

# **THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM**

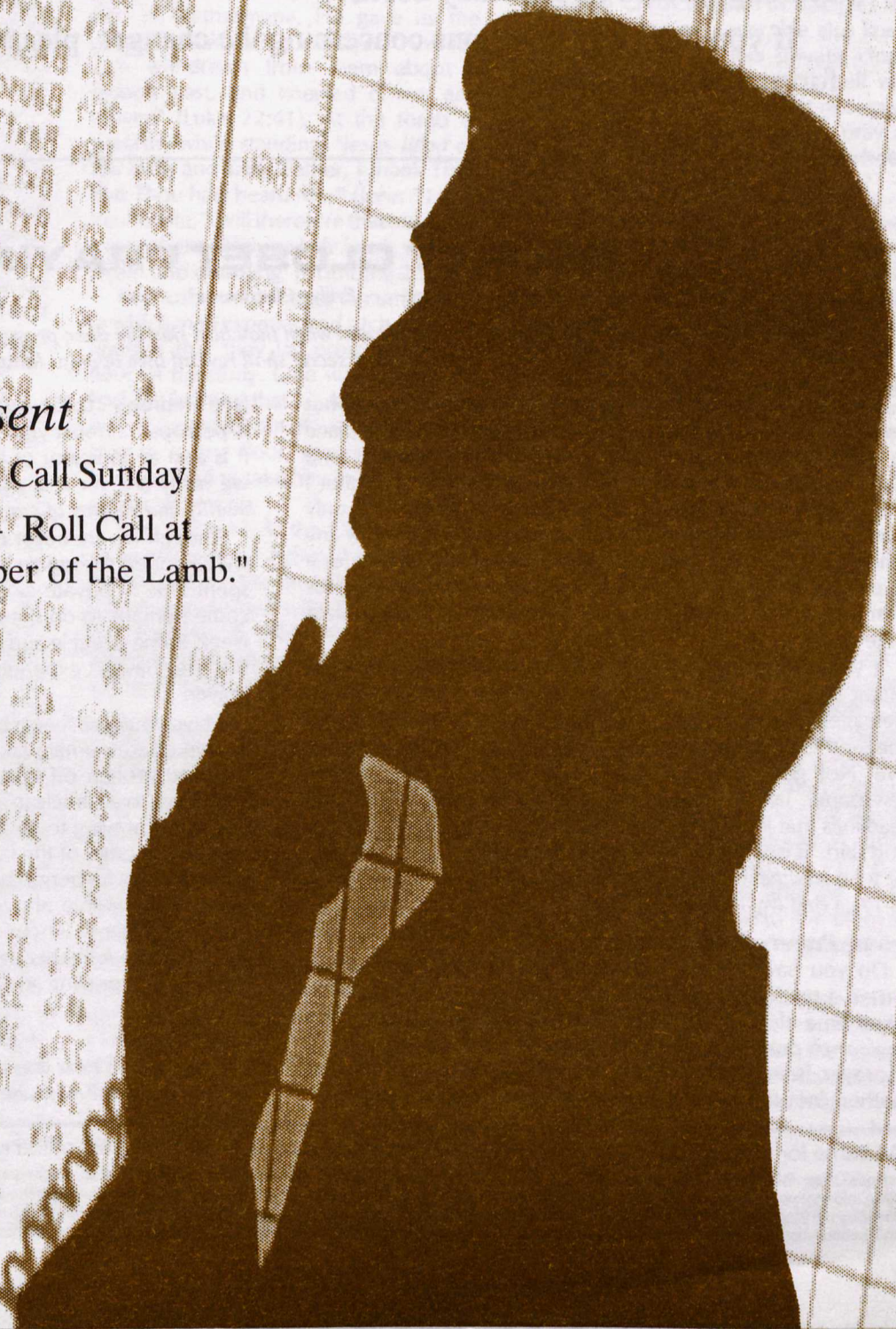
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## *Be Present*

March 29 – Roll Call Sunday

Revelation 19:9 – Roll Call at

"...the marriage supper of the Lamb."



# Please Note State Meeting Changes

\*The State Meeting will be held in Lebanon instead of Monett. This change was made because of the shortage of motel rooms in Monett.

\*The Missouri Women Active for Christ will meet on Monday instead of Tuesday. This change will allow the State Meeting to conclude on Wednesday evening instead of Thursday noon.

If you have any questions concerning the changes, please call the state office for more information.

## SECRET CLOSET PRAYING

Evelyn Christenson

*But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut the door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. Matthew 6:6*

My old green chair has long since been reupholstered, but years ago, when it was brand new, it became the quiet place to which I would steal very early in the morning to spend time alone with God. It was on my knees at that old chair that I would pour out the inmost groanings of my heart – for only God to hear. Groanings much too personal to be heard by any other. My tears stained its cushion as I knelt interceding for a loved one. It was there I was filled with awe and adoration for Him and all He is – the "heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee" (1 Kings 8:27).

It was there on my knees with my open Bible that God taught me to wait on Him for every point in a series of messages. It was there with my head buried in my hands that I begged God for wisdom for a certain message that I was to give. Not getting any answers, I reached for the morning newspaper, laid it on the seat of the chair, and read in the headlines that Russia had sent Sputnik I into outer space. Then God said, "It isn't who can *conquer* outer space that counts but He who *created* it and by whom it consists" (see Colossians 1: 16-17). I had my message!

### **Private Prayer—Public Prayer**

Do you have a secret place for private prayer, a certain corner, a particular chair, or a room set apart where you can spend time alone with God? A "closet" where you daily *shut the door* to pray to your Father in secret? The group concept of prayer is important, and we do need to pray *with* one another, "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together"

(see Hebrews 10:25). But the drawing apart to pray in secret is perhaps the most vital type of prayer in which we engage. It is also an indicator of the kind of prayer group participant we really are, for *it is our private praying that determines the quality and validity of our public praying.*

Though we are never to be critical of the prayers of others, we can often recognize in our prayer groups those who have spent time in private closet prayer and the others who have come perhaps to do the only praying that they have done all week. Some struggle and strain to sound pious, but it's obvious that they haven't experienced the deeper dimension of closet prayer.

