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Show You Care

September Is Pastor Appreciation Month

The Bible Says in I Corinthians 16:18

**"For they have refreshed my spirit and yours:
therefore acknowledge ye them that are such." KJV**

" . . . I hope you properly appreciate the work of such men as these." TLB

" . . . such men deserve recognition." NIV

" . . . you should appreciate people like them." CEV

"We Appreciate You, Pastor"

By Don J. Giesmann

*For your long hours . . .
For taking those phone calls at all hours . . .
For being patient when you would rather run . . .
For those caring visits that only He knows about . . .
For coming to the Emergency Room . . .
For your helping us while your family waited for you . . .
For your smiles at the potluck dessert table . . .
For your enduring the discussion of what color the carpet should be . . .
For trusting the Lord and showing us His ways . . .
For proclaiming the precious promises . . .
For being yourself . . .
For your sense of humor that helped lift your burdens . . .
For your consecration to Christ, seen on your face and in your life . . .
For sharing your failures and demonstrating how to overcome them . . .
For being willing to try something new to reach someone new . . .
For showing up because you cared . . .
For remembering and really praying for our prayer requests . . .
For making time for us when we didn't have an appointment . . .
For all of this and so much more, we appreciate you, Pastor!*

The Urgency Of My Task

by Archie Cooper

(This article was first printed in the March 1979 *Gem*)

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31, 32).

I read somewhere of an Arabian Prince who received a new sword. One of his friends found fault, saying, "The sword is too short." But the Prince wisely replied, "To a brave man no sword is too short. If it be too short, take one step forward and it will be long enough."

Are we truly going on toward Christian maturity? Are we really continuing in the Christian faith?

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3).

"If ye continue ... ye are my disciples indeed." May these words send us on our way in genuine discipleship again.

REMEMBER

Remember what God in Christ Jesus has done for us. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

Remember the vows which we made to God in that high and holy moment when we first gave our hearts to Him.

Israel was a forgetful people in spite of God's favor and blessing as noted by the Psalmist's lament. "They forgot God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt" (Psalm 106:21). Do you remember your first Bible? Do you remember when you were baptized? Do you remember your first testimony? What a thrill and joy to become a partaker of that new life in Christ. Remember?

RECOMMIT

One committed to Christ should always be sensitive to His will and to His way. The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 12:1, 2, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." There's not a day but every Christian should begin it with a sincere recommitment of his life to Christ and to God's will for his Commitment of life, for it is not our own; commitment of possessions, for we are only stewards over them. When we remember how careful we were when we were first saved, what a blessing awaits us when once again we renew our commitment to Him.

REDISCOVER

The urgency of our task as a Christian calls for a rediscovery of our possessions in Christ. Some of us have been saved quite

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a long time. We've lost the thrill and wonder and even the joy of our salvation.

We need to rediscover the joy of our salvation. Jesus said, "... that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full" (John 15:11). David said, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation" (Psalm 51:12).

We need to rediscover the fellowship of the church. Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together for fellowship. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them," said Jesus. When the fellowship of church becomes our life, then we will be faithful to the services of the church.

We need to rediscover the promises of the Bible. Truly great and precious promises are given to us in Word of God, of which many have not been claimed.

REDEDICATE

The urgency of our task demands a new sense of dedication, and the words of David the king strike us quite forcibly

when we hear him say, "And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" (1 Chronicles 5). For the flickering fires of faith, nothing is so necessary as allowing the Holy Spirit to rekindle our hearts, our love, our devotion, and our loyalty to Christ. We need to heed the admonition of the Apostle Paul to his son Timothy, "Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of which is in thee" (2 Timothy 1:6). These are days that call for a rededication of our thoughts and energies as the people of God. To Free Will Baptists of today God seems to come with clarion call to the urgency of our task to preach and teach while the door of opportunity is still open.

ABOUT THE WRITER: Reverend Archie Cooper was saved in 1934 and began preaching in 1935. He pastored several different churches in the Northeast Association and had a morning radio ministry six days a week in Kirksville for about 35 years. He preached over 2600 funerals and 900 weddings over the years.

North Five Burns Mortgage



The North Five Free Will Baptist Church celebrated God's goodness as they burned the mortgage on their church building. The congregation had borrowed money to build a new sanctuary. Through the faithfulness of the people, God enabled them to retire the indebtedness in just eighteen months.

The day of celebration began with a morning worship service in which the pastor's son, Teddy Ruble, delivered the message. The mortgage burning service was held following the noon meal which was provided by the ladies of the church. It was a time of praise and worship as members of the church provided special music before Rev. Nathan Ruble delivered the message. Following the message, Pastor Edward Ruble invited the Deacons and Trustees to join him for the burning of the mortgage. A prayer of thanksgiving was led by Deacon, Don Gregory.



Pastor & Mrs. Edward Ruble

Belton's VBS

"Let's Their Light Shine"

The Belton Free Will Baptist Church had a terrific group for Vacation Bible School this year. The theme was "Let Your Light Shine For Jesus." There were 68 boys and girls enrolled, with an attendance of 98 for the final program.

It was decided that the offerings received each day would be sent to David Potete, Home Missionary in Chicago, Illinois. The children and workers collected \$402.54 to help David show the light of Jesus to people in Chicago.

