

# **THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM**

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## **SET FREE!**

Free Indeed

Free From  
Law of Sin & Death

Liberty & Freedom  
From Yoke of Bondage

Free  
From Sin

Free From All Men  
Yet Servant Unto All

Freedom  
Not Cloak of Maliciousness

Free  
Yet Servant of  
Righteousness

Free From  
Sinful Habits

Free  
From the Law

Bond or Free

*" . . . Christ hath made us free . . . "* Galatians 5:1





Nathan Ruble

## From The Desk of The Executive Secretary

The eighty-fifth session of the Missouri State Association is part of history, but the impact of the meeting will linger. God blessed with spiritual singing, anointed preaching, and great fellowship.

The three full days of activities began with the Missouri Women Active for Christ meeting at the Kenneth E. Cowan Civic Center in Lebanon. Led by President Shirley Jackson, the women conducted business and heard Stan and Brenda Bunch speak.

The State Convention was convened by the Clerk, Richard Robinson, Monday evening. Four hundred eighty-three people registered to hear Rev. Gene Howell, Rev. Carl Cheshier, Rev. Ronnie Blanks, and Rev. Alvin Hook develop the convention theme, "Christian Loyalty." Each service was blessed with great music.

Tuesday began with a Church Growth workshop sponsored by the Christian Education Board. Dr. Curtis Linton was the speaker for the workshop and the morning service. The business session began Tuesday afternoon. Moderator Ken Dodson and the state officers did a fine job of leading the delegates through the business sessions. The reports of both the State and National Boards reflected God's blessings on the work of Free Will Baptists. The business session was completed by noon on Wednesday.

During the business sessions, the delegates received and adopted the reports and budgets of all the boards and commissions of the Association. They approved the Planning Commission's recommendations concerning the Youth Camp: (1) that a moratorium be placed on Churches or Associations building cabins at the Youth Camp; (2) that the Youth Camp Board seek to obtain title to all the buildings located on Camp property (Churches or Associations which donate their cabin to the Camp will continue to be given preference in the use of the cabin during camp sessions. Churches or Associations which do not wish to donate their cabins will be paid a fair price which will not exceed the cost that was incurred in building the cabin.); (3) that the Youth Camp Board do a self study of the present camp property. The study is to evaluate the needs and estimated cost of updating the present facilities to meet present and future needs of Missouri Free Will Baptists. The results of this self study is to be reported to the General Board when it meets in November 1998.

The delegates also passed a resolution supporting the efforts of the Republic City Aldermen in their fight against the ACLU's

efforts to remove a Christian emblem from the city's logo. Rev. Ken Dodson completed his term as moderator and the body gave him a standing vote of thanks. The following officers were elected: Moderator, Rick Dablemont; Assistant Moderator, Richard Robinson; Clerk, Jim Williams; and Assistant Clerk, Rick Dement. The body voted to return to Lebanon for the 1999 meeting. Attendees gave the following offerings: Monday evening \$420.75, Tuesday evening \$235.75, Wednesday evening \$649.06. The Monday and Tuesday offerings were used for convention expenses. The Wednesday evening offering was divided between State Home Missions, National Home Missions, and the Show-Me Plan.

This year the convention ended with over four hundred people uniting in a spirit-filled service. If you didn't have the opportunity to attend the state meeting this year, make plans to attend next year.

## THE FOUNDATION'S FINANCIAL MINUTE

*By Frank Giunta*

Dorothy and Bill are the typical in-a-hurry couple who live on an extremely tight schedule.

Lately they have had an awful time keeping up with their commitment to missions. It's not that they have lost their love or interest for missions, it's simply hard to remember to send their offerings.

They tried the checkbook approach, and it seems to work beautifully for others, but they frequently forgot to deduct the amount from their balance and then they really had big problems. They listened with a great deal of interest as I told them of the Revocable Trust. Here was a plan that would meet their need as well as give them a bonus. Let's look at the pluses:

1. Since they were giving \$25.00 a month to missions they would need to deposit \$5,500.00 with the Foundation in a Revocable Trust. The trust is presently paying approximately 5.5%, which would average out to about \$25.20 a month or \$302.50 per year.

Even though the trust pays semiannually it still meets the criteria of their \$25.00 per month commitment. These figures are based on current returns and are subject to change.

2. Since there is no lock-in period on their money with a Revocable Trust, there is no penalty for "early withdrawal."

3. Being a Revocable Trust allows the owners to revoke the trust in part or in whole and receive their money.

4. Every six months the Foundation would send the Missions Dept. whatever the trust had earned during that period. Bill and Dorothy would no longer have to worry about getting their offering to missions; all that would be taken care of and their money would still be available to them for any unforeseen emergency.

This approach to giving could be adapted to many specific needs. Perhaps you would like to consider it in your future plans. If so, please contact me at the Free Will Baptist foundation or you may call me direct at my home office 573-335-6240.

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## Dedication Service at Park Hills First



New Addition



Ken & Paula Dodson

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Park Hills was founded in 1880, and through the years the church has been a beacon for the Lord. Under the leadership of the present Pastor, Ken Dodson, the church is experiencing a spiritual revival with souls being added to the kingdom and to the church. It was with joy that the church congregated on May 31 to dedicate 5,400 square feet of new ministry space. The building includes a beautiful, spacious entry way, nursery, bathrooms, Pastor's study, church office, and conference room upstairs. The downstairs portion is a large fellowship hall.

On dedication day the Sunday School time was shortened to give time to praise the Lord in song. The Master Peace quartet led this service and stirred hearts with their heartfelt singing and testimonies.



Ken Dodson, Mayor Martin and Gene Howell

Pastor Ken Dodson gave a warm welcome to a congregation that filled the sanctuary. He then introduced Park Hills' Mayor, Jess Martin, who gave greetings from the city. Missouri Executive Secretary, Nathan Ruble, shared greetings from the

Missouri State Association and complimented the church on its faithfulness to the Great Commission.

Brother Vondale, who had a vision for the new addition and labored to see it become a reality, cut the ribbon to officially



Cutting the Ribbon

open the new section. This was followed by testimonies of some of the members. One testified that the church people had given themselves whole heartedly to building the addition. Another said, "You can't out give God and you can't out work God." Pastor Dodson called for the leaders of the church to come to the altar where Rev. Nathan Ruble led in the prayer of dedication.

Rev. Gene Howell, a former associate pastor of the church, delivered the morning message. Two people were saved and one rededicated her life to the Lord. A delicious lunch was served by the church in the new fellowship hall following the morning service.

The First Church of Park Hills is to be commended for its faithful commitment to local, state, and national ministries.