Have you ever seen a bright blue iceberg? In Alaska I stared in awe at a mountain lake filled with beautiful blue icebergs that had broken off Portage Glacier. Immediately my mind went back to an article in a *Family Tie* magazine that compared our secret praying to an iceberg. The "Absolutely No Boating" sign on the edge of the lake reminded me that eight-ninths of the bulk of an iceberg is below the waterline out of sight. Only one-ninth is visible above the surface. The next day at our prayer seminar in Anchorage I explained how prayer should be like those icebergs, with about one-ninth showing in our public group praying and eight-ninths out of sight in our secret closets.

### **Other Closets**

I can almost hear you saying, "I can't spend great periods of time in a closet." No, neither can I, but I have found another

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kind of closet praying. It's just drawing apart to God wherever I am - at the kitchen sink, at a desk, or even in a room filled with people.

"You must have tremendous power of concentration," someone said.

No, I've just learned to draw apart from people to God. Practicing this at a California retreat with 525 people packed in a room that barely held 500, we found, though touching elbows physically, that we could each draw apart mentally to God. This too is closet praying, though it is no substitute for drawing apart to that one spot, at that one time of the day when we really spend time with God and His Word.

One of my very favorite "closets" is my car. As I draw apart, you may be sure I don't take my hands off the wheel, fold them, and kneel. To shut my eyes would be even worse!

One morning as I was getting ready to leave for an all-day prayer seminar fifty miles away, everything went wrong. My husband called from California asking me to find out when he was to meet certain professors at the San Francisco airport and to give the information to his secretary so he could call her after I had gone. I couldn't find the professors, I couldn't find the secretary, after frantically dialing all the possible numbers.

Then my son called from school, "Mom, I forgot all my books; could you bring them over?" I did, and was completely out of time when I left his school, only to run into such a long detour that I could hardly find my way back to the freeway.

As I finally emerged on the right road, I cried to God. "O Lord, take over! Remove from me all this tension and frustration. Flow through me with Your peace and power. Make me what you want me to be by the time I arrive at the prayer seminar." And he did! My car had become my prayer closet.

Even a plane seat can be a prayer closet. For two years I had been praying with a friend about her sister who did not know Christ. Every time my friend wrote to her sister, she'd call asking me to pray for God to work in her heart as she received the letter. One day my plane had a ten minute layover in a Midwestern city with no time to disembark. I looked out over the city and thought, "That's where my friend's sister lives!" Suddenly there descended from God a heavy, overwhelming burden to pray for her. I sat in that plane in the very depths of intercessory prayer. Two days later my elated friend called to say, "I just received a letter from my sis, and she accepted

Christ!" When? The exact day God had said in that plane, "Evelyn, pray."

### **Which Posture?**

Just as our momentary closet praying requires no particular place, neither does it require a certain prayer posture. In one of my seminars a man announced to me after the first session that he would not be back. "You're not praying scripturally," he said. When I asked him to please explain, he replied, "You're not 'holding up holy hands.'" He could see only this one position to be used at all times, even though I pointed out to him that there are many postures of prayer mentioned in the Word of God.

When Jesus was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, He gave us the example of *kneeling* in prayer. "And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed" (Luke 22:41). At the tomb of Lazarus, while standing, "Jesus *lifted up His eyes*, and said, 'Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast heard Me.'" (John 11:41). Paul wrote, "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, *lifting up holy hands*, without wrath and doubting" (1 Timothy 2:8).

My husband can recall circumstances in which men experienced such grief and anguish that they lay prostrate on the floor of his study. One was a dad who had just learned that his teenage daughter was pregnant out of wedlock. He cast himself to the floor, weeping, and my husband had to take him in his arms and gently lift him up.

King Solomon, in the Old Testament, *prostrated himself before the Lord* when he prayed in the temple. His father, David, communed with God upon his bed (Psalm 4:4). Whatever our posture, wherever the place, the ears of our God are open to our cry (see Psalm 34:15).

### **Holy Places**

God does not dwell in temples made with hands. Even so, some spots have been used as closets for prayer by so many that they seem to be holy places. Have you ever stepped into a room and felt God there? My husband and I were looking over the grounds at a Midwestern retreat center one fall. We stepped into an old chapel - and I felt God's presence immediately. "Hon, please go on without me for a few minutes," I said. I knelt at that altar - not talking or praying, but *just feeling* God so powerfully there.

Another time I arrived at Bethel Seminary in St. Paul to speak at a women's retreat just as the planning committee stepped out of the Eric Frykenberg Prayer Tower, where they had been pray-

ing. Their eyes were wide with wonder and amazement. "We felt Jesus there!"

"Yes," I replied, "that is one of those places where I always feel a particular sense of - the presence of Christ." That little circular room has no windows or furniture, but it is filled with the thousands of prayers uttered by students and faculty of that seminary - and His presence!

Christ recognized the need for spending time alone with God. What a tremendous example Christ's prayer life was to His followers and to us. Though the disciples were Jesus' very closest friends, He knew there were times He had to pray in secret to His Heavenly Father. Although Christ taught His disciples the concept of group prayer, He also knew the importance of this private closet praying. Even though He Himself was God incarnate, He thought it necessary to withdraw to a mountain to pray all night before the important task of choosing the Apostles. If He, why not us?

*Lord, give me the joy of secret closet praying. Keep me faithful to shut the door every day and spend time with You and Your Word in secret. Teach me to draw apart alone with You, no matter where I am or with whom.*

*Excerpt from What Happens When Women Pray (Deluxe Edition) by Evelyn Christenson. Provided by David C. Cook Church Ministries.*

## **OZARK MISSION NEWS**

The First Free Will Baptist Church in Ozark, Missouri, will hold Revival services April 5 - 8, with Evangelist Carl Cheshire, President of Hillsdale College. The schedule for the Sunday services is: Sunday School 9:30 a.m., morning worship service 10:30 a.m., evening service 6:00 p.m. The Monday through Wednesday services will be held at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Gary Mitchener and the Ozark congregation invite you to join them for these services as they experience God's blessings.