Men's Retreat

October 22, 23
(Friday night & Saturday morning)
at Camp Cumcito
(the camp is run by Union Mission)
Warsaw, MO
(Hwy. 7 & Route Z)

Sponsored by
Beacon Free Will Baptist Church Master's Men

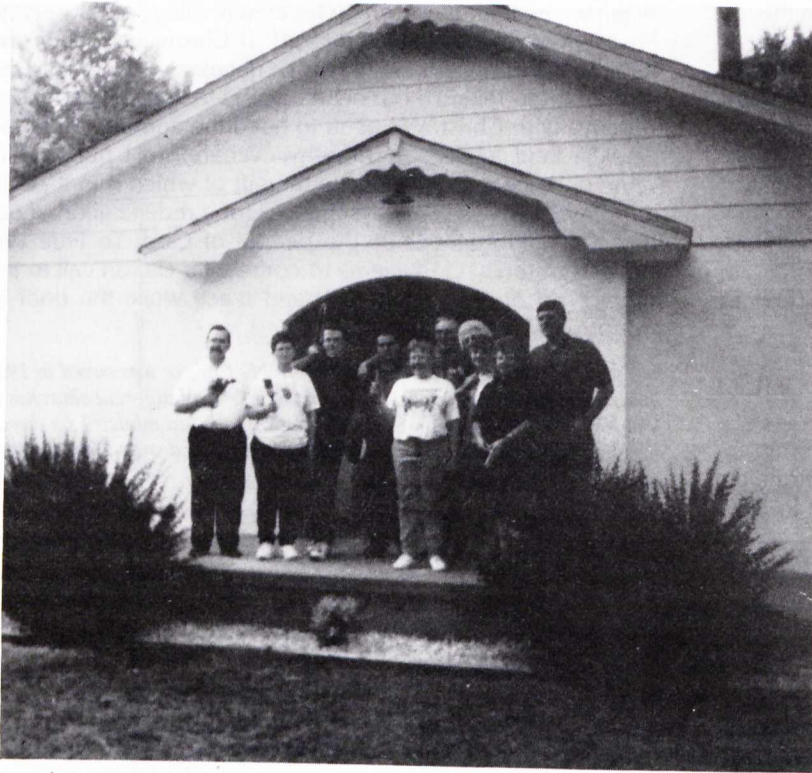
Cost per person \$20
(includes fee, books, 2 meals)

Activities include:

4 seminars:

"Personal Holiness In the Face of Temptation"
(videos with discussion)
Dinner & Breakfast
Worship & Fellowship
Fishing, golf, hiking, etc.

To register, call 816-353-7449. Roger Harwell, Pastor
(For more information call Bob Farwell at 816-246-4516)



Indian Creek Mission Trip

The Indian Creek Association took a trip to Paducah, Kentucky, this year to help out in our National Home Mission church there. Twelve arrived Sunday night, May 30th, and went to work Monday morning ripping up tile throughout the back half of the church, cutting out parts of the floor in the fellowship hall, cutting a hole in the kitchen wall and tearing out kitchen cabinets. At the end of the day it looked like an Oklahoma twister had been inside the church. They told Pastor David Carlson and wife, Wanda, that they had to go back home now, but they did not find it funny.

By Thursday evening, the church had a newly renovated kitchen with new cabinets, new sink, a serving window and stove. The fellowship hall had the floor repaired and new carpet was installed in it as well as in all the classrooms. Fresh landscaping was done to the front of the church and around the sign. The sound system room had sheet rock installed, and the sanctuary stage had a few modifications done to it too.

The church received the group well and had a hamburger/hot dog cookout for them on Wednesday evening before services. Evening services were held on Wednesday and Thursday nights with

good singing, testimonies and fellowship. Pastor David taught on Wednesday, and Rev. McCully preached Thursday night with most of the church attending both nights.

Mission coordinator, Rev. Frank Webster, reports that the trip was a great inspiration for those who went as well as for those that were helped. "Indian Creek has a good spirit of unity in it, and when you spend a week working side by side, you get to see how sweet that spirit is."

Those pictured above are from left to right: Rev. Gene Robinson, Sheila Robinson, Richard Robinson, Robbie Boblett, Angie Robinson, Rev. Jim and Louise McCully, Lisa, Debbie and Rev. Frank Webster.

Hillsdale FWB College Report

Enrollment

During the 1998-99 school year, Hillsdale had a total enrollment of 270 students. These students came from nine states and nine different countries. Of these 270, we had fourteen students from Missouri. Missouri was second, only to Oklahoma, in total students enrolled. The following is a list of those students from Missouri this past year: Larry Bodine, Gene Crewse, Roderic Dablemont, Russell McDaris, Phyllis Meador, Sarah Merryfield, Melvin Moon, Bruce Moore, Rick Pirtle, Gregory Quinlan, Judith Schroeder, Kimberly Walker, and Christie Zimmerman.

Giving

This past year, Free Will Baptist churches of Missouri gave approximately \$42,000 to Hillsdale. The continued prayers and support of our Missouri churches is vital to the ongoing growth of Hillsdale. We thank you for all that you have done and are continuing to do for Hillsdale College.