## Sunday School Averages December 1997 - May 1998

CHURCHES	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Belton	38	35	39	41	45	
Calvary Chapel	135	122	124	130	116	108
Copper Mines		48	48	46	50	
Cuba	127	124	126	134	117	
Columbia					15	16
DeSoto	166	153	155	157	169	
Farmington	272	270	284	315		
Hannon	114	99	105	102	104	101
Hartville	107	112	125	120	117	115
Hazel Creek	68	68	65	64	70	63
Hopewell	28	29	25	27	33	31
Houston	51	51	52	55	52	50
Lebanon 1st	110	97	108	119	115	
Lebanon FWB	43	44	41	43	44	42
Mill Creek	56	63	74	77	80	71
Monett	52	60	51	54		
Myrtle	33		30	33	46	40
O'Fallon 1st					72	69
Ozark	113	106	110	105	104	103
Park Hills	107	105	94	115	112	
Richwoods		42	32	35	34	30
Rock Chapel		37				
Southside	23	21	28	37	33	30
Springfield 1st	120	104	116	126	124	112
Trayer	185	178			168	175
Thinity	75	98	85	86	88	
United, West Plains	304	286	289	314	336	282
Willow Springs	60	57	54	62	65	66

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.





## SPONSORS NEEDED

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Houston has a vision to build a Family Life Center for the youth of the area. To raise funds to construct the building, Pastor Bruce Moore is looking for 1,000 people who will sponsor him for ten cents (.10) a mile as he makes a 1,000 mile bike ride. This would be \$100 per person.

Sponsors will receive:

1. A receipt for tax purposes.
2. A periodic newsletter which will update the sponsor on the ride and the building.
3. If enough funds to build have not been received by August 1, the money will be refunded.

Send all donations to the First Free Will Baptist Church, P.O. Box 272, Houston, MO 65483. If you have any questions, you may call Pastor Moore at 417-967-4222.

## Last Charter Member of Richwoods

Mrs. Sophia Ackerson and her husband, John, used their home and a brush arbor to help start the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church in 1938. She was the last charter member of the church.

Sophia Anna Ackerson was born December 12, 1908, in Potosi, Missouri. She departed this life May 16, 1998.

She left the testimony of being dedicated to the teachings of the Lord and her life was guided by her daily readings of the Holy Bible. Her love for the church, her family, and friends was felt in all her actions. Her memory will live on for years.

## The Fizzie Principle:

### *One Guideline for Finding God's Will in Your Life*

*John MacArthur, Jr.*

As believers—people in God's family—if we do not know God's will, what are we? Uninformed? No. Searching? No. We are stupid.

"That's pretty rough," you say. "The Bible doesn't talk like that."

Oh? Try this. "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17). Can you think of another word for unwise? I'll give you a hint; it starts with "s."

OK, maybe stupid is a little stronger, a bit more vivid. But it's certainly the same idea.

Furthermore, the preceding verse tells us we have to get on with it; we don't have much time. We are to be "redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (v. 16).

You say, "But I am looking for God's will. Maybe I am stupid, but can I help that?"

Yes, you can help it. If you had no choice but to be stupid about God's will, the Bible would not command you to be "not unwise." The way to be not unwise is covered in the very next verse. "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit" (v. 18).

First, if you want to know God's will, you must be saved. Second, you must be Spirit-filled. That is the teaching of the Word of God.

Many Christians say, "I don't understand why God hasn't revealed whom I am to marry." Others say, "Why doesn't He show me what job I should take, what business deal I should enter into, what I

ought to purchase, whether I ought to move to another home, or what I ought to do about some specific problem? Why doesn't God do something for me and show me His will?" And all the time these people are not even Spirit-filled, which is clearly revealed as His will. Why should God show a person something if he is not even fulfilling that which God has already clearly stated as His will?

What does it mean to be Spirit-filled? Let me give you a short theology lesson. We will call it theology of the Spirit-filled life. When you were saved, the moment you received Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit came to live within you. There is no Christian who does not possess the Holy Spirit. "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His" (Rom. 8:9 cf. 1 Cor. 6:19; 12:12-13). Yet it is amazing how many Christians think they do not have the Holy Spirit.

I have sat in church and heard sincere people pray, "O, God, send Your Spirit," and have thought to myself, *No, He is here. He is here!* I have heard people pray, "God give me more of Your Spirit," as if He came in doses.

The Holy Spirit is a person; He lives within you. "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost?" (1 Cor. 6:19) So many times we ask for what we already have! We pray for the Holy Spirit, and He is already here.

Have you ever analyzed your prayers? You pray, "God, give me more love for so-and-so." The Bible says the "love of God is shed abroad in our hearts" (Rom. 5:5). You say, "God, I need more grace." God says that the grace He has already given you is sufficient (2 Cor. 12:9). You cry, "O Lord, I need more strength." The Bible says you "can do all things through

Christ" who strengthens you (Phil. 4:13). "O God, guide me," you say. And He is thinking, "I'm trying. Why don't you follow?" "God, I need power," you cry. In fact, you have had power since the Holy Spirit came upon you (Acts 1:8).

### *Complete in Him*

When will Christians realize that they have everything? Peter wrote, "According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3). You do not lack anything! But so many emaciated Christians go around and say, "Well, I just don't have the power to do this or that."

The Apostle Paul said to the Colossians, "And ye are complete in Him" (Col. 2:10). Complete! What are you looking for? What are you asking for? James told you what to ask for—"wisdom" (James 1:5)—and that is the sense to know what you already have and not ask for it! By the same token, we do not need to ask for the Spirit; He is in us already.

Since we have the Spirit, we also have power, for Jesus said, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you" (Acts 1:8, NASB). The word for power in the Greek is *dunamis*, from which we got our word "dynamite." You are literally walking dynamite.

You may say, "Oh, yeah? I'm not sure; I think I'm a dud. I not only don't explode; I don't even fizzle too loudly."

But you are dynamite. The power is all there. What is so often not there is the release of that power. It is one thing to possess the Spirit; it is something else to be filled with the Spirit.

A Fizzie is a small tablet used to make a soft drink; it's sort of a flavored Alka-Seltzer. Put it in a glass of water and its

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# SHOW-ME MISSIONARY NEWS

## MARIE HANNA GOES HOME TO GLORY

**MARIE LENORE WRIGHT HANNA** left this life April 23, 1998, from Siliguri, West Bengal, India, where she had spent her life as a missionary. She was born in Platteville, Wisconsin, the only daughter of William Chester and Lillie Alline Burcham Wright of Saint Louis, Missouri. She attended Harris Teacher's College in Saint Louis and was the first woman graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. She married Rev. Donald Carlisle Hanna, who is a native of Florence County, South Carolina, May 30, 1949. She is survived by her beloved husband of Sonapurhat, India; her daughter, Brenda Kay Hanna (Roach); her sons, Dr. Donald Timothy Hanna and Dr. Mark David Hanna; her son-in-law, Detective Michael Roach; her daughters-in-law, Milicent Sackman Hanna and Elizabeth Eskridge Hanna; her granddaughters, Christina Marie, Bonnie Josephine and Elaine Marie; her grandsons, Timothy Donald Anand and Caleb Richard Carlisle; and uncounted spiritual sons, daughters, sisters and brothers. She was dearly loved and deeply honored by all who ever knew her.