God continues to bless the work in Ozark. Many new ministries are being established as the laity of the church discover and use their spiritual gifts and talents for the Lord. We give praise to the Lord for the growth God's people have experienced.

We are in need of an organ for our sanctuary. If you know of one, you may call the church office at (417) 581-5246.

## Celebrating 30 Years of Ministry



Rev. & Mrs. Glenn Rehkop

On Saturday, December 13, 1997, the congregation of the Grace Free Will Baptist Church in Arnold, Missouri, celebrated the 30th anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Rehkop's ministry at the church. Over one hundred friends and family came to visit during the open house held in Glenn and Evelyn's honor.

Several ladies of the church handmade a pictorial quilt displaying the early years of Glenn and Evelyn's service up to the current year. The quilt was presented on behalf of the entire church. Many other gifts and cards of appreciation were given by current and prior church members, family and friends.



Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Ruble of Lebanon, Missouri, were in attendance. Rev. Ruble, Executive Secretary of the Missouri

State Association of Free Will Baptists, read and presented two nicely framed letters of congratulations. The first letter was from him expressing thanks to the Rehkops for all their years of service on behalf of the Missouri State Association. The second letter was from Rev. Melvin Worthington, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, extending congratulations from the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Nashville, Tennessee.

The members of the Grace Free Will Baptist Church once again wish to extend their love and appreciation to Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Rehkop for the countless hours of service and sacrifices made on behalf of the ministry in Arnold. Their love of God and the furthering of God's kingdom has always been their priority. As a result, many souls have been saved and many Christians have been inspired. The sincere thanks given to you now will not begin to compare to the rewards you will one day receive from our heavenly Father. May God continue to bless your ministry.

## A "TIE" TO THE FINISH!

The members of the Faith Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis are using an old idea with a new twist to increase their attendance in the month of March.

Two groups led by Pastor Ray Littrell and Jerry Reed will be encouraging the members to bring visitors. Pastor Littrell will be leading and urging the members that are 36 and over and Brother Reed will be leading those 35 and under. Each week, after the visitors have been tallied for each group, the "winner" (the one with the most visitors), will cut off a piece of the "loser's" tie. On the last Sunday in March, when the challenge is over, the one who has the longest tie wins. On that evening, Faith will host a special evening service followed by an ice cream social. It will be at that time that the winner and his group will be served ice cream by the "loser" and his group. Afterwards, the loser must face further humiliation by receiving a cool whip pie in the face given to him by the winner.

If you would like to join one of the teams, you may call Bro. Ray Littrell at (573) 678-2283 or Bro. Jerry Reed at (314) 416-4072.

## Jackson Mission News

Praise the Lord!!! We had 55 people for our first service this past Sunday. We had 20 for Sunday evening, January 25, and we had 12 for our first prayer meeting service.

This is without us visiting, as we've been busy night and day getting the building ready. We still have quite a bit to do in the back where we will have the Sunday School rooms, but I am hoping to get some visiting done this week.

## CHANGING AMERICA'S FAMILIES, ONE CHILD AT A TIME

Can you imagine that a child would rather say that their parents are dead than say that their parents simply don't want them? And yet, for many kids, this heartbreaking statement is a way of life.

We face a crisis in America. More and more children are being devalued and discarded as easily as unwanted trash. The

numbers of abused and abandoned children are rising so quickly in our country that experts can't even keep up with the numbers. Fortunately, Free Will Baptists have been given a chance to change some of these awful circumstances.

*Free Will Baptist Family Ministries*, located in Greeneville, TN, would like **YOU** to participate in their outreach to abused and abandoned children. FWBFM encourages churches and individuals to make a special donation during the month of May, known as their "Mother's Day Offering."

The P.A.T.H. Shelter serves children coming out of emergency situations; that is, the children were living in unsafe environments or with dangerous people. Being a short-term house (the children only stay from one to thirty days), FWBFM's shelter touches the lives of **hundreds** of abused children each year. God is to be praised that many have come to know Christ as Savior while at The P.A.T.H. Shelter.

Make the difference in the life of a hurting child. Send in your donation today. Now is the time for all of us to reach these children for the sake of Christ who died for them. We can't possibly change every life, but we can change some.

FREE WILL BAPTIST FAMILY MINISTRIES

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## The Foundation's Financial Minute

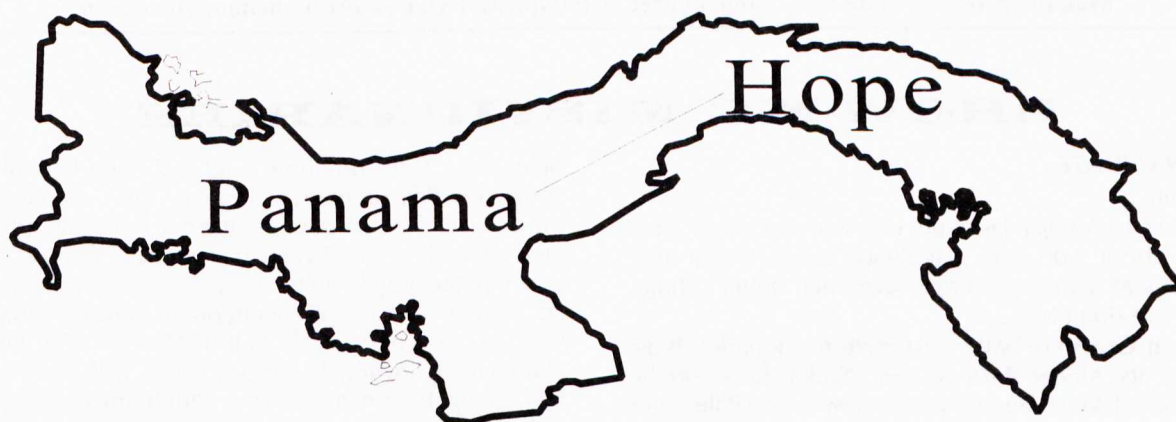
*By Frank Giunta*

When Samuel and Josephine came to America as emigrants there was no extra money; in fact, there was barely enough to make ends meet. Although they were business people it was still a struggle to raise their family. One by one the children grew up and left home.

