville 1st	294.82
West Plains 1st	761.96
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove	192.31
Wolf Creek - Mansfield	327.10
TOTAL	\$39,390.32

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Bethel - Festus	\$ 67.25
Central - Grandview	10.00
Columbia (MO ST Home Miss. Bd.)	5.00
DeSoto 1st	10.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora	51.50
Faith & Hope - Willow Springs	25.00
Farmington 1st	10.00
Fourth - St. Louis	10.00
Grace - Arnold	25.00
Grant Avenue - Springfield	39.00
Hannon - Liberal	310.84
Kirksville 1st	14.57
L. Wormington	30.00
Lebanon Bible & Bookstore	190.00
Lebanon 1st	10.00
Marshfield	39.20
Mtn. Grove 1st	25.00
O'Fallon 1st	70.23
Ozark 1st	10.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	20.00
Richwoods 1st	5.00
Rock Chapel - Norwood	96.75
Thayer	79.00
Trinity - Bridgeton	135.00
Viburnum	5.00
Victory - K.C.	5.00
West Plains 1st	45.00
TOTAL	\$1,343.34

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Bethel - Festus	\$ 112.00
Blue Springs	133.14
Blue Springs	61.25
C. Thompson	25.00
Carthage	53.00
Central - Grandview	230.00
Central - Grandview	11.00
Columbia (MO ST Home Miss. Bd.)	60.00
DeSoto 1st	455.00
Eastern Gate - Springfield	155.16
Faith & Hope - Aurora	51.50

Faith & Hope - Willow Springs	150.00
Faith - St. Louis	50.00
Faith - St. Louis	25.00
Farmington 1st	308.33
Farmington 1st	216.75
Fordland	115.00
Fourth - St. Louis	60.00
Freeman Chapel	488.50
Grace - Arnold	326.50
Grant Avenue - Springfield	657.03
Greenfield	363.00
Greenfield	160.00
Hannon - Liberal	1,135.70
Hartville	130.71
Houston 1st	95.00
Houston 1st	158.00
J. Schebaum	15.00
Joplin 1st	28.00
Kingsway - N. Warrick	5.00
Kingsway - N. Warrick	5.00
Kirksville 1st	14.58
Leadington	30.00
Lebanon 1st	40.00
Lebanon 1st	50.00
Lebanon 1st Jr. Church	30.60
Marshfield	89.25
Merls Chapel	200.00
Mission Group - Parkview	60.00
Monett 1st	400.00
Monett 1st	531.00
Mt. Zion - Gower	124.00
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool	100.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	389.00
Myrtle	288.00
N. Akeman	10.00
New Harmony	141.45
New Home - Hartville	276.00
New Life - Monett	61.15
O'Fallon 1st	67.50
Oak Grove - Cabool	65.00
Ozark 1st	85.00
Park Hills 1st	341.20
Pleasant Home - MG	84.03
Pleasant Home - MG	64.98
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	50.00
Richwoods 1st	20.00
Rock Chapel - Norwood	180.85
SE MO Dist. Assoc.	25.00
St. Peters - New Life Fellowship	295.00
Thayer	534.66
Trinity - Bridgeton	1,610.81
Union Mission - Lebanon	186.92
United - West Plains	119.92
Unity - Lebanon	40.00
Verdella - Liberal	803.38
Viburnum	140.00
Victory - K.C.	190.00
W. Livingston	10.00
Waynesville 1st	50.00
West Plains 1st	259.25
Women's S.S. Cl. - Grant Ave.	20.00
TOTAL	\$13,918.10

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Bethel - Festus	\$ 30.00
Carthage	48.00
Central - Grandview	60.00
Columbia (MO ST Home Miss. Bd.)	20.00
Crossroads - Lebanon	73.75
DeSoto 1st	235.00
Eastern Gate - Springfield	20.00
Faith & Hope - Willow Springs	25.00
Farmington 1st	50.00
Fordland	20.00
Fourth - St. Louis	30.00
Grace - Arnold	152.00
Grant Avenue - Springfield	230.51
Hannon - Liberal	67.17
J.W. Rader - Marshfield	20.00
Jones Creek Road - Dittmer	10.00
Leadington	25.00
Lebanon 1st	10.00
Lebanon 1st	91.00
Mission Group - Parkview	10.00
Monett 1st	10.00
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool	50.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	35.00
New Harmony	141.45
New Home - Hartville	20.00
O'Fallon 1st	67.50
Ozark 1st	55.00
Park Hills 1st	105.30
Pleasant Home - MG	10.00
Pleasant Home - MG	26.32

R. Keith	20.00
Richwoods 1st	42.00
Rock Chapel - Norwood	45.00
S. Hart	30.00
SE MO Dist. Assoc.	25.00
St. Peters - New Life Fellowship	50.00
Thayer	228.00
Trinity - Bridgeton	70.00
United - West Plains	10.00
Unity - Lebanon	50.00
Verdella - Liberal	20.00
Viburnum	64.00
Victory - K.C.	50.00
W. Livingston	10.00
Waynesville 1st	50.00
West Plains 1st	70.00
Wolf Creek - Mansfield	10.00
TOTAL	\$2,592.00