## FROM THE McDONALDS

Dear Friends,

This past Sunday, June 7, our church planting project (Mi-harashidai Chapel) held our first baby dedication ceremony here in the Sapporo area of northern Japan. Nathan and Linda Snow, our newest missionary family to Japan, along with one of our two Japanese families in our church, the Tadaaki Tokiwa family, each presented their youngest son to the Lord.

This was the first opportunity for the Tokiwa's, who became Christians since the birth of their previous two children, to offer their newborn to the Lord. Though the Tokiwas have worshiped with us for a year now, Mr. Tokiwa has never prayed publicly in our church. Yet in preparation for the service he expressed a strong desire to pray in the ceremony. He prepared a lovely prayer on behalf of his newest son, Ryoma, and for the entirety of his family as he takes responsibility for their spiritual growth. I greatly rejoiced in his step of faith to participate in the service and his commitment to the spiritual needs of his family. What a great witness this was before two unbelievers who had visited for the baby dedication. Mr. Tokiwa himself is now considering baptism and that reflects a giant step of growth in his Christian life. For months Ruth and I have prayed for him to sense his need of believer's baptism and the strong statement it makes about his faith here in such a Buddhist dominated society.

Also, Ruth is being used by God through one of her two English classes on Tuesdays. Four ladies expressed a strong desire to study the Bible in Japanese with Ruth in a time separate from the English hour. For four weeks now this class has met from noon until 1:30 or so and have had great studies and interaction from the Word. These ladies have brought genuine questions and open hearts to the study. This reflects a tremendous working of God for Japanese ladies to be so open in asking for a Bible study though none are believers nor have attended a Christian church. One of the ladies expressed that though she had majored in philosophy while in college, she still didn't know what life was all about. What an open door that has swung open for Ruth and our ministry here.

We do appreciate your prayers so much and hope this may direct your praise and petitions for this work.

## JERRY & CAROL PINKERTON

Dear Friends/Family,

Your cards and letters are received with so much pleasure. Thank you for taking the time to share in written form. We're positive you pray—for we see and feel the results. Believe me, we are most grateful.

Last Saturday we were at church for a 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. class on FWB Doctrine. Eleven came for the session. Others were hindered since they are University students and were in class. We were grateful for the eleven. It takes real effort just to get to church when you depend on unreliable public transportation. Some have waited hours at a bus stop. (For those who live far away, busses must be changed several times.)

The morning's teaching was good, but a bit long for 2-year-old Love, Silas & Francoise's gal. I took her out to visit with people passing by, plus make a visit to a sick lady who lives nearby—thankfully, I left my purse inside the church.

Class ended and Jerry came out of the church (rented room) to put my video camera and camera in the truck so we could leave. All of a sudden I hear someone shouting, "they've taken Pastor." I looked outside to see a young man holding a gun to Jerry's head—then Jerry grabbed this man's arm pushing the gun away ... **BUT TWO OTHERS CAME—BOTH WITH GUNS** ... they pushed Jerry into our truck and as we Christians and a street full of people stood watching in disbelief, drove away. One Christian followed in a taxi, but lost the truck in a traffic jam. Another Christian ran north to a public phone to alert the police. Two Christians went with me to another pay phone. All questions could be answered except the most important one: the truck's license number. Christians called Judy Bryan who immediately called others to begin prayer support. The Christians left at church bowed heads and began praying as soon as the truck pulled away. The entire neighborhood was on alert. From the phone, we went to the local police station, then returned to the church. The street was crowded with people; people filled the steps going into the room—and *the Lord allowed me to see Jerry*. He was surrounded with arms. The noise level was neither calm or quiet. I gently shoved my way through the crowd to Jerry. There was no blood, no cuts or scratches on him ... **JUST A HUGE SMILE AND SEMI-WET EYES!** The Tennessee Walk-a-Thon t-shirt he was wearing wasn't even dirty or torn. Praise be to Our God.

Later we learned that the three men had been loitering near the room since 9 a.m. (wonder how much FWB Doctrine they learned?). Jerry witnessed to them in the truck; telling them that the truck belonged to the Lord and one day they would give account not only for taking the truck, but of their lives. They took Jerry's money, but not the important Ivory Coast ID Card or his driver's license—they gave him money for a taxi and let him out of the truck in an out-of-the-way place. He walked nearly two miles before finding a taxi to take him back to church ... and he found the Christians there just as he told the robbers he would: **PRAYING!**

So, the truck is gone as well as my video and photo cameras, a box of new Bibles, a heavy-duty jack, a "club" for the steering wheel—it wasn't in place (you know, the type that prevents thieves from taking your vehicle!) ... Jerry and I are fine. We and the African Christians rejoice in God's wonderful care and for the power and privileges we have through prayers. **Thank you!**



# Winners Of 1998 Missouri State Competition

## BIBLE MEMORIZATION

- |     |                  |                            |
|-----|------------------|----------------------------|
| 0.1 | Libby Darter     | Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove |
| 0.2 | Christine Harkey | Hartville First            |
| 0.3 | Seth Moon        | Hartville First            |

## BIBLE SWORD DRILL

- |     |                |                             |
|-----|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 0.4 | Belicia Hopper | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |
| 0.5 | Trey Petit     | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |
| 0.6 | Kerrie Morgan  | Hannon - Liberal            |

## 0.7 BIBLE TIC TAC TOE

CALVARY FELLOWSHIP - FENTON  
David Jones, Lynsey Martin, Jennifer Hediger & Justina Hopper

## 0.8 BIBLE BOWL

PLEASANT HOME - MOUNTAIN GROVE  
Amy Brown, Crystal Ross, Nathan Maurer & Jason Thompson

## 1.1 VOCAL SOLO

### AGE GROUP

- |   |                  |                             |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------|
| A | Bethany Sprenkle | Verdella - Liberal          |
| B | Ashley Dixon     | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |

## 1.2 MALE VOCAL SOLO

- |   |               |                   |
|---|---------------|-------------------|
| C | Branden Smith | Springfield First |
| D | Greg Graf     | Farmington First  |

