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*Two, Four, Six, Eight,
Who should we appreciate?*



**"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy
of double honor, especially they who labour in
the word and doctrine." I Timothy 5:17**

WHAT I WISH I'D KNOWN BEFORE I QUIT

by Dale Skiles

In 1985 I had moved to this promising community to start a church. The first setback came immediately. I had expected 40 people for the inaugural worship service; only 14 showed up. Not until I decided to leave did our church constantly average 40 in attendance.

I had dreamed of reaching the masses; we reached only a few. I had dreamed of being sought as an expert in church growth; I was sought only by my wife for a ride home from work. I dreamed of initiating creative ministries; I had cerebral lock-up soon after I took the position. I imagined nice, respectable families joining my church; our first addition was a young woman who had recently completed a tour of duty as an exotic dancer. I wanted to need no one; I grew deeply infected with need.

So I quit. I walked into the morning service and said, "I can't do this anymore." Since then, I've learned some powerful lessons—ones I wish I had known before I quit.

1. I wish I had known how much people loved me. In my hurt I didn't realize I was about to hurt others by quitting. Out of my mutual pain over my resignation, I finally realized how much my flock loved me. It astounded me. The day I resigned I began to learn how much people loved me for who I was, not what I did.

2. I wish I'd known how much I loved them. After my resignation, the congregation met in our home to decide how it would carry on. That night, I couldn't believe how much I loved those people. The same folks I'd been frustrated with, and blamed for MY lack of success, were ones I now grieved over losing. It was like a weird divorce. I thought I would be free. Instead I discovered unbreakable chains of love for my people. The bonds

of affection had been there all along; I detected them only when I tried to break free from them.

3. I wish I'd known how much good was happening. People who I thought were unwilling to step up to ministry did so as soon as I got out of their way. Folks I thought would never come into a relationship with God, did because of seeds planted during my ministry. People whom I thought didn't like me, having left the church before I quit, called and wrote letters expressing how much they had benefited from my ministry.

4. I wish I had known there were alternatives to quitting. One smart thing I did was share my decisions with three men in my church a week before I quit. What I didn't do was listen to them. They tried to tell me there were other ways to handle my frustrations besides quitting.

a. Take a leave of absence. What I didn't know was that because most churches really do love their pastors, they would much prefer to work out a time of absence for healing, rather than go through the divorce-and-remarriage process.

b. Talk with other pastors. Others have been through the same frustrations. I should have talked with them.

c. Work maintenance into the weekly routine. Many resignations trace to a lack of exercise and rest. I should have given more attention to personal maintenance.

5. I wish I'd known the importance of keeping sharp. For years I thought I couldn't afford conferences and books. I know now that I cannot afford to go without them.

I wish I had known what a difference sharpening my mental ax could have made. Good conferences and books are ways God might have chosen to meet my needs.

6. I wish I'd known what God had accomplished through me. What I labeled as failure was not that at all. Success is being obedient to God; failure is the opposite. That's it.

I become prouder of that first work as the years go by. I am amazed that God used me to draw together some precious people when there was absolutely no reason for them to gather with me in the first place.

7. I wish I'd known how much inappropriate pride was involved. I have to say it: much of my motive for resigning issued from pride. Pride prevented me from talking to others, from considering options, from taking time off, from exercising, or from just falling apart in the arms of a brother who might have cared what was happening to me.

8. I wish I'd known how hard ministry really is. It took me many years to cut through the cliches that ministry is one big joy. A few years back I reread Paul's letters to Timothy. I circled the verbs in those letters, "endure, persevere, work hard, train, study, take pains." These words of commitment and sacrifice frequently produced joy as a by-product. But often ministry is simply hard. That is normal. My experience was normal.

9. I wish I'd known there is no perfect place. What we see is never what we get when considering a new ministry. If that other church were perfect, it wouldn't be pastor-less.

Many problems in the ministry are common to every church, because people are basically the same wherever you go. If I'd known then what I know now, I most likely would have fertilized and cultivated where I was, rather than uprooted and replanted somewhere else.

Thank You!

Herusel (Curly) and Joyce Moyers would like to express their deepest and sincere thanks for all the prayers and financial support given to their daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Bob Owens. Bob received a heart transplant June 28, in St. Louis, MO. He has been discharged from the hospital but will not be able to return home until August. He is doing great! At this time there have been no signs of rejection. Praise the Lord!

Bob was told before his surgery that he would need a minimum of \$20,000.00 above what his insurance would pay. Churches and individuals have generously given \$4,500.00 to help with this need. Again we want to say thank you.

If anyone would like to donate something to help with this financial need, you may send it to the Bob Owens Benefit Fund, 236 West Ora Lee Dr., Jackson, MO 63755. You may send cards of encouragement to the same address.

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TURNBOUGHS CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE AND 46 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE



Rev. & Mrs. Elmer Turnbough

Rev. Elmer Turnbough and wife Gladys celebrated 50 years of marriage on February 28, 1998. They were surprised when their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild showed up at their doorstep the week before their anniversary to share this milestone with them. The surprise was very special because their family is spread around the world. Members came from North Carolina, Tennessee, and Washington as well as Madrid, Spain, and Tokyo, Japan. Their children planned this secret gathering for months and were aided by the Turnbough's church members in planning the gathering and keeping it secret.

Elmer and Gladys were married in Salem, Missouri, by Rev. Bill Wynn on February 28, 1948. The birth of their children turned them to the Lord and by 1952 they were not only Christians but actively involved in ministry. Elmer began pastoring in 1956 in St. Louis, Missouri. Their years of Christian service have taken them to 18 different churches in Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, Delaware, and North Carolina. The Turnboughs have served as church planters and missionaries in many of their churches. Currently Rev. Turnbough pastors the First Free Will Baptist Church of Waynesville, Missouri.

God has blessed Elmer and Gladys with a family that is following their footsteps in Christian service. Their oldest son Jim pastors with wife Julie in Greenville, North Carolina. Jim and Julie's daughter Jamie and husband Lange are music ministers in Gastonia, North Carolina, with the Turnbough's first great-grandchild Justin. Jim's son Jonathan is a ministerial student at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, and daughter Jessica will be a high school senior this fall. Judy Bailey is the second born to Elmer and Gladys and serves as a missionary with husband Ken in Tokyo, Japan. Judy and Ken's daughter Tracey lives in Portland, Oregon, with her husband Jeremy Delamarter, who is a pastoral intern and minister of music. Judy's son Benjamin will be a high school senior this fall in Tokyo. Elmer and Gladys' third child is Jeff who serves with his wife Susan as missionaries to Madrid, Spain. Their son Matthew is a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, and daughter Melissa will be a high school junior in Madrid this fall.

Elmer and Gladys Turnbough have given their lives to the Lord and are well known for the loving encouragement they have given over the years to young Christians and ministers as well as to struggling churches. The fact that their children and grandchildren are all actively involved in the Lord's work is a testimony to their consistent Christian lives.

Grant Avenue College Ministry News

Summer is almost over and students are getting ready for the upcoming school year. If you plan to attend one of the colleges in Springfield, Missouri, you are invited to attend the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church. The church has services geared to the college student. Two worship services are held each Sunday morning—a contemporary praise service at 8:30 a.m. and a traditional service at 11:00 a.m. Grant Ave. offers others ministries such as Sunday School, Promise Keepers, Women of Faith, and a number of other opportunities of service and fellowship. The church is located close to most of the schools. It is only a few blocks from Southwest Missouri State University.

The church looks forward to meeting the incoming students and helping them make the transition into adulthood. At Grant Ave., students will be able to build strong, meaningful relationships and find a place to serve the Lord.

Pastors and parents are encouraged to send names and addresses of students that are attending school in Springfield. If you desire more information, you may write or call:

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Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church
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Springfield, MO 65807
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Black Oak Honors Pastor for 30 Years of Service

Jack & Freeda Day

The Black Oak Free Will Baptist Church held an afternoon reception August 3, 1998, to honor Rev. and Mrs. Jack Day for their thirty years of service to the church. The special afternoon began with Jack and Freeda being surprised by a chauffeured limousine arriving at their home to convey them to the church. They arrived at the church to find the fellowship hall decorated for the occasion. The Black Oak congregation served cake and punch to the large number of friends who came to greet and congratulate the Days.

Brother Day answered the call to preach early in 1968. In August 1968, he accepted the pastorate of the Black Oak Church. At that time the congregation consisted of approximately 12 people. Today the morning worship service often exceeds 100 in attendance. Brother Jack has led the Black Oak congregation through three building programs and today the congregation enjoys beautiful facilities. The church is a faithful supporter of State and National Ministries.

