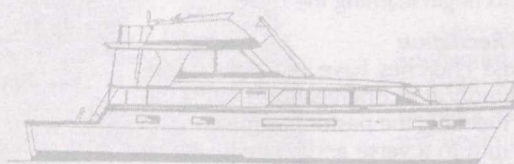
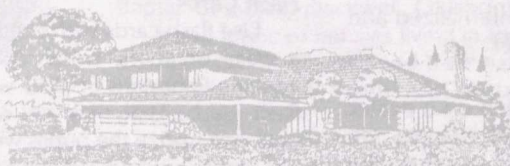
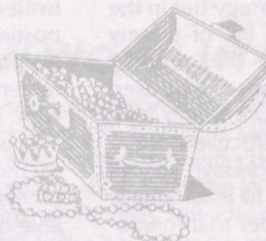
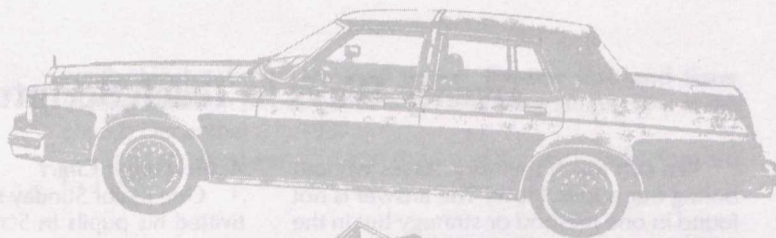


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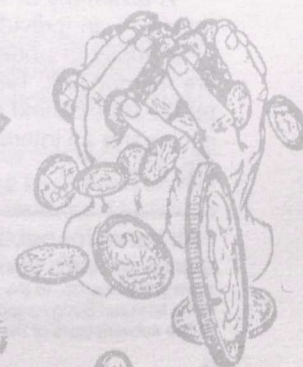
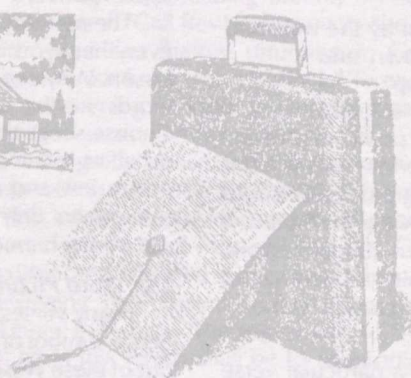
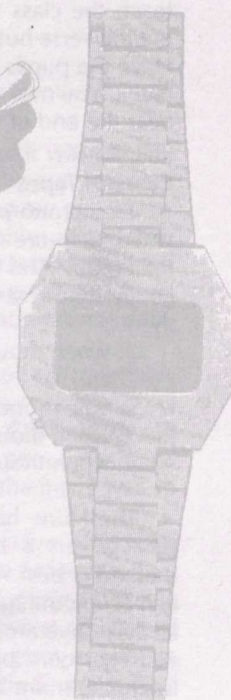
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"Lovest thou
ME
MORE
than these?"

John 21:15



Twenty Ways to Teach Scripture Memory

by Dr. Elmer Towns

We can teach memory verses without boring our pupils. How? The answer is not found in one method or strategy but in the word "variety." Below is a list of twenty ways to teach and review the memory verse. Not all of these methods can be used by every teacher. Some work better with children; others are more effective in adult classes. The effective Sunday school teacher will use many ways to teach pupils the Word of God. Remember that memorizing verses is not enough; the truth of those verses needs to be internalized and put into practice in daily life!

Posters

The Scripture text printed on a poster or an attractive, picture that includes the verse not only reminds the pupil of the verse, but also helps decorate the classroom. You can refer to the poster when reviewing the verse with the class. Also, it will be a subconscious reminder of the verse.

Find the Word

Children especially enjoy solving problems. The teacher can use this interest to teach the class the memory verse. Write out the verse but reverse a word or phrase. Have the pupils review the verse and correct it. You may want to use this technique near the end of the quarter to review several verses.

Cassette Tapes

Deuteronomy 6:7 gives four times when Scripture memory may be taught in the home. "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them..."

1. when thou sittest in thine house, and
2. when thou walkest by the way, and
3. when thou liest down, and
4. when thou risest up"

(Deut. 6:7, KJV).

Therefore, have the pupils record the passage on a cassette for review. This method is best with long passages. Adults can be encouraged to review the Scripture as they drive around town, do housework, etc. The more opportunity a pupil has to listen, the more Scripture can be learned.

Testimonies

A testimony of what a particular verse means to an individual will help motivate your pupils to understand the verse they are memorizing. Taking a few minutes to tell the story behind a verse will be effective if it creates an interest in the pupil to learn the verse.

Achievement Chart

One junior Sunday school teacher motivated his pupils in Scripture memory by posting a chart with a record of the verses his pupils had memorized. Most of us will remember something similar when we were in Sunday school. Be careful to take into account the potential of each child. Memory will come easier to some than others. Make sure your rewards are attainable by all.

Flash Cards

Use flash cards with children. Recently a class of about twenty pupils finished learning Ephesians 6:10-13 with the aid of flash cards. That may not seem unusual until you realize the pupils were four years old and had begun working on the verses only a week or two earlier. No one is too young to begin learning the Bible.

Group Recitation

Some churches have practiced Scripture memory as a congregation. During the prayer meeting, the pastor has the congregation turn to a verse and recite it several times as a group. This may be the easiest way to teach adults to memorize the Scriptures and takes relatively little time in preparation. The best thing about this method is it works.

Chalkboard

Print the verse on the chalkboard. Erase some words as the class reads the verse together. When more words are erased, the pupils have a greater challenge to remember the total verse. After all the words are gone, the verse will remain in the minds of the class members.

Explain a Word

The memory verse can be a capsule of everything you want to accomplish in the lesson. Why not teach the meaning of the words in the verse during the lesson! Choose songs that relate to the verse. Plan activities relating to the memory verse in pre-session and group times. If the pupil remembers only one thing that Sunday it will be the memory verse.

Use Word Pictures

Many verses lend themselves to a particular symbol or logo. Make word pictures out of these verses. Verses dealing with the law can be written out on replicas of the two tables of the law. Love verses could be taught from heart-shaped visuals. Particularly with younger children, the symbolism of the visual aid helps reinforce the theme of the verse.

Prizes

Many Sunday schools have always conducted contests for various purposes, including a Scripture memory contest to challenge each pupil to memorize a certain number of verses or giving a prize to the one who memorizes the most. Robert Raikes, the founder of Sunday school, is reported to have given a twenty-dollar gold coin to the pupil who could recite the Book of Proverbs. Dwight Moody gave away shoes, coats, and other prizes to the children in his Sunday school for learning hundreds of verses. During Scripture Memory Month at one church a boy learned six hundred verses to win a free week at camp.

Choral Reading

On those weeks in which the memory verse seems particularly long, the class may learn it better through choral reading. Divide the class into several sections and have them each learn a part of the verse. Then have the various groups recite their part of the verse together. By rotating the groups, each class member will learn the complete verse. A verse that seems "impossible" will be known by all in as little as ten to fifteen minutes.

Scripture Songs

A welcome trend in Sunday schools is the singing of Bible verses. Most of us find it easier to learn a new song than recite a poem. A simple melody will not only make it easier to teach the verse, but will also help in review. In the Old Testament, young Hebrew children sang or chanted many of the Psalms, hence learning the lesson and the words. Some excellent Scripture memory-in-song products are available at your local Christian bookstore.