## 1.3 FEMALE VOCAL SOLO

- |   |                |                             |
|---|----------------|-----------------------------|
| C | Amanda Roberds | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |
| D | Jessica Boddie | Thayer                      |

## 2.1 VOCAL ENSEMBLE - DUETS, TRIOS, & QUARTETS

- |   |                                  |                             |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A | Calvary Duet                     | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |
| B | Jasmine Willis/BTyon Blankenship | Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove  |
| C | Calvary Quartet                  | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |
| D | Greg Graf                        | Farmington First            |

## 2.2 VOCAL ENSEMBLE - (5 - 12 Members)

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|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| C | Three In One Choir        | Trinity - Bridgeton        |
| D | Pleasant Home Youth Choir | Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove |

## 3.1 INSTRUMENTAL SOLO - STRINGS

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|---|-----------------|---------------------|
| B | Jesse Blackwell | Trinity - Bridgeton |
| C | David Jones     | Calvary Fellowship  |

## 3.2 INSTRUMENTAL SOLO - WIND

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|---|----------------|-----------------------------|
| B | Casey Gwartney | Fellowship                  |
| C | Angelic Thomas | Monett First                |
| D | Lindsay Scott  | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |

## 4.1 INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE - DUETS, TRIOS & QUARTETS

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|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| C | Elizabeth McKay & Hannah Williams | Verdella - Liberal          |
| D | Calvary Ensemble                  | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |

## 4.2 INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE WITH 5 OR MORE MEMBERS

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|---|------------------|----------|
| C | Carthage Chimers | Carthage |
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## 5.1 KEYBOARD SOLO

- |   |                 |                     |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|
| A | Katelyn Simpson | Hannon - Liberal    |
| B | Haley Carter    | Joplin First        |
| C | Sarah Blackwell | Trinity - Bridgeton |

## 5.2 KEYBOARD ENSEMBLE

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|---|------------------|-----------------------------|
| C | Calvary Ensemble | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------|

## 6.2 INDIVIDUAL DRAMA

- |   |                   |                             |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| A | Samantha Conway   | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |
| B | Michelle Anderson | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |
| C | Ryan Maurer       | Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove  |
| D | Ryan Bowlin       | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |

## 6.3 INTERPRETIVE READING OF SCRIPTURE

- |   |               |                        |
|---|---------------|------------------------|
| B | Lindsay Keith | Wolf Creek - Mansfield |
| C | Adam McNeely  | Carthage               |

## 6.5 GROUP DRAMA

- |   |                     |                  |
|---|---------------------|------------------|
| B | Trendsetters        | O'Fallon First   |
| C | Truthseekers        | O'Fallon First   |
| D | McMillin & Williams | Beacon - Raytown |

## 6.6 READERS THEATER

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|---|------------------------|------------------|
| D | Beacon Readers Theater | Beacon - Raytown |
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## 6.8 PUPPETRY (Live)

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|---|--------------|------------------|
| B | Hannon Three | Hannon - Liberal |
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## 6.9 PUPPETRY (Recorded)

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|---|-------------------|------------------|
| A | Hannon Puppeteers | Hannon - Liberal |
| B | Hannon Puppeteers | Hannon - Liberal |
| C | Hannon Puppeteers | Hannon - Liberal |

## 9.1 PAINTING

- |   |                 |                             |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| A | Samantha Conway | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|

## 9.2 GRAPHICS

- |   |             |                             |
|---|-------------|-----------------------------|
| A | Caleb Dixon | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |
| B | Trey Petit  | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |
| D | Dan Hempen  | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |

## 9.3 THREE-DIMENSIONAL ART

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|---|-------------------|----------|
| A | Amanda Brinkhoff  | Carthage |
| B | Samantha Williams | Carthage |
| C | Adam McNeely      | Carthage |

## 9.4 PHOTOGRAPHY

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|---|------------------|------------------|
| A | Amanda Brinkhoff | Carthage         |
| B | Lukas Mawbirter  | Beacon - Raytown |
| C | Clinton Gaydou   | Monett First     |
| D | Melisha Thompson | Hannon - Liberal |

## 9.5 FABRICATED ART

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|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| A | Thaddeus Wagner | Carthage                    |
| C | Nicole Brooks   | Springfield First           |
| D | Ryan Bowlin     | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |

\* Denotes the highest rating in the category, but not an "80%." These were declared Winners at State Competition, but are not eligible to compete at the National Youth Conference.

# SNAPS OF YOUTH COMPETITION '98









# Through A Mother's Tears

It was through a mother's tears,  
She loved me from the start;  
My mother was the first to feel  
The beating of my tiny heart.

It was through a mother's tears,  
She looked into my face;  
She softly kissed and held me close—  
No one could take her place.

It was through a mother's tears,  
She watched me grow and play;  
But my little eyes watched HER—  
Like her, I would be someday.

It was through a mother's tears,  
She taught me how to stand;  
And as I boarded the bus on my  
first day of school,  
She gently let go of my hand.

It was through a mother's tears,  
She watched me as I prayed;  
And asked the Lord into my heart—  
My precious soul to save.

It was through a mother's tears,  
That I became a teen;  
Through all the ups and downs,  
It was on her I leaned.

It was through a mother's tears,  
We didn't always see eye to eye;  
I thought SHE had no sense at all!  
Harsh words sometimes made us  
both cry.

It was through a mother's tears,  
She watched me leave on my first date;  
And she waited every night 'til I was  
safely home—  
Especially, if I was late!

It was through a mother's tears,  
She shared the fun times, too;

The tears came from the laughter,  
At some of the silly things I'd do.

It was through a mother's tears,  
Our relationship stood the test;  
And though I hated to admit it,  
Mom usually knew best.

It was through a mother's tears,  
As I walked across the floor,  
She watched me in my cap and gown—  
She knew the world was behind the  
next door.

It was through a mother's tears,  
She watched me move away.  
Inside each box she helped me pack,  
She put a prayer that close to God  
I'd stay.

It was through a mother's tears,  
She taught me about life;  
And all the things I'd need to know,  
To be a good mother and wife.

It was through a mother's tears,  
She watched me, full of pride;  
As Dad and I walked down the aisle,  
The day I became a bride.

It was through a mother's tears,  
She listened as vows were done;  
She didn't think she'd lost her daughter—  
She felt she'd gained a son.

It was through a mother's tears,  
With her heart brim-full of joy,  
As her "little girl" became a mother  
Of two precious baby boys.

It is through a mother's tears,  
The day I swore would NEVER come—  
And, though we're still different in a  
lot of ways,  
I see I'M BECOMING MY MOM!