MISSOURI FWB YOUTH CAMP

Hartville	\$ 10.00
New Home - Hartville	10.00
Lebanon Bible & Book Store	85.00
Hannon - Liberal	15.00
Cabool	10.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove	10.00
Thayer	40.00
Bethel - Festus	67.26
Ozark 1st	10.00
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool	10.00
Mission Group (Parkview) - Desloge	10.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	10.00
DeSoto 1st	50.00
Marshfield	20.00
Trinity Baptist - Bridgeton	14.00
Park Hills 1st	24.30
TOTAL	\$395.56

CHILDREN'S HOME (TN)

Myrtle	\$ 1.00
Unity - Lebanon	10.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	25.00
Mission Group (Parkview) - Desloge	10.00
DeSoto 1st	50.00
Park Hills 1st	10.00
TOTAL	\$106.00

HILLSDALE FWB COLLEGE

Central - Grandview	\$60.00
Hannon - Liberal	50.00
Victory - K.C.	79.88
Thayer	45.00
Eastern Gate - Springfield	75.16
Grant Avenue - Springfield	6.00
Fordland	10.00
West Plains 1st	165.00
Farmington 1st	133.33
TOTAL	\$624.37

FWB BIBLE COLLEGE

Thayer	\$ 40.00
Mission Group, Parkview - Des.	10.00
DeSoto 1st	35.00
Farmington 1st	141.66
TOTAL	\$226.66

REV. JOHN McCLURE

New Harmony - Greentop	\$109.34
Carthage	17.00
Thayer	10.00
Jones Creek Rd - Dittmer	10.00
Monett 1st	35.00
Grace - Arnold	15.00
Farmington 1st	17.07
TOTAL	\$213.41

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington 1st	\$25.00
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YOUTH MINISTRIES BOARD

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$25.00
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$25.00
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SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES BOARD

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$25.00
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WORLD RELIEF

Victory - K.C.	\$10.00
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WORLD VISION

Victory - K.C.	\$5.00
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National Free Will Baptist Bass Tournament

Sponsored by the Oklahoma Masters Men

September 21 & 22, 1995

Lake Ray Roberts, Texas

The tournament will be headquartered at 4 Horsemen Motor Lodge in Pilot Point, about 2 miles east of the lake on highway 377. From I-35 exit onto FM 455 at Sanger (about 30 miles south of the Oklahoma border). Go east about 12 miles (you will cross the dam) to highway 377, then north about 2 miles into Pilot Point. The 4 Horseman Motor Lodge is on the east side of the road.

This will be a big Bass Tournament and each day we will pay the first five places for big bass. No total boat weights will be paid. Tentatively our plans are as follows:

1st place: \$250.00 2nd place: \$200.00 3rd place: \$150.00 4th place: \$100.00 5th place: \$50.00.

The entry fee will be \$75.00 per man for the two-day event. This will include dinner Thursday and Friday nights at the motel restaurant. After dinner we will pay the top five places and be giving away door prizes and having a time of testimony.

We will have a time of welcome and fellowship beginning Wednesday evening at 7:00.

At least one member of each team must be a member or a regular attender of a Free Will Baptist Church. If you want to fish but don't have a partner, you may contact Roy Copeland, tournament coordinator, at 405-737-7865 during the day or 405-794-6481 in the evenings, who will help pair up any singles.

We have 25 rooms at the 4 Horseman and each person will need to call and reserve his room. Be sure to tell them you are with the Free Will Baptist Tournament. A double occupancy will cost each man \$20.00 per night plus tax. Their phone is 817-686-2256. Also camping at the isle of Dubois State Park on the lake is available for about \$17.00 per night and it's only about 10 minutes from the motel. RSVP 512-389-8900. Complete and return this entry form with payment by September 5, to: Roy Copeland, 5002 S. Anderson Road, Midwest City, Oklahoma 73150.

TEAM INFORMATION

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Nihon News

A Letter From the McDonalds

Dear Friends,

We're heading home! Thanks to so many who have given, we are finishing up the four-year term as scheduled and flying into Nashville on May 30. It looked impossible that the funds would be supplied, but we serve a great God and He certainly came through for us. Though we are still significantly in the red, we're so thankful that the ministry here didn't have to be interrupted. Thank you to each and every individual who has stood with us during this time of financial need!

With our flight to America only two weeks away, our house is in a state of chaos with boxes and suitcases everywhere. And the treadmill is getting faster as we have a busy schedule of "going-away parties" with Japanese friends (both Christian and non-Christian) in addition to regular ministry. Even in these last days of this term, we are having opportunities to be salt and light in this needy land.

There have been some positive things happening in the ministry. Donnie will baptize a young Japanese man, Mr. Yabe, on May 14 at the Kita Hiroshima church, where he has been ministering. The Ai no Sato church had a special children's evangelistic program on Easter which was well-attended by first-timers. Since then, several of Katie and Evan's little friends have begun attending Sunday School and we are so thankful. It is, of course, great that these children from Buddhist homes are hearing the gospel. And it's also exciting to see our children's faith increased.

Pray for us during these next weeks of transition. We are really looking forward to seeing our families and friends in the States. They will meet our 1-year-old Amy for the very first time! Katie and Evan are not too sure what to expect, it seems. Right now they can't imagine a country where there are no "onigiri" (rice balls wrapped in seaweed!). And 5-year old Evan asked the other day after looking at the globe, "Do the people in America have to stand on their heads all the time?" Ha!

We're looking forward to seeing YOU and sharing what God's been doing on this island nation. Thanks again for standing with us - we couldn't have ministered these years without you!

See you soon,
Don and Ruth McDonald

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