1998-99 Highlights

We have begun our Capital Stewardship Campaign for our new Classroom/Conference Center Building. At this year's Commencement ceremony, Bill Barber, Chairman of the Campaign's Steering Committee, addressed those in attendance, and then presented President Cheshier with a lead gift of \$1,000,000. Praise God for the blessings He has bestowed upon our college!

The Hillsdale Saints athletic teams had banner years in 1999. This year the Saints brought home NCCAA Division 2 National titles in both men's basketball and men's baseball. Our women's basketball team received 2nd place in the NBCCA National Tournament, and in their first year of competition, our Lady Saints fast-pitch softball team received a bid to their National Tournament. Congratulations to each of these.

Hillsdale Golf Classic

On Friday, September 3, 1999, Hillsdale will be hosting its annual Golf

Classic at John Conrad Regional Golf Course in Midwest City, Oklahoma. The proceeds of this tournament will go toward the college's Van Fund. Hillsdale is in dire need of an additional van to transport its promotional groups (NewLife, Players, etc.), mission trips, and athletic teams. If you, or your church, is interested in being a sponsor of this tournament, please contact Toby Youngblood at (405) 912-9010, or Greg Connor at (405) 912-9011.

Spring On Campus Days

The dates for Hillsdale's *On Campus Days 2000* have been set. Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend this year's extravaganza. This year's event will take place from Thursday, March 23, through Friday, March 25, 2000. For more information, contact Hillsdale's Recruitment Office at (405) 912-9007. We look forward to seeing you there.

40th Anniversary Celebration Rev. and Mrs. Dale Skiles



Dale & Elaine Skiles

On Sunday evening, June 20, 1999, friends and family members gathered to celebrate the 40th wedding anniversary of Dale and Elaine Skiles.

The anniversary party was hosted by the Skiles' daughters, Crystal, Carla and Laura, at South Fremont Free Will Baptist Church.

The event was kept a surprise until moments before the evening worship service that Sunday evening. Dale and Elaine were thrilled to see out of town family members, friends from former pastorates, neighbors, and several from South Fremont Church. They all had come to wish them well on this very special occasion.

The evening concluded with Dale singing to Elaine, "Look At Us," after 40 years together.

Dale and Elaine were united in holy matrimony on June 20, 1959, at the Berkely Free Will Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri, with the Rev. Harvey Hill officiating.

Riggs and Davis Wed

The children of Rev. Raymond Riggs, Cookeville, Tennessee, and Burnice Davis of Monett, Missouri, announce the marriage of their parents on July 22, 1999, at the Cookeville Free Will Baptist Church in Cookeville, Tennessee.

Burnice Davis is the widow of the late Rev. Winford Davis of Monett, Missouri. They will make their home at 120 Elm Street, P. O. Box 49334, Algood, Tennessee 38506.

Rejoice with us in how God can turn hurts into happiness, despair into delight, and loneliness into love.

Rev. Riggs hopes to continue ministry in the field of evangelism as opportunities afford.

LESSONS FROM NATURE

BY GARRY MATTHEWS

What a morning! The sunrise was absolutely gorgeous! It looked like it was going to be a beautiful fall morning. As the sun began to usher in a new day, the songbirds began to flit from their overnight roosts. In the absolute quiet of the morning their wing beats could be heard from several yards away. An owl swooped and swerved through the trees a few feet overhead as it ended its evening hunt. Its mighty wings were whisper quiet compared to the loud flutterings of the songbirds. "One hunter heading home—another just beginning his vigil," I said to myself as my eyes turned from the night marauder to the longbow and feathered shaft in my hands. Another bowhunting day had dawned. With great anticipation I wondered what adventures this day would hold. I couldn't help but feel a twinge of guilt as I thought how many times I have failed to look forward to the "spiritual adventures" and opportunities that each new day holds with that same level of anticipation. I think the Apostle Paul had that level of anticipation, and we see what he was able to accomplish for the Lord in a relatively short period of time.

The woods came alive with sound—falling acorns, squirrels leaping from tree top to tree top, sending showers of acorns and oak leaves earthward. A new sound caught my attention—it was the unmistakable rhythm of a deer feeding along the ridge top. My eyes focused on the area my ears had pinpointed. A flash of movement, a shadow, then the unmistakable form of a deer moved through the underbrush. Through the thick brush I caught a fleeting glimpse of antlers—a small buck! I couldn't tell if it was a fork-horn or the small spike buck I had seen a few days before. Either way, I really wasn't interested in him this early in the season. What I wanted now was a big old doe for the freezer, then I would hunt antlers later. I practiced drawing my bow in different directions, anticipating possible shooting opportunities. The small buck fed out of sight and out of range across the ridge. I was glad! The temptation might have been too great had he presented the right shot. I went back to enjoying the antics of the grey fox squirrels feeding around me. A great debate raged within me—I like fried and barbecued squirrel—and I couldn't decide whether to hunt squirrels or deer. Finally deer hunting won out, and I let the squirrels feed in peace. "Today, Mr. Squirrel, all you have to worry about is hawks—I won't harrass you."

And so the morning sun climbed higher in the sky. I was soaking up the warmth of its rays on my back when I caught a flash of brown across the ridge. Three deer moved along the ridge parallel to my position. In the lead was what I was looking for—a large, mature doe. She was moving steadily toward the

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Did You Know?

