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BREAD CAST UPON THE WATERS

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January 22, 1942. The steamship *Cuba* silently cruised through the water of the Atlantic Ocean. Less than two months earlier an attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese had stunned the world. The big ship zigzagged from the regular course as protection from enemy submarines that may have been lurking beneath the surface. As an added precaution, the ship sailed at night under total blackout conditions. Only the stars twinkled overhead, denying the danger of the dark water below.

Inside the ship, five ministers of the gospel of Christ were bound for Cuba to help missionary Thomas Willey decide on a location for a Free Will Baptist mission on the island. Ken Turner, Winford Davis, and George Lashum of Monett, Missouri; Bert Rogers of We-woka, Oklahoma; and Melvin Bingham of Tulsa, Oklahoma, had all left family, friends, and the security of the States to further the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In 1942 Free Will Baptists had only one missionary. Miss Laura Belle Barnard had a work in India. There was also an opening for a mission in Cuba with Thomas Willey. It was essential for someone to go forward and inform Free Will Baptist churches of the needs in the mission work. Ken Turner felt God leading him in this direction.

He had learned that in 1911 the Free Will Baptists in the Northern states had merged with another denomination, causing the loss of most of their possessions. These included churches, schools, printing houses, and all their foreign missionaries. Free Will Baptists would have to start over.

A new hope and desire began to grow within Ken Turner to further the work of Free Will Baptists. He had a wife and two small children and was circuit pastor for four small churches in Missouri. Did the surrender to preach entail mission work also, he wondered? Would one man's effort even make a difference?

Little did he know when he surrendered to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ as a young man in 1931, that he would spend fifteen years of his life traveling the United States and Cuba to

gather support for Free Will Baptist missions.

Ken was saved in a revival meeting held south of Granby, Missouri, at the age of fourteen. During the service, he felt convicted of his sins and went to the altar to take a stand for Jesus. As the years went by, Ken grew away from the Lord and went his own way. When he was eighteen, however, he felt the Lord's urging to return to Him and surrender once again.

Meanwhile, Ken's brother Noel had accepted the call to preach and gave his life to the ministry of the gospel. Ken began to feel God calling him into the ministry also. Troubled that his family and friends would think he was following Noel, instead of God's leading, he resisted the call. But the Lord doesn't give up. Finally, the call being too strong to resist and all doubts erased, Ken accepted. He then set out to do the Lord's will.

Ken was raised in a Christian home where seeking the Lord's will was an everyday occurrence. God was put first in both his parents' lives. One of six children born to Margaret Ethel and Joseph E. Turner on a farm near Granby, Missouri, Ken had a happy, secure childhood.

He learned to work and handle responsibility as a youngster. Each child had his own chores to do every day on the farm. In addition, they helped their father cut sawlogs and take them to the mill. Everyone in the family worked six days a week, but Sunday was always a day of rest. Joseph Turner was a deacon at Jones Chapel near their home. Rodney, the youngest son, followed in his father's footsteps and also served as a deacon for many years. Ken's family was very supportive of his decision to preach and work for the Free Will Baptist Mission Board. Their love and encouragement made his leaving the States for that first trip to Cuba a little easier.

For a while, it had looked as if Ken and two other ministers would not get to leave on the ship to Cuba as planned. All five men had arrived by car in Miami, Florida, on January 21, 1942. The steam-

ship sailed for Havana the next day. Here they discovered that Ken and two other men were of draft age and had failed to get a permit to leave the United States. A telegram was quickly sent to Cassville, Missouri, requesting permission to leave. The draft board happened to be in session when the telegram arrived. Permission was granted. The return telegram was received in time for the men to leave the following night as scheduled.

The trip to Cuba was uneventful. The five ministers' first glimpse of Cuba was rather oppressive. They saw Moro Castle, a bleak concrete structure rising up out of the sea. With its tiny windows and large turrets, it resembled a prison. Cold, hard, and very bleak, it stood guard over the shimmering blue waters of the ocean which was alive with small boats. The little boats dotting the bay would nestle close to the ship, and young men of the island would beg the passengers for money. The tourists would throw coins into the sea for the Cubans to retrieve. These boats followed the ship all the way to shore, the young men never tiring of shouting and diving for the coins.

On shore, the bustle of the busy city streets was astounding. Everything was moving! The street was a riot of color and noise. Down the same narrow street where a trolley car had vanished, lumbered a pair of oxen pulling a car loaded with vegetables and people. Wealthy men in expensive suits shared the streets with ragged, dirty children each seemingly oblivious of the other. In one doorway lay an old leathery woman happily smoking a cigar. A small, brown boy came pushing a wheelbarrow full of fruit and vegetables to sell. His spotted puppy lay asleep on that same mound of goods.

The enormous need of leading these people to Christ settled on the five ministers. What a miracle it would take to get a mission started here in Cuba. Would the pictures Ken intended to take be adequate to inspire support from Free Will Baptist churches for a mission work here?

Resolved, Ken picked up his cameras and luggage and followed the other four

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ministers to the car that would take them out of Havana. Pinar Del Rio became the sight for the first Free Will Baptist Mission in Cuba.

The countryside was beautiful. Parrots squawked and scolded from green leafy orange trees. Peacocks displayed their richly colored fans before wooden huts with simple thatched roofs. Scrawny cows and pigs freely roamed the small farms. Outside their huts, busy housewives could be seen ironing, using charcoal fires and heavy irons. Farmers hauled water to their crops in large barrels on a cart pulled by a team of oxen. Children were everywhere! Many were poor and scantily dressed, but all were happy and friendly to the Americans bringing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Ken Turner's opportunity to preach the gospel to the Cubans came in a service held in a remote area with Brother Willey. English being the only language Ken knew to speak, he wondered how the Lord could possibly work through an interpreter to stir men's hearts and souls. Determined and a little nervous, Ken stood before them and preached, using Psalm 42:1: "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." To his delight a young Cuban boy came forward in the service and gave his heart to the Lord.

The young man's name was David. He lived the rest of his life serving the Lord and many years later died a martyr death before Castor's firing squad.

The Cubans were eager to hear the gospel. They were friendly, sincere, and very hospitable. After the first service, a Cuban family invited the Americans to eat the noon-day meal with them. Upon entering the wooden hut, chickens and pigs squawked, squealed, and ran as the woman of the house shoed them outside.