Congratulations, Brother Jack and Sister Freeda, as you continue to labor at Black Oak Church.

Mountain Grove 1st Ordains Four Deacons



New Deacons

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Mountain Grove ordained Mike Thompson, Gene Taylor, Kevin Payne, and Phil Johnson to serve the congregation as deacons. They were ordained in the morning worship service August 3rd. Rev. Nathan Ruble preached the morning message. The charge was given by Pastor Gary Fry. Following the prayer of ordination and the laying on of hands, the new deacons were presented certificates of ordination.

Sunday School Averages February 1998 - July 1998

CHURCHES	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
Belton	39	41	45		35	30
Calvary Chapel	124	130	116	108	118	126
Copper Mines	48	46	50	47	52	42
Cuba	126	134	117	122	111	
Columbia			15	16	17	20
DeSoto	155	157	169		154	165
Hannon	105	102	104	101	99	99
Harmony				51		
Hartville	125	120	117	115	101	109
Hazel Creek	65	64	70	63	64	
Hopewell	25	27	33	31	24	28
Houston	52	55	52	50	51	47
Lebanon 1st	108	119	115	102	106	102
Lebanon FWB	41	43	44	42	44	38
Mill Creek	74	77	80	71	70	73
Monett	51	54	54	50	53	
Mt. Pisgah						73
Myrtle	30	33	46	40	42	
O'Fallon 1st			72	69		78
Ozark	110	105	104	103	110	106
Park Hills	94	115	112	115	107	
Richwoods	32	35	34	30	24	28
Rock Chapel					47	
Southside	28	37	33	30	24	
Springfield 1st	116	126	124	112	121	116
Thayer			168	175	178	172
Trinity	85	86	88	77	73	
United, West Plains	289	314	336	282	304	262
Willow Springs	54	62	65	66	52	61

The above is only a partial listing - there are 180 Free Will Baptist churches in Missouri. Each church is encouraged to send in the Sunday School average each month.

Trying to Top Last Year



Rick & Jamie Dement

Last year ('97) the O'Fallon Free Will Baptist Church held its fifth annual Vacation Bible School. It was a great time as the children were introduced to the fruit of the Spirit and godly men of the Bible who exemplified the fruit of the Spirit in their lives.

The children gave an offering of \$311.00 through the nightly penny march. The offering was given to the O'Fallon Salvation Army Shelter and Food pantry.

The children were challenged to have 100 or more kids in attendance. If they had 100 or more, five kids would be picked through a drawing to build a Brother Rick Sundae after the closing ceremony. When all were counted, the attendance was 108.

Pastor Rick DeMent was quite a dish as he was decorated with chocolate sauce, strawberry sauce, whipped cream, and a cherry on top. What a dedicated Pastor!

This year we are looking to top 1997. Look out, Pastor!

CALEB

by Carol J. Pinkerton

He's probably 12-14 years old, but he looks younger. He's a short boy; thin with Bambi-looking eyes of compassion and longings. He always comes to Bible Club. He is smart and learns quickly. His parents live two countries away in Togo. He lives here with an uncle. They live quite a ways from church, but not as far as it seemed to Caleb after he'd walked the distance one Sunday morning. I asked him how far he'd walked to get to church. He hung his head and thought for a few seconds, then looked back up in my face and said, "Madame, I think it must be about twenty miles." I'm sure it felt ever bit that far to one so young who got himself up, dressed and did without any breakfast so he could be at church on time for Sunday School Class.

Caleb has always impressed me. He is quiet, but his actions speak loudly. He evangelizes his neighborhood. He was always eager to take notes during preaching time, so I gave him a notebook and a pencil. He'd be right up there on the front row of benches. When it was time for the preacher to stand behind the pulpit, that is the time Caleb would fall to his knees on the cement floor—so he could use the bench seat as a desk for taking notes with his pencil and notebook.

Normally, I save my empty tin cans to give to Christian women in the villages, but this time I asked Caleb if he'd like to sell them; making some pocket money. "Yeah! I'd like to do that," he said. I told him, "You must tithe on what you make." We discussed the principles of returning gifts to God as He has blessed us.

I'm not sure if he understood correctly, or perhaps he understood very well—better than most adults because after selling the cans for 250 cfa, Caleb put 200 cfa in the offering plate with a very large smile of contentment.

SHOW-ME MISSIONARY NEWS

THE PINKERTONS:

Dear Friends,

The plot of land that we felt was ideal is no longer a possibility. All along we have been praying for God to open/close doors ... and this one has been firmly shut. We praise God for answering—although it wasn't the answer we expected. The owner's attorney refused to give the dossier papers to the realtor so our Christian attorney could verify everything. Plus a cement block building is up to roof level on the property ... We believe all this is God's way of showing us that this property is not HIS choice. None of us are deeply discouraged. Church leaders said we'll just keep busy reaching out & teaching new converts while we continue the land search. We ask you to keep praying.

The Abidjan Believers, Bryans, Jerry and I are so thrilled with the Lord's work here in Abidjan—I hope you catch this as you read the updates.

The Lloyd Plunkett Family arrived last Thursday night to work at the school for Missionary Children in Bouake. I asked Lloyd to write the update for this week. Here are his impressions:

"Sunday, Aug. 9, 1998. Only two things were definite in our plans upon arrival in Ivory Coast: One was to rest before going up country. The other was to attend the FWB Church in Abidjan.

"We rode with the Pinkertons to church this morning. We went to a somewhat run down area of town, parked beside a dirt street & looked across at a building with a roll down door—like a garage. Up several broken steps we entered the clean & neat rented meeting hall. No elderly people came. I may have been the oldest person present.

"The more than fifty worshippers were dressed neatly, but casually (no ties); the women were mostly in beautiful African dress.

"The service was spontaneous, but orderly. Two or three led singing accompanied by a young man playing a keyboard, another a guitar, and of course one playing a drum. It was beautiful. It was warm & moving. It was praise to God with rejoicing. During a long period of prayer several prayed voluntarily & some sang, each in order.

"My knowledge of French is slight but I knew what was going on this morning and there was no place I would rather have been! The missionaries did not lead

this service, not even in prayer. It was all African.

"The message of nearly an hour was from I Kings 19-20. I even understood what the African Church Leader was saying every time he said, "Ben Hadad."

"And what a service!! No one, except me, seemed to notice the rooster crowing in the dirty street outside. It was hard not to notice the clatter of a diesel engine just outside as someone apparently worked on his car, but it was still easy to hear the service.

"These young people are mostly mature Christians from our FWB Churches up country who are in this booming capitol city to work or attend the university. Some have master's degrees. One is a 3rd year medical student. Two young women are studying law. Another just finished electronic technical school being 4th in the class of 57.

"These elite saints who were so warm and friendly to us gave me confidence in the future of God's work through FWB in this country."

This part has been written by Lloyd Plunkett. WOW! If you could only be here to observe, you would be so very thrilled to have a part in His work here. YOUR participation is a blessing to us and we thank God for each helper.

Serving HIM here with happy hearts ... as we praise HIM for His goodness to all of us. His continued blessings upon you as you serve HIM on His Mission Field where you live.

The Abidjan Believers, Bryans (settling in OK for a two-year Stateside assignment—once called furlough) & Pinkertons.

GINGER HARRISON:

Dear Friends,

Thanks so much for your continued support through mail, prayer, and financial support of the Show-Me Plan and/or other means of support. May God continue to bless you as you support missionaries to go spread the gospel of Christ.

As I am here in Quebec, learning French in order to be able to spread the gospel to those who speak French, I am reminded of God's Word and listening to what He has called us to do. The other day I was walking to the grocery store with a plastic bag of recyclable soda cans. It was hot and I was in a hurry to get out of the sun. I passed two boys playing. About a half a block later one began hollering something, but I just

thought he was talking with his friend. Then he ran up beside me, pointed to my left hand in which I was carrying the sack of cans, and he just kept saying, "Lourd, lourd?" which means, "heavy, heavy?" in English. I thought, "Oh, how sweet. This young kid thinks this sack is heavy and wants to help." I just answered "No, merci" to mean "No, thanks" that the sack wasn't heavy and that I didn't need his help. Then in English he said, "No, what time is it?" You see instead of saying "Lourd?", he was saying "L'heure?, L'heure?", which means "What time is it?!" Feeling defeated, I gave up and just showed him my watch on my left arm that he had been pointing at all along and didn't even attempt to say what time it was in French.

How many times have we misunderstood what God is trying to ask of us? Some times our ears aren't trained to hear His Voice. (John 10:4, "... and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.")