- 80% of pastors surveyed felt their ministry affected their family negatively
- 75% reported a serious stress-related crisis at least once in their ministry
- 50% felt unable to meet the demands of the job
- 90% felt inadequately trained to cope with job demands
- 70% had a lower self image than when they started in ministry
- 40% had a serious conflict with a parishioner once a month
- 50% had considered leaving the ministry within the past three months
- 70% had no one they considered to be a close friend

These statistics come from a survey taken by Fuller Seminary.

LESSONS FROM NATURE (continued from page 5)

fence line and the safety of the state park. Her apparent course would never bring her into bow range. Still, I shifted position ever so slightly and learned forward with my bow arm up keeping the arrow pointed at her chest. Just before she reached the fence she turned to the right and headed off the ridge top toward the flat along the creek bottom below. This path would bring her directly in front of my position about thirty yards out. As she picked her way through the brush, I focused my eyes on a spot in the hollow place just behind her right front leg. She stopped behind a screen of saplings. In front of her was a small opening created by the trunk of a fallen tree. She turned slightly, angling away as she stepped across the log exposing the back of her rib cage. My eyes were focused on a quarter-sized spot between her last two ribs. Suddenly the white feathers of my arrow were barely protruding from that spot. It was as if a clump of milkweed fuzz had stuck to her sleek coat at that spot. However, this white fuzz was fatal. In less than ten ticks of the second hand it was over and she was down less than sixty steps away.

As I knelt beside her, I ran my hand along her rib cage admiring the sleek winter coat. The only blemishes on her coat were the two small slits where the arrow had entered and exited her lungs. Later, her coat would be sent to be tanned, and my wife now carries a black leather purse I had made from the doe's hide. (HINT: Guys, that's a good way to stay in the "good graces" of a non-hunting spouse, especially if you hunt as much as I do!) There on my knees beside the fallen doe, I bowed my head and thanked the Lord (as is my custom) for the bounty He provided. You see, I've bowhunted long enough to know that the odds of being successful are mighty slim. How many hundreds of times have I been in a similar situation, only to have something go wrong, and not get a shot—or m-m-miss! I knew the doe was a gift from God! Yes sir, bowhunting has taught me to be thankful in the big things and in the small things. Little did I know that in two weeks a buck would fall to my son Chad's arrow. Before the end of the year, two more does would fall to my arrows. Sometimes God blesses in abundance, and two other families shared in the bounty of God's provision.

God wants His people to acknowledge His goodness and blessings with thanksgiving. The Apostle Paul says in **Ephesians 5:20, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ..."** Giving thanks for all things—nothing is too insignificant; nothing is achieved solely on our own abilities. It all (including our abilities and success) is a gift from God!

Sometimes we, Christians, are the most ungrateful people in the world! We have the **most** to be thankful for! Yet, often the most heathen, primitive peoples of the world put us to shame as they give thanks and praise to their lifeless gods for the simplest of things! Paul says in 2 Timothy 3:2, that in the last days one of the characteristics of mankind is "unthankfulness." Let's not let our lives be characterized as "unthankful." Right now, take a moment to thank God for the blessings of this very day—no matter how eventful or uneventful this day may have been. **Be thankful!** If for nothing else, then be thankful for the fact that I finally ran out of words.

Camp Re-Development Update

By Russell McDaris

As you may know by now, the Youth Camp Board has established a Tabernacle & Development Fund to help build a new tabernacle on the Youth Camp grounds. We are urging all the churches to help us build a much needed facility for our

youth for their camp sessions in the summer. It will be a nice air conditioned and heated building with all modern facilities for worship and teaching as well as recreation.

We are hoping to get started on the project at the beginning of next year. What a way to kick off the new millennium! An investment in our youth is the wisest investment we could make. We need your prayers as we undertake this great project for the future of our Youth Camp. The estimated cost of the tabernacle will be \$300,000. Please prayerfully consider asking your church to get involved in the great work of the Lord. Those who have already contributed are:

Hazel Creek	\$301.15
West Plains	2,651.87
United (West Plains)	4,400.00
Mission Association	500.00
Lebanon Woman's Aux.	156.00
Liberty Association	1,000.00
Cabool 1st	250.00
Pleasant Hill	50.00
Unity	2,000.00
Houston 1 st	1,000.00
DeSoto 1 st	1,000.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Harmony	10.00
Hannon	1,000.00
Opal Mooney	80.00
Esther Glenn	100.00
State Convention Offering ..	414.20
Teen Camp Offering	1,864.00
TOTAL	\$16,787.22

If your organization has given and you are not on this list, it will probably be in the next issue or sometime in the near future. If you would like to give to the Tabernacle & Development Fund, you may send your donation to the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, P. O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536.

YOUTH CAMP '99 STATISTICAL REPORT

Teen Week: Four hundred thirty-five (435) campers and sponsors registered. Sixteen (16) campers were saved, forty-eight (48) rededicated their lives to the Lord, and sixteen (16) made special decisions. The Wednesday evening offering totaled \$4,040.50.