Flip Chart

The use of a flip chart is a tremendous aid in teaching longer passages. This tool is particularly helpful in camping and vacation Bible school situations where long passages are learned in comparatively few days. Place part of a verse on each section of the flip chart, then flip the pages as the pupils repeat the verse. The chart aids in both learning and reviewing the verse.

Foreign Verses

A regular missionary conference feature is the "Festival of Tongues." Visiting missionaries are each given the opportunity to recite John 3:16 or their life verse in the language of the people they work with. Some missions have published verses and

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North Five Dedicates New Building

The North Five Free Will Baptist Church, located four miles north of Lebanon, Missouri, on state highway 5, dedicated a new church building to the Lord January 11. One of the church members donated 1.5 acres and the church purchased another 1.5 acres of land on which the new building sits. The congregation had been meeting in a rented building since its beginning in 1992.



Pastor Ruble, Deacons and Trustees



Pastor Edward Ruble welcomed the members and visitors to the afternoon service. He recognized those who had made special contributions to the building of the new facility. Several individuals who do not attend the church helped in the construction by donating their labor.

Rev. Nathan Ruble, Executive Secretary, delivered the message and led in the act of dedication. Pastor Edward Ruble prayed the prayer of dedication as the leaders of the church knelt with him at the altar. The special music for the service was provided by Eddie and Joyce.

Members are enjoying the new facility and look forward to its completion in the spring.

News from the Copper Mines Church

Joyce Moyers, Church Reporter

As we come to the close of 1997, I would like to give everyone a quick update of the blessings the Lord has given Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Mark Turrell.

During the summer you could find the Copper Miners working at the church. They were equipped with hammers, nails, paint and whatever was needed to get the job done. The ladies were also present to supply the workers with food. Five new class rooms, a nursery, two new bathrooms, a fellowship hall, and a Pastor's study were added to the church. The Sanctuary and the parsonage kitchen were also extended and remodeled.

Seven people have been saved, five have been baptized, and four people have united with the church. An organ was donated to the church by the Grace Free Will Baptist Church of Arnold, Missouri.

The beginners class, taught by Sister Mona, has learned all the books of the Bible and are now memorizing the 23 Psalm. The

youth, Noah's Crew, are very active. Brother Elze and Sister Clarice Rehkop celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the church December 27, 1997.

The Lord has been so good to us and we are looking forward to 1998.

NEW WORK IN COLUMBIA

The Missouri State Home Mission Board has announced that the Steve Reeves family will be moving to Columbia, Missouri, as State Home Missionaries to begin a new Free Will Baptist Church. The Reeves pastored the First Free Will Baptist Church in Neosho before serving as Foreign Missionaries in Spain. Since leaving Spain, Brother Steve has been pastoring the Blackwell Free Will Baptist Church in Blackwell, Oklahoma.

If you know of families living in the Columbia area who need a church home, please send their names and addresses to Rev. Dale Skiles, 4534 South McCullough Ave., Springfield, MO 65804-7208.

Men's Rally For Christ

Men, you are invited to attend a Men's Rally for Christ sponsored by the First Free Will Baptist Church of Ozark, March 6, 1998. Rev. Connie Cariker will be the speaker. The men will meet for food and fellowship at 5:30 p.m., and the evening service will begin at 7:00 p.m. For more information, you may call the church office at 417-581-5246.

Vandivort News

Dear Missouri Free Will Baptists,

It was like a dream come true! The Holy Spirit was binding hearts together. During a Monday evening meeting our people of the Sunset Free Will Baptist Church were meeting our new home missionaries to Flagstaff, Rev. Steve and Susie Robinson and their son Jeremiah. They had been in Arizona conducting itinerant services. A service previously scheduled at Flagstaff had been canceled because of severe weather. Our people were very disappointed.

During the preceding Sunday service one of our members volunteered, "Call Rev. Robinson to see if he can stay in Arizona one more day (before returning to Guymon, Oklahoma) and come to our house for a potluck." Twenty-three people gathered for an evening of food, prayer, Scripture and sharing. I was so excited I could hardly contain myself.

The group consisted of 6 Anglos and 17 Native Americans representing 3 tribes. The host family was Native American. Two Ph. D.'s were represented and six other people who were pursuing Baccalaureate and Masters degrees. One of our students had written and directed our annual Christmas program as well as designing the costumes and stage props including a brown skinned baby Jesus. The angel had said, "... I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." There are 22 tribes in Arizona.

Only eternity will reveal the final results of the prayers and financial gifts that Missouri Free Will Baptist people have directed toward our ministry in Flagstaff. "Thank you" seems so insufficient. "To God be the Glory!"

The Robinsons hope to move to Flagstaff by spring of '98. They will have a foundation to build upon including 2 1/2 acres of debt free prime real estate in a rapidly growing area and \$17,000 in building fund money. Also \$18,000 in a perpetual interest free loan fund with the National Home Missions Department is available.

- Mark and Louise Vandivort

SHOW-ME MISSIONARY NEWS

COMMISSIONING SERVICE HELD FOR GINGER HARRISON



A commissioning service was held at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church for Ginger Harrison, missionary appointee to Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa, November 23, 1997. Those taking part in the Service were Reverend Wayne Phillips, Ginger's pastor; Reverend Curt Gwartney, Ginger's Youth Pastor; Dr. Malcolm Fry, Reverend David Shores, Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Board Member; and Jerry & Carol Pinkerton, Free Will Baptist missionaries to Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa. The Durbins, special friends of Ginger's, were on hand to present musical selections for the happy event.

Ginger grew up in the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church located in Park Hills, Missouri. It was there that she gave her heart to the Lord. She prepared herself to serve God by attending Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College and Oklahoma Baptist University where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Ginger will leave for Quebec, Canada, on January 5, 1998, to study the French Language.

The Fellowship Church Family has assumed the responsibility to assist her in her journey to the mission field, both in prayer and in finances. A check for \$5,305.81 was sent to her account in November, 1997, and another \$575.01 was sent in December.



The money included funds that had been designated for Ginger during 1997, the interest it accrued, and monies given to the youth **Gingerbread Fund**. The youth used the missionary name **Ginger**, and **bread** for money to name the fund for which they receive an offering each Sunday evening. The Fellowship Women Active for Christ made **Gingerbread Men** ornaments (actually one of the men made them, Gary Kernan) and the women painted them. Each ornament was dated and signed by Ginger. The ornaments were given for a \$5.00 donation to the Gingerbread Fund.

The efforts of the Fellowship Church and the Missouri Show-Me Plan have made it possible for Ginger to attend language school and eventually arrive at the field sooner than would have been possible in the past. Fellowship has supported the Show-Me Plan with \$10,321.03 since last December. Please remember Ginger as she is in Language School and as she goes to the field to work as a part of the Medical Team in Africa.

The Fellowship Auxiliary still has some of the Gingerbread ornaments available for a donation of \$5.00.

NEWS FROM THE HANNAS

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus.

Marie suffered a stroke on December 23... Many people have prayed and our Lord has heard. She is much improved. Her doctor has cleared us to go on to India as planned. We depart January 13, and hope to be to our home in India by 3:30 p.m. on January 16. Marie is to have eight weeks of rest.

Please do ask our people in Missouri to keep us and the India work before the Lord in prayer. The need there is so great and our strength so small.