A small boy was told to go out and catch a chicken for dinner. This he did returning with one about the size of a bantam hen. His mother then prepared it for dinner with the men looking on.

A thankful note was in the hearts of the men from the States for good morning service and more friends made among the Cubans.

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Ozark Church News

Gary Mitchener

The Ozark Church continues to thank the Lord for His goodness and mercy. The Children's Church, Sunday School, and music department have all experienced growth. The church continues to trust and pray for God's leadership.

Our two-year-old mission has a great burden to become self-supporting. Two things will help make this possible. First, we need to reach more families for Christ. Pray that we can become more effective in our outreach. Second, we need to lower our indebtedness. We need your help in this! You can help by placing the Ozark work in your church budget, by giving your Sunday School offerings to be sent in monthly for one year, or by receiving a monthly offering for the mission. Please designate it for the Ozark Building Fund. Any amount that could be directly applied to our principal will be greatly appreciated.

We would love to have you come and see what your prayers, financial support, and concern are doing for this area.

Republic Church Organized

In the Fall of 1991, the congregation of the Republic Fundamental Methodist Church voted to affiliate with the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. Since then, the church has operated as a mission church under the supervision of the Missouri State Home Mission Board. It was with joy that the people of the church assembled Thursday evening, September 7, to organize into an autonomous church. The organizational committee consisted of members of the State Home Mission Board and the Executive Secretary.



Pastor Anderson & Family



Mo. State Home Mission Board

The organizational service was moderated by the church's new pastor, Rev. Don Anderson. Congregational singing and prayer, led by Rev. Dennis Bowman, opened the service. Pastor Anderson extended a warm welcome and recognized the visitors.

Beautiful special music was provided by Stacie Spurgeon and Linda Gideon, members of the Republic Church.

Rev. Nathan Ruble presented the Bible as the only rule of faith and practice. Rev. Cody Freeman presented the church covenant and pointed out that it was agreement of how a person should treat God and his fellow man. Rev. Clarence Burton gave the charge to the pastor to preach the Word, pay attention to the flock, and to pour himself into the ministry of Jesus. Rev. Roger Harwell presented the charge to the Church, reminding them of the membership, mission, and message of the church.



Charter Members

Following the charges, Pastor Anderson opened the doors of the church and invited all who wished to become members to come forward. Twenty people responded with joy. Rev. Cliff Bowman, Chairman of the Mission Board, led in the prayer of dedication. After the benediction, everyone enjoyed a time of fellowship along with the delicious refreshments prepared by the ladies of the church.

Rev. Tony Butcher served as the first pastor of the church. Rev. Clarence Burton served as interim pastor until the church called Rev. Don Anderson. This fine church supports the total program of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists and is to be commended for its vision in giving and service.



DeSoto Children's Church

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

The Children's Churches of the First Free Will Baptist Church of DeSoto celebrated their seventeenth anniversary on Sunday, September 3. Morning services were opened with prayer and singing. A good devotion was delivered by Larry Voyles. Following an altar service, the time was given over to fun activities.

The Junior Church was decorated with streamers and balloons to help set a party atmosphere. Ladies of the church had baked delicious homemade cookies and made punch for the children to enjoy on this special occasion. Games were played until the rain ended.

The highlight of the day was when the children were given balloons to release. Each of the 55 balloons contained a tract explaining the Romans' Road, the child's name, the name of the church, and the phone number. The children and workers are praying that the tracts will be found by the unsaved.

Junior Church is for children who are seven to twelve years of age. Beginners Church is for children who are three to six years of age. God has blessed our children's churches with a great year. Eight children have been saved and several have been baptized. We are looking forward to even greater things in the coming year. Please remember us in your prayers.

New Pastor at First Church in Springfield

The First Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield has welcomed Rev. Gene Howell as their new pastor. Brother Gene formerly pastored the Belton Free Will Baptist Church. He, his wife Sandy, and their three children are excited about their new ministry.



Rev. Gene Howell

The church is happy to have this talented family. One of the members reports that the church is praising the Lord for the good work that Brother Gene is doing in the church. The Lord is blessing with souls being saved and people are uniting with the church. Please pray for this spirit of revival to continue in the church.

Sunday School Averages March 1995 - August 1995

CHURCHES	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Beacon	78					
Belton		48	41	33	30	
Bethel - Festus	84					
Calvary Chapel	94	85	78	78	87	98
Calvary Fellowship	271					
Cape Girardeau	107	82	69	70	71	70
Columbia	17	16				
Cuba	122	117	104	108	91	90
DeSoto	235	176	180	168	172	170
Farmington	392	330	336	296	296	
Fredericktown	43	41	38			
Hannon	87	99	96	89	92	92
Harmony	57					49
Hartville	91	94	77	82	84	86
Hazel Creek	73	70	72	68	64	64
Hopewell	31	30	28	33	35	47
Houston	58	57	54	50	53	49
Jones Creek	8	10	8	7		
Kirkville First	40	36	35	37		
Lebanon First	122	122	115	116	116	116
Mill Creek	50	52	48	46	44	47
Monett	97	86	88	91	100	
Myrtle	42	39	34	34	27.8	29
Oskaloosa	21	21	21			
Ozark	82	80	72	74	70	
Park Hills First	140	125	128	119	113	117
Richwoods	61	35	31	31	33	34
Rock Chapel	65	62		56		58
Salem			13	13	14	
Springfield First	106	107	97	99	107	104
Thayer	170	155	132	136	151	152
United, West Plains	243	267	246	244	260	263
Unity	36	36	44		38	38
Verdella	69	71	68	66	67	70
Willow Springs	61	63	62	60	61	59

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.

YOUNG TEENS AND RELATIONSHIPS:

How Parents and Youth Leaders Can Help

Mark Oestreich

No topic is of more importance to a young teen than relationships. Relationships are at the core of everything a junior high boy or girl lives for. In the upside-down, confused, and often lonely world of early adolescents, the topic of relationships is a do-or-die issue.

Over the past few decades, we've learned quite a bit about young teens. They're no longer considered "big kids" or "little adults." Anyone who spends even a small amount of time with them will agree that junior highers are a unique species. Many would agree smiling knowingly; some would agree with a loud sigh.