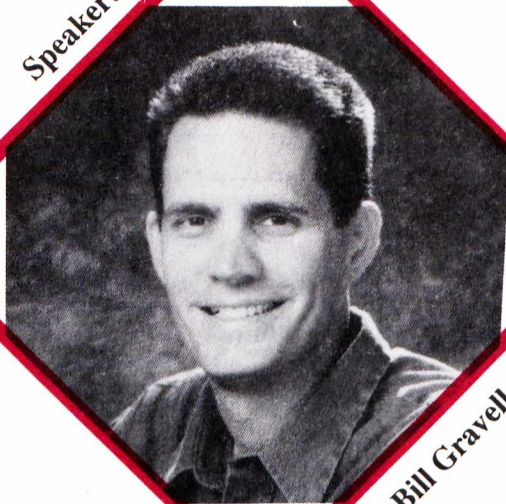
Pre-Teen Group I: Four hundred thirty-four (434) campers and sponsors registered. Twenty-three (23) campers were saved, fifty (50) rededicated their lives to the Lord, and twenty-six (26) made special decisions. The Wednesday evening offering totaled \$5,926.72.

Pre-Teen Group II: Three hundred thirty-four (334) campers and sponsors registered. Fifty-six (56) campers were saved, twenty-nine (29) rededicated their lives to the Lord, and twenty-six (26) made special decisions. The Wednesday evening offering totaled \$1,904.50.

The three week totals:

Total Registration	1,203
Total Saved	95
Total Rededications	127
Total Special Decisions	68
Total Offerings	\$11,871.72

Speaker:



Bill Gravell

Music By:



FFH

Missouri State Youth Conference

November 19-20, 1999

at Windermere Baptist Conference Center

**\$35.00
per person**

**Don't
miss it!**



1999 Missouri State Youth Conference

Group Registration Form

(Must be postmarked by October 10.)

Church _____

Group Leader _____

Address _____

City _____

Leader's Phone # _____

City _____ Zip _____

Guys

1. _____

Grade _____ Phone # _____

2. _____

Grade _____ Phone # _____

3. _____

Grade _____ Phone # _____

4. _____

Grade _____ Phone # _____

5. _____

Grade _____ Phone # _____

6. _____

Grade _____ Phone # _____

7. _____

Grade _____ Phone # _____

8. _____

Grade _____ Phone # _____

9. _____

Grade _____ Phone # _____

10. _____

Grade _____ Phone # _____

Girls

1. _____

Grade _____ Phone # _____

2. _____

Grade _____ Phone # _____

3. _____

Grade _____ Phone # _____

4. _____

Grade _____ Phone # _____

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Grade _____ Phone # _____

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Grade _____ Phone # _____

9. _____

Grade _____ Phone # _____

10. _____

Grade _____ Phone # _____

Male Sponsors

1. _____

Age _____ Phone # _____

2. _____

Age _____ Phone # _____

3. _____

Age _____ Phone # _____

4. _____

Age _____ Phone # _____

Female Sponsors

1. _____

Age _____ Phone # _____

2. _____

Age _____ Phone # _____

3. _____

Age _____ Phone # _____

4. _____

Age _____ Phone # _____

Cost of the conference is \$35 per person.

(Includes lodging and three meals.)

_____ x \$35 = \$ _____

(# attending)

(Total Amount)

Mail completed registration form, check for registration fees 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 per person.

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)

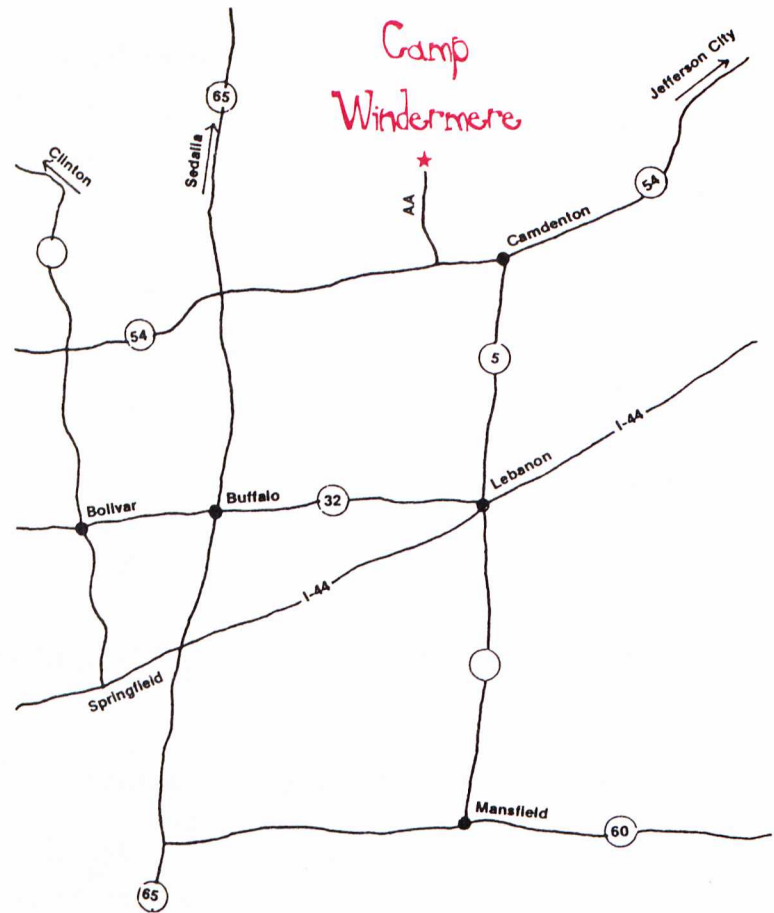
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About Bill Gravell:

Bill is an innovative speaker with a real talent to touch the hearts of students. Fourteen years experience as a Youth Pastor in a local church have given him a clear understanding of the needs of today's students and youth workers.