God may be asking more than just questions that require a "yes" or "no" response. He may be asking "How much?", "How often?", or even "When?" was the last time we witnessed, prayed, or even was embarrassed in the name of Jesus. Train yourself to hear more clearly what God is saying. Let's not wait until it's too late to respond correctly to what He is asking of us. Listen more intensely to His questions. Reply with the answer He wants to hear! It may make a difference for eternity for you and those you witness to.

Listening to Him,
Ginger

THE LYTTLES:

Hello all,

We returned from our Cuba trip on Monday evening. All went well and we thank the Lord for the opportunity to minister there. Thanks for praying about the problem with our visas. They were approved actually the day we arrived. We had to wait for about two and a half hours at the Havana airport before we could go through immigration because the visas had not arrived yet. They treated us with the upmost respect and were very helpful. When we finally had the visas in hand and passed through immigration, the customs' officer didn't even open our suitcases! Transportation is more of a problem there than ever

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before so time was spent in figuring out ways to get to there we needed to go. It is sad to see the people on the highways trying to stop a vehicle so they can get to where they need to go.

This was the first year for the marriage retreat. We had 40 couples in attendance and a few others. Everyone expressed real appreciation for the studies we presented. They want to continue it next year.

The youth camp was well attended with 240 teens and young adults. The theme was "Christ, hope in time of crisis." It is always a joy to hear them and praise the Lord. For most of them it was a real struggle to get to the camp, but they arrived on foot, bicycle, motorcycle, truck or bus. One young couple who took a bus home had to go to the terminal at midnight. They waited there all night so they could get a bus in the morning.

The water supply was a problem this year so water was rationed daily. That made it difficult since it was one of the hottest weeks of the year. With all the problems, I didn't hear much complaining. They were just grateful to be there together and learning what God had for them. In the closing service, probably 100 to 150 of the young people went forward to commit their lives fully to the Lord and His service. It was an impressive sight!

While in Cuba we were able to speak in several churches. The buildings were always packed. Several decisions were made for salvation in the church services.

We are home now and trying to rest up some. Steve has been bothered with a slight stomach problem for several days. That will hopefully clear up soon. Thanks again for your prayers for us during the past two weeks. May God bless you.

In Him,
Steve and Judy

A NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCE

by Frank Giunta

It happened so fast Ben had no time to think about it, just act. His left front tire blew and his car swerved into the left lane and oncoming traffic. Had it not been for some alert drivers and Ben's

quick actions, a catastrophe might have resulted.

After the accident, and the trembling stopped, Ben began to speculate on what might have happened had he collided with another vehicle. The options were frightening but helped him do some serious reflecting. He might have been seriously injured, even maimed for life or killed instantly, leaving his children orphans and his wife a widow.

He wasn't ready for any of that, especially death. Oh, he was a Christian all right but now he realized he had procrastinated doing some very important things, believing he had plenty of time to deal with them.

Ben was thrilled that he hadn't been killed in that accident, but he was determined never to be caught unprepared again.

He resolved to do some things immediately—begin spending quality time with his children, generously complimenting his wife, and reminding her he loved her. He would see if there was enough insurance to provide adequately for his family; and, he would make arrangements for a will to properly distribute his estate. In matters of such intense importance it is wise to seek help from someone who has the proper expertise.

The Free Will Baptist Foundation has personnel equipped to assist you in these delicate but very important areas. Feel free to contact our office, or you may call me direct at (573) 335-6240.

1998 National Youth Conference

Faith Works

by Dean Jones

Faith Works was the theme of the 31st Annual National Youth Conference, July 12-16, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Brenda Harrison, Oklahoma Sunday school teacher, started the conference on Sunday morning, using Horizon curriculum. Rev. Steven Loveless, a Missouri youth pastor, spoke during the morning teen worship service. Donald Myers, Taylor, Michigan, served as music coordinator for the teen worship services.

The Sunday evening teen worship service featured special music by the Truth & Peace Youth leadership conference, under the direction of Deanna Holifield, conference co-director. Rev. Allen

Pointer, Russellville, Arkansas, challenged the teen audience to not follow the path of the Titanic, but to stay true to God. Following the service, the teens joined in the Tulsa Twister Corral to enjoy Human Bowling, the Bungee Run, Bouncy Boxing and live Armadillo races!

Bible Competition and the Music and Arts Festival started Monday morning and continued through Wednesday morning. There were 558 entries and 2,035 registrants.

Monday evening's teen service speaker was Rev. Larry Jones, president and founder of Feed the Children, Inc., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Before speaking, a special presentation of over 1,000 love boxes were given to his organization. The after-service activity was held in the Adams Mark Hotel and over 250 young people joined together in a Concert of Prayer. They upheld their churches, pastors, peers, and their world before the Lord.

Tuesday was another day of competition with Bible Competition winding down to the semifinal round. Instrumentalists, puppeteers, ensembles, choirs, and chorales packed competition rooms.

During the conference attendees visited the art galley where nearly 100 entries were displayed. They also picked up conference souvenirs and their favorite T-shirts at the NYC sales booth.

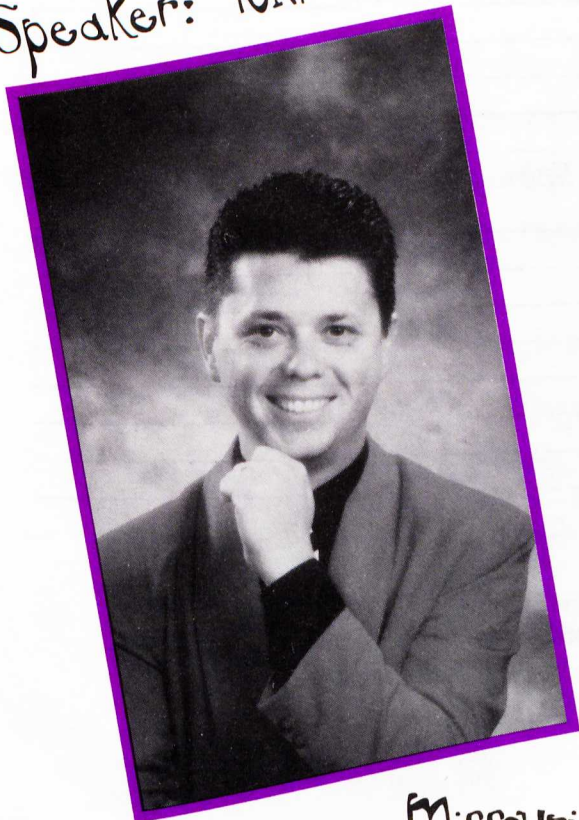
Tuesday evening's worship service featured Brad Sneed, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. He challenged young people to start the trend of unity among their youth groups and pray that it would spread to their churches and states. Hundreds of young people responded to invitations during the week.

Wednesday morning featured Bible Competition Finals. The Red Bay, Alabama, team won the Bible Bowl and Tic-Tac-Toe competitions. Congratulations to Marlin Saint, the Red Bay Bible Bowl coach, on seven consecutive victories. Mr. Saint announced his retirement this year. The two individual competitions, Turning Point and Horizon, proved to be exciting. Two pretesting times determined finalists. The 1998 winners were Turning Point - Laura Ham, Tennessee; and Horizon - Katie Ham, Tennessee. Bible Memorization winners were: 1st Grade - Libby Darter, Missouri; 2nd Grade - Rachel Trimble, Tennessee; and 3rd Grade - Alisha East, Arkansas. Bible Sword Drill Winners were: 4th Grade - Anna McDonald, Oklahoma; 5th Grade - Kendal Brown, Arkansas;

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Speaker: Tom Tufts



Music: fffh (far from home)



Missouri State Youth Conference
November 20-21, 1998 • Windermere Baptist Assembly

1998 Missouri State Youth Conference

Registration Form

Return by October 10.

Church _____ City _____

Youth Leader _____ Phone # _____

Guys

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Grade _____ Phone # _____

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Male Sponsors

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Girls

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Female Sponsors

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Age _____ Phone # _____

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Age _____ Phone # _____

Cost of the conference is \$35 per person. _____ x \$35 = \$_____
(Includes lodging and three meals.) (# attending) (Total Amount)

Mail completed registration form, Check and medical release forms to:

Missouri Youth Ministries Board

P.O. Box 444

Park Hills, MO 63601

(573) 431-3235 OR 431-5115

All forms must be postmarked by October 10. After October 10, the fee increases to \$40.