PINKERTONS HONORED BY NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION



On October 19, 1997, the Mt. Zion and Freeman Chapel Free Will Baptist Churches held missionary services with Jerry and Carol Pinkerton as guest speakers. The Pinkertons, during their time in the States, worked to raise funds to purchase land in Abidjan, the capital city of Ivory Coast. They returned to Africa the week after Christmas and are presently working with Robert and Judy Bryan to establish a strong Free Will Baptist Church in Abidjan. Please pray for this project. The field in Abidjan is ripe unto harvest.

The Mt. Zion and Freeman Chapel Churches comprise the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists. The combined offering of these two rural churches amounted to \$5,000.00. Rev. Vernon Maggart is the pastor of both churches and is shown presenting a check to the Pinkertons. Many tears of joy and victory were shed as Free Will Baptists in the Northwest part of the state opened their hearts and were obedient to the Holy Spirit. The Pinkertons were greatly blessed by this generous offering.

There are many small Free Will Baptist churches in the state of Missouri and across our denomination. Small churches are and will continue to be a great blessing to the cause of Christ.

V.B.S. WORKSHOP

The Lebanon Bible and Book Store will hold its annual V.B.S. Workshop Saturday, March 7, at 9:30 a.m. The Standard Publishing Course "Hooked on Jesus" will be shown. All V.B.S. leaders and workers are encouraged to attend. The workshop will be held at the Yellow Rock Community Building on East Highway 32. For more information, call the Bible Book Store at 417-532-9516.



1998 Show-Me Plan



Pledge Card

Write in the number of shares which you wish to adopt for 1998.

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. - II Cor. 9:8.

Trusting God to supply for me and for those whom He has sent, I will adopt the following shares to help support 9 foreign mission families and one single missionary.

By faith I adopt _____ Share(s)

(Write in the number of shares desired: 1 share is \$15.00 per month)

(Please Print)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Mail to: Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536.

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE NEWS

82 ON BIBLE COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

The names of 82 students at Free Will Baptist Bible College were placed on the Dean's List of honor students following fall semester examinations in December.

The list included 28 seniors, 21 juniors, 20 sophomores, 12 freshmen, and one special student. Eleven students maintained a straight - A average for the semester.

Those students on the Dean's List from Missouri are: "A" Roll - Jennifer (Blanks) Ryan (Senior), West Plains, MO; "B" Roll - Laura Sides (Junior), Millersville, MO; Jeffery Cates (Sophomore), West Plains, MO; Karen Hook (Sophomore), Blue Springs, MO.

BIBLE COLLEGE CHANGES DATES FOR WELCOME DAYS

Free will Baptist Bible College will hold its spring Welcome Days April 2 - 4, rather than March 26 - 28 as planned earlier, according to Kenny Simpson, Recruitment Director. Welcome Days is the college's semi-annual open house for prospective students.

Anyone who wants information on Welcome Days may write or call: Welcome Days, Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3606 West End Ave., Nashville, Tennessee 37205, Phone: 615/383-1340 Ext. 2222, E-Mail: ksimpson@fwbbc.edu.

TRUSTEES APPOINT BIBLE COLLEGE RELOCATION DIRECTOR

Free Will Baptist Bible College's trustees have asked Roy Harris, the college's Stewardship Development Director, to direct a capital campaign to finance the college's relocation to a new campus, according to President Tom Malone.

The trustees met on campus in early December and asked Mr. Harris to assume the responsibility of raising \$5 - \$6 million in cash and commitments in a three-year drive to move the Bible College to a 123 acre site outside of Nashville. As Director of Advancement, Mr. Harris will supervise all fund raising for the college, but will have the specific responsibility of raising money to build the new campus.

Trustees also asked Tim Campbell, the college's Director of Alumni Affairs, to replace Mr. Harris in the Stewardship Development Office. He will work under the direction of Mr. Harris and is charged with raising the college's \$ 1.1 million annual operating fund.

The relocation campaign will be formally launched in March during the college's spring Bible Conference. The college already owns the property to which it plans to move. The property has been underwritten by gifts and commitments to the "Claim The Land" campaign, which Mr. Harris directed.

Due to Mr. Campbell's move, the college is presently searching for a new Director of Alumni Affairs.

BIBLE COLLEGE STUDENTS LEAD 104 TO CHRIST

John Murray, who serves as Christian Service Director at Free Will Baptist Bible College, reports that students led 104 people to Jesus Christ during the fall semester.

As the semester closed before Christmas, Mr. Murray reported that students preached 471 times, taught 766 classes, and dealth with 1,195 people about their spiritual needs. In addition to those who were saved, students witnessed 158 other decisions and distributed 2,930 tracts.

All FWBBC students engage in some form of Christian service as part of their training at the college. This includes ministries in churches, jails, nursing homes, the Nashville Union Mission, and numerous other activities.



LESSONS FROM NATURE

BY
GARRY MATTHEWS

Frog hunting, one of Chad's (my son) and myself's favorite mid-summer activities. We grab our bows and fish arrows and head to local lakes and ponds. Sweltering heat, mosquitoes, and furious action are all part of frog hunting. A lot of stalks are made, some shots taken, (most often resulting in misses – do you know how hard it is to hit frogs with an arrow?), and just often enough to keep us from giving up, we get a frog. The best I've ever done is five shots – five frogs. Then I spent the next three hours trying to get three more frogs for my limit – without success. Why frogs? If you've ever eaten fried frog legs, you don't have to ask – if you haven't, try it – you just might like it!

One particularly sweltering July afternoon I was frog hunting alone. As I worked my way around the pond, I was experiencing mixed results. My marksmanship was excellent (for me), but most of the larger frogs were not out today. The pond edge was full of small and mid-sized frogs. I came along a thick stand of cattails growing at the edge of the water. I caught a slight movement out of the corner of my eye. I realized

I was not the only one hunting frogs this afternoon. A large banded water snake about 2 1/2 feet long was ever so slowly "oozing" along the cattails, partially submerged in the water. He was perfectly camouflaged in the murky water. He struck fast as lightning – his head and upper body a blur as he snatched a mid-sized frog in his jaws. The other frogs continued their normal routine, oblivious to the life and death struggle going on just a few feet away. As he turned the frog to swallow him, my arrow struck the snake a couple of inches behind his head, pinning him in the mud. The force of the arrow's strike caused the snake's mouth to open. The frantic frog seized the moment, leaping to the shore, and then diving into the pond, making his escape. The snake, pinned in the mud, was beating the water in a frenzy, as he writhed and whipped around the arrow, trying to free himself. I pulled the arrow free of the mud and the snake, still impaled six inches up on the arrow, lunged at me. After a brief struggle, I was able to get my foot on his head and sever it from his body with my pocketknife.

The thought struck me as fast and hard as the snake had the frog. Escape from the jaws of death! I was stunned as I kept turning the thought over in my mind. What a vivid picture of Satan stalking the souls of men! Like the frogs, people go hopping along the shore of life's pond without a care, oblivious to the silent, hidden danger of that great serpent (the devil). Not until

they are trapped in the jaws of death and looking into the serpents throat do they begin to struggle. By then it is too late! All the frantic kicking and struggling only serves to push them further into the gaping mouth of Hell. Just as the frog was incapable of saving himself, so is mankind. Only the intervention of a saviour (myself, in the case of the frog) – (Jesus Christ in the case of mankind), provides a way of escape. May we, the church, awaken to the reality of people around us in impending danger. We must warn them and introduce them to the one who can redeem and save them from the jaws of spiritual death.

Psalm 49:7-9, "None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: (for the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:) that he should still live for ever, and not see corruption."