About FFH:

With richly textured voices, FFH stakes out a distinctive, acoustic-based vocal sound. They want their music to be "cross-generational," bringing young and old together in a true worship experience. Lead singer and songwriter, Jeromy Deibler, says, "Our primary purpose is to reach as many people for Jesus Christ as possible, and we've found our mission field right inside the walls of our own churches."



1999 Missouri State Youth Conference Schedule

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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| 4:00 p.m. | - Begin Registration |
| 7:00 p.m. | - Supper |
| 7:45 p.m. | - <i>FFH</i> Concert |
| 9:00 p.m. | - Meet Bill Gravell |
| 10:00 p.m. | - Break |
| 10:15 p.m. | - Late Night Options
<i>Second Chance</i>
Concert
<i>Hang Out Time</i> |
| 11:00 p.m. | - Cabin Devotions |
| 11:30 p.m. | - LIGHTS OUT |

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- | | |
|------------|--|
| 7:30 a.m. | - Breakfast |
| 9:00 a.m. | - Session 2 with Bill |
| 10:00 a.m. | - Break |
| 10:30 a.m. | - Session 3 with Bill |
| 12:00 noon | - Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | - "OFF THE WALL"
(Youth)
"Youth Workers
Only" with Bill |
| 2:00 p.m. | - Break |
| 3:15 p.m. | - Closing Rally with
Bill |

FFH will lead the praise and worship music for each of the sessions. Youth Workers, it is your responsibility to have your students in each session on time. Attendance is required in all sessions except the Late Night Option. Schedule is subject to change.

Scholarship Program

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

OBJECTIVES

(Primary)

1. To encourage and promote an increased involvement of MO Free Will Baptist students in attendance of one of our four Free Will Baptist Colleges.

2. To provide financial assistance to current and future MO Free Will Baptist ministerial students in preparation for ministry who are or will be attending one of our four Free Will Baptist Colleges.

(Secondary)

3. To encourage and promote an increased level of academic and clerical preparedness and proficiency among members of MO Free Will Baptist clergy by enrollment in an approved, accredited seminary.

4. To provide financial assistance to Free Will Baptist ministers who are currently serving in Missouri, who are attending approved seminaries in pursuit of their Masters or Doctoral degrees in any area of theology or ministry.

INCOME SOURCE & PLAN

1. The Scholarship Fund shall be funded by revenue received from Brotherhood Insurance Company through retro premium refunds, gifts, and a percentage of the Lebanon Bible & Book Store Co-op funds. The percentage will be determined each year with the adoption of the budget.

2. A revocable Trust shall be established with the Free Will Baptist Foundation to establish a perpetual fund that will supply future scholarship needs.

RECIPIENT QUALIFICATIONS

The student shall:

1. Be a member and maintain membership in good standing in a MO Free Will Baptist Church.

2. Maintain at least a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

3. Be pursuing minimally an A.A. in a ministerial degree.

4. Undergraduates must be full-time students maintaining at least the minimal hours of credit each semester for that status.

5. Graduate level students must maintain minimal part-time status enrolled in at least 2 courses per semester or a combined total of 4 courses per year.

ADMINISTRATION & DISBURSEMENT

1. The scholarship program shall be administered by the Executive Committee of the MO Free Will Baptist State Association.

2. Specific allocation amounts to individual students shall be determined annually by dividing budgeted money by the number of qualified students with equal distribution to each student.

3. Scholarship awards will be limited to five years of undergraduate work and three years of graduate work.

AGREEMENT

A recipient of this scholarship agrees to repay the funds which he receives from this scholarship **if he fails to have an active ministry in a Free Will Baptist Church** for five years after completing his course of study.

MO Ministerial Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Are you Licenced? _____ Ordained? _____

Name of MO church where you are a member _____

Pastor's Name _____

Date graduated from High School _____

Name of High School _____

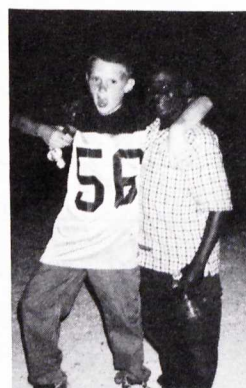
Name of the School you will be attending the fall semester '99. _____

Are you pursuing an Undergraduate degree _____ Graduate degree _____

Last semester grade point average (high school or college) _____

You will be enrolling as a: (circle one) Freshmen Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate Student

Pre-Teen Camp '99



CONVENTION AUTHORIZES EDUCATIONAL TASK FORCE

Delegates to the 63rd annual Free Will Baptist national convention approved two resolutions from Arkansas and Georgia which addressed higher education in the denomination during the July 18-22 meeting in Atlanta. The resolutions called for a task force to open the lines of communication and encourage cooperation among Free Will Baptist colleges in an effort to develop a long-range, comprehensive plan for Christian higher education among Free Will Baptist schools.