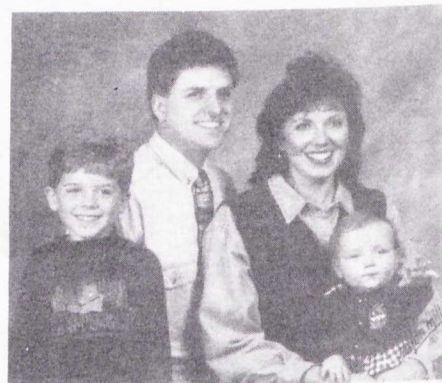
For it is through a mother's tears,  
Now speaking as a mom;  
I can see the older I've gotten,  
The smarter my parents have become.

And it is through a mother's tears,  
With love, I pray this solemn prayer:  
That God will bless and keep my  
little boys,  
In His tender care.

So, it is with a thankful heart,  
That through the tears I hope you see,  
That I love you, Mom, and I always have,  
Just as much as you've loved me!

By Sherrie L. Thompson  
United FWB Church

**This poem was read by the author on  
Mother's Day at the United Free Will  
Baptist Church where she and her family  
are members.**



Mark, Sherrie, Sawyer & Mason Thompson

## FWBBC NEWS

### Bible College Graduates 56



Class of 1998

Free Will Baptist Bible College graduated 56 students in five degree programs at Commencement Exercises held on cam-

pus May 14. Dr. William Hill, a 1957 alumnus of the college and retired Free Will Baptist pastor, brought the final challenge to seniors in a packed auditorium.

The graduates came from 16 states and three foreign countries. Twelve were Pastoral Training majors, 11 were Business majors, and 11 others were Education majors. The class also included seven majoring in Missions and five in Youth Ministry.

The college granted its first Bachelor of Music Education (B.M.E.) degrees to three graduates. Eighteen students received Bachelor of Arts degrees, 30 received the Bachelor of Science degree, three received Associate of Christian Ministries degrees and two received Associate of Arts degrees.

Dr. Hill's message on "How To Be Number One" stressed service. Each graduate's life will be his ministry, he said. "The great ones are not those who have the most servants, but those who serve the most."



Two Missouri students received degrees. Jennifer Lynn (Blanks) Ryan received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and Jim Holder received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Pastoral Training.

### Dr. Picirilli, Mrs. Workman Announce Changes

Dr. Robert Picirilli and Marjorie Workman have worked at Free Will Baptist Bible College for a combined total of more than 60 years. Both have announced changes for the coming year.

After 43 years on the faculty, Dr. Picirilli has announced his resignation as Academic Dean. He spent many years in the classroom, teaching Greek, Philosophy, Pauline Writings, and other Bible courses. He also served as Registrar. He will be replaced by Dr. Milton Fields, Chairman of FWBBC's Teacher Education Department.

Dr. Picirilli will continue to work at the college, according to President Tom Malone. He will assist Dr. Fields during the transition. Numerous other options at the college will be open to him.

Mrs. Workman has served for two decades as Dean of Women. The North Carolina native joined the faculty in 1978. As one who has always loved Free Will Baptists' women's work, she is presently a nominee for Executive Secretary of Women Nationally Active for Christ (WNAC). Mrs. Susan Forlines has been selected to replace her.

President Tom Malone said, "It is impossible to assess the contributions these two great servants have made, and will continue to make, to our college and to our denomination."

### 93 Students Make Bible College's Dean's List

With the close of final examinations at Free Will Baptist Bible College, the names of 93 students were placed on the Dean's List.

Twelve completed the spring semester with straight "A's." By classes, there were 29 seniors, 25 juniors, 28 sophomores, and 11 freshmen on the honor roll.

Seven students from Missouri are to be congratulated for being listed on the "B" honor roll.

#### Juniors

Anna Crewse - Fordland, MO  
Philip Day - Lebanon, MO  
Laura Sides - Millersville, MO  
Michelle Wallace - Park Hills, MO

#### Sophomores

Jeffery Cates - West Plains, MO  
David Dodson - Park Hills, MO  
Karen Hook - Blue Springs, MO



## LESSONS FROM NATURE BY GARRY MATTHEWS

I sat on my folding-stool on a small rise overlooking the river bottom. My longbow lay across my lap with my left hand loosely wrapped around the grip. My right hand held the nock of a wooden arrow against the bowstring. It was bow season, and it was a crisp, beautiful, fall morning, with hardly a cloud

in the sky. The sun had crested the ridge behind me when I first noticed them coining down river. At first I could hardly believe my eyes. As the distance narrowed, I couldn't take my eyes off them. My heart was pounding in my chest, and my breathing was ragged. "Awesome," "majestic," — my mind raced trying to find the proper adjective(s) to describe what my eyes beheld. The sunshine reflected off the brown plumage, white head, and white tail feathers as the three Bald Eagles soared about 150 yards away. The last bird suddenly veered toward me and landed in the top of a tree about 70 yards away. For the next few minutes I watched this strikingly beautiful bird. His manner exuded confidence and power. There was a certain fierceness in his demeanor. This was not the same bird I had seen in cages in the zoo—this was a wild, untamed eagle. At that moment I fully understood why the Bald Eagle had been chosen as the symbol of our nation. This powerful bird symbolized freedom, dignity, and a spirit that could not be pummeled into submission. He saw me—his eye could see through the bowhunter's disguise, but he appeared to sense that I was not a threat. Suddenly, and with little effort, those tremendous wings lifted him up, and in a few wing beats he reached soaring height—soaring out of sight, down river. That was a couple of years ago, but I will never forget the impression those birds made on me. That was the first time I had seen Bald Eagles in northeast Missouri.

In early February I was scouting for deer and shed antlers on public land near my home. I climbed out of a brush-choked ditch onto an open ridge covered with native grass. The sun was sinking low in the west, when a shadow flashed across the ground in front of me. Looking up, I saw the flash of the white head and tail feathers as an eagle soared high overhead. I raised my longbow in salute as he effortlessly soared toward the lake. The salute was not just to a bird, but to what he stood for, and to the God who created such a majestic creature! I watched as he soared out of sight—not once did he flap those mighty wings.

As I watched him disappear from sight, I thanked the Lord for giving me another "object lesson" to help me understand one of his promises.

**"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31**

When we rely solely on our strength, we wear down, we succumb to the problems and difficulties of life. However, if our hope, if our life's foundation is based upon the Lord's strength, He will renew us (re-energize us). We can conquer life's frustrations and problems. He will lift our spirit up as on the wings of the eagle and we can soar above the circumstances of life. Circumstances won't defeat our spirit if our life is God-centered. We can run life's race without becoming weary to the point of just struggling through! We can walk through this life without giving up (fainting)! God said it, and it's true! The condition that we must meet is this—our hope, our trust, our strength must be based solely upon the Lord. This renews our strength and allows us to soar.