As the snake met his final doom at my hands, some day that great serpent, the devil, will meet his final doom at the hands of the Lord:

Revelation 20:10, "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."

Until that day, we need to be busy warning and rescuing people from the "Jaws of Death."

THE FOUNDATION'S FINANCIAL MINUTE

By Frank Giunta

We have all heard the horror stories of the **De-Valued** dollar. Let me tell you about a time when a dollar could be worth more than just a dollar.

Usually when the Lord burdens our hearts to give to His work we think in terms of cash. There are times when cash may not be the best possible approach. Let me illustrate:

*If you purchased stock at \$15.00 per share that is now worth \$50.00 a share, you have capital gain of \$35.00 per share, which is taxable if **you** sell it.

***Although** the maximum **long** term capital **gain** tax **has been reduced** from 28% to 20%, that would amount to a tidy sum if you were selling 1,000 shares (20% of \$35,000 = \$7,000).

*Look at the losses you would sustain if **you** sell stock and place the proceeds in a

Charitable Remainder Unitrust:

First loss: Your principal would be reduced.

Second loss: Your income would be reduced.

Third loss: Your tax deduction would be less because your gift would be less.

On the other hand, if you gave that stock to the Free Will Baptist Foundation to sell for you, and place the proceeds in a Charitable Remainder Unitrust, you would by pass the capital gains tax and preserve the full value of the stock, plus enjoy greater income and a larger tax deduction.

There is wisdom in checking your options when planning to give a gift to the Lord's Work. If you would like information on the best approach, you may contact us at the Free Will Baptist Foundation, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002, or you may call me direct at 573-335-6240.

MISSOURI STATE COMPETITION MAY 8 - 9, 1998

CALVARY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
FENTON, MO

The 1998 Missouri State Competition will be May 8 - 9 at the Calvary Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Fenton, MO. The church's address is 1811 Smizer Station Road, Fenton, MO 63026.

Many changes have been made in the Guidelines that govern the competition in the past two years. It is imperative that each coach/sponsor have a copy of the **1996 NYC Guidelines**. The older versions are obsolete and will misinform you. Become thoroughly familiar with the new **Guidelines** before sending your entries. The new **Guidelines** can be obtained from the Lebanon Bible and Book Store.

Individual contestants may enter **no more than** three (3) categories and divisions, excluding Bible entries. Each church having four (4) or more entries in Music and Arts Competition Categories 1 - 9, **must** have at least one Bible Competition entry.

Entry Fees for the competition shall be:

\$15.00 per single entry category

\$25.00 per group entry (2 - 8 people)

\$50.00 per group entry (9+ people)

The **deadline** for entering the competition will be **April 15, 1998**. Please send your entry form with the appropriate fees to:

Missouri Youth Ministries Board

% Curt Gwartney

P.O. Box 444

Park Hill, MO 63601-0444

(Use a separate form for **EACH** entry. Example: A Vocal Trio is one entry.)

NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE COMPETITION REGISTRATION FORM

DISTRICT-STATE-NATIONAL

COMPETITION CODES

Circle the appropriate information below and write correct code numbers in the boxes in the top right-hand corner:

AGE GROUP...

- A Grades 1-3
- B Grades 4-6
- C Grades 7-9
- D Grades 10-12

BIBLE DIVISIONS...

- 0.1 Bible Memorization - Grade 1
- 0.2 Bible Memorization - Grade 2
- 0.3 Bible Memorization - Grade 3
- 0.4 Bible Sword Drill - Grade 4
- 0.5 Bible Sword Drill - Grade 5
- 0.6 Bible Sword Drill - Grade 6
- 0.7 Bible Tic Tac Toe
- 0.8 Bible Bowl
- 0.9 Turning Point
- 0.0 Horizon

MUSIC & ARTS...

Vocal Solo

- 1.1 Vocal Solo (Age A-B)
- 1.2 Male Vocal Solo (Age C-D)
- 1.3 Female Vocal Solo (Age C-D)

Vocal Ensemble

- 2.1 Duets, Trios, or Quartets
- 2.2 Ensemble with 5-12 members
- 2.3 Ensemble with 13 or more members

Instrumental Solo (non-keyboard)

- 3.1 Strings
- 3.2 Wind
- 3.3 Percussion

Instrumental Ensemble

- 4.1 Duets, Trios, or Quartets
- 4.2 Ensemble with 5 or more members

Keyboard

- 5.1 Manual/Electronic Solo
- 5.2 Keyboard Ensemble

Communication Arts

- 6.1 Speech
- 6.2 Individual Drama
- 6.3 Interpretive Reading of Scripture
- 6.4 Mime/Pantomime
- 6.5 Group Drama
- 6.6 Readers Theater
- 6.7 Group Mime/Pantomime
- 6.8 Puppetry (live)
- 6.9 Puppetry (recorded)

Creative Writing

- 7.0 Creative Writing

Electronic Media

- 8.0 Electronic Media

Creative Arts

- 9.1 Painting
- 9.2 Graphics
- 9.3 Three-Dimensional Art
- 9.4 Photography
- 9.5 Fabricated Art
- 9.6 Promotional Graphic Art

COMPETITION FEES

- \$15.00 per single entry category
- \$25.00 per group entries of 2-8 people
- \$50.00 per group entries of 9+ people

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Name of Church

City

State

Pastor's name

Pastor's phone number

Name of director (or coach)

Director's phone number

Name of Association

Total Fee for this Entry

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

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

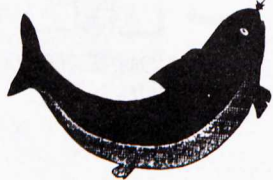
PARTICIPANT'S PLEDGE (to be signed by the individual participant or by the director [coach] of a group)

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

Signature of Participant or Director (Coach)

Mail to:
Missouri Youth Ministries Bd.
% Curt Gwartney
P.O. Box 444
Park Hill, MO 63601-0444

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH ENTRY!



Fishing for Missions - Fishing Tournament

A fishing tournament will be held Monday, March 23, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. (this is just before the minister's retreat). The tournament will be fishing out of the River Run marina ramp 1.1 miles east and .3 miles south of Forsyth, MO, on Highway 76. It is located on the upper end of Bull Shoals Lake. For those who have boats, it is located straight south of Swan Creek. The area is noted for its spring time white bass fishing. For those who would prefer to fish from the bank, the famous "Butler Hole" is approximately 3 miles east of Forsyth on highway 160. The state record brown trout was caught there last year.