Camper Medical Release Form
Windermere Baptist Assembly
Roach, MO

Camper's Name _____ Sex _____ Age _____

Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Home Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip Code)

Residence Phone (____) _____ Business Phone (____) _____

Church Coming With _____

Allergic to any Medicine? _____ If yes, what? _____

If not available in an emergency, notify:

_____ Phone (____) _____

_____ Phone (____) _____

I, _____, having legal custody of _____
(Parent or Guardian) (Minor)

who resides with me at the above address, am entrusting the care of him/her to the adults responsible for the camp program in which the child has been enrolled during the dates of _____, 19__ through _____, 19__ at Windermere Baptist Assembly, located at Roach, Missouri.

Conference: *Missouri Free Will Baptist State Youth Conference*

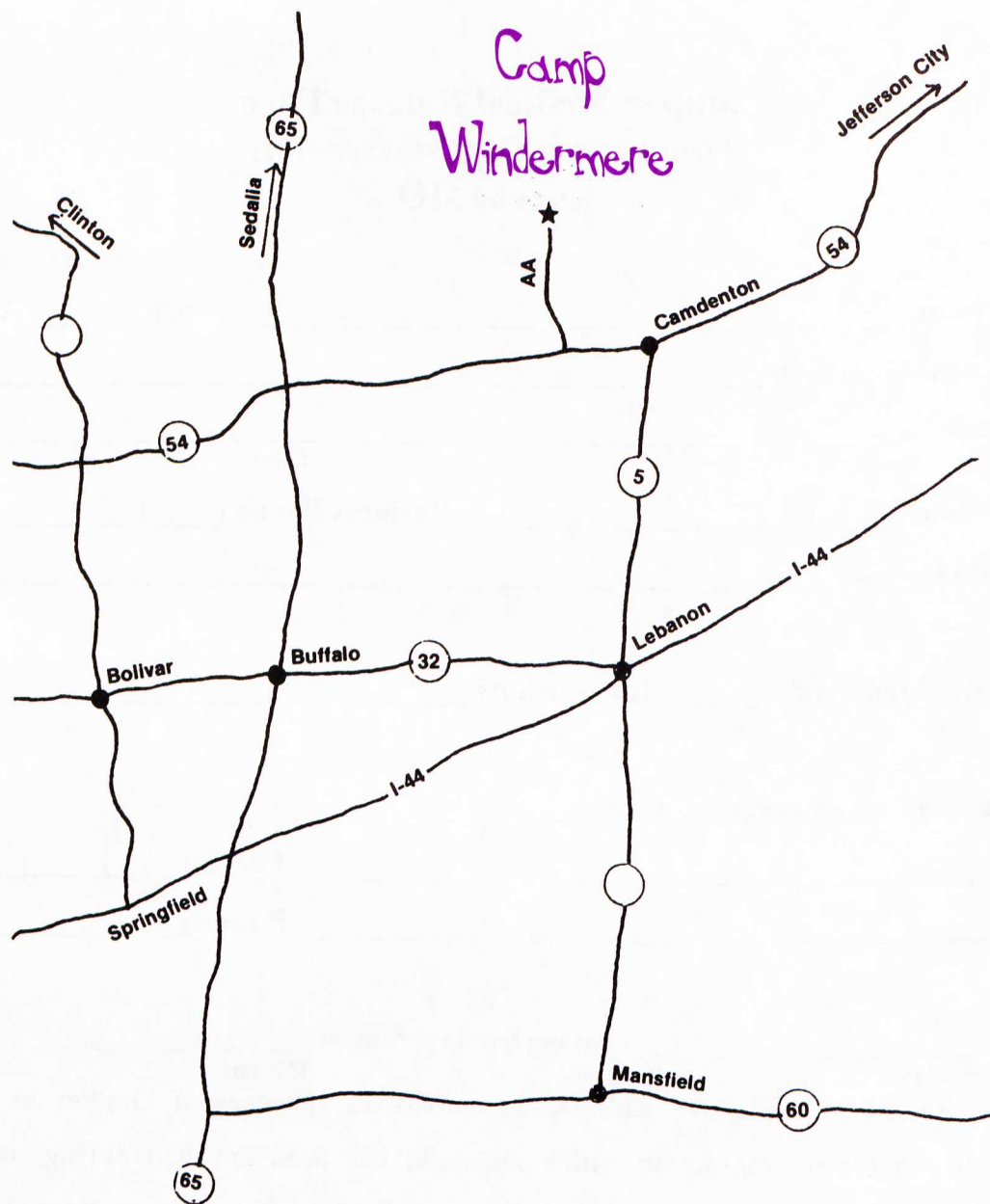
Authorization For Emergency Care

I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the camp personnel entrusted with the care of my child to order x-rays, routine tests and treatment for the health of my child, in the event I cannot be reached in an emergency. I hereby give permission to the said physician to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection and/or anesthesia and/or surgery for my child as named above. I also authorize said physician or any physician or hospital who has previously treated my child, to disclose any information thus acquired, if requested, to the camp's insurance carrier.

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

(Date)

(PLEASE PHOTOCOPY ONE FOR EACH ATTENDEE)



1998 Missouri State Youth Conference Schedule

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1998

- 4:00 p.m. - Registration
- 7:00 p.m. - Supper
- 7:45 p.m. - 11th Concert
- 9:00 p.m. - Meet Tom Tufts (Life)
- 10:00 p.m. - Late Night Comedy Cafe
- 11:00 p.m. - Cabin Devotions
- 11:30 p.m. - LIGHTS OUT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1998

- 8:00 a.m. - Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. - Session 2 with Tom Tufts (Faith)
- 10:00 a.m. - Break
- 10:30 a.m. - Session 3 with Tom Tufts (Purity)
- 12:00 noon - Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. - "OFF THE WALL" - (Youth)
 - "Youth Workers Only" w/Tom
- 2:00 p.m. - Free Time
- 3:15 p.m. - Closing Rally with Tom Tufts (Love)

and 6th Grade – Brooke Dickerson, Tennessee.

During the course of the four-day conference, over 30 workshops and seminars were presented for children, teens, and youth workers on various ministry and practical subjects. Our Teens Touching Tulsa with Love project allowed over 300 opportunities to take the gospel to the streets. Some volunteered their mornings and afternoons to serve at some five different agencies in the Greater Tulsa area. They helped sort donated clothing, working with homeless children and adults, cleaned warehouses, painted, and cooked and served meals to the homeless. Special Faith Works tracts were printed for young people to share with those they met during their stay in Tulsa.

Preschool worship (ages 3-5) services were held each day. This exciting program provided an opportunity to minister to the youngest Free Will Baptists. Upon check-in, each was assigned to a team. From there they were led through a series of centers throughout the service including: worship & singing, role play, crafts, snacks, sensory center, and motor skills. Our thanks goes to Darryn and Lisa McGee (Oklahoma) and their assistants for their devotion to this exciting ministry program.

Children (grades 1-3) and Tweeners (grades 4-6) worship services were conducted Sunday morning and each evening by Dr. Jim Tuell—the spray painting preacher. During his lessons, Dr. Tuell led the children through the entire Old and New Testaments, the life of Jesus, and the life of Paul, by spray painting on giant sheets of styrofoam. The Monday afternoon Children's and Tweeners' Ban-

quet was a highlight with nearly 400 children and parents gathering to see Bruce Bennett (Oklahoma) conduct an evening of humor, fun, and music, and the Norman First FWB Youth Group (Oklahoma) present I.M.A.G.E.

Wednesday evening concluded with a joint worship service in the Tulsa Convention Center with Rev. Gene Waddell, director of FWB Foreign Missions, speaking. Some 3000 people gathered for the Awards Celebration Wednesday evening. All Bible Competition and Music and Arts Festival winners were recognized. The 1999 National Youth Evangelistic Team was announced. These 12 high school youth were top scorers in the 1998 Music and Arts Festival. They are: Eric Puschman (Michigan), Matt Thornburg (Ohio), Mary Catherine Harris (OK), Lindsey Scott (MO), Greg Graf (MO), Russell Cooper (OK), Cassandra Godfrey (NC), Jennifer Johnston (IL), Ben Parker (OK), Ryan Bowlin (MO), Kristina Bolta (FL), and Laura Munsey (TX).

Trophies, ribbons, medals, certificates, and scholarships were awarded. Special Awards were given to the following: Youth Group of the Year – First FWB Church, Locust Grove, Oklahoma; Youth of the Year – Christi Wilson (Alabama); and Youth Worker of the Year – Bruce Bennett (Oklahoma).

One by one, winners were announced and walked across the stage for special recognition. Congratulations to all the youth who entered the competitive activities. You are all winners!