Do you soar? Do you run, and not grow weary? Do you walk, and not drop out? If not—your power source is wrong. Try God's power—not yours. Then you too can soar with the eagles!



## THE FIZZIE PRINCIPLE *(continued from page 4)*

flavor is released throughout the water. This concentrated, compact power pill is no good as long as it sits on the bottom of the glass. It has to release its energy to fill the glass, and then it turns the water into something new. If it is a grape Fizzie, you get a glass of grape drink. The flavor of the tablet determines the flavor of the water.

In a measure, that pictures how the Spirit of God operates in a human life. He is in the Christian all the time as a compact, concentrated, powerful force of divine energy. The question is, has He ever been able to release that power, to fill your life so that you can become what He is? A Christian not yielded to the Spirit does not manifest the Christ-life. The Spirit of God has to permeate a life if that life is to radiate Him. We cannot do anything apart from being filled with the Spirit.

I have a glove. If I say to the glove, "Play the piano," what does the glove do? Nothing. The glove cannot play the piano. But if I put my hand in the glove and play the piano, what happens? Music! If I put my hand in a glove, the glove moves. The glove does not get pious and say, "oh, hand, show me the way to go." It does not say anything; it just goes. Spirit-filled people do not stumble and mumble around trying to find out what God wants. They just go!

People often ask, "How do I know my spiritual gift?" The best way is to live a Spirit-filled life, see what God does through you, look back in retrospect and say, "Oh that's what I do when God has control of me. Apparently, that is my gift." There is no need to get analytical. The whole point is that we need the Spirit of God to be released in our lives. This is simply a matter of decisions. When you get up in the morning, you decide what you are going to wear. Next you decide what you are going to eat for breakfast. And so it goes through the day—one decision after another. The Spirit-filled life is yielding every decision to the control of the Spirit.

### *Filled with the Word*

What is the Spirit-filled life? It is being saturated with the things of Christ, with His Word, His Person. You might say, "Well, you know I'd like that. I'd like to be saturated with Christ. How do I do that?" The only way is to study the book that discloses all He is! You say, "I tried reading the Bible, but I didn't get anything."

Let me share how I study the Bible, and how the Bible has come alive to me. I began in I John. One day I sat down and read all five chapters straight through. It took me 20 minutes. Reading one book straight through was terrific. (The books of the Bible weren't written as an assortment of good little individual verses. They were written with flow and context).

The next day, I sat down and read I John straight through again. The third day, I sat down and read I John straight through. The fourth day, straight through again. The fifth day, I sat down and read it again. I did this for 30 days. Do you know what happened at the end of 30 days? I knew what was in I John.

Someone says to you, "Where in the Bible does it talk about confessing our sins?" You see a mental image of I John, first chapter, right-hand column, half-way down (depending on your Bible). "Where does it say to love not the world?" Second chapter, right-hand column, half-way down. Where does it talk about sin unto death? Chapter 5, last page. You know I John!

Next, I went to the Gospel of John. I divided the Gospel of John into three sections of seven chapters each. I read the first seven chapters for 30 days, the next seven for the next 30 days, and the last seven for 30 days. In 90 days, I had read the entire Gospel of John 30 times. Where does it talk about the Good Shepherd? Chapter 10, right-hand column, starts in the middle, goes down, flip the page, go on down. Where does it talk about the vine and the branches? Chapter 15. Where does it talk about Jesus' friends? Chapter 15, over in the next column and a little farther down. Where does it talk about Jesus' arrest in the garden? John 18. The restoration of Peter? John 21. The woman at the well? John 4.

You might say, "My, are you smart!" No, I am not smart. I read it 30 times. Even I can get it then! Isaiah said to learn "precept upon precept, line upon line,...here a little, and there a little" (see Isa.

28:10-13). Then you have hidden it in your heart. After a while you are no longer a concordance cripple!

### *Planned Neglect*

The more you study the Word of God, the more it saturates your mind and life. Someone is reported to have asked a concert violinist in New York's Carnegie Hall how she became so skilled. She said that it was by "planned neglect." She planned to neglect everything that was not related to her goal.

Some less important things in your life could stand some planned neglect so that you might give yourself to studying the Word of God. Do you know what would happen? The more you would study the Word of God, the more your mind would be saturated with it. It will be no problem then for you to think of Christ. You won't be able to stop thinking of Him.

To be Spirit-filled is to live a Christ-conscious life, and there is no short cut to that. You can't go and get yourself super-dedicated to live a Christ-conscious life. The only way you can be saturated with the thoughts of Christ is to saturate yourself with the Book that is all about Him. And this is God's will, that you not only be saved but that you also be Spirit-filled.

*NOTE: This article was provided by David C. Cook Church Ministries. Excerpt from **Found: God's Will** by John MacArthur, Jr., Chariot Victor Publishing. Dr. John MacArthur, Jr. is pastor of Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, California, and president of The Master's College and Seminary. Used by permission.*

## HILLSDALE NEWS

### *Attendance Record Is Broken At On Campus Days!*

The 1998 Hillsdale FWB College On Campus Days activities were a tremendous success. On Campus Days was a time for students across the region to catch a glimpse of what college is all about. There were times of preaching, praise and worship, going to classes, and spending time with new and old friends alike.

This year the campus was bursting at the seams with 290 students and 82 sponsors, for a grand total of 372 registered guests. The weekend was kicked off with greetings from President Carl Cheshier and Dean of Students, Mark Brawley.

The following morning, visitors attended chapel and class with Hillsdale students, which was followed by a question and answer time focusing on the different programs at Hillsdale. The afternoon was filled with games and laughter as the friendly team competition began to heat up. The day ended with a concert by the group FFH, and a special time of testimony and praise.

The final morning began with a financial aid session for high school seniors. Newlife Singers provided music for the closing rally, a fitting end to the list of activities. The Record attendance and enthusiasm allowed teens of our local churches "insight" to what their future at Hillsdale FWB College could be like.