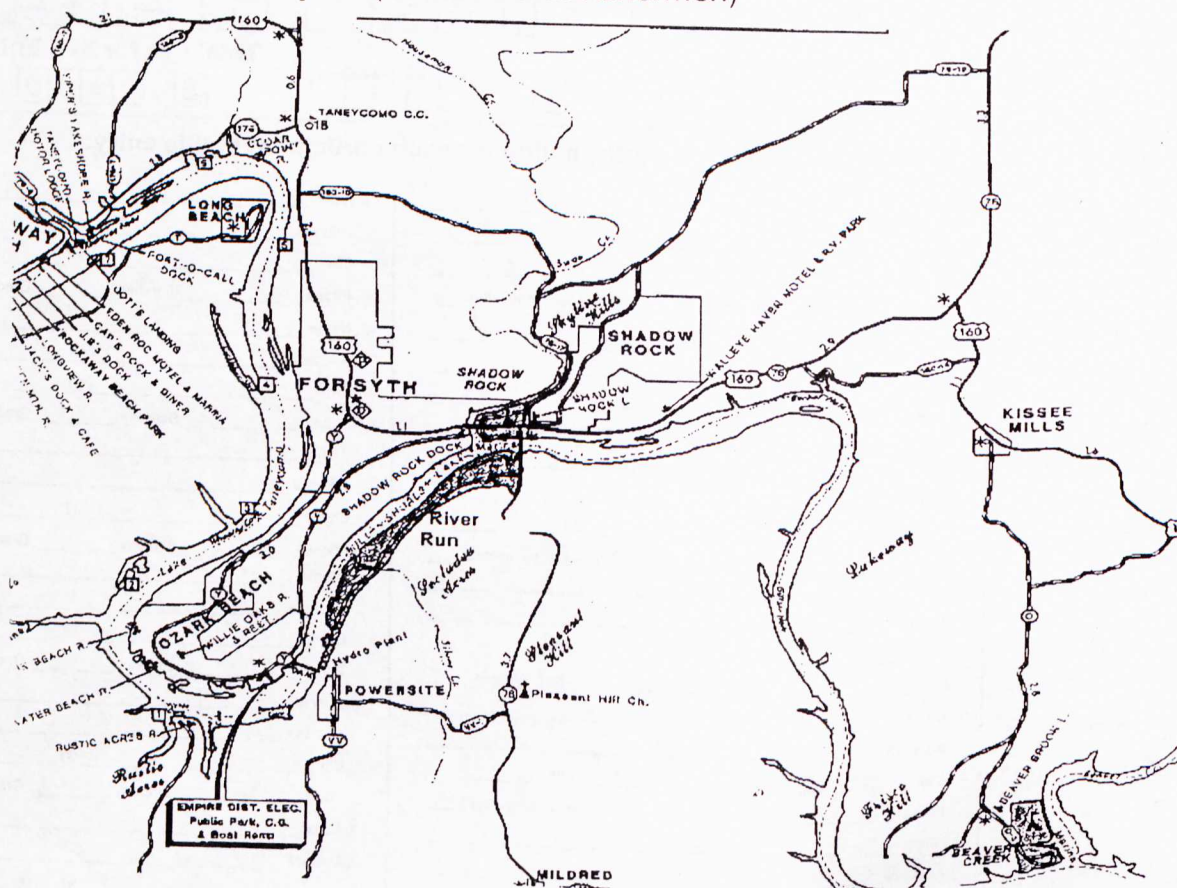
The rules for the tournament will be simple. All fish must be caught by rod and reel and all Missouri state fishing regulations will be observed. Entry fee will be \$20.00 per man. The fee will cover the prizes which will be given for the biggest fish caught in each variety of fish (black bass, white bass, trout, walleye, etc.). All monies, except those used to buy prizes, will be given to the Missouri Home Missions projects at Blue Springs and Jackson, Missouri.

For more information about the tournament, you may call Rev. Roger Harwell at 816-353-7449 or Rev. Rick Dablemont at 573-885-3543.

Sign in at River Run Ramp

Sign in time - 10:00 a.m. - March 23, 1998 (Boat or Bank Fishermen)

Check-out time - 4:00 p.m. (Boat or Bank Fishermen)



TWENTY WAYS TO TEACH SCRIPTURE MEMORY *(continued from page 2)*

gospel songs in foreign languages. People who would not normally memorize a verse at all may memorize verses in several languages due to the novelty of "speaking" a foreign language. By challenging Sunday school pupils to learn a verse in a foreign language, you are motivating them to learn the same verse in English.

Personalized Verses

Encourage your pupils to personally apply the promises of Scripture. After read-

ing and explaining the verse, have the pupil recite the verse replacing all third person pronouns or impersonal names with his or her name. I would repeat John 3:16, "For God so loved Elmer Towns that He gave His only begotten Son...." Personal application of memory verses is the ultimate objective of teaching Scripture.

Puppets

Puppets can be used to teach memory verses. Many teachers realize their pupils

are more interested in what the puppet has to say than what they have to say. Therefore, use a puppet to lead a class in Scripture memory. The puppet can use almost any of the above means of teaching.

Memory Project

What if you didn't have a Bible to teach from next Sunday? In many parts of the world, the only Bible a church possesses is the one existing in the memory of its church members. Challenge a Sunday school class

Ministers Retreat

March 23 - 25, 1998

Stonecroft Conference Center

Branson, Missouri

Speakers

Rev. Carl Cheshier, President of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, and Rev. James Forlines, Pastor of the Allen Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Batesville, Arkansas, will be the guest speakers for the 1998 retreat.

Cost

Double Occupancy - \$65.00 per person (Cost includes two nights lodging, five meals and two snacks.)

Directions

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

Dedication Service

During the Minister's Retreat, a dedication service will be held on the Table Rock Lake Property. The service will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print:

Name _____ Home Phone () _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Church _____

I would like to room with _____

A \$10 non-refundable deposit is required for each person. Please return this registration form to: Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536.

to memorize a book of the Bible during a quarter's study of that book. Divide the book into equal passages of 20 to 30 verses, one passage for each member. You may want to conclude the campaign by having the class recite the book in a public service. Some larger churches have organized to memorize the New Testament or the entire Bible in a year.

Puzzles

Many teachers are using pre-session activities to help prepare students for the morning Bible lesson. Teach a memory verse using a jigsaw puzzle. The verse

could be written out on construction paper and then cut in puzzle pieces. As students reassemble the puzzles, they will be learning the verse. A creative teacher should be able to produce several puzzles during a quarter.

Memory Cards

Teaching the memory verse does not have to take place only on Sunday morning. By providing Scripture memory cards, pupils can spend those spare moments each day learning and reviewing Bible verses. Packets are prepared by many organizations including several youth

organizations, Sunday school publishers, and denominations.

Unfortunately, many Sunday school workers have already resigned themselves to believing their class members will not engage in Scripture memory. For those, however, who realize they are doing their pupils a great favor by helping them develop the habit of Scripture memory, the possibilities are unlimited.