Erik Erikson discovered some valuable information about young teens that many youth leaders ignore. In his research on the psychological development of teens, he found something that most of us now accept as common knowledge: The challenge of the teen years is finding one's identity. The problem is that most people assume that Erikson was talking about *all* teens, junior high and senior high. Wrong!

Identity is a high school issue. Looking back at Erikson's work, we find that the issue for young teens is industry, or capability. In other words, they just want to be good at something – anything!

Many junior highers are involved in several sports, one or two clubs at school, church and family obligations, plus a few hobbies. I have one eighth-grade boy who plays basketball and baseball; sings in two choirs; plays the french horn in two bands (and practices for an hour every day); is taking advanced classes at school requiring a couple of hours of homework every night; babysits; mows lawns; and prepares for and attends weekly prayer breakfast, ministry team meeting, Bible study, and Sunday school at church. He's trying to find things he's good at – things to succeed in.

The issue of competence is nowhere more obvious than in the realm of relationships. Ask any young teen. A junior higher without friends is considered a loser. He could be the brightest student in school, a prodigy on the piano, and state champion in gymnastics; but without friends, he's still a loser.

Building an Atmosphere of Love

Relationships are hard to build when the atmosphere of your group is like the inside of a walk-in freezer. Could a visitor walk into one of your meetings and sense: "This is a place where people like me and want to get to know me?"

Last month I polled the students on our ministry team. I asked them to name the weakest area in our overall ministry. Was it teaching, contacting, prayer, group image, or something else? You guessed it: They nailed us on our atmosphere of love. They said, "It seems like the sponsors would rather be with each other than with us." On one level, we've succeeded in creating an adult team with enough unity to want to be together. On the other hand, we've got some major perception problems to fix (whether or not the perception is reality is not the issue.)

If group members feel loved and accepted, they will be open to relationships. If they build relationships with adults and other group members, our ministry is successful. In junior high ministry, success can't be measured by Sunday school class size. It can only be measured by God's choosing to change lives through relationships.

Young Teen Currency

Popularity is the currency of the junior high world. Kids with wide social acceptance can "buy" their way through a variety of social mazes. Later in life, individualism is respected as an admirable character trait. Not so in the average middle school or junior high. Individualism is the death of one's popularity unless the "in" crowd deems individualism cool.

The stress of popularity and acceptance is enormous in the lives of your young teens. I asked three boys, all of whom are somewhat spiritually mature, what causes the most stress in their lives. One of them is pushed in sports by his parents, so I assumed he would confirm my suspicions and pour out his lamenting tale of stress over his parents' expectations. I couldn't have been further from the truth. This boy answered, and the other two agreed, that choosing an outfit for school caused him more stress than anything else. This somewhat popular kid said he spent about 30 minutes in front of his closet every night wondering what he should wear the next day. He never felt like he had anything to wear, even though his closet was full of expensive clothes. Imagine the stress for a girl!

The Myth of Peer Pressure

Study after study shows that peers only have life-changing influence in key areas when there is a "pressure vacuum" at home. In other words, parents are still leading the force in the life of an early adolescent. Certainly young teens will go with the flow of music and fashion trends as dictated by peers and media. But in *real* areas, like values and ideology, parents still have the number one spot locked up.

Little Brothers and Brussel Sprouts

What do little brothers (or sisters) and brussel sprouts have in common? To a young teen, they're both small and disgusting. This kind of attitude makes talking to junior highers about family relationships lots of fun. Fun? Yes, because feelings are very exaggerated in early adolescents – and they have strong feelings about their families!

A helpful axiom for understanding junior highers' feelings toward family relationships is "Junior highers want to be treated like adults – and act like children." This is not a negative statement, but rather one of fact. And if we make the conscious decision to "allow" this almost-schizophrenic attitude, working with young teens becomes immensely fun.

So what are parents to a young teen? Providers, givers of care, emotional supporters – all roles assigned from a child's perspective. Young teens also think of their parents as antiquated, out-of-touch autocrats. This stems from the kids' "treat me like an adult" side.

Relationships and junior highers. Inseparable. Essential. Inescapable. If we really believe in God's perfect design, we must believe He knew what He was doing when He made young teens the way He did. Enjoy your teaching time – whether you're a parent or youth leader – as you and your junior highers wrestle with relationships – a subject that touches the core of their impassioned interests.

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Different Programs for Different Folks!

Nathan Ruble

Variety, not uniformity, is the hallmark of God. Wherever you see God's hand, you see variety rather than uniformity. He made each star different. No two leaves on a tree are the same. Each snowflake is different, and the songs of birds of the same species differ. Each of us is different. Therefore, it is logical to assume that the programs used by different churches will be different.

There is a diversity in the programs used in the local churches, district associations, and state associations of our denomination. Music programs range from bluegrass to classical. This extreme can also be applied to stewardship programs, outreach programs, training programs, and caring programs. This too is natural, since the programs are determined by the corporate personality and values of the people. It is natural because a program is simply a vehicle to meet people's needs. We must remember that we are not different because of our programs, but our programs are different because we are different.

George Barna in his book, *Building Living Stones*, defines program with this explanation. "America is a unique nation in many ways. One example is its emphasis on the development of systems to manage problems. This has been one of the key factors underlying the economic strength of the nation." Virtually every aspect of our lives is shaped by the systems and organization structures developed to address the need for productivity and efficiency. Anyone who evaluates churches notices that they, too, have embraced the systems approach to organizational behavior. When a challenge arises, churches attempt to design a system that will handle the situation effectively. We refer to these systems as our programs.

Ron Jensen says that programming looks at purpose and objectives and plots the specific steps necessary to meet the objectives and fulfil purpose. Simply put, programs are vehicles used to meet people's needs.

While our differences call for a diversity of programs, we need to use discernment in evaluating our old programs as well as in establishing new ones.

Needs change, therefore programs must change. Many church traditions are the result of honest programs instituted to meet particular needs. The programs were allowed to remain long after the need ceased to exist. A failure to evaluate and change programs when needed will result in traditions that hamper the organization or it will result in an organization that functions like the federal government. The programs become the possession of special interest groups and become institutionalized. Our programs need to be evaluated and changed when needs change.