In the latter years of their lives the Lord blessed their business and they were able to accumulate a sizable amount of money. They decided that they would give each of their children a large gift to help them get a good start in life. It was here that they discovered the "Gift Tax."

For those folks who would like to give a loved one a large gift but do not want to suffer the loss which gift taxes incur, there is good news. Our tax laws allow each parent to give \$10,000 per child per year. If there are two parents still living, each child can receive up to \$20,000 per year without triggering the gift tax.

Often we can achieve our desired goals but just do not know how we can legally do so. If we can be of additional help to you in this - or any other - financial matter, feel free to 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.



A missionary once told a story about how he was asked to help with a roof raising. He went out to a remote village where the villagers were building a house. In this village, they build the walls, then the roof is built and lifted onto the walls. When the missionary arrived, the villagers were ready to lift the roof into place. The roof was made of sticks, weeds, and mud and was very heavy. The missionary took his place with the other workers around the roof. His back had been hurting, so as all the men gathered around, he decided not to lift. The count was given in the native tongue - 1, 2, 3 lift. Nothing happened. Every man looked at each other. Suddenly there was a thunder of laughter. He asked his friend what happened? The man answered, "I think we all had the same idea!" In a few moments things got very quiet. The men got very serious, gritted their teeth, then on the count of three, they lifted the roof into place. As they walked away, they congratulated themselves for a job well done.

We also have a task to do, but we are not all helping. We need you! As you know, for some time now, our campers across the state have been trying to raise money for a church in Panama. We are coming down to our deadline and have just made the halfway mark. We need your help to finish this project.

Some churches have done well, while others may be thinking, "They don't need my help." We do need you! If we all work together, we can easily meet our goal. I would hate to think that this work would not be finished because I did not do my part. My part might be small in comparison to what others can do, but I will do what I can to see this work finished. I ask you, can you help?

The first idea formed at Youth Camp was to take twenty ounce pop bottles and fill them with change. If every camper would do this, we would more than raise this money in a year. A twenty ounce pop bottle will hold approximately \$80 in quarters. We are not asking for your tithe money, nor to take money from any other missionaries. We are just asking for your loose change. If you put one or two quarters a day aside (about the price of one can of pop), we will reach our goal. We need seventy-seven more youth groups, churches, or individuals to fill one bottle in the next four months. Do you think you, your church, or your youth group can do this? If we can meet our goal, our young people will have kept their promise and we will have a future of strong mission support and faith. Will you help?

Please send all money raised to the Missouri State Association Office earmarked to the Panama Project, or New Hope for Panama.



# 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.

## SHOW-ME MISSIONARIES

### PINKERTON UPDATE

Dearest Family ...

We returned to Abidjan last night with a truck load of "stuff" getting here about 9:00 p.m. ... it always seems longer after dark. Our days at B'kou could not have been better ... hugs, tears and please don't leave.

Jerry was at Goumere with most male missionaries, Bible Institute Students, African Pastors Mon. - Friday. Jerry said the speaker was great. What he said wasn't new (many Pale Faces have said the same things), but it sounded (and is accepted better) when said by an African. Jerry came home each evening.

I spent the days visiting Christians in B'Kou. What a thrill to see small nickel sized eyes grow to silver dollar size and a huge ear to ear smile appear when one sees you!! I got hugs galore, tears and should have lost 5 pounds just from the handshakes (but didn't) ... Since Jerry was well fed at Goumere - pounded enyams each day - I bought food from the market - yummy. Our house wasn't too dirty, but the dust is worse than ever ... lots of colds & respiratory troubles. Washing machine, computer and printer still working - that's prayers answered.

So many have health & financial troubles - even if we had thousands of dollars to give, it would only be temporary help. I saw newborns, little kids, students, couples and old folks ... the reaction always the same - huge grins, open arms, tears and rib-breaking hugs (since mine are insulated so well - none broke). I made it to each part of town - save one, but saw most of the women at Ladies Meeting Friday afternoon ... I'd return home to find flowers stuck in the gate - meaning someone had been there & left a calling card.

We ate evening meals with Elaine Holland (Ernest was in Abidjan) so she filled us in on the news. Madame Samuel prepared pounded enyams for us one night ... It was just great

being back & hearing how God had been faithful in spite of some very difficult times for many ... one couple had twins - the boy weighed 2.5 pounds - the girl 2 pounds...(the boy baby died a few days later.) The girl is almost 3 months old, but still a very petite, fragile doll. The church is doing very well - 230 last Sunday morning. We went out to Seroudi Friday a.m. ... to see Silas' Mother ... YES, SHE HAD PRAYED. Didn't go to church the following day since she was with a young lady who had a long, hard delivery. They didn't know we'd be coming so hadn't prepared a meal for us ... but gave us a giant sack full of oranges, a stalk of bananas and more hugs and handshakes ... Beautiful people there ... mud houses, dirt paths with deep ruts, air filled with dirt & dust ... we too were clay colored, but who cared? Not us! One little old man asked about Archie Mayhew ... His hands covered his face as he shrieked, EEEEEEE!!!! when we told him Pasteur Mayhew had gone to see Jesus.

Here at ABJ this morning, we had a few empty places at church - with more first time visitors. Robert preached a very good sermon about loving God and keeping His commandments. It's great to be back.

Thanks for your love, prayers and continued loyal support. Tomorrow, we begin house hunting here.

### GINGER HARRISON

Hello Everyone,

Bon jour! Classes started yesterday and they are going really well. I really have a great teacher. She's very good and I have only heard positive things about her. I have classes on Monday and Thursday afternoons and on Tues., Wed., and Fri. mornings.