Moderator Carl Cheshier announced that Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington will chair the Educational Task Force. The presidents and academic deans of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Hillsdale FWB College, Southeastern FWB College, California Christian College and the Seminary of the Cross in Mexico will serve on the task force. The moderator will appoint five additional members who are not directly affiliated with any of the educational institutions. The cost of the task force will be paid from the convention fund.

ELECTED . . . members to 43 positions on the following boards and commissions: General Officers (4), General Board (19), Executive Committee (6), Home Missions Board (3), Board of Retirement (3), Master's Men Board (3), Media Commission (1), Music Commission (2), Commission for Theological Integrity (1), Historical Commission (1).

REGISTERED . . . 6,592 people in three concurrent conventions, including 678 ordained ministers, 134 deacons, 69 local church delegates, 74 state delegates, 88 home missionaries, 32 foreign missionaries, 2901 non-delegates, 1,680 for the National Youth Conference and 870 for the WNAC convention.

ADOPTED . . . an \$18.8 million denominational budget for the following agencies: Foreign Missions—\$6.1 million; Home Missions—\$4.1 million; Free Will Baptist Bible College—\$3.7 million; Sunday School and Church Training—\$3.4 million; Executive Office—\$641,700; Retirement & Insurance—\$382,000; Master's Men—\$220,800; FWB Foundation—\$132,000; Music Commission—\$45,850; Historical Commission—\$4,800; Commission for Theological Integrity—\$2,800; Media Commission—\$2,100.

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 \$22,000. Undesignated funds will be divided between home and foreign missionaries.

COMPLAINED . . . about the four-block walk from hotels to the Civic Center where worship and business sessions convened. Temperatures in the mid-90s, plus hilly terrain, combined to make the twice-daily walk a miserable experience for attendees.

SELECTED . . . Cincinnati, Ohio, as the site for the 2009 national convention. The convention last met in Cincinnati in 1997.

HEARD . . . five sermons in convention worship services delivered by the following men: Cliff Donoho (Iowa), Danny

Williams (Ala.), Kent Barwick (Tenn.), Roger Hogan (Mo.), Robert Morgan (Tenn.).

GATHERED . . . in the Atlanta Civic Center Monday afternoon to hear Dr. John Maxwell speak in a two-hour Pastors/Laymen Conference.

OVERFLOWED . . . the Imperial Ballroom at Marriott Marquis hotel to here Brenda Vaughn speak Tuesday afternoon at the WNAC Fellowship Dinner. More than 400 tickets were purchased for the event.

EXPANDED . . . the Executive Committee from nine to 13 members in order to get broader participation in selecting speakers for the convention and overseeing the work of the Executive Office.

THANKED . . . the Georgia State Association for their splendid work in hosting the 1999 convention. This marked the third time the National Association has met in Georgia.

JOINED . . . WNAC Tuesday at 11:00 to hear missionary to Brazil Shirley Combs speak at the Civic Center.

EXPERIENCED . . . two firsts in Atlanta: the first time that both exhibits and registration were housed in the headquarters hotel instead of the convention center. Nearly 70 exhibit spaces were filled with denominational agencies and church-related services. The low 10-foot ceiling gave exhibits a cozier than usual atmosphere.

PRAISED . . . the sound and seating in Atlanta's Civic Center. The center, a performing arts building, came equipped with plush seats, a permanent stage and an orchestra pit for the Instrumental Ensemble. David and Deb Hash (Sound On Sound) created a pleasant listening experience for delegates with state-of-the-art sound equipment.

QUESTIONED . . . why some attendees wore pretty, four-color badges while others wore plain, one-color badges. The mystery was solved by one word: Pre-Registration. Some 3,100 pre-registered this year and sported the colorful badges. Everybody who registered on site got the plain badges.

HIKED . . . state representation fees from \$25 to \$50 per church, effective immediately. Rising convention costs required the increase.

FILLED . . . the Tuesday afternoon Theological Trends Seminar on the subject of baptism. Three hundred people listened as Matt Pinson, Paul Harrison and Joel Hampton presented papers on baptism and fielded questions from the audience.

SALUTED . . . the National Youth Conference for sending 600 youths into the streets of Atlanta every day to distribute tracts, work in food banks, clean up overgrown lots with the parks service, prepare food for AIDS patients and more.

RESCUED . . . the computerized on-site registration process the second time around. After a crash and burn experience at the 1998 convention in Tulsa, registration personnel had the system tweaked and up and running for a smooth registration event. The Georgia volunteers came prepared and ready to learn the new system. Registration Coordinator George Harvey, Georgia coordinator Herbert Waid, computer guru Sandy Goodfellow and registration orientation leader Dari Goodfellow put it all together in Atlanta.

AGREED . . . that the Music Commission produced another winner when more than 100 choir members and singers from across the denomination gathered for a two-day recording session to create a project titled, "Worthy of Praise: Extending

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the Invitation to Blended Worship." The project is a collection of hymns, gospel songs, southern gospel tunes and scripture songs.

SAT UP . . . when Free Will Baptist Bible College announced that plans to construct a new campus near Nashville, Tennessee, will be complete by the fall of 2002. The college is also considering a name change in order to assist graduates who encounter difficulties when trying to enter certain countries that restrict access to Christians.