It would be impossible to conduct a conference of this magnitude without the assistance of the Truth and Peace Leadership Conference. These 72 youth gave life to the planned activities. They

were divided into various areas of responsibility. They did a super job. Participants had been in leadership training two weeks prior to the National Youth Conference. For more information about participating in the 1999 Truth & Peace Conference, please write to: P.O. Box 17306, Nashville, TN 37217.

At the conclusion of the Truth & Peace conference, several awards were presented. The youth selected Ben Parker (Oklahoma) and Christi Wilson for best All Around Awards. The NYC staff selected Mitch Cooper (Oklahoma) and Holly Beeler (Tennessee) for Outstanding Leadership Awards.

Special appreciation is due to all pastors, parents, youth leaders, coaches, and judges who work with our youth. A special thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who helped make the 31st Annual National Youth Conference a success.

We have implemented many changes and hope to see even more in the future. We are eager for your input. If you have ideas or suggestions for speakers, seminars or changes, please mail them to the above address.

When people think back to the 1998 NYC in Tulsee town, some will remember the soaring temperatures, or maybe the long lines. I will remember the hundreds of young people who shared their lives with us for a week. Lives which hopefully returned home different than when they arrived. Lives which will live out their faith in the coming years. Lives which will lead us to the 32nd youth conference in Atlanta, Georgia, where they will see that there is "No Wall Too High!"

Congratulations!

Missouri National Youth Conference Winners

Bible Memorization

Grade One
1st Place Libby Darter

Bible Sword Drill

Grade Six
3rd Place Kerrie Morgan

Instrumental Solo

Grades 10-12, Wind
Linsay Scott

Instrumental Ensembles

Grades 7-9
Carthage Chimers

Readers Theater

Grades 10-12
Beacon Readers Theater

Graphics

Grades 1-3 Caleb Dixon
Grades 10-12 Daniel Hampen

Turning Point (Grades 7-9)

2nd Place Jared Keiffer
3rd Place Ashley Vandivort

Vocal Ensembles

Grades 7-9
Three in One Choir

Keyboard Ensemble

Grades 7-9
Calvary Ensemble

Interpretation of Scripture

Grades 4-6
Lindsay Keith

Recorded Puppetry

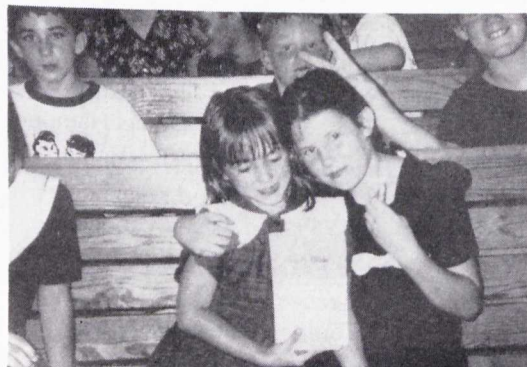
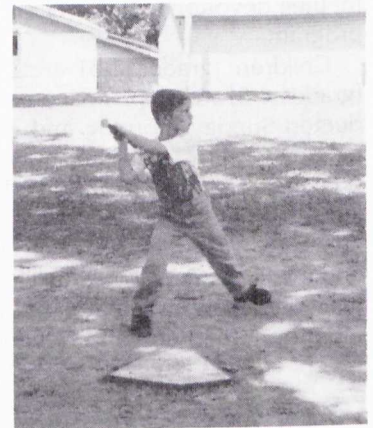
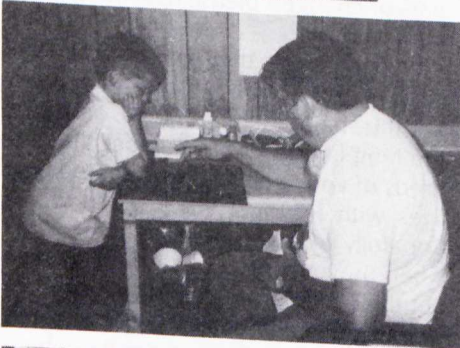
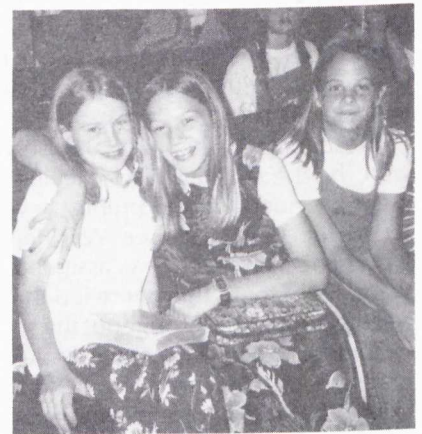
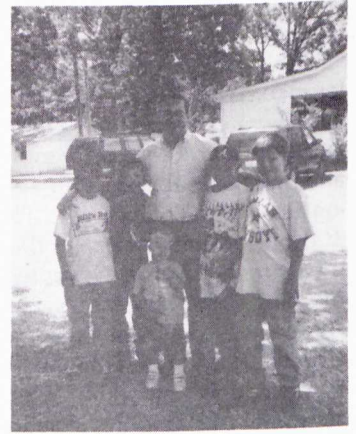
Grades 1-3 Hannon Puppeteers
Grades 4-6 Hannon Puppeteers

Promotional Graphic Art

Grades 10-12
Ryan Bowlin

STATISTICS AND SNAPSHOTS OF PRE-TEEN CAMP '98

Seven hundred forty-seven (747) campers and sponsors registered for the two sessions of Pre-Teen Camp '98. Fifty-six (56) campers were saved, thirty-eight (38) rededicated their lives to the Lord. The two sessions gave \$2,295.00 to the Panama Hope Project.



Convention Overhauls Nominating Procedure

Delegates to the 62nd annual national convention authorized sweeping changes in the operation of the National Association's nominating committee during the July 12-16 meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The convention had tweaked the nominating process for two years but finally decided that a constitutional change was required to bring the procedure in line with delegates' wishes.

On Thursday morning at the Tulsa Convention Center, delegates cleared the way for the moderator to appoint the nominating committee one year in advance, allowing more time to consider potential nominees. The nominating committee will now meet at least three months prior to the national convention and nominate at least one person for each office to be filled. In addition, a brief biographical sketch of each nominee will be prepared and distributed by the committee.

Moderator Carl Cheshier appointed the first seven-man nominating committee to operate under the new guidelines on Thursday morning. Oklahoma General Board member Jack Richey will chair the committee. Other members include: William Smith (GA), Jim Marcum (NC), Bobby Shepherd (AR), Matt Upton (CA), Ernie Lewis (IL) and David Taylor (AZ).

In other action, delegates:

EXAMINED ... audited reports from all denominational agencies. The information was included in a 205 page Digest of Reports distributed to delegates and visitors who registered.

ELECTED ... members to 37 positions on the following boards and commissions: General Officers (4), General Board (14), Executive Committee (3), Sunday School and Church Training Board (3), Foreign Missions Board (4), Home Missions Board (1), Free Will Baptist Bible College Trustees (3), Master's Men Board (1), Media Commission (1), Commission for Theological Integrity (1), Music Commission (1), Historical Commission (1).

REGISTERED ... 7,106 people in three concurrent conventions, including 785 ordained ministers, 166 deacons, 68 local church delegates, 82 state delegates, 79 home missionaries, 46 foreign missionaries, 2,845 non-delegates, 2,035 for the National Youth Conference and 963 for the WNAC Convention.

ADOPTED ... a \$17.7 million denominational budget for the following agen-

cies: Foreign Missions - \$5.5 million; Free Will Baptist Bible College - \$4.1 million; Home Missions - \$3.5 million; Sunday School and Church Training - \$3.3 million; Executive Office - \$604,000; Retirement and Insurance - \$361,000; Master's Men - \$150,000; Free Will Baptist Foundation - \$97,000; Media Commission - \$18,600; Music Commission - \$7,100; Historical Commission - \$4,375; Commission for Theological Integrity - \$2,800.

APPROVED ... the Budget Committee's recommendation that gifts received through the Together Way Plan be allocated to national ministries on the following basis: (1) Underwrite the Executive Office administrative budget above designated gifts, not to exceed 45% of cooperative gifts; (2) Disburse the balance of cooperative gifts according to these percentages: Free Will Baptist Bible College 23%, Foreign Missions 23%, Home Missions 18%, Retirement and Insurance 14%, Master's Men 14%, FWB Foundation 6%, Commission for Theological Integrity 0.5%, Historical Commission 0.5%, Music Commission 0.5%, Media Commission 0.5%.

GAVE ... a Wednesday evening missionary offering of \$32,300. Undesignated funds will be divided between home and foreign missionaries.