The snow continues. It is supposed to be -18 C in the morning (0 degrees Fahrenheit). My winter clothes have been great so far, but tomorrow may be the test! I've worn tennis shoes a couple of times and noticed that no one else is wearing

tennis shoes. Everyone wears boots! My activities coordinator told me today, while on a tour with about 50 students, a yellow bus, and many cameras, that "the tennis shoes let everyone know you are 'American'!" I guess I'd better put them up for a season ... I don't want to stick out, ya know?! But I told her I thought the bus, cameras and the tour group may give it away as well.

I'm getting most day to day chores figured out ... how to get mail, groceries, set up the telephone service. Everything takes a little extra effort, but is expected in a new culture. People I have met have been very polite and helpful (except the "Bull-dozer Man!"). The "Bull-dozer Man" is the person who cleans the snow off the apartment complex parking lot. He seems to intentionally stop what he is doing and head directly for me every time I step on the parking lot. He doesn't slow down and since he is a lot bigger than me ... I just RUN! I know he must think it is funny, but now (like Pavlov?) I "run to safety" when I hear the 'beeping' of the "Bull-dozer Man" in the parking lot. (I don't think I'm the only one he AIMS for ... it must be a game to him!)

I still have electricity, so I am thankful for this. It is an incredible misfortune for those in Montreal to be so horribly struck with this catastrophe and yet here in Quebec City, we have no problems with the ice so far. Thank you, Lord, but be with those who are in need of warmth and light. (Also the warmth and Light only You provide!)

I must get back to my studies! Au revoir!

Ginger Harrison

#### STEVE AND JUDY LYTLE

Our youth has a retreat January 23-25 with around 60 from our various churches in attendance. Ron Callaway was the special speaker, and he dealt with the theme of the New Age Movement. Our Women's Retreat is this weekend; Judy, Linda Callaway, Brenda Bunch, LaRhonda Bowerman, and a host of Panamanian ladies are preparing for that.

We're still giving assistance at Nueva Esperanza (preached there last Sunday, and also taught the adult SS lesson on Foot Washing from Jn. 13). Six children made profession of faith after the preaching service, and we praise the Lord for that.

Bible Institute classes will begin on March 9. Ron is teaching Pauline and John, I'm teaching Hebrews and Pentateuch, Stan is teaching Pentateuch down in Parita, and Eddie Bowerman will teach second trimester. Some of our Panamanian brothers are also teaching classes. We praise the Lord for these opportunities.

We also are making plans to be at the State Meeting in Monett, June 8-11, as are Stan and Brenda Bunch. The Bunches plan to go back in early May for Jonathan's graduation and to begin their furlough. It will be good to see so many friends there and to thank Missouri Free will Baptists for their support through the Show-Me Plan, and to thank the youth for their efforts in the "New Hope" (Nueva Esperanza) project.

#### JEFF TURNBOUGH

The attendance both in the Alcala Church and in the Villalba Church is up these days! Many NEW PEOPLE are visiting. That would indicate that God is working in their midst and that the church's weekly services are meeting a need in new people's lives. We praise the Lord for that. They would really appreciate your prayers for the NON-CHRISTIAN visitors who are attending. In the Alcala Church, some of these are foreign students in the University of Alcala. In Villalba, it is MARIA (who I've asked you to remember before, now she doesn't miss hardly any services!), as well as several new South American families who are attending.

## Sunday School Averages August 1997 - January 1998

CHURCHES	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
Belton	39	39	32	35	38	35
Calvary Chapel	114	129	124	132	135	
Copper Mines	49	51	48	48		
Cuba	128	118	130	132	127	124
DeSoto	171	183	167	165	166	153
Farmington	277	284	299	281	272	270
Hannon	99	112	113	108	114	99
Harmony	48	54	42	54		
Hartville	91	103	96	101	107	112
Hazel Creek	64	73	68	64	68	68
Hopewell	35	34	28	30	28	29
Houston	49	50	54	56	51	51
Lebanon First	104		98	106	110	
Lebanon FWB	41	42	46	49	43	44
Mill Creek	48	54	55	59	56	63
Monett	60	49	50	54	52	60
Myrtle				38	33	
Oskaloosa	16			17		
Ozark	85	107	109	97	113	108
Park Hills First	109	117	109	114	107	105
Richwoods	32	41	37			42
Rock Chapel	51			47		37
Southside	20	17	19	21	23	21
Springfield First	115	143	118	115	120	104
Thayer	182	186	178	182	185	178
Trinity	62	75	75	78		
United, West Plains	267	278	286	312	304	286
Willow Springs	48	57	55	53	60	57

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

## FWBBC NEWS

### BIBLE COLLEGE SEARCHING FOR YOUTH MINISTRIES TEACHER

Free Will Baptist Bible College is looking for a teacher in Youth Ministry and Christian Education. Experience and appropriate education are required.

Any person interested should send a résumé and written testimony to:

Dr. Robert E. Picirilli, Academic Dean  
3606 West End Avenue  
Nashville, Tennessee 37205  
Telephone: 615/844-5235  
Email: repic@fwbbc.edu

### THE EVANGEL PLAYERS 1998 SPRING TOUR

March 12, 7:00 p.m., First FWB, Batesville, AR  
March 13, 7:00 p.m., First FWB, N. Little Rock, AR  
March 14, 7:00 p.m., First FWB, Russellville, AR  
March 14, 10:45 a.m., Union Grove FWB, Atkins, AR  
March 15, 6:00 p.m., Cavanaugh FWB, Ft. Smith, AR  
March 16, 7:00 p.m., First FWB, Monett, MO  
March 17, 7:30 p.m., Hazel Creek FWB, Kirksville, MO  
March 18, 7:00 p.m., Central FWB, Grandview, MO  
March 19, 7:00 p.m., South Fremont FWB, Springfield, MO  
March 20, 7:00 p.m., Trinity FWB, Bridgeton, MO  
March 21, 6:00 p.m., First FWB, Farmington, MO  
March 22, 10:45 a.m., First FWB, Park Hills, MO

# 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!

## MISSOURI STATE YOUTH COMPETITION Hotel Information

The following hotels have agreed to hold rooms for our people to make reservations for the MO State Youth Competition. April 24th is the deadline for reservations.