A program should be able to withstand the questions and challenges of the people they serve. Joe Braddy was a dear pastor friend of mine. We miss him in Missouri. Joe was a good pastor and served in a variety of offices in the Missouri State Association. I discovered early in our friendship that when something under discussion withstood Joe's objections or observations, we had a good program. This doesn't mean he

was always right, but his scrutiny helped to clarify our goals and purposes in planning. We should not fear nor always look for ulterior motives when someone challenges the programs of our church or associations.

Programs that fail to measure up should be deleted or changed. Programs that do measure up should be supported. Missouri Free Will Baptists have a history of cooperative support, support for the total program of our state and national ministries. This does not mean, however, that we support without questions or without objections when we feel it is needed.

From time to time new programs need to be established, but we should use discernment in doing so. The Pastor's Planning Workbooks suggest a specific ministry proposal by which to evaluate every new idea for a ministry program. An effective proposal must include:

1. A statement of purpose for the proposed program.
2. Details on measurable results.
3. A proposed plan.
4. Required leadership. Outline what abilities will be needed.
5. Support personnel.
6. Facilities
7. Budget

We need discernment in evaluating the programs of one another. The Bible often teaches function without describing form. When form is described, it varies from situation to situation. Too often we have made methods and form a matter of faith and judge each other accordingly. We should be willing to accept our differences in programs as long as the programs do not lead to the compromise of doctrine.

Can there be unity with so much diversity? Scripture says there can be. In fact, it is safe to say that unity validates the gospel. Paul wrote, "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." (Eph. 4:1-7)

William Hendricksen says that this unity is not external and mechanical, but internal and organic. It is not superimposed, but by virtue of the power of the indwelling Christ, proceeds from within.

Can there be unity with so much diversity? If we simply look at the differences in our programs, the answer is no. In 1935, associations from the East and from the West came together and formed the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Each year after that men with vision attempted to build bridges across the Mississippi river. Each year, looking only at our differences, other men burned them down. I am thankful that

we have finally started building our bridges with steel. Now they stand longer.

Can there be unity with so much diversity of programs? If we look at what really brings unity, the answer is yes. There was a great diversity in the early church. Yet even with this diversity there was unity. The fall issue of the 1986 "Leadership Journal" dealt with the subject of unity. One article listed three types of unity. First, there is functional unity, which involves the church's (or I might add association's) organizational tools such as gifted leaders, structure, its goals, and its mission to carry the gospel. God has given our denomination gifted leaders and a nonrestrictive structure which allows us to be different. The Together Way Program is an example of this. We are united by our goals and mission to carry out the Great Commission. Second, there is Doctrinal Unity. We may disagree on eschatology or on the subject of perseverance but I believe we can say that we have doctrinal unity. We believe in the plenary verbal inspiration of Scripture, the virgin birth, death, burial and bodily resurrection of Jesus, and the blood atonement. Third, there is Spiritual Unity. This is captured in Jesus' summary of the Law in loving God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and loving your neighbor as yourself.

There is room for the many different programs with unity. Sometimes when we view and judge our differences, we may wish we were Daniel Defoe's Robinson Crusoe, living alone on a desert island away from those things that conflict with our thinking. However, Defoe's other writings snap us back to reality. "Though I don't like the crew," he wrote, "I won't sink the ship. In fact, in time of storm I'll do my best to save it. You see, we are all in this craft and must sink or swim together."

1995 Leadership Conference

The 1995 Free Will Baptist Leadership Conference will meet December 4-6 at the Maxwell House Hotel located at 2025 MetroCenter Boulevard in Nashville, Tennessee. We hope you can attend.

Those attending the conference will address the issues referred by the delegates at the National Convention in Charlotte. Other issues may surface as well during the course of the discussions.

The meeting will follow a family discussion format. All attendees will be allowed to speak and express their opinions. Plans do not call for preaching or presentation of papers. The meeting will be an informal discussion rather than an intensive debate. We will try to communicate and clarify philosophical concepts existing among Free Will Baptists.

The registration fee for the conference is \$25. This modest fee will help with printing, mailing, rental and audio visual costs. Please complete the registration form and return it to the Executive Office along with your check.

Open Up Your Heart

by Michelle Dority

Open up your heart,
and open up your eyes;
Because every single minute,
another baby dies.
A little tiny baby,
learning and growing inside;
Not knowing what life is like,
because now he's going to die.
Harmless and helpless,
and can't even see;
How would you like it,
if that was you or me?
Abortion shouldn't be legal,
it isn't even right;
We have to stop it now,
and save a precious life.
Open up your heart,
and open up your eyes;
Help those little babies,
who don't deserve to die.

New Tape by Frances



Frances Simpson

You have heard her sing at Youth Camp, State Meeting, Senior Adult Retreat, and Woman's Auxiliary Retreat. Now you can hear her in your home.

Frances Simpson has recently gone to Nashville and recorded some of the songs God has given her. The songs recorded are: "JESUS IS HOPE" (Cliche' Song), "BREAK MY HEART", "WILL JIMMY MAKE IT HOME" (Baseball Song), "I'LL GLORIFY THE LORD", "THE PERFECT GIFT", "GOD IS STILL GOD", "THE LEAST I CAN DO", and "NO QUESTION ABOUT IT". There is a short monologue to introduce each song.

If you would like to have a cassette of these songs, please send \$10.00 plus \$1.00 for shipping to FRANCES SIMPSON, HCR 67, BOX 59, FREMONT, MO 63941. Please print or write your name and address plainly.

Also, call your Christian radio station frequently and ask them to play WILL JIMMY MAKE IT HOME. It is the first radio single off this project.



Indian Creek Pastors Attend Mexican Association

August 4-7, 1995, Rev. Ken Dodson, Missouri State Moderator; Rev. Richard Robinson, Assistant Clerk; and Pastor Lee Neil attended the annual convention of the Mexican Association of Free Will Baptists. The 1995 convention was held at the old Bible institute property in Monterey, Mexico.

The Missouri pastors were taken on an inspection tour of four of the five Free Will Baptist Churches in Reynosa, Mexico, on the day of their arrival. Bro. Bud Bivens acted as tour director. After meeting some of the members of the churches, they were driven to Monterey to participate in the Mexican Annual Convention.