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1997 CO-OP RECEIPTS

	1996	1997	Amount of Increase or Decrease ()				
Alton	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$0.00	Mill Creek	\$3,631.88	\$3,720.49	\$88.61
Aulsbury Chapel	\$0.00	\$1,248.64	\$1,248.64	Mine La Motte	\$529.23	\$565.20	\$35.97
Bailey - Alton	\$2,098.83	\$2,507.51	\$408.68	Monett 1st	\$6,494.06	\$6,385.58	(\$108.48)
Bailey Chapel	\$1,450.00	\$1,915.00	\$465.00	Mtn. Grove 1st	\$16,643.08	\$20,020.29	\$3,377.21
Beacon	\$1,750.00	\$300.00	(\$1,450.00)	Mt. Pisgah	\$2,749.00	\$3,287.00	\$538.00
Belton	\$3,826.10	\$3,505.68	(\$320.42)	Mt. Zion-Gower	\$595.70	\$762.79	\$167.09
Berean	\$250.00	\$200.00	(\$50.00)	Myrtle	\$2,649.56	\$2,441.58	(\$207.98)
Bethel-El Dorado Spr.	\$868.81	\$809.51	(\$59.30)	Myrtle Inman	\$10.00	\$0.00	(\$10.00)
Bethel - Northview	\$1,273.76	\$1,563.71	\$289.95	N. Ruble	\$30.00	\$0.00	(\$30.00)
Black Oak	\$2,479.17	\$2,758.03	\$278.86	Neosho 1st	\$1,235.00	\$1,140.00	(\$95.00)
Blue Springs	\$1,394.88	\$458.30	(\$936.58)	New Harmony	\$295.87	\$239.08	(\$56.79)
Bourbon	\$933.04	\$917.38	(\$15.66)	New Home-Falcon	\$560.64	\$816.27	\$255.63
Byrd	\$633.34	\$698.80	\$65.46	New Hope-Fred.	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
Cabool	\$3,116.31	\$3,385.44	\$269.13	New Life-Licking	\$4,290.15	\$4,367.00	\$76.85
Calvary Chapel	\$5,534.08	\$6,810.48	\$1,276.40	New Rock Spr.	\$1,815.00	\$1,926.00	\$111.00
Calvary Fellowship	\$0.00	\$2,371.17	\$2,371.17	Niangua	\$180.00	\$994.00	\$814.00
Cape Girardeau	\$3,453.17	\$1,640.00	(\$1,813.17)	North Five	\$1,564.29	\$1,221.44	(\$342.85)
Carthage	\$4,081.85	\$3,260.30	(\$821.55)	Number One	\$601.95	\$1,058.74	\$456.79
Central-Grandview	\$11,337.65	\$11,443.35	\$105.70	Oak Grove - Houston	\$65.00	\$0.00	(\$65.00)
Chapel of the Ozarks	\$795.08	\$633.96	(\$161.12)	Oak Hill-Fred.	\$1,083.35	\$707.93	(\$375.42)
Clifton S.S.-Thayer	\$860.93	\$589.93	(\$271.00)	Oak Hill-Union	\$5,618.17	\$6,818.82	\$1,200.65
Copper Mines	\$3,830.05	\$3,992.11	\$162.06	O'Fallon 1st	\$8,102.28	\$9,573.33	\$1,471.05
Cornerstone-Joplin	\$0.00	\$167.60	\$167.60	Old Bethel	\$0.00	\$223.47	\$223.47
Crossroads-Richland	\$1,833.08	\$3,063.94	\$1,230.86	Olivet	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Crossroads-Wentzville	\$2,314.45	\$4,552.22	\$2,237.77	Oskaloosa	\$540.37	\$1,094.11	\$553.74
Cuba	\$6,249.77	\$6,985.67	\$735.90	Overland	\$1,121.00	\$1,461.50	\$340.50
DeSoto 1st	\$12,465.00	\$14,000.00	\$1,535.00	Ozark 1st	\$7,817.49	\$13,408.81	\$5,591.32
Faith-Oak Grove	\$1,312.43	\$670.00	(\$642.43)	Park Hills 1st	\$7,458.01	\$7,905.85	\$447.84
Faith & Hope-Aurora	\$749.30	\$859.00	\$109.70	Parkview	\$5,817.84	\$4,322.57	(\$1,495.27)
Faith & Hope-Wil. Sp.	\$1,399.63	\$1,058.15	(\$341.48)	Parkway-Sedalia	\$1,860.00	\$0.00	(\$1,860.00)
Farmington	\$25,776.92	\$29,823.69	\$4,046.77	Pleasant Hill-Thayer	\$1,497.32	\$1,722.03	\$224.71
Fellowship - Park Hills	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	Pleasant Home-Mtn. Gr.	\$3,069.40	\$3,395.75	\$326.35
Fordland	\$6,268.65	\$6,739.49	\$470.84	Pleasant Ridge-Urb.	\$991.00	\$993.00	\$2.00
Fourth	\$2,847.24	\$2,888.68	\$41.44	Potosi	\$1,876.33	\$1,940.63	\$64.30
Fredericktown 1st	\$3,387.00	\$3,446.00	\$59.00	Republic	\$1,914.34	\$1,714.48	(\$199.86)
Freeman Chapel	\$3,764.41	\$4,367.70	\$603.29	Richwoods	\$1,827.00	\$1,942.00	\$115.00
Friendship	\$4,639.92	\$5,291.51	\$651.59	Riverview, IA	\$3,237.18	\$0.00	(\$3,237.18)
Grace	\$12,608.00	\$11,475.00	(\$1,133.00)	Rock Chapel	\$4,235.70	\$4,273.38	\$37.68
Grant Avenue	\$11,234.70	\$11,286.13	\$51.43	Rolla 1st	\$935.28	\$1,415.68	\$480.40
Greenfield	\$904.00	\$555.00	(\$349.00)	Royal Oak-Alton	\$1,113.00	\$1,274.00	\$161.00
Hannibal	\$566.00	\$2,146.00	\$1,580.00	Seymour	\$1,502.00	\$2,138.00	\$636.00
Hannon	\$7,832.86	\$8,825.01	\$992.15	Smyrna	\$2,245.00	\$1,265.00	(\$980.00)
Happy Home	\$1,376.87	\$938.82	(\$438.05)	South Fremont	\$5,460.00	\$3,897.00	(\$1,563.00)
Harmony	\$5,719.00	\$6,249.00	\$530.00	Southside	\$623.51	\$1,357.50	\$733.99
Hartville	\$7,231.91	\$6,997.09	(\$234.82)	Springfield 1st	\$10,843.87	\$12,587.55	\$1,743.68
Hazel Creek	\$2,247.84	\$2,344.78	\$96.94	St. Francois Assn.	\$139.99	\$161.00	\$21.01
Heritage	\$1,139.00	\$1,503.50	\$364.50	Stockton	\$1,910.01	\$1,596.57	(\$313.44)
Hickory Grove	\$189.00	\$195.00	\$6.00	Terrill Road	\$2,025.33	\$956.00	(\$1,069.33)
Hopewell	\$2,354.00	\$2,394.00	\$40.00	Thayer	\$10,767.00	\$11,320.00	\$553.00
Houston 1st	\$3,603.03	\$4,290.73	\$687.70	Trinity	\$11,682.55	\$12,549.66	\$867.11
Hurryville	\$5,015.53	\$5,594.48	\$578.95	Twin Oak	\$4,145.90	\$4,437.74	\$291.84
Jackson	\$0.00	\$103.25	\$103.25	Tyrone	\$303.70	\$267.00	(\$36.70)
Jones Chapel	\$2,508.48	\$3,164.04	\$655.56	Union-Success	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$0.00
Joplin 1st	\$6,266.96	\$6,888.94	\$621.98	Union Grove	\$3,105.00	\$3,819.00	\$714.00
Kingsway	\$2,598.67	\$2,618.00	\$19.33	Union Light-Marq.	\$1,131.45	\$1,166.50	\$35.05
Kirksville	\$2,023.58	\$286.20	(\$1,737.38)	United	\$9,864.31	\$12,637.68	\$2,773.37
Koshkonong	\$1,755.55	\$1,520.48	(\$235.07)	Unity	\$4,584.00	\$4,665.00	\$81.00
Lead Hill	\$2,158.59	\$2,686.79	\$528.20	Verdella	\$4,691.50	\$6,172.02	\$1,480.52
Leadington	\$2,654.40	\$0.00	(\$2,654.40)	Victory-Alton	\$2,291.10	\$2,582.43	\$291.33
Lebanon	\$2,561.40	\$3,708.45	\$1,147.05	Victory-K.C.	\$6,310.08	\$5,239.07	(\$1,071.01)
Lebanon 1st	\$7,092.41	\$8,439.84	\$1,347.43	Victory Hill-Mfld.	\$579.63	\$561.89	(\$17.74)
Lone Star	\$636.75	\$631.43	(\$5.32)	Waynesville	\$3,831.77	\$3,411.94	(\$419.83)
Macedonia - Niangua	\$244.31	\$582.26	\$337.95	West Plains 1st	\$6,917.75	\$6,794.37	(\$123.38)
Marshfield	\$3,443.91	\$1,621.80	(\$1,822.11)	Wilderness	\$2,278.67	\$2,793.09	\$514.42
Merls Chapel	\$2,449.75	\$2,324.00	(\$125.75)	Willow Spr.-Mtn. Gr.	\$2,499.20	\$2,666.27	\$167.07
				Wolf Creek	\$4,403.14	\$4,445.76	\$42.62
				Total	\$432,323.28	\$464,453.81	\$32,130.53