### **Drury Inn (Fenton) (314) 343-7822**

**1088 South Highway Drive, I-44 & Bowles Ave. Exit 274  
Fenton, MO 63026**

Room Rates - 2 Adults \$79.95 plus tax  
\$10.00 each additional person

Free Local Calls, Cable TV, Free Quick Start Breakfast,  
Coffee Makers in rooms.

When you call, let them know you are with MO FWB.

### **Pear Tree Inn (Fenton) (314) 343-8820**

**1100 S. Highway Drive, I-44 & Bowles Ave. Exit 274  
Fenton, MO 63026**

Room Rates - 2 Adults \$59.95 plus tax  
\$10.00 each additional person

Free Local Calls, Cable TV, Free Continental Breakfast.

When you call, let them know you are with MO FWB.

### **Motel 6 (Fenton) (314) 349-1800**

**1860 Bowles Ave., I-44 & Bowles Ave. Exit 274  
Fenton, MO 63026**

Room Rates - 1 Adult \$34.99 plus tax  
2 Adults \$40.99 plus tax  
3 Adults \$43.99 plus tax  
4 Adults \$46.99 plus tax

Free Local Calls, Free Coffee.

### **Holiday Inn Express (314) 349-4444**

**1848 Bowles Avenue, I-44 & Bowles Ave. Exit 274  
Fenton, MO 63026**

Room Rates - 1-4 People \$64.00 plus tax

Free Continental Breakfast.

80% of the rooms are non-smoking.

When you call, let them know you are with MO FWB.

## 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 Tlc 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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YEAR

Record code numbers from left column here →

AGE CODE COMPETITION CODE

Name of participant or group (as you want it to appear in the directory)

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

Complete the following information for each participant in this entry:

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Grade just completed \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Grade just completed \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Grade just completed \_\_\_\_\_
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City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
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City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Grade just completed \_\_\_\_\_
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City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Grade just completed \_\_\_\_\_
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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Grade just completed \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Grade just completed \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Grade just completed \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Grade just completed \_\_\_\_\_
11. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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!



Hurryville.....	473.20
Jackson.....	33.50
Joplin 1st.....	621.61
King's Way.....	176.00
Kirksville.....	7.00
Lead Hill.....	275.10
Lebanon 1st.....	745.83
Lebanon F.W.B.....	268.73
Lone Star.....	44.80
Macedonia.....	80.71
Merls Chapel.....	180.00
Mill Creek.....	367.35
Mine La Motte.....	64.38
Monett 1st.....	564.61
Monett 1st.....	400.00
Monett 1st.....	846.21
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	1,658.77
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	1,418.50
Mt. Pisgah.....	270.00
Mt. Zion - Gower.....	31.00
Myrtle.....	191.20
Myrtle.....	229.76
Neosho 1st.....	95.00
New Hope - Fredericktown.....	50.00
New Rock Springs.....	274.00
Niangua.....	142.00
North Five.....	92.86
Number One.....	68.45
Oak Hill - Union.....	582.26
Oak Hill - Union.....	761.09
O'Fallon 1st.....	752.75
Overland.....	83.00
Ozark 1st.....	789.69
Parkview.....	390.68
Pleasant Hill.....	122.15
Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove.....	233.24
Plesant Ridge - Urbana.....	90.00
Potosi 1st.....	121.99
Park Hills 1st.....	902.37
Republic.....	252.00
Richwoods 1st.....	614.00
Rock Chapel.....	381.18
Rolla 1st.....	90.85
Royal Oak - Alton.....	119.00
Seymour.....	206.00
Smyrna.....	100.00
South Fremont.....	1,985.00
Southside.....	175.56
Springfield 1st.....	961.71
Stockton.....	112.38
Thayer.....	908.00
Trinity.....	937.42
Twin Oaks.....	1,068.87
Union Grove.....	337.00
United - West Plains.....	886.39
United - West Plains.....	100.00
Unity.....	400.00
Verdella.....	541.41
Victory.....	508.14
Victory - Alton.....	186.61
Victory Hill.....	51.22
Waynesville 1st.....	491.42
West Plains 1st.....	561.50
West Plains.....	545.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove.....	346.58
Wolf Creek.....	335.65
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$47,391.34</b>

#### SHOW-ME PLAN

AmeriVision - Lee, G.....	\$ 0.52
Aulsbury Chapel.....	150.00
Banes, B.....	15.00
Barker, Rev. J.....	15.00
Barker, Rev. J.....	15.00
Belton.....	105.00
Belton Ladies Aux.....	15.00
Berean.....	30.00
Berry, R.....	15.00
Bethel - El Dorado.....	168.54
Bethel - Festus.....	45.00
Big Creek.....	55.00
Bishop, B.J.....	15.00
Black Oak.....	30.00
Bourbon.....	30.00
Bowers, C.....	15.00
Braisher, M.....	30.00
Buffalo 1st.....	60.00
Buxton, G.....	30.00
Cabool.....	135.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo.....	105.00
Calvary Fellowship.....	1,140.00
Carter, J.....	15.00
Carter, J.....	15.00
Central.....	345.00
Chism, B.....	5.00
Chrisman, M.....	30.00
Copper Mines.....	30.00
Copper Mines - Teens.....	15.00
Copper Mines - Young Adult Class.....	15.00
Crossroads - Lebanon.....	90.00
Cuba.....	195.96
Darnell, W.....	15.00
DeSoto 1st.....	400.00