Several hundred Mexican Free Will Baptists gathered from all over Mexico. Business was conducted, worship was devoutly entered, praise rose from humble and thankful hearts, testimonies were given and songs were raised to the glory of God.

Missionary Coordinator to Mexico, Rev. James Munsey, sent the three Missouri preachers to three different churches in Reynosa Sunday evening to preach with the aid of interpreters. Two were saved that evening and many more responded to the altar call.

A good work is being accomplished in Mexico but support is desperately needed. Buildings that are full are only partially erected, waiting for funds to complete them. Let us faithfully pray for and financially support the Mexican work.

MISSIONARIES LEAVE FIELD OF SERVICE

JIM AND OLENA MCLAIN

Dear Friends in Missouri,

For the past 29 years we have received an outpouring of love from our Missouri Free Will Baptists. You have given faithfully to our mission's account and supported us with your prayers. This has been a source of strength to us as we served in Japan.

The latter part of April we returned to the states for our annual visit with our families, but felt in our hearts before we left Japan that perhaps we would not be returning. We waited for some time after we got here to really determine what the Lord would have us do. After the National Association we decided that it would be best for us to submit our resignation to the Foreign Missions Board. In our letter of resignation we made this statement:

"The 29 years we have been a part of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions have been wonderful years. We have always felt the perfect peace of being where the Lord wanted us to be. There have been trials and disappointments, but that peace of being in the Lord's will never left us."

Our resignation will not be effective until the end of February. Jim will be representing the cause of missions in churches and Missionary Conferences until then.

We still need your support until the first of March. Our account is in the red. We would like to leave with our account in the black.

Just before we left Japan, on Easter Sunday, Jim baptized 6 people in a cold crater lake. It was a time of great rejoicing among our people. Of the six, five were parents of our kindergarten children. We received a telephone call from Japan this week and these people are going on for the Lord, but are asking for our help and encouragement. Please pray for these babes in Christ that they will grow in Him.

We also ask that you will pray for us that we will know and follow faithfully the Lord's leading.

Sincerely,
Jim and Olena McLain

RON AND LINDA MOORE

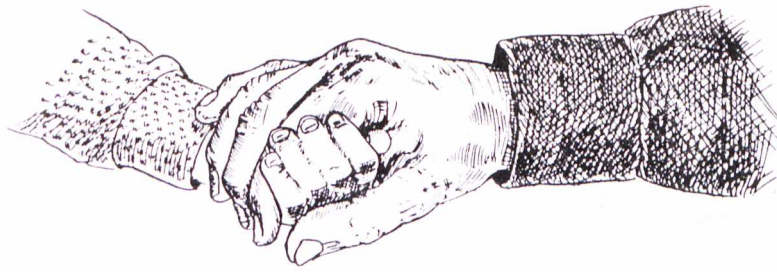
Dear Partners In Ministry,

Over the past couple years, Ron has had increasing problems with his health. These problems have been aggravated by the stressful environment of living and working in Cote d'Ivoire. After having completed our medical exams in August, we came to the difficult decision that we should resign effective December 31, 1995. For a long time we considered the possibility of transferring to another field or of beginning a new one. We came to the conclusion, however, that the Lord had called us to Africa and that if He was closing the door there, He must have something for us here. Please pray with us as we seek God's perfect will for our lives. Pray that we will be able to continue serving Him in extending His Kingdom at home and abroad.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support through the years, without which we would not have been able to serve our Savoir in Cote d'Ivoire. We encourage you to prayerfully consider transferring your support to another missionary from your State - one whose account is in the red or who is serving in Cote d'Ivoire. During the few months we have left with the Mission, we will continue deputation and will seek to raise funds for the Bible Institute Dorm Project. If you would like to have services with us, please contact us at (803) 665-2396.

Again, thank you and may God's richest blessing be upon you!

In His Service,
Ron and Linda



*Working together
we can accomplish great things for the Lord.*

Mark Vandivort Newsletter

Dear Friends of Sunset Free Will Baptist Mission,

I would like to share with you a little slice of our cross-cultural ministry. Louise and I drove 200 miles deep into the heart of the Navajo Nation (of 200,000 people) for the wedding of a girl from our Sunset Free Will Baptist Mission who wanted to be married in the community of her relatives. The bride, along with her brother and sister, were regular attenders of Louise's neighborhood Bible Club when they were small children.

Christian Navajos utilize weddings and funerals as an opportunity for clear and persuasive presentations of the saving power of the gospel. I shared the pulpit with two Navajo Bible preachers, one was a humble gracious man a few years my senior who interpreted into Navajo, and the other was a sharp, talented and dedicated young man, also a gospel singer, who presented a clear salvation message.

There were about 300 people present, including a large number of teenagers and young couples. Many of these people live on dirt (or mud) roads with no electricity or telephones (although new electrical lines are constantly being built).

The wedding party was larger than any Anglo (white) wedding that I have ever performed. With the men in their tuxes and the bridesmaids in lovely blue, the bride was beautiful in her handmade wedding gown. Although the wedding lasted well over an hour, all the participants, as well as the large audience, were very quiet and attentive. What a wonderful opportunity to preach!

The wedding took place in a large church with stained glass windows that are breathtakingly beautiful. This church was erected in 1941, paid for by a woman in New Jersey who had a heart for missions. The Scripture clearly teaches that, "... For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required . . . " (Luke 12:48). Are there Free Will Baptist Christians among us who could give as that woman did?

At the wedding reception a delicious home cooked meal was served, with enough table seating for everyone. From decorations, to the elaborate wedding cake(s), nearly everything was handmade...

Serving Him together,
Mark and Louise Vandivort

New Excitement At Hillsdale

"1995-96 may be the most exciting year for Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in years," states the college administrators and trustees. The increased Freshman enrollment is the largest in several years. This was the result of an improved recruiting environment, i.e. the continuing clarification of the College's accreditation status, and the college's eligibility for federal student financial aid funds. The key factor was the outstanding work done by the recruiting staff.

The TRACS Committee (Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools) recently finished a site evaluation of Hillsdale and the report is very positive. Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College received accolades and commendations in many areas. Listed below are a few.