Financial Information

DECEMBER 1997

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board.....	\$7,454.78
17.50% Executive Office	7,051.82
3.00% General Fund	1,208.82
.50% Show-Me Plan.....	201.48
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.....	3,425.18
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.....	1,007.40

2.50% C.E. Board.....	1,007.40
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Board.....	1,007.40
9.00% Mo. State Retirement Program	3,626.65
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	12,290.32
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 (\$122.90 included in \$12,290.32)	
5.00% Mo. State Conference Center Fund.....	2,014.81
TOTAL.....	\$40,296.12

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

DECEMBER 1997

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Aulsbury Chapel	\$270.33
Bailey - Alton	216.00
Bailey Chapel	190.00
Belton	246.83
Bethel - El Dorado Springs	61.68
Bethel - El Dorado Springs	78.28
Bethel - Northview	173.15
Black Oak	204.42
Byrd	73.65
Byrd	72.25
Calvary Chapel	662.22
Calvary Fellowship	527.66
Carthage	231.72
Central	1,109.69
Clifton	88.45
Copper Mines	327.16
Cornerstone	60.00
Crossroads - Wentzville	453.18
Cuba	738.00
DeSoto	1,600.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora	96.60
Faith & Hope - Willow Springs	40.00
Farmington 1st	1,698.41
Fellowship	500.00
Fordland	638.12
Fredericktown 1st	315.00
Freeman Chapel	471.86
Friendship	620.19
Grant Ave.	954.65
Hannibal	214.00
Hannon	827.81
Harmony	634.00
Hartville	594.00
Hazel Creek	574.17
Heritage	125.00
Hopewell	207.00
Houston 1st	400.66
Hurryville	450.10
Jackson	32.50
Jones Chapel	693.61
Joplin 1st	696.62
King's Way	260.00
Koshkonong	190.48
Lead Hill	233.70
Lebanon 1st	856.66
Lebanon FWB	343.51
Lone Star	58.90
Macedonia - Niangua	76.56
Merl's Chapel	213.00
Mill Creek	391.31
Mine La Motte	69.24
Monett 1st	596.92
Mtn. Grove 1st	1,965.77
Mt. Pisgah	302.00
Mt. Zion - Gower	72.80
Myrtle	260.50
Neosho	95.00
New Harmony	19.00
New Home - Fredericktown	50.00
New Home - Lebanon	210.64
New Life - Licking	320.45
New Rock Springs	184.00
Niangua	92.00
North Five	117.00
Number One	150.75
Oak Hill	58.28
O'Fallon 1st	1,084.31
Oskaloosa	191.30
Overland	130.00
Ozark 1st	1,283.88
Park Hills 1st	709.22
Parkview	455.70
Pleasant Hill	174.45
Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove	319.30
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	92.00
Potosi 1st	136.86
Rock Chapel	381.70
Rolla 1st	148.14
Royal Oak - Alton	125.00
Seymour	221.00
Springfield 1st	1,282.29
St. Francois Dist. Assoc.	33.50
Stockton	144.00
Thayer	1,233.00
Trinity	1,297.74
Union	60.00
Union Grove	381.00
Union Light	115.00
United - West Plains	1,434.78
Unity	365.00
Verdella	656.57
Victory - Alton	239.90
West Plains 1st	698.00
Willow Springs	181.19
Wolf Creek	363.85
TOTAL	\$40,296.12

SHOW-ME PLAN

AmeriVision - Lee, G.	0.56
Aulsbury Chapel	150.00
Banes, B.	15.00
Belton	105.00
Belton Ladies Aux.	15.00
Berean	30.00
Berry, R.	15.00
Bethel - El Dorado	193.98
Bethel - El Dorado	286.57
Bethel - Festus	45.00
Big Creek	55.00
Bishop, B.J.	15.00
Black Oak	30.00
Bowers, C.	15.00
Buffalo 1st	60.00
Buxton, G.	30.00
Cabool	135.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo	105.00
Calvary Fellowship	2,461.00
Central	5,365.00
Chism, B.	5.00
Chrisman, M.	30.00
Cook, J.	360.00
Copper Mines	30.00
Copper Mines - Teens & Jr. Classes	15.00
Copper Mines - Young Adult Class	15.00
Cuba	155.74
Darnell, W.	15.00
DeSoto 1st	300.00
DeSoto - Victors CTS Class	15.00
Eastern Gate	90.00
Faith - St. Louis	120.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora	30.00
Faith & Hope - W.S.	60.00
Farmington 1st	300.00
Fellowship	880.60
Fordland	245.00
Fourth	195.00
Fourth	30.00
Francis, N.	15.00
Fredericktown 1st	120.00
Freeman Chapel	540.00
Garrett, R.	15.00
Garrison, R.	180.00
Gospel Light	600.00
Grant Ave.	430.00
Greenfield 1st	360.00
Hannibal - WNAC	15.00
Hannon	1,097.81
Happy Hill	30.00
Harmony - Parkville	70.00
Harris, F.	45.00
Hartville	195.00
Harvester, J.	50.50
Hazel Creek	817.78
Houston 1st	519.30
Jackson	15.00
Jones Chapel	240.00
Jones Chapel	0.50
Joplin 1st	45.50
King's Way	10.00
Leadington	55.00
Lebanon 1st	50.00
Lebanon FWB	30.00
Lotz, C.	60.00
Macedonia Aux.	950.00
Maggart, D.	45.00
Merl's Chapel	150.00
Mill Creek	90.00
Mill Creek - Young Adult S.S. Class	15.00
Miller, M.	30.00
Mine La Motte	45.00
Monett 1st	335.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	659.85
Mt. Pisgah	75.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer	30.00
Myrtle	75.00
Neosho	240.00
New Harmony	93.52
New Home - Hartville	150.00
New Home - Lebanon	120.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	75.00
New Life - Licking	74.50
Noel, D.	15.00
Oak Grove - Houston	15.00
O'Fallon 1st	210.00
Ozark 1st	40.00
Park Hills 1st	227.76
Parkview - Desloge	357.00
Parson, O.	15.00
Pleasant Hill	30.00
Pleasant Home	75.00
Pleasant Home	45.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	50.00
Purdy	60.00
Richardson, O.	15.00
Richwoods	90.00

Rock Chapel	375.00
Rogers, B.	15.00
Royal Oak	105.00
Ruble, N.	45.00
Springfield 1st	325.00
Thayer	265.00
Trinity	585.00
Tyrone	180.00
Union Light	120.00
United - West Plains	300.00
Unity	75.00
Verdella	1,161.57
Viburnum	95.00
Walker, H. Jr.	15.00
West Plains 1st Aux.	30.00
White, R.	15.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove	85.00
Willow Springs 1st	150.00
TOTAL	\$26,064.04