Eastern Gate.....	60.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora.....	15.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora.....	30.00
Faith & Hope - W.S.....	60.00
Farmington 1st.....	915.00
Farmington 1st.....	510.00
Fellowship.....	596.72
First Quarterly Meeting.....	360.00
Fourth.....	240.00
Francis, N.....	15.00
Fredericktown 1st.....	120.00
Freeman Chapel.....	540.00
Gospel Light.....	600.00
Grace.....	483.00
Grace.....	471.00
Graham, S.....	15.00
Graham, S.....	15.00
Grant Ave.....	545.00
Hannibal - WNAC.....	15.00
Hannon.....	3,848.30
Harmony - Parkville.....	80.00
Harris, F.....	45.00
Hartville.....	195.00
Houston 1st.....	350.25
Hurryville.....	300.00
Hurryville.....	300.00
Hurryville Sr. Adult S.S. Class.....	15.00
Hurryville Sr. Adult S.S. Class.....	15.00
Jackson.....	15.00
Jones Chapel.....	120.00
Jones Chapel.....	195.00
King's Way.....	10.00
Leadington.....	45.00
Lebanon 1st.....	50.00
Lebanon F.W.B.....	30.00
Looney, K.....	15.00
Macedonia Aux.....	1,000.00
Maggart, D.....	45.00
McGuire, B.....	30.00
Merl's Chapel.....	150.00
Mill Creek.....	90.00
Mill Creek Young Adult SS Class.....	15.00
Miller, M.....	15.00
Mission Association.....	100.00
Monett 1st.....	195.00
Monett 1st.....	6,000.00
Monett 1st.....	215.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	510.27
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	469.22
Mt. Pisgah.....	75.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer.....	30.00
Myrtle.....	75.00
Myrtle.....	75.00
Neosho.....	235.00
New Home - Hartville.....	150.00
New Hope - Fredericktown.....	75.00
Noel, D.....	15.00
Oak Grove - Houston.....	15.00
O'Fallon 1st.....	120.00
Ozark 1st.....	70.00
Park Hills 1st.....	270.72
Parkview - Desloge.....	202.00
Parkview - Desloge.....	244.15
Parson, O.....	15.00
Peterson, G.....	180.00
Pleasant Grove - Anderson.....	45.00
Pleasant Grove - Anderson.....	45.00
Pleasant Hill.....	30.00
Pleasant Home.....	60.00
Pleasant Ridge - Alton.....	120.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana.....	75.00
Purdy.....	180.00
Richardson, O.....	15.00
Richardson, O.....	15.00
Richwoods.....	52.50
Rock Chapel.....	330.00
Royal Oak.....	105.00
Ruble, N.....	45.00
South Fremont.....	565.00
Southeast MO Association.....	90.00
Springfield 1st.....	335.00
St. Louis Association.....	117.00
Thayer.....	245.00
Trinity.....	510.00
United - West Plains.....	359.62
Unity.....	75.00
Verdella.....	931.41
Viburnum.....	105.00
Victory - K.C.....	15.00
Walker, H. Jr.....	15.00
West Plains 1st.....	261.00
West Plains 1st Aux.....	30.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove.....	85.00
Willow Springs 1st.....	150.00
Wilson, R.....	15.00
Wilson, R.....	15.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$30,342.18</b>

#### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Beacon.....	\$ 100.00
Belton.....	15.73
Bethel - Festus.....	20.00
Buffalo 1st.....	50.00

Calvary Fellowship.....	55.00
Cape Girardeau.....	210.00
Carthage.....	30.00
Central.....	321.00
Cuba.....	87.98
DeSoto 1st.....	487.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora.....	25.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora.....	76.00
Farmington 1st.....	55.00
Farmington 1st.....	5.00
Grace.....	303.00
Grace.....	112.00
Grant Ave.....	180.64
Hannon.....	95.33
Hartville.....	100.00
Houston 1st.....	170.00
Joplin 1st.....	20.00
Lebanon F.W.B.....	5.00
Macedonia Aux.....	100.00
Mission Assoc. (Conf. Don.).....	221.40
Mission Assoc. (Designated).....	100.00
Mission Assoc. (Walk-A-Thon).....	704.96
Monett 1st.....	105.75
Monett 1st.....	500.00
Monett 1st.....	87.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	150.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	70.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	25.00
Myrtle.....	20.00
Myrtle.....	20.00
Neosho 1st.....	115.00
New Home - Hartville.....	10.00
New Testament.....	130.00
Oak Grove - Mtn. Grove.....	35.95
Oak Grove - Mtn. Grove.....	43.45
O'Fallon 1st.....	57.50
Ozark 1st.....	70.00
Park Hills 1st.....	245.22
Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove.....	87.65
Rader, J.W.....	20.00
Richwoods.....	45.00
Rock Chapel.....	10.00
South Fremont.....	60.00
Thayer.....	173.00
Trinity.....	45.00
United - West Plains.....	20.00
Unity.....	50.00
Verdella.....	10.00
Viburnum.....	51.00
Victory.....	15.00
Waynesville 1st.....	100.00
West Plains 1st.....	273.00
Wolf Creek.....	75.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$6,369.56</b>

#### STATE HOME MISSIONS

Belton.....	\$ 15.73
Berean.....	15.00
Calvary Fellowship.....	28.00
Cuba.....	87.98
DeSoto 1st.....	50.00
Faith - Chandler, IN.....	175.00
Farmington 1st.....	15.00
Gospel Light.....	40.00
Grace.....	25.00
Grace.....	25.00
Grant Ave.....	10.00
Hannon.....	476.64
Lebanon Bible & Book Store.....	315.00
Macedonia Aux.....	50.00
New Home - Hartville.....	10.00
O'Fallon 1st.....	57.50
Ozark 1st.....	10.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana.....	20.00
Rock Chapel.....	53.16
Southeast MO Dist. Assoc.....	90.00
St. Louis Dist. Assoc.....	48.00
Trinity.....	10.00
Thayer.....	67.00
United - West Plains.....	25.00
Wormington, L.....	30.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$1,749.01</b>

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Beacon.....	\$ 261.00
Calvary Fellowship.....	219.67
Cape Girardeau.....	140.00
Central.....	386.00
DeSoto 1st.....	20.00
Farmington 1st.....	25.00
Fourth.....	15.00
Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions.....	45.00
Grant Ave.....	40.00
Hickory Grove.....	56.16
Joplin 1st.....	20.00
Kirksville 1st.....	15.00
Merl's Chapel.....	50.00
Mission Assoc.....	790.59
Mission Assoc. (Conf. Don.).....	442.81
Mission Assoc. (Walk-A-Thon).....	1,409.93
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	40.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	20.00
Neosho.....	520.00