TRACS commends Hillsdale for:

- *A mission statement which focuses on the purpose of the institution.

- *A code of conduct that helps personnel be aware of Biblical standards, and expectations.

- *A dedicated and organized faculty and support staff.

- *Developing an educational program which meets the needs and enables the college to fulfill its purpose. The entire administration and staff seem totally committed to the students' welfare and progress. There is an obvious commitment to keep students moving toward the degree objectives and help them to graduate.

- *Excellent progress of the Learning Resource Center (Library).

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists has been a faithful supporter of Hillsdale College with prayer, students and financial gifts. In return, Missouri has benefited because of Hillsdale. With this relationship comes responsibility. Every district association, every church, and every individual should continue to pray, continue to send students and continue to give. In return, this Christian Institution will continue to serve the Lord and our Free Will Baptist denomination.

It is the goal of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College to help each student become a more faithful and productive servant for the Lord.

May every Free Will Baptist "Have A Heart For Hillsdale".

Signed: Missouri Have A Heart Team



Louella McCutcheon

Gone To Her Heavenly Home

by Laverne Thorsrud

Louella Mae McCutcheon was born September 13, 1927, and went to be with her Lord and Savior June 2, 1995. She was the daughter of Marvin and Retha Shrum Mills. Louella married Troy McCutcheon April 17, 1948, on the steps of the new Union Light Free Will Baptist Church, Marquand, Missouri, and joined the church in July, 1953, faithfully attending after that.

Louella was very involved in church activities. She was President of our Local Auxiliary and never missed a District Auxiliary or quarterly church meeting. She attended all church services and revivals, was active in Vacation Bible School and both church Bible camps. Louella was also the teacher of the nursery class until her death. The children loved her and looked forward to Sunday School. I loved to hear her sing one of her songs when she would stand up during a praise service, even in later years when her voice would crack and fail her.

Memories of Louella drift through my mind and will always be with me. We were first cousins, but she was far more than a cousin to me. For years, I was away from Fredericktown but would come back for the annual Mills Reunion and would always see her there and at other family gatherings.

Louella worked approximately 45 years at Brown Shoe Company before retiring. Every Monday for over 20 years, without fail, she and my sister Jane, who also worked there, would come to my mother's house for lunch from work. Mother looked forward to those visits. She loved Louella like her own daughter. I saw her there many times, but really got to know and love Louella even more when I moved back to Fredericktown. We began to quilt together with Mother each week at Rhodes Chapel Church. She became a dear friend. Not only was she my sister in Christ, but more like my own sister. Louella also quilted at her own church as well as Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church. Several babies have one of her handsome quilts. A couple of years ago, one of her auxiliary ladies received a big baby quilt for Christmas. In the cool of

the morning, she loves to wrap up in that quilt and remember the love that went into it.

Louella made everyone feel special. For example, when she found out your favorite food, you could be sure it would be at the next church dinner. Nothing was better than a loaf of her fresh sourdough bread. I'm sure she had no idea how many of those she baked and gave away. She always had a pan full of Amish Friendship Cake baked.

Over the years, I learned that Louella had many hurts in her life. She wasn't really outgoing and felt unimportant. She thought others could 'do the job better' but that never stopped her. Louella was compassionate, long suffering, thoughtful, never boastful. She just very quietly went about her daily living, loving and serving her Lord and others as best she could. She kept on keeping on. One of our sisters in the Auxiliary stated that everyone who is born into this world is different and there will never be another Louella!

She was the mother and grandmother of five sons and twelve grandchildren. Her eyes would light up when she spoke of them. She loved her family with all her heart and soul. There was nothing she wouldn't do for them.

Louella's life was truly a reflection of the woman of Proverbs 31. *"Her children arise up and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praiseth her. Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."*

Those who knew Louella knew she loved the Lord. He calls us to be His children in order to shed light in a world of darkness. Louella did this all the days of her life. Let each of us strive to be more like this Proverbs woman and put Christ and others before ourselves. Louella McCutcheon was a special lady and all who had the privilege of knowing her loved her and will miss her.

Financial Information

AUGUST 1995

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board.....	\$7,443.42
17.50% Executive Office	7,041.07
3.50% General Fund	1,408.21
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	3,419.95
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.	1,005.87
2.50% C.E. Board	1,005.87
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board.....	1,005.87
9.00% Mo. State Retirement Program	3,621.12
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	

	12,271.58
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	
(\$122.72 included in \$12,271.58)	
5.00% Mo. State Conference Center Fund	2,011.73
TOTAL	\$40,234.69

"God is so good, God is so good, God is so Good . . . "These words from a chorus express how I feel when I see what the Lord is doing through the Free Will Baptist Churches in Missouri. 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%.

AUGUST 1995 FOREIGN MISSIONS

A. Chapman.....	\$ 20.00
B. Rogers.....	10.00
B. Thebeau.....	15.00
Bethel - Festus.....	80.00
Blue Springs.....	134.44
Blue Springs.....	154.40
Buffalo 1st.....	50.00
C. Thompson.....	25.00
Calvary Chapel.....	50.00
Calvary Chapel.....	130.00
Calvary Chapel (LA).....	400.00
Calvary Fellowship.....	1,567.87
Carthage.....	165.00
Central - Grandview.....	11.00
Central - Grandview.....	297.50
Cuba.....	53.90
D. Lewis.....	10.00
DeSoto 1st.....	350.00
Eastern Gate - Springfield.....	131.54
F & H - Aurora.....	81.00
F & H - Aurora.....	38.50
Faith - St. Louis.....	25.00
Faith - St. Louis.....	50.00
Farmington 1st.....	308.33
Farmington 1st.....	669.30
Farmington 1st.....	308.33
Farmington 1st.....	105.86
Fordland.....	111.00
Fordland.....	80.00
Fourth - St. Louis.....	200.00
Freeman Chapel.....	424.50
Grace - Arnold.....	175.69
Grant Ave. (Wom. S.S. Cl.).....	20.35
Grant Ave. - Springfield.....	644.64
Grant Ave. (Prayer Part.).....	45.55
Greenfield.....	382.00
Hannon - Liberal.....	933.55
Hartville.....	99.44
Houston 1st.....	152.00
J. Hoggard.....	10.00
Joplin 1st.....	45.00
Joy Makers.....	10.00
K. Minor.....	10.00
L. Voyles.....	10.00
Leadington.....	30.00
Lebanon 1st.....	40.00
Lebanon 1st.....	50.00
Macedonia Wom. Aux.....	1,300.00
Marshfield.....	110.62
Meris Chapel.....	200.00
Miss. Group - Desloge.....	50.00
Miss. Group - Desloge.....	50.00
Monett 1st.....	200.00
Monett 1st.....	533.00
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool.....	100.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	390.00
N. Akeman.....	10.00
Neosho 1st.....	290.00
New Harmony.....	137.31
New Home - Hartville.....	299.00
New Testament.....	60.00
Niangua.....	60.00
Niangua.....	50.00
O'Fallon 1st.....	71.50
Oak Grove - Cabool.....	65.00
Oak Grove - Norwood.....	115.16
Ozark 1st.....	45.00
Park Hills 1st.....	245.60
Parkview - Desloge.....	310.00
Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove.....	111.32
Pleasant Ridge - Urb.....	50.00
Richwoods 1st.....	20.00
Rock Chapel.....	148.00
SE MO Dist. Assoc.....	25.00
St. Peter's.....	65.00
Thayer.....	343.10
Trinity - Bridgeton.....	678.83
Union Light - Marq.....	150.00
Union Mission - Leb.....	175.27
Unity - Leb.....	40.00
Verdella - Liberal.....	629.74