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Bailey - Alton	\$366.67
Belton	38.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Calvary Fellowship	125.00
Carthage	43.00
Central	5,020.00
Cuba	67.87
DeSoto	629.00
DeSoto - Children's Church	20.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora	54.55
Farmington 1st	38.00
Fordland	35.00
Grant Ave.	157.46
Hannon	382.78
Hartville	100.00
Harvester, J.	16.84
Houston 1st	145.51
Houston 1st	70.00
Jones Chapel	0.17
Joplin	15.16
Joplin 1st	20.00
Leadington	5.00
Lebanon FWB	5.00
Macedonia Aux.	600.00
Monett 1st	91.80
Mtn. Grove 1st	170.00
Mt. Pisgah	25.00
Myrtle	124.00
Neosho	55.00
New Harmony	93.52
New Home - Hartville	10.00
New Testament	130.00
O'Fallon 1st	257.30
Ozark 1st	65.00
Park Hills 1st	90.92
Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove	151.31
Rader, J.W.	20.00
Richwoods 1st	49.00
Rock Chapel	45.00
Thayer	207.00
Trinity	40.00
Union Light	85.00
United - West Plains	20.00
Unity	50.00
Verdella	10.00
Viburnum	51.00
West Plains 1st	105.00
Wolf Creek	75.00
TOTAL	\$10,025.86

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Belton	\$38.00
Cuba	67.87
DeSoto	500.00
Gospel Light	40.00
Grant Ave.	10.00
Hannon	413.90
Harvester, J.	16.83
Jones Chapel	0.16
Joplin	15.17
Lebanon Bible & Book Store	285.00
Macedonia Aux.	50.00
New Home - Hartville	10.00
O'Fallon 1st	65.30
Ozark 1st	10.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	20.00
Rock Chapel	74.74
St. Francois Dist. Assoc.	25.00
Thayer	67.00
Trinity	876.00
Union Light	51.00
United - West Plains	25.00
Victory - Tenn.	1,172.80
Wormington, L.	30.00
TOTAL	\$3,863.77

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Calvary Fellowship	\$292.34
Central	85.00

DeSoto 1st	\$355.00
Farmington 1st	25.00
Fourth	15.00
Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions	45.00
G.M.	232.00
Grant Ave.	96.00
Joplin 1st	115.00
Kinslow, A.	10.00
Macedonia Aux.	50.00
Merl's Chapel	50.00
Monett 1st Ladies Aux.	25.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	20.00
Neosho	15.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	20.00
New Testament	60.00
Ozark 1st	45.00
Rock Chapel	15.00
Thayer	85.00
Trinity	348.87
Union Light	10.00
United - West Plains	40.00
Verdella	1,000.00
Viburnum	10.00
TOTAL	\$3,074.21

MISSOURI FWB YOUTH CAMP

Buffalo	\$50.00
Niangua	20.00
Hartville	10.00
New Life - Monett	71.25
Thayer	40.00
Hannon	15.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	10.00
Lebanon Bible & Book Store	127.50
Ozark 1st	10.00
Willow Springs	10.00
DeSoto 1st	50.00
New Home - Hartville	10.00
Trinity	14.00
Union	30.00
Park Hills 1st	49.19
West Plains 1st	25.00
TOTAL	\$551.94

FWB BIBLE COLLEGE

Farmington 1st	193.92
Thayer	40.00
DeSoto 1st	35.00
Verdella	131.31
TOTAL	\$400.23

HILLSDALE FWB COLLEGE

Farmington 1st	\$70.74
Thayer	45.00
Central	75.00
Hannon	50.00
Neosho 1st	60.00
Grant Ave.	8.00
TOTAL	\$308.74

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington 1st	\$35.37
Carthage	40.19
TOTAL	\$75.56

REV. JOHN McCLURE

Monett 1st	\$45.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora	54.54
Thayer	5.00
Carthage	40.20
Mtn. Grove 1st	67.50
Trinity	10.00
TOTAL	\$222.24

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$37.50
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YOUTH MINISTRIES BOARD

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$37.50
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SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES BOARD

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$37.50
Calvary Fellowship	90.00
TOTAL	\$127.50

TRULA CRONK HOME FOR CHILDREN

Farmington 1st	\$20.00
New Life - Monett	71.25
Myrtle	7.00
New Home - Fredericktown	30.00
DeSoto 1st	95.00
Belton	50.00
Unity	10.00
Park Hills 1st	10.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	400.00
TOTAL	\$693.25

STEVE SMITH

DeSoto 1st	\$50.00
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CORNERSTONE FWB CHURCH

Indian Creek Missions Conf.	\$32.17
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1998 CALENDAR

MINISTERS RETREAT

March 23 - 25, 1998
Stonecroft Conference Center, Branson, MO

STATE YOUTH COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

May 8 - 9, 1998
Calvary Fellowship Church, Fenton, MO

SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

Group I

May 18 - 20, 1998

Group II

May 20 - 22, 1998
Stonecroft Conference Center,
Branson, MO

MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION/ WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

June 8 - 10, 1998
First Free Will Baptist Church, Monett, MO

YOUTH CAMP

Teen Camp
June 21 - 26, 1998
Pre - Teen Group 1
July 26 - July 31, 1998
Pre - Teen Group 2
August 2 - August 7, 1998

Please Note: There will only be one Teen session this year.

Group 1

Greater Springfield
Indian Creek
Central Western
Mission
Cave Springs
Liberty
Niangua
Laclede

Group 2

Greater Kansas City
South Central
Northeast
St. Louis
St. Francois
Mid-Rivers
Bootheel
Northwest

NATIONAL CONVENTION, NYC & WNAC

July 12 - 16, 1998
Tulsa, Oklahoma

YOUTH CONFERENCE

November 20 - 21, 1998
Windermere Baptist Camp

PREACHER/LAYMAN'S RETREAT AND ALL BOARDS MEETING

September 14, 1998
Youth Camp, Niangua, MO

Suggestion:

Put this information on your Church Bulletin Board.

Sunday School Averages July 1997 - December 1997

CHURCHES	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Belton	38	39	39	32	35	38
Calvary Chapel	103	114	129	124	132	135
Copper Mines	49	49	51	48	48	
Cuba	129	128	118	130	132	127
DeSoto	165	171	183	167	165	
Hannon	95	99	112	113	108	114
Harmony	53	48	54	42	54	
Hartville	84	91	103	96	101	107
Hazel Creek		64	73	68	64	68
Hopewell	31	35	34	28	30	28
Houston	47	49	50	54	56	51
Lebanon First	82	104		98	106	110
Lebanon FWB	39	41	42	46	49	43
Mill Creek	44	48	54	55	59	56
Monett	53	60	55	50		
Myrtle	32				38	33
Oskaloosa		16			17	
Ozark	89	85	107	109	97	113
Park Hills First	98	109	117	109	114	107
Richwoods	30	32	41	37		
Rock Chapel	48	51			47	
Southside		20	17	19	21	23
Springfield First	114	115	143	118	115	120
Thayer	171	182	186	178	182	185
Trinity	71	62	75	75	78	
United, West Plains	261	267	278	286	312	304
Verdella	72					
Willow Springs	58	48	57	55	53	60

The above is only a partial listing - there are 177 Free Will Baptist churches in Missouri. Each church is encouraged to send in the Sunday School average each month.

Roll Call Sunday

March 29, 1998

Goal: 2500 Souls Saved

The Home Missions Department's Fifteenth annual ROLL CALL SUNDAY is scheduled for March 29, 1998! Plan for the biggest attendance ever! Pray to see 2500 souls saved!

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