New Hope - Fredericktown.....	20.00
New Testament.....	60.00
Oak Grove - Mtn. Grove.....	86.90
Oak Grove - Mtn. Grove.....	71.90
Ozark 1st.....	45.00
Pitts, R.....	10.00
Thayer.....	10.00
Trinity.....	168.71
United - West Plains.....	40.00
Verdella.....	2,000.00
Victory - K.C.....	90.00
Waynesville 1st.....	100.00
Williams, V.....	10.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$7,228.67</b>

#### MISSOURI FWB YOUTH CAMP

Niangua.....	\$ 20.00
Cabool.....	10.00
New Life - Monett.....	70.22
Hartville.....	10.00
Buffalo 1st.....	50.00
Thayer.....	40.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	10.00
Berean.....	15.00
Lebanon Bible & Book Store.....	195.00
New Home - Hartville.....	10.00
Hannon.....	15.00
Park Hills 1st.....	21.02
Ozark 1st.....	10.00
West Plains 1st.....	25.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	10.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove.....	10.00
DeSoto 1st.....	50.00
Trinity.....	14.00
Cabool.....	10.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	10.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$605.24</b>

#### FWB BIBLE COLLEGE

Myrtle (Kettman Memorial).....	\$110.00
Beacon.....	6.00
Farmington 1st.....	193.92
Thayer.....	40.00
Verdella.....	108.28
DeSoto 1st.....	35.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$493.20</b>

#### HILLSDALE FWB COLLEGE

Farmington 1st.....	\$ 25.00
Beacon.....	155.00
Farmington 1st.....	70.74
Thayer.....	45.00
Victory.....	40.40
Hannon.....	50.00
Ozark 1st.....	20.00
Neosho.....	60.00
Central.....	60.00
Grant Ave.....	8.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$534.14</b>

#### CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington 1st.....	\$ 35.37
Carthage.....	66.57
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$101.94</b>

#### REV. JOHN McCLURE

Grace.....	\$ 15.00
Central Western Women's Aux.....	30.00
Monett 1st.....	75.00
Thayer.....	10.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	42.50
Carthage.....	96.58
Grace.....	15.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	32.50
Monett 1st.....	45.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$361.58</b>

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Lebanon Bible & Book Store.....	\$105.00
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#### YOUTH MINISTRIES BOARD

Lebanon Bible & Book Store.....	\$105.00
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#### SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES BOARD

Lebanon Bible & Book Store.....	\$105.00
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#### TRULA CRONK HOME FOR CHILDREN

Farmington 1st.....	\$ 20.00
Myrtle.....	5.00
New Life - Monett.....	70.22
Unity.....	10.00
New Hope - Fredericktown.....	30.00
DeSoto 1st.....	50.00
Myrtle.....	8.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$193.22</b>

#### WORLD RELIEF

Victory.....	\$15.00
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#### RETIREMENT & INSURANCE

Grant Ave.....	\$1.00
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#### STEVE SMITH

DeSoto 1st.....	\$50.00
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## Pray For The 1998 National Convention

by Daniel Phillips, Prayer Chairman

### Jesus Asks, "What Do You Want Me To Do For You?"

In Matthew, chapter 20, verse 32, Jesus has been asked by some blind men to be healed. Even though the multitude rebuked them and asked them to be quiet they cried the more and Jesus' response was, "What will ye that I shall do unto you?"

Jesus was willing to heal them, yet he wanted to know **exactly** what their request was. Their reply, although Jesus already knew, was that their eyes be opened. Jesus didn't need to know the answer, but he did want them to ask specifically for what they needed. Then when Jesus touched their eyes, they immediately received their sight.

Often in the Bible Jesus has told us to ask. Matthew 7:11, "... how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who *ask* Him?" Matthew 7:7,8, "*Ask* and it shall be given you ..." and Matthew 16:24, "... *ask*, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

What better time to *specifically* ask God for blessings on our National Convention. July will be here before we know it and now is the time to begin asking God to bless in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Let's not just pray for a good National and that everyone will be blessed. Let's do as Jesus said, and **ASK** for specific things.

What might those things be? Just to get you started, here are a few ideas. Safety of travel for those attending, God's direction for the decisions that will be made, the right words for those who will be bringing messages and devotions. God to touch the young people's lives with guidance as to His will, young people to perform their best in the competition, for workers who will spend long hours, pray for each department such as Foreign and Home Missions, WNAC, etc., pray for those visiting missionaries to be renewed, for the offerings that they will be used to further His kingdom, for individuals that you know who will be attending, for all the people we will each come in contact with that we may demonstrate Christ's love such as waitresses and hotel employees, and so on and so on. Most of all, let's pray that God will begin a revival and that souls will be saved.

As you can see, the list is endless. Let's not limit God this year by failing to do as he has commanded - **ASK**. He is waiting to pour out his blessings upon us if we will only take the time to talk to Him about the desires of our hearts for the National Association.

In joyful anticipation, we await your answer, Lord.

See you at the National where I know our specific prayers will be answered by a God who cares about even the small things, if we are only willing to ask Him.

### MISSOURI STATE ASSOC. OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

P.O. Box 991  
202 West Commercial  
Lebanon, MO 65536

Contact  
P. O. Box 5002  
Antioch TN 37011-5002

PLEASE INFORM US IMMEDIATELY OF YOUR NEW ADDRESS  
TO INSURE UNINTERRUPTED DELIVERY OF YOUR GEM

## Attention High Schoolers!

- What?** Stewardship Essay Contest
- Sponsor?** *The Together Way Plan*
- Who ?** The contest is open to all Free Will Baptist students in grades 9 through 12.
- Subject?** The subject of the essay must be on some aspect of Christian stewardship.
- Length?** Must be 400-600 words.
- Judged?** Essays will be judged on the development of the theme and its practical application. Punctuation and grammar will also be considered.
- Awards?**
- |           |       |
|-----------|-------|
| 1st place | \$100 |
| 2nd place | 50    |
| 3rd place | 25    |
- The first place essay will be printed in *Contact*.
- When?** All entries must be post-marked **before** July 1, 1998.
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