Victory - K.C.....	165.50
Waynesville 1st.....	50.00
West Plains 1st.....	25.00
Young Married S.S. - Cl.....	50.00
TOTAL.....	\$16,134.64

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Central - Grandview.....	\$ 10.00
Cuba.....	107.80
F & H - Aurora.....	81.00
F & H - Aurora.....	38.50
Farmington 1st.....	10.00
Farmington 1st.....	10.00
Fordland.....	5.00
Fordland.....	5.00
Fourth - St. Louis.....	10.00
Grace - Arnold.....	30.00
Grant Ave. - Springfield.....	21.00
Hannon - Liberal.....	296.78
J. Wormington.....	30.00
Lebanon 1st.....	5.00
Lebanon B & B Store.....	190.00
Macedonia Wom. Aux.....	100.00
Marshfield.....	32.17
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	5.00
New Life - Monett.....	55.62
New Testament.....	20.00
O'Fallon 1st.....	71.50
Ozark 1st.....	10.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urb.....	20.00
Rock Chapel.....	93.27
Thayer.....	55.00
Trinity - Bridgeton.....	95.00
Union Light - Marq.....	56.00
Victor's CTS Cl.....	10.00
Victory - K.C.....	10.00
West Plains 1st.....	5.00
TOTAL.....	\$1,488.64

COOPERATIVE

#1 - Huggins.....	\$ 63.13
Bailey Chapel.....	120.00
Belton.....	273.99
Bethel - Marshfield.....	152.58
Black Oak.....	263.96
Blue Springs.....	168.04
Bourbon.....	59.45
Cabool.....	332.47
Calvary Chapel.....	346.03
Cape Girardeau 1st.....	658.88
Cape Girardeau 1st.....	139.58
Carthage.....	280.25
Central - Grandview.....	1,000.91
Clifton - Thayer.....	90.44
Copper Mines - Fred.....	264.48
Crossroads - Wentzville.....	370.00
Cuba.....	591.25
DeSoto 1st.....	1,000.00
Eastern Gate - Springfield.....	307.70
F & H - Aurora.....	118.70
F & H - Aurora.....	62.60
Farmington 1st.....	2,231.76
Farmington 1st.....	2,294.49
Fordland.....	428.77
Fordland.....	540.20
Fourth - St. Louis.....	325.00
Fredericktown 1st.....	285.00
Fredericktown 1st.....	385.00
Freeman Chapel.....	364.43
Friendship - Branson.....	468.55
Grace - Arnold.....	1,253.00
Grant Ave. - Springfield.....	1,113.19
Greenfield.....	175.00
Hannon - Liberal.....	593.55
Happy Home - Ava.....	136.15
Harmony - Parkville.....	603.00
Hartville.....	497.20
Hopewell - Tunas.....	291.00
Houston 1st.....	447.11
Hurryville.....	443.39
Jones Chapel.....	731.90
Joplin 1st.....	737.78
Kingsway - Springfield.....	286.75
Koshkonong.....	190.30
Leadington.....	506.48
Lebanon 1st.....	767.20
Liberty - Phil.....	232.44
Lone Star - Seymour.....	70.40
Marshfield.....	321.71
Meris Chapel.....	195.62
Mill Creek - Fred.....	310.54
Mine La Motte.....	54.15
Monett 1st.....	673.37
Mt. Zion - Gower.....	72.40
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool.....	180.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	1,415.38
Myrtle.....	243.28
Neosho 1st.....	190.00
New Harmony.....	27.46
New Hope - Fred.....	20.00
New Life - Licking.....	310.25
New Rock Springs.....	124.00

New Rock Springs - Cabool.....	138.00
North 5 - Leb.....	181.40
O'Fallon 1st.....	710.62
Oak Hill Fred.....	143.80
Overland.....	120.00
Ozark 1st.....	658.84
Park Hills 1st.....	613.95
Parkview - Desloge.....	349.00
Pleasant Hill - Thayer.....	97.81
Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove.....	261.13
Pleasant Ridge - Urb.....	105.00
Potosi 1st.....	134.20
Republic.....	180.89
Rock Chapel.....	427.09
Rolla 1st.....	87.83
Seymour.....	83.00
Smyrna.....	265.00
Springfield 1st.....	901.65
St. Peter's.....	629.28
St. Francois Dist. Asn.....	16.50
Stockton.....	161.82
Terril Rd. - Moberly.....	475.00
Thayer.....	958.00
Trinity - Bridgeton.....	1,208.52
Tyrone.....	45.00
Union Grove S.S.....	321.00
Union Light - Marq.....	99.00
Unity - Leb.....	312.00
Verdella - Liberal.....	369.75
Victory Hill - Mansfield.....	58.90
Victory - Alton.....	170.16
Victory - K.C.....	636.43
Waynesville 1st.....	297.63
West Plains 1st.....	679.00
West Plains 1st.....	613.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove.....	237.45
Wolf Creek - Mansfield.....	285.40
TOTAL.....	\$40,234.69