CHEERED ... when Oklahoma youth presented a \$37,000 check for missions Wednesday evening.

COMPLAINED ... about the long distances between the hotels and convention center. Four perimeter hotels were located five miles away. The NYC headquarters hotel was six blocks distant. The distance combined with near-100° temperatures made travel to and from the convention center miserable.

INVESTED ... more than \$2 million in the Tulsa economy, according to the Convention and Visitors Bureau. This includes hotel rooms, food, shopping and other items.

SELECTED ... Charleston, West Virginia, as the site for the July 20-24, 2008, national convention. The convention last met in Charleston in 1991.

HEARD ... five sermons in convention worship services delivered by the following men: Loyd Locklear (MI), Randy Wilson (OK), David Taylor (AZ), Edwin Hayes (OH), R. Eugene Waddell (TN).

CROWDED ... into the Assembly Hall at Tulsa Convention Center Tuesday morning to hear three men preach Bible

Conference sermons: George Lynn (AR), J. L. Gore (MS), Thurmon Murphy (TX).

ATTENDED ... a two-hour Home Missions Rally Monday afternoon to hear Dr. Paul Park, a cross-cultural South Korean home missionary who resides in southern California.

OVERFLOWED ... the International Ballroom Tuesday afternoon to hear actress Julisa Rowe perform a monologue as Frances Ridley Havergal at the WNAC Fellowship Dinner. Some 730 bought tickets for the event. Earlier that afternoon, Julisa Rowe performed Gathering Lotus Buds, the Amy Carmichael story, during the WNAC special feature.

RESOLVED ... thanks to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott for his public stance that homosexuality is sin, and instructed Clerk Waldo Young to write Senator Loft expressing formal thanks.

THANKED ... the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists who hosted the 1998 convention. This marked the eighth time the National Association has met in Oklahoma.

JOINED ... WNAC Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. for a special service honoring Dr. Mary Ruth Wisehart who retires in September after 13 years as WNAC Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

TOURED ... Exhibit Hall-A in Tulsa Convention Center where exhibitors distributed information and materials from 70 booths, and offered services ranging from denominational agencies to children's home outreach.

GATHERED ... Tuesday afternoon for the Commission for Theological Integrity seminar to hear a panel discussion on the influence of postmodernism. Three hundred people listened as panel members Steve Ashby, Matt Pinson and Randy Sawyer analyzed the issues and fielded questions from the audience.

APPRECIATED ... chief usher Raymond Lee and the Master's Men who anchored the convention ushering staff. They distributed reports, counted votes, provided security, received offerings, delivered announcements and did it all with cheerful attitudes.

INSTRUCTED ... that the Commission for Theological Integrity be reimbursed \$1,385 for expenses incurred while preparing their 1997 report on the Promise Keepers movement. The funds will be paid from the convention fund, since the report was prepared at the direction of the national convention.

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CONVENTION OVERHAULS ...

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CRASHED ... and burned on the first attempt at all-computerized, on-site registration. Technicians were unable to persuade computer hardware and software programs to network as planned. Thanks to fast response by the Convention and Visitors Bureau, typewriters were secured to complete the registration process.

PRAISED ... the four-color laminated badges issued to those who pre-registered. Some 2,645 happy, smiling people avoided long registration lines and sported snappy new badges with bulldog clips. The other 4,500 attendees enjoyed long lines, long waits, registration confusion and regular badges.

FILLED ... more than 1,200 hotel rooms in Tulsa. While most stayed in three major hotels downtown, some drove five miles or more to attend services.

ATE ... more than 3,700 catered meals in 20 special events.

WAVED ... goodbye to Foreign Mission's director R. Eugene Waddell who retires in December after 17 years with the agency, 13 years as general director.

LOGGED ... 558 entries in the NYC Bible Competition and Music and Arts Festival. The Red Bay, AL, Bible Bowl team won first place for the seventh consecutive year. Red Bay coach, Marlin Saint, announced his retirement from the Bible Bowl wars.

CLAPPED ... when NYC officials announced the Youth Group of the Year (First FWB Church, Locust Grove, OK), the Youth of the Year (Christi Wilson, AL), and Youth Worker of the Year (Bruce Bennett, OK).

DECIDED ... that the Executive Office is the proper agency to handle disaster relief funds if and when the need arises.

BOUGHT ... \$18,000 worth of "Glory, Honor and Praise: An Invitation to Blended Worship," a project recorded and prepared in Tulsa by Free Will Baptist musicians. The recording includes new songs and traditional hymns, and was specifically designed for use in Free Will Baptist churches. The Music Commission has prepared a music book, accompaniment tape and listening tape.

AGREED ... that the convention music in Tulsa was the best ever. Music coordinator Randy Sawyer and the Music Commission members brought together a creative variety of choir, quartet, solo and trio presentations.

SALUTED ... the Foreign Missions Department report that indicated 1,869 converts and 832 baptisms in 89 organized churches and 239 mission works in nine countries. Sunday School averaged 9,769 per week in 1997.

TOOK NOTE ... of the January 7-8, 1999, North America Strategy Forum that the Home Missions Department announced. The focus of the forum will be to develop a strategy of evangelism for the denomination.

WELCOMED ... three new leaders for denominational agencies: Tom Dooley (Master's Men), James Forlines (Foreign Missions), Marjorie Workman (WNAC).

LEARNED ... that the Media Commission completed two television commercials and four radio commercials. The commission plans to develop a 3-5 minute video including a 30-60 second personal message from the pastor when a local church uses it in outreach or new member orientation.

ENCOURAGED ... Free Will Baptist Bible College to proceed with the \$12 million fund-raising project to underwrite day to day operations and relocate to a new campus by the year 2001. The college is considering the possibility of a name change in order to assist graduates who encounter difficulty when trying to enter certain countries which restrict access by Christians.

NODDED ... thanks to the National Youth Conference for sending 300 youth into the streets of Tulsa every day to distribute tracts, work with homeless children and adults, sort food at food banks and other service-oriented projects.

SMILED ... when the Board of Retirement announced \$1.1 million in new deposits in 1997. The agency now manages more than \$17 million in assets. Some 264 people participate in the program.

ADJOURNED ... two hours early to meet in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Atlanta Civic Center for the July 18-22, 1999, session.

Financial Information

JULY 1998

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board.....	\$9,055.37
17.50% Executive Office.....	8,565.89
3.00% General Fund	1,468.44
50% Show-Me Plan	244.74
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.....	4,160.57
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.....	1,223.70
2.50% C.E. Board.....	1,223.70
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Bd..	1,223.70
9.00% Mo. State Retirement Program	4,405.31
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College	14,929.12
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 (\$149.29 included in \$14,929.12)	
5.00% Mo. State Conference Center Fund	2,447.40

TOTAL \$48,947.94

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

JULY 1998

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Amity.....	\$ 97.08
Aulsbury Chapel.....	232.54
Bailey.....	170.00
Bailey Chapel.....	170.00
Belton.....	328.61
Berean.....	50.00
Bethel - El Dorado Springs.....	73.54
Black Oak.....	202.98
Bourbon.....	93.00
Byrd.....	216.75
Byrd.....	70.15
Cabool.....	358.14
Calvary Chapel.....	658.34
Cape Girardeau.....	875.00
Carthage.....	168.40
Carthage.....	168.57
Central.....	934.54
Chapel of the Ozarks.....	180.85
Clifton.....	84.10
Clifton.....	76.27
Columbia.....	126.83

Copper Mines.....	330.10
Cornerstone.....	90.00
Cornerstone.....	40.00
Cornerstone.....	29.00
Crossroads - Richland.....	1,148.00
Crossroads - Wentzville.....	449.75
Cuba.....	467.00
Cuba.....	511.00
DeSoto 1st.....	1,175.00
Faith & Hope - Willow Springs.....	40.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora.....	116.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora.....	67.90
Faith - Lemay.....	50.00
Faith - St. Louis.....	50.00
Farmington 1st.....	2,611.34
Fellowship.....	400.00
Fordland.....	674.16
Fourth.....	250.80
Fredericktown 1st.....	301.00
Freeman Chapel.....	423.91
Friendship.....	425.05
Grace - Arnold.....	1,379.00
Grace - Arnold.....	1,131.00
Grant Avenue.....	832.99
Greenfield.....	104.00
Hannibal.....	68.00
Hannibal.....	64.00
Hannibal.....	41.00
Hannibal.....	40.00
Hannon.....	665.51
Hartville.....	768.00
Hartville.....	869.00
Heritage.....	272.00
Hopewell.....	169.00
Houston 1st.....	302.40
Hurryville.....	457.24
Jackson.....	126.33
Joplin 1st.....	608.78
Kingsway.....	266.00
Kirksville 1st.....	5.00
Koshkonong.....	197.37
Koshkonong.....	150.24
Lead Hill.....	267.90
Lebanon 1st.....	740.38
Lebanon FWB.....	369.20
Lebanon FWB.....	294.18
Lone Star.....	54.00
Macedonia - Niangua.....	98.51
Merls Chapel.....	110.00
Mill Creek.....	387.39
Mine La Motte.....	59.65
Mine La Motte.....	69.51
Monett 1st.....	565.75
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	1,505.22
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	1,308.33
Mt. Pisgah.....	357.00
Mt. Zion - Gower.....	51.80
Myrtle.....	253.38
Myrtle.....	232.21
Neosho 1st.....	190.00