## Financial Information

### MAY 1998

#### COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board .....	\$6,527.25
17.50% Executive Office .....	6,171.42
3.00% General Fund .....	1,058.47
.50% Show-Me Plan .....	176.41
8.50% Youth Camp Bd. ....	2,999.00
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd. ....	882.06
2.50% C.E. Board .....	882.06
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Bd. ....	882.06
9.00% Mo. State Retirement Program .....	3,175.42
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College .....	10,761.14

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	
(\$107.61 included in \$10,761.14)	
Mo. State Conference	
Center Fund.....	1,764.12
	<b>\$35,282.41</b>



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

#### MAY 1998

##### COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Aulsbury Chapel	\$ 255.11
Bailey Chapel	170.00
Belton	337.94
Berean	50.00
Bethel - El Dorado Springs	65.30
Bethel - Northview	145.37
Black Oak	236.46
Bourbon	235.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo	522.28
Calvary Fellowship	647.17
Carthage	222.16
Central	736.77
Copper Mines	334.50
Cornerstone - Joplin	27.00
Crossroads - Wentzville	513.07
Cuba	434.00
DeSoto 1st	1,000.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora	100.00
Faith & Hope - Willow Springs	40.00
Farmington 1st	3,242.80
Fordland	586.38
Fourth - St. Louis	625.96
Fredericktown 1st	331.00
Freeman Chapel	449.03
Friendship	496.28
Grace - Arnold	1,217.00
Grant Avenue	732.21
Hannibal	177.00
Hannon	682.36
Harmony	439.00
Hartville	750.00
Heritage - Poplar Bluff	120.00
Houston 1st	312.71
Hurryville	468.49
Jackson	188.60
Jones Chapel	938.41
Joplin 1st	658.36
King's Way	247.00
Kirksville 1st	25.50
Koshkonong	162.58
Lead Hill	287.98
Lebanon	315.08
Lebanon 1st	903.35
Lone Star	54.50
Macedonia - Niangua	63.89
Merl's Chapel	174.00
Mill Creek	378.00
Mine La Motte	44.52
Monett 1st	427.29
Mt. Pisgah	310.00
Mt. Zion - Gower	60.20
Myrtle	213.80
Neosho	95.00
New Home - Lebanon	328.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	50.00
Number Five	115.37
Number One	125.63
Oak Hill	665.00
O'Fallon 1st	821.00
Overland	108.00
Ozark 1st	977.47
Parkview	481.50
Pleasant Hill - Thayer	120.90
Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove	355.10
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	63.00
Potosi 1st	131.59
Republic	100.00
Rock Chapel	357.74
Rolla 1st	67.34
Royal Oak	136.00
Seymour	230.00
Smyrna	100.00
Southside - St. Louis	145.93
Springfield 1st	1,654.28
Stockton	134.75
Thayer	1,517.00
Trinity	946.25
Union Grove	310.32
Union Light	120.00
United - West Plains	1,051.03
Unity	430.00
Verdella	582.76
Waynesville 1st	228.63
Willow Springs	219.86
Wolf Creek	357.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$35,282.41</b>

##### SHOW-ME PLAN

Barker, Rev. J.	\$ 15.00
Belton	105.00
Belton Ladies Auxiliary	15.00
Berean	30.00
Berry, R.	15.00
Bethel - El Dorado	160.63
Bethel - Festus	45.00

Bethel - Festus	45.00
Big Creek	55.00
Bishop, B. J.	15.00
Bourbon	30.00
Bowers, C.	15.00
Braisher, M.	90.00
Buffalo 1st	60.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo	105.00
Calvary Fellowship	2,380.00
Cartee, J.	15.00
Central	280.00
Chism, B.	5.00
Christman, M.	30.00
Copper Mines	75.00
Copper Mines - Yg. Adult Class	15.00
Cuba	158.65
Darnell, W.	15.00
DeSoto 1st	400.00
DeSoto 1st - Auditorium Class	15.00
DeSoto Yg. Adult SS Class	45.00
Dingman, Wayne	360.00
Eastern Gate	70.00
Faith - St. Louis	33.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora	60.00
Faith & Hope - W.S.	60.00
Farmington 1st	1,020.00
Fordland	125.00
Fourth	210.00
Francis, N.	15.00
Fredericktown 1st	150.00
Freeman Chapel	540.00
Garrett, R.	15.00
Gospel Light	675.00
Grace	430.00
Graham, S.	15.00
Grant Avenue	390.00
Greenfield 1st	180.00
Hannibal - WNAC	30.00
Hannon	912.36
Happy Hill	30.00
Harmony - Parkville	274.00
Hartville	195.00
Houston 1st	269.50
Hurryville	300.00
Hurryville Sr. Adult SS Class	15.00
Jackson	15.00
Jones Chapel	195.00
King's Way	10.00
Lebanon 1st	75.00
Macedonia Aux.	3,500.00
Maggart, D.	45.00
Merl's Chapel	150.00
Mill Creek	90.00
Mill Creek Young Adult SS Class	15.00
Mine La Motte	45.00
Missouri State Woman's Aux.	590.00
Monett 1st	200.00
Mt. Pisgah	75.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer	30.00
Myrtle	75.00
Neosho 1st	180.00
New Home - Hartville	150.00
New Home - Lebanon	90.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	75.00
Noel, D.	15.00
Norris, Trisha	15.00
Oak Grove - Houston	15.00
O'Fallon 1st	143.00
Ozark 1st	20.00
Parkview - Desloge	343.51
Parson, O.	15.00
Pinkerton, J.	45.00
Pleasant Home	75.00
Pleasant Ridge - Alton	90.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	50.00
Purdy	225.00
Richardson, O.	15.00
Richwoods	52.50
Rock Chapel	315.00
Rogers, F.	15.00
Royal Oak	120.00
Ruble, N.	45.00
Springfield 1st	550.00
Thayer	225.00
Trinity	525.00
Turnbough, E.	60.00
Union Light	120.00
United - West Plains	300.00
Unity	75.00
Verdella	862.76
Walker, H. Jr.	15.00
West Plains 1st	10.00
White, R.	15.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove	85.00
Willow Springs 1st	150.00
Wilson, R.	15.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,834.91</b>

##### FOREIGN MISSIONS - DESIGNATED

Calvary Fellowship	\$ 374.98
Carthage Auxiliary	144.92
Central	25.00
Chapman, A.	20.00

Farmington 1st	525.00
Fordland	22.00
Fourth	15.00
Grant Avenue	51.00
Greenfield 1st	10.00
Hannon	300.00
Joplin 1st	135.00
Kirksville 1st	44.85
Merl's Chapel	50.00
Minor, K.	10.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	20.00
Oak Grove - Mtn. Grove	79.50
Ozark 1st	25.00
Pleasant Home	39.28
Richwoods	10.00
Rock Chapel	35.00
Thayer	348.00
Trinity	220.43
Union Light	10.00
Waynesville 1st	50.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,574.96</b>

##### STATE HOME MISSIONS

Belton	\$ 19.00
Cuba	59.32
DeSoto 1st	50.00
DeSoto 1st - Children's Church	20.00
Faith - Chandler, IN	25.00
Farmington 1st	335.00
Fordland	5.00
Gospel Light	40.00
Grace - Arnold	40.00
Grant Avenue	10.00
Hannibal - WNAC	33.51
Lebanon Bible & Book	315.00
Macedonia Auxiliary	50.00
New Home - Hartville	10.00
O'Fallon 1st	73.50
Ozark 1st	10.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	20.00
Richard White (DeSoto 1st)	10.00
Rock Chapel	68.34
Thayer	45.00
Trinity	10.00
Union Light	51.00
United - West Plains	25.00
WNAC	3.00
Wormington, Larry	30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,357.67</b>

##### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Belton	\$ 19.00
Bethel - Festus	15.00
Bethel - Festus	10.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Calvary Fellowship	140.00
Carthage	10.00
Central	10.00
Chapman, Alan	20.00
Cornerstone - Joplin	10.00
Crossland, Marlon	5.00
Cuba	59.33
DeSoto 1st	558.00
DeSoto 1st - Auditorium Class	10.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora	63.00
Farmington 1st	55.00
Fordland	10.00
Grace - Arnold	126.00
Grant Avenue	135.22
Hannon	409.42
Hartville	100.00
Hoggard, Judy	10.00
Houston 1st	170.00
Joplin 1st	20.00
Kenuam, Maggie	10.00
King, Brenda	10.00
Macedonia Auxiliary	2,600.00
Monett 1st	81.00
Mt. Pisgah	25.00
Myrtle	20.00
New Home - Hartville	10.00
New Home - Lebanon	210.00
Oak Grove - Mtn. Grove	39.75
O'Fallon 1st	73.50
Ozark 1st	55.00
Pleasant Home	40.00
Rader, J. W.	20.00
Richwoods 1st	57.00
Rock Chapel	55.00
Thayer	157.00
Thebeau, Bob	5.00
Trinity - Bridgeton	20.00
Union Light	85.00
Unity	50.00
Verdella	10.00
Waynesville 1st	50.00
West Plains 1st	130.00
White, Richard	10.00
Wolf Creek	75.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,913.22</b>

##### MISSOURI FWB YOUTH CAMP

Hannon	\$ 15.00
Hartville	10.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Lebanon Bible & Book	195.00
Thayer	45.00
Willow Springs	10.00
New Home	10.00
New Life	92.45
Trinity - Bridgeton	14.00
West Plains 1st	25.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
DeSoto 1st	50.00
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$536.45</b>

##### FWB BIBLE COLLEGE

Nathan Ruble	\$ 40.00
Farmington 1st	152.61
Verdella	116.55
Thayer	45.00
DeSoto 1st	35.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$389.16</b>

##### HILLSDALE FWB COLLEGE

Hannon	\$ 50.00
Farmington 1st	119.80
Cuba	100.00
Thayer	50.00
Central	
For account of Kim Walker	75.00
For account of Sarah Merryfield	75.00
Concert - Girl's Quartet	115.00
Oak Hill	215.27
Neosho 1st	60.00
Ozark 1st	5.00
Fordland	5.00
Grant Avenue	4.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$874.07</b>

##### CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington 1st	\$52.62
Carthage 1st	34.11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$86.73</b>

##### REV. JOHN McCLURE

Monett 1st	\$ 35.00
Carthage	49.11
Thayer	10.00
Grace - Arnold	30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$124.11</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
Calvary Fellowship	90.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$195.00</b>

##### TRULA CRONK HOME FOR CHILDREN

Myrtle	\$ 3.00
Farmington 1st	20.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	30.00
New Life	92.45
Belton	39.00
Unity	10.00
DeSoto 1st	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$244.45</b>

##### STEVE SMITH

Farmington 1st	\$20.00
DeSoto 1st	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>

##### TOGETHER WAY PLAN

FOUR SPECIAL DAYS	
Myrtle	\$122.00
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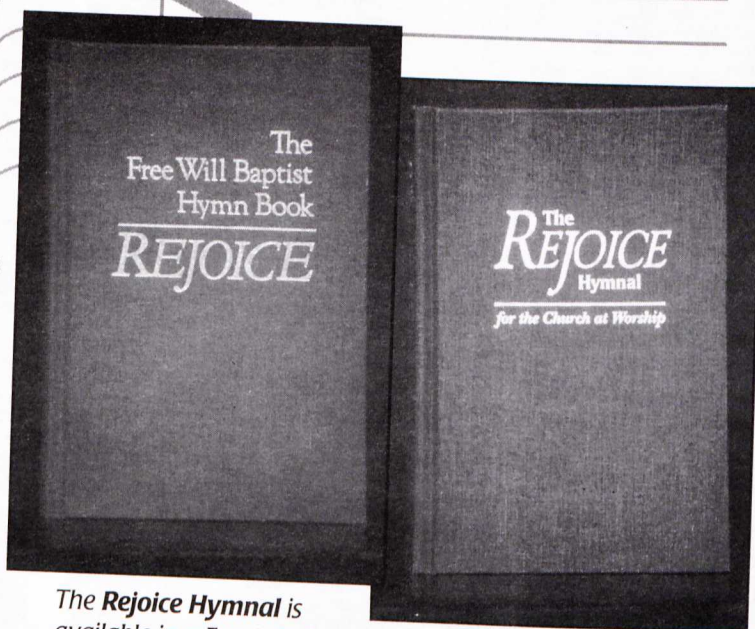
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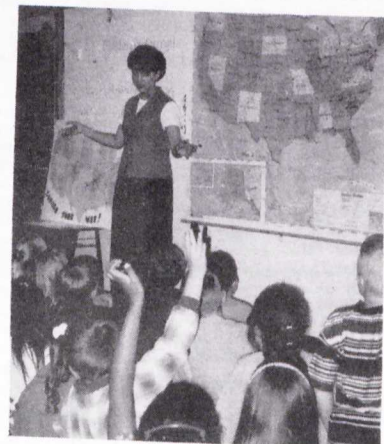


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## Southern Gospel Music Goes To School!

The East Elementary Accelerated School in Waynesville, Missouri, hosted two week career emphasis during the month of May. The 150 second graders in this Southcentral Missouri public school were introduced to various career options. The students met a fireman, a policeman, a fast-food store manager, a lawyer, etc., and on May 13 a representative for southern gospel music.

Becky Jones of the Hartville, Missouri, based group, The Stanley Jones Singers, was invited to share for 50 minutes career opportunities in southern gospel music. Becky supported her verbal presentation with a map, pictures and a video. She noted that the children were full of questions and requested autographed pictures. Parents later expressed to teaching personnel how enthusiastic their children were about the presentation. The six second grade teachers who helped put this event together are to be commended: Kathy Davenport (who extended the invitation to Becky), Linda Olney, Doug Boldt, Carolyn Denton, Sheila Funkhouser and Mary Hornack. It looks like southern gospel music has a strong and healthy future. At least in the hearts of 150 second graders.



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