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Bethel - Festus.....	\$ 30.00
Black Oak S.S.....	110.00
Buffalo 1st.....	50.00
Calvary Fellowship.....	465.00
Carthage.....	150.00
Central - Grandview.....	62.50
Cuba.....	53.91
DeSoto 1st.....	200.00
Eastern Gate - Springfield.....	10.00
F & H - Aurora.....	20.00
F & H - Aurora.....	20.00
F. Rogers.....	10.00
Farmington 1st.....	25.00
Farmington 1st.....	50.00
Fordland.....	45.00
Fordland.....	20.00
Fourth - St. Louis.....	40.00
Grace - Arnold.....	154.00
Grant Ave. - Springfield.....	254.12
Greater Springfield Asn.....	90.00
Hannon - Liberal.....	64.35
J. Hoggard.....	10.00
J.W. Rader.....	20.00
L. Voyles.....	10.00
Leadington.....	20.00
Lebanon 1st.....	15.00
M. Kenuam.....	10.00
Miss. Group - Desloge.....	20.00
Miss. Group - Desloge.....	20.00
Monett 1st.....	10.00
Monett 1st.....	160.10
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool.....	50.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	35.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	350.00
New Harmony.....	137.31
New Home - Hartville.....	20.00
New Testament.....	80.00
O'Fallon 1st.....	71.50
Oak Grove - Norwood.....	57.58
Ozark 1st.....	70.00
Park Hills 1st.....	81.40
Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove.....	15.00
R. Gamble.....	10.00
R. White.....	20.00
Richwoods 1st.....	32.00
Rock Chapel.....	50.00
SE MO Dist. Assoc.....	25.00
St. Peter's.....	30.00
Thayer.....	215.00
Trinity - Bridgeton.....	165.00
Union Light - Marq.....	70.00
Unity - Leb.....	50.00
Unity - Leb.....	5.00
Verdella - Liberal.....	40.00
Victory - K.C.....	65.50
Waynesville 1st.....	50.00
West Plains 1st.....	132.75
Wolf Creek.....	10.00
TOTAL.....	\$4,157.02

MISSOURI FWB YOUTH CAMP

New Rock Springs - Cabool.....	\$ 10.00
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New Home - Hartville.....	10.00
Hartville.....	10.00
New Life - Monett.....	55.62
Thayer.....	40.00
Mission Group - Desloge (June).....	10.00
Mission Group - Desloge (July).....	10.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove.....	10.00
Hannon - Liberal.....	15.00
Calvary Fellowship - Fenton.....	50.00
DeSoto 1st.....	50.00
Lebanon Bible & Bookstore.....	85.00
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool.....	10.00
Cabool.....	10.00
Marshfield.....	20.00
Trinity - Bridgeton.....	14.00
1st - Mtn. Grove.....	10.00
1st - Ozark.....	10.00
1st - Park Hills.....	21.77
New Rock Springs - Cabool.....	10.00
1st - Buffalo.....	50.00
TOTAL.....	\$511.39

TRULA CRONK HOME FOR CHILDREN

New Hope - Fredericktown.....	\$ 40.00
Myrtle.....	3.00
Mission Group - Desloge (June).....	10.00
Mission Group - Desloge (July).....	10.00
Farmington 1st.....	15.00
DeSoto 1st.....	50.00
Unity - Lebanon.....	10.00
TOTAL.....	\$138.00

HILLSDALE FWB COLLEGE

Eastern Gate - Springfield.....	\$ 61.54
Thayer.....	45.00
Hannon - Liberal.....	50.00
Farmington 1st.....	133.33
Neosho 1st.....	130.00
Central - Grandview.....	60.00
Victory - K.C.....	51.82
Grant Ave. - Springfield.....	10.00
Farmington 1st.....	141.66
TOTAL.....	\$683.35

FWB BIBLE COLLEGE

Thayer.....	\$ 40.00
Mission Group - Desloge (June).....	10.00
Mission Group - Desloge (July).....	10.00
Farmington 1st.....	141.66
DeSoto 1st.....	35.00
Grant Ave. - Springfield.....	10.00
Farmington 1st.....	133.33
TOTAL.....	\$379.99

REV. JOHN MCCLURE

Thayer.....	\$ 10.00
Central Western Women's Dist. Aux.....	20.00
Monett 1st.....	50.00
Carthage.....	18.00
St. Louis 4th.....	25.00
Verdella - Liberal.....	20.00
TOTAL.....	\$143.00

YOUTH MINISTRIES BOARD

Calvary Fellowship.....	\$13.00
Lebanon Bible & Book Store.....	25.00
TOTAL.....	\$38.00

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 EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Calvary Fellowship.....	\$52.00
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CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington 1st.....	\$25.00
Farmington 1st.....	25.00
TOTAL.....	\$50.00

FEED THE CHILDREN

Victory - K.C.....	\$15.00
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SEMI-RETIRED AFTER 45 YEARS OF SERVICE

Rev. Max Courtney was saved at an early age while attending the Tyone Free Will Baptist Church. He later answered the call to preach and pastored a number of Free Will Baptist churches. Max has served in a number of district and state offices. He presently serves on the Missouri Youth Camp Board. During the last six and one half years, he served as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield, MO.

The last Sunday of June was the Courtneys' last day at First Church, and the people made it a special day for them. A generous love offering was received for the retiring couple, a delicious dinner was served in their honor, and gifts from different church organizations were presented to Max and Ruth throughout the day. One member speaking on behalf of the church said, "We are grateful for the service the Courtneys have rendered, and we will miss their smiling faces. Our prayer is that God will bless them."

The Courtneys have moved to Licking, Missouri, where they continue to serve the Lord. Brother Max has not quit the ministry. He is still available to preach revivals and do pulpit supply. His phone numbers are: home 314/674-3217, business 314/674-4500.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Brother Max has had a fruitful ministry in the churches of Missouri and has served the State Association well in various capacities. He is to be commended on a job well done.



Max & Ruth Courtney



Ruth Receives a Gift from Woman's Auxiliary



Courtneys honored by Seniors Group

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