New Life - Licking.....	331.05
New Rock Springs.....	64.00
New Rock Springs.....	184.00
Niangua.....	153.00
North Five.....	137.16
Number One.....	83.53
Number One.....	91.16
O'Fallon 1st.....	713.65
Overland.....	105.00
Ozark 1st.....	1,049.80
Park Hills.....	887.55
Park Hills 1st.....	545.58
Parkview.....	410.40
Parkway.....	1,692.00
Pleasant Hill.....	111.80
Pleasant Home.....	258.05
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana.....	91.00
Potosi 1st.....	117.80
Republic.....	100.00
Richwoods 1st.....	429.00
Rock Chapel.....	299.13
Rolla 1st.....	168.00
Royal Oak.....	114.00
Seymour.....	274.00
Smyrna.....	90.00
South Fremont.....	250.00
South Fremont.....	200.00
South Fremont.....	64.00
Southside.....	128.40
Springfield 1st.....	930.23
Stockton.....	136.88
Thayer.....	875.00
Trinity.....	1,070.64
Twin Oak.....	908.50
Union Grove.....	345.00
Union Light.....	362.00
United.....	981.55
Unity.....	340.00
Verdella.....	528.54
Victory - Alton.....	268.29
Waynesville 1st.....	429.12
West Plains 1st.....	707.00
Wilderness.....	946.63
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove.....	286.63
Wolf Creek.....	271.90
TOTAL.....	\$48,947.94

SHOW-ME PLAN

AmeriVision - Lee, G.....	\$ 5.05
Aulsbury Chapel.....	150.00
Barker, Rev. J.....	15.00
Beacon.....	312.00
Belton.....	105.00
Belton Ladies Aux.....	15.00
Berean.....	30.00
Berry, Roberta.....	15.00
Bethel - El Dorado Springs.....	206.69
Bethel - Festus.....	45.00
Big Creek.....	55.00
Bishop, Betty Jean.....	15.00
Bismarck.....	90.00
Black Oak.....	90.00
Bourbon.....	15.00
Buffalo 1st.....	60.00
Buxton, Greg.....	30.00
Cabool.....	135.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo.....	105.00
Carter, J.....	15.00
Central.....	391.00
Chism, Beula.....	5.00
Chrisman, Mona.....	30.00
Columbia.....	45.00
Copper Mines.....	30.00
Copper Mines - Young Adult.....	15.00
Copper Mines - HT, Teen & Jr.....	15.00
Crossroads - Lebanon.....	150.00
Cuba.....	106.56
Cuba.....	83.00
DeSoto 1st.....	400.00
DeSoto 1st - Auditorium Class.....	15.00
Eastern Gate.....	40.00
Eastern Gate WNAC.....	20.00
Faith - St. Louis.....	30.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora.....	30.00
Faith & Hope - Willow Springs.....	60.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora.....	30.00
Faith - St. Louis.....	20.00
Farmington 1st.....	465.00
Farmington 1st.....	300.00
Fellowship.....	910.51
Fordland.....	230.00
Fourth.....	225.00
Fourth.....	210.00
Francis, Nedra.....	15.00
Fredericktown 1st.....	150.00
Freeman Chapel.....	540.00
Gardner Church.....	180.00
Garrett, Rodney.....	15.00
Gospel Light.....	675.00
Grace.....	401.00
Grace.....	273.00
Graham, S.....	15.00

Grant Avenue.....	475.00
Greenfield.....	360.00
Hannon.....	895.51
Happy Hill.....	30.00
Harmony - Parkville.....	25.00
Harris, F.....	45.00
Hartville.....	195.00
Hartville.....	195.00
Houston 1st.....	260.30
Hurryville.....	300.00
Hurryville Sr. Adult S.S. Class.....	21.00
Jackson.....	30.00
Jones Chapel.....	120.00
Kings Way.....	10.00
Kirk, Bettie.....	75.00
Leadington.....	390.00
Lebanon 1st.....	75.00
Lebanon FWB.....	30.00
Looney, Kay.....	15.00
Macedonia Auxiliary.....	2,000.00
Maggart, David.....	45.00
Merls Chapel.....	150.00
Mill Creek.....	90.00
Mill Creek Young Adult SS.....	15.00
Mine La Motte.....	45.00
Mine La Motte.....	45.00
Mo. State Woman's Aux.....	980.00
Monett 1st.....	210.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	6,195.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	1,115.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	75.00
Myrtle.....	75.00
Myrtle.....	75.00
Neill, Russ.....	90.00
Neosho 1st.....	450.00
New Home - Hartville.....	150.00
New Life - Licking.....	88.25
New Testament.....	30.00
Noel, Dorothy.....	15.00
Oak Grove - Houston.....	15.00
O'Fallon 1st.....	168.00
Ozark 1st.....	20.00
Park Hills 1st.....	266.28
Park Hills 1st.....	163.68
Parkview.....	333.25
Parson, Otto.....	15.00
Pinkerton, Jerry.....	45.00
Pleasant Grove - Anderson.....	45.00
Pleasant Home.....	90.00
Pleasant Ridge - Alton.....	90.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana.....	50.00
Purdy.....	360.00
Richardson, Olin.....	15.00
Richwoods 1st.....	52.50
Rock Chapel.....	480.00
Rogers, Floyd.....	15.00
Royal Oak.....	120.00
Ruble, Nathan.....	45.00
Schebaum, John.....	80.00
South Fremont.....	20.00
South Fremont.....	175.00
South Fremont.....	25.00
Springfield 1st.....	535.00
Thayer.....	362.50
Trinity.....	645.00
United.....	300.00
Unity.....	75.00
Verdella.....	460.00
Verdella.....	528.54
Viburnum.....	95.00
Walker, Hollis.....	15.00
West Plains 1st.....	10.00
West Plains 1st.....	10.00
West Plains 1st Auxiliary.....	30.00
White, Richard.....	15.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove.....	75.00
Willow Springs 1st.....	150.00
Wilson, R.....	15.00
TOTAL.....	\$29,123.62

FOREIGN MISSIONS - DESIGNATED

Beacon.....	\$ 224.00
Bridges, Etta.....	10.00
Cape Girardeau.....	350.00
Central.....	25.00
Chapman, Alan.....	15.00
Davidson, Erma.....	20.00
Farmington 1st.....	25.00
Fordland.....	5.00
Fourth.....	55.00
Grant Avenue.....	51.00
Greater Kansas City.....	1,000.00
Greenfield.....	15.70
Harmony Fellowship (CO).....	114.00
Joplin 1st.....	115.00
Kirksville.....	43.00
Merls Chapel.....	50.00
Minor, Ken.....	10.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	230.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	80.00
Neosho 1st.....	60.00
New Testament.....	120.00

Oak Grove - Mtn. Grove.....	86.40
Ozark 1st.....	65.00
Rock Chapel.....	15.00
Thayer.....	85.00
Trinity.....	288.85
Verdella.....	101.59
Viburnum.....	10.00
Waynesville 1st.....	50.00
TOTAL.....	\$3,319.54

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Belton.....	\$ 13.50
Berean.....	15.00
Cuba.....	53.29
Cuba.....	41.50
DeSoto 1st.....	50.00
DeSoto Children's Church.....	20.00
Faith FWB - Chandler, IN.....	25.00
Faith - Chandler, IN.....	25.00
Fordland.....	5.00
Gospel Light.....	40.00
Grace.....	86.00
Grace - Arnold.....	116.48
Grant Avenue.....	10.00
Greater KC Association.....	1,000.00
Lebanon Bible & Book Store.....	315.00
Macedonia Auxiliary.....	100.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	25.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	40.00
New Home - Hartville.....	10.00
O'Fallon 1st.....	66.25
Ozark 1st.....	10.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana.....	20.00
Rock Chapel.....	72.54
Saint Francois Association.....	100.00
Thayer.....	57.50
Trinity.....	10.00
United.....	25.00
White, Richard.....	10.00
WNAC.....	52.80
TOTAL.....	\$2,414.86

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Beacon.....	\$ 80.00
Belton.....	13.50
Buffalo 1st.....	50.00
Cape Girardeau.....	525.00
Carthage.....	10.00
Carthage.....	10.00
Chapman, Alan.....	15.00
Cornerstone.....	10.00
Cornerstone.....	10.00
Cuba.....	53.29
Cuba.....	41.50
DeSoto 1st.....	587.00
DeSoto Auditorium Class.....	10.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora.....	40.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora.....	25.00
Farmington 1st.....	15.00
Flat River 1st Youth.....	150.00
Flat River 1st Youth.....	130.50
Fordland.....	35.00
Grace.....	127.00
Grace.....	110.00
Grant Avenue.....	136.30
Hannon.....	399.30
Harmony Fellowship (CO).....	131.00
Hartville.....	100.00
Hartville.....	100.00
Hoggard, Judy.....	20.00
Houston 1st.....	70.00
Indian Creek Association.....	1,400.00
Joplin 1st.....	20.00
King, Brenda.....	10.00
Lebanon FWB.....	5.00
Macedonia Auxiliary.....	200.00
Monett 1st.....	70.00
Monett 1st.....	100.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	130.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	95.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	25.00
Myrtle.....	40.00
Myrtle.....	40.00
Neosho 1st.....	65.00
New Home - Hartville.....	10.00
New Testament.....	300.00
Oak Grove - Monett.....	43.20
O'Fallon 1st.....	66.25
Ozark 1st.....	50.00
Park Hills 1st.....	458.81
Park Hills 1st.....	124.56
Pleasant Home.....	111.81
Rader, J.W.....	20.00
Richwoods 1st.....	41.00
South Fremont.....	15.00
Thayer.....	232.50
Thebeau, Bob.....	5.00
Trinity.....	35.00
United.....	150.00
Unity.....	50.00
Verdella.....	40.00
Viburnum.....	41.00

Waynesville 1st.....	50.00
West Plains 1st.....	90.00
West Plains 1st.....	105.00
White, Richard.....	10.00
Wolf Creek.....	75.00
TOTAL.....	\$7,328.52

MISSOURI FWB YOUTH CAMP

New Life - Monett.....	\$ 67.40
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	10.00
West Plains 1st.....	25.00
Hartville.....	10.00
Ozark 1st.....	10.00
Buffalo 1st.....	50.00
Hannon.....	15.00
Thayer.....	57.50
New Home - Hartville.....	10.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	10.00
Lebanon Bible & Book.....	195.00
Park Hills 1st.....	54.44
Verdella.....	20.00
Trinity.....	14.00
DeSoto 1st.....	50.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove.....	10.00
Cabool 1st.....	10.00
West Plains 1st.....	25.00
Berean.....	15.00
New Rock Springs.....	10.00
New Life - Monett.....	66.66
Park Hills 1st.....	43.50
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	10.00
Hartville.....	10.00
TOTAL.....	\$798.50

FWB BIBLE COLLEGE

Farmington 1st.....	\$152.61
Thayer.....	45.00
Beacon.....	6.00
Nathan Ruble.....	45.00
Verdella.....	105.71
DeSoto 1st.....	35.00
Fourth.....	112.00
TOTAL.....	\$501.32

HILLSDALE FWB COLLEGE

Cuba (Have a Heart).....	\$100.00
Farmington.....	94.80
Hannon.....	50.00
Thayer.....	50.00
Beacon.....	10.00
Grant Avenue.....	8.00
Neosho 1st.....	120.00
Fordland.....	5.00
Joplin 1st.....	200.00
Cuba (Have a Heart).....	100.00
TOTAL.....	\$737.80

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington 1st.....	\$52.62
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REV. JOHN MCCLURE

Mtn. Grove 1st.....	\$ 17.50
Carthage.....	76.47
Monett 1st.....	35.00
Thayer.....	10.00
Grace.....	15.00
Trinity.....	10.00
Grace.....	15.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	17.50
Carthage.....	57.79
TOTAL.....	\$254.26

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

New Life - Monett.....	\$ 67.40
Myrtle.....	9.00
Belton.....	30.00
Unity.....	10.00
DeSoto 1st.....	70.00
New Life - Monett.....	66.66
Myrtle.....	6.00
TOTAL.....	\$259.06

STEVE SMITH

DeSoto 1st.....	\$50.00
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TOGETHER WAY PLAN

FOUR SPECIAL DAYS

Cuba.....	\$100.00
South Central Association.....	200.00
Cuba.....	100.00
TOTAL.....	\$400.00

NEW HOPE - PANAMA

West Plains 1st.....	\$795.50
Harmony - K.C. Youth.....	100.00
TOTAL.....	\$895.50

2004 CONVENTION

Mission Association.....	\$1,500.00
Greater K.C. Association.....	75.00
TOTAL.....	\$1,575.00

LESSONS FROM NATURE

BY
GARRY MATTHEWS

"You just can't do that out here! If you try, the deer will strip it." Those were the comments from our neighbors nine years ago when we moved from town to our present home. Each home was built on a 3-5 acre lot carved out of the oak and hickory ridges just west of Kirksville. Those comments came as our startled neighbors shook their heads as they watched us plant our garden and our flower beds along the brush line that began less than 25 yards from the back of our house. In fact, the first couple of weeks I spent cutting the jungle that had reclaimed the waste lagoon from the previous owners. However, like good "ol native Missourians" the deer was going to have to "show-me" (us) that we couldn't have a garden and flowers.

That first summer we were so proud of our growing garden. The beans flourished beside the peas, radishes, lettuce, and "maters"—the garden looked so promising. Then one morning we went out to a garden of leafless stalks. The deer had found our garden, and they also had found and sampled our flowers—and they kept coming back!! Our neighbors' "told you so attitude" stirred a fire deep within us. We would find a way to have our garden, our flowers, and our deer! Over the ensuing years we experimented with various methods and plants, until we achieved our goal—a productive garden, colorful flower beds, gooseberries, rhubarb, and blackberries. It was through trial and error and "fly-in-your-face" stubbornness that we succeeded. We ended up fencing the garden with a 5 ft. tall 2"x4" welded wire fence. Even though deer are capable of leaping 8-9 ft., not once in the last 6 years have they ever been in our garden. By observing what flowers the deer ate and what they left alone, we now have established flower beds all along the brush line. Yes, ever so often some plants get nibbled on, and some devoured, but we have beautiful flowers blooming throughout the growing season—and yes, we have our deer. Guess what, those same neighbors didn't refuse garden-fresh vegetables that we shared with them, and they "just loved" our landscaping. They even wrote and told the previous owners, who had moved to Wyoming, what we had done! Now in our area there are other small, fenced gardens, flower beds, and ornamental shrubs! All because we refused to give-in to the accepted fact—"you can't do that here!"

How many times in our churches and our Christian lives have we heard that phrase, "you just can't do that here"? How often have we accepted that logic, either out of respect for those that have gone before, fear of failure, or fear of the work required to be successful? Some of our neighbors had tried to have gardens and flowers before, and the deer had devoured them as they did ours. The difference was: they accepted defeat; we determined to succeed! Have we determined to succeed in our Christian lives and our church ministries? To succeed takes relentless determination, a willingness to pay the price, a willingness to keep trying and change tactics, until the goal is reached! The alternative is fruitless, flowerless, mediocrity. Which do we want—which will we accept?

"Therefore, my beloved brethern, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."
1 Corinthians 15:58

The Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

Our auxiliary's executive committee recently met to plan the upcoming year; one theme kept coming up—"service." We reiterated the fact that we can approach people and tell them "God loves you" and, upon this first meeting, scare off these prospects. However, if we show these same people God's love in action, our chances of winning them to God skyrocket. You see, even a lost world recognizes God's love when they see it in action.

Unfortunately, homes don't exhibit love. Churches don't display love. People don't possess love. "Love" . . . it is not an emotion but a decision to seek out the welfare of another.

Who is it you just "can't love"? Are you labeling yourself a Christian yet living a life of anger and hate? God does not give us the option to love . . . He commands it. He does not let us pick and choose who to love just as He doesn't turn us away in spite of knowing our ugliest sins.

Jesus is the perfect example of God's love. By not sharing love, we discredit Christ and the Gospel.

I urge you—no matter your age—to study 1 Corinthians 13 (the "Love" chapter) and challenge yourself to promote love in our world. It's one thing we'll never have too much of.

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