NODDED . . . agreement when Randall House Publications unveiled a program to provide free literature to Free Will Baptist Spanish-speaking churches around the world.

APPRECIATED . . . the joint missions rally on Tuesday morning sponsored by the Home and Foreign Missions Departments. Speaker Ron Owens called listeners to spiritual renewal, prayer and revival. He spoke on the personal prayer life of Christian workers.

WAITED . . . for rookie Foreign Missions Director James Forlines to give his first report. Forlines said that 1,703 people in 13 countries made professions of faith in 1998 through efforts of Free Will Baptist missionaries. He reported 43 ordained national pastors, 322 licensed and lay preachers and six Bible institutes.

RELAXED . . . as veteran Home Missions Director Trymon Messer reported that 14 new couples were sent out as home missionaries, and five mission churches went self-supporting. The department is moving quickly into cross-cultural outreach among Korean, Russian, Slavic and Hispanic people in the U.S.A.

SMILED . . . as the Board of Retirement reported 108 new enrollees this year. The department currently manages more than \$20 million in retirement funds.

CLAPPED . . . when Master's Men director Tom Dooley acknowledged that 1998 was the agency's best year ever financially. The department retired all its indebtedness. Plans call for 200 men to gather in Pittsburgh, Pa., in October to assist home missionary Tommy Jones in door-to-door evangelism and literature distribution.

PAUSED . . . as Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington advised attendees that the remaining indebtedness on the National Offices Building is just over \$59,000. He called for one more push to clear the debt by December 31 and close out the Capital Stewardship/Victory Campaign.

ACCEPTED . . . the final report of the Ministerial Family Life Committee which included a procedure regarding ministerial discipline and restoration, as well as a step-by-step procedure for local church disciplinary action for members.

INVESTED . . . more than \$2 million in the Atlanta economy. This includes hotel rooms, food, shopping and other items.

ENJOYED . . . a sprawling musical feast during worship services. The Convention Choir performed nightly, as did a variety of soloists, duets and other groups. The Music Commission coordinates the annual music package at the convention.

LOGGED . . . 587 entries in the NYC Bible Competition and the Music and Arts Festival. The Greenwood, Arkansas, Bible Bowl team won first place, as did the Mt. Vernon, Illinois, Tic-Tac-Toe team.

CHEERED . . . when NYC officials announced the Youth Group of the Year (First FWB Church, Ada, OK), Youth of the Year (Mitch Cooper, OK) and Youth Worker of the Year (Mark Stripling, AR).

WELCOMED . . . Debe Taylor (AR) as the new WNAC president. She is a mother, a pastor's wife and a graduate of California Christian College. Debe succeeds Everyl Getz as WNAC's president.

LEARNED . . . that the WNAC Foreign Student Scholarship Fund has been re-named the Cleo Pursell Foreign Student Scholarship Fund in honor of the woman who started it. And that the Memorial Student Loan Fund as been re-named the Dr. Mary Ruth Wisehart Loan Fund in honor of her educational achievements.

OCCUPIED . . . more than 1,100 hotel rooms in downtown Atlanta. Most stayed in two properties—Marriott Marquis and Hilton Atlanta & Towers.

GRABBED . . . the opportunity to make videos with the assistance of Media Commission personnel. Some 20 pastors left Atlanta with personalized television commercials designed

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Financial Information

JULY 1999

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board.....	\$9,417.89
17.50% Executive Office.....	8,908.82
3.00% General Fund.....	1,527.23
.50% Show-Me Plan.....	254.53
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.....	4,327.14
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.....	1,272.69
2.50% C.E. Board.....	1,272.69
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Bd.....	1,272.69
9.00% Mo. State Retirement Program.....	4,581.68
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College.....	15,526.79
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	
(\$155.26 included in \$15,526.79)	
5.00% Mo. State Conference Center Fund.....	2,545.37
TOTAL.....	\$50,907.52

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%.

JULY 1999

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Alton.....	\$200.00
Amity.....	129.05
Aulsbury Chapel.....	286.45
Bailey.....	194.00
Beacon.....	1,200.00
Belton.....	376.73
Bethel - El Dorado Springs.....	66.81
Bethel - Marshfield.....	276.00
Bethel - Marshfield.....	210.00
Black Oak.....	278.20

Bourbon.....	94.00
Buffalo 1st.....	210.00
Cabool.....	670.36
Calvary Chapel.....	923.15
Calvary Chapel.....	1,317.21
Cape Girardeau 1st.....	337.59
Carthage.....	173.09
Central.....	872.03
Christ Chapel.....	219.27
Clifton.....	37.90
Columbia.....	158.26
Columbia.....	232.02
Copper Mines.....	498.85
Cornerstone - Joplin.....	44.60
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove.....	652.22
Crossroads - Wentzville.....	488.00
Cuba.....	613.00
DeSoto 1st.....	1,200.00
Emmanuel.....	60.31
Faith & Hope - Aurora.....	55.95
Faith & Hope - Aurora.....	64.65
Faith - St. Louis.....	50.00
Faith & Hope - Willow Springs.....	40.00
Farmington 1st.....	4,156.92
Fellowship.....	800.00
Fordland.....	773.17
Fourth - St. Louis.....	301.79
Fredericktown 1st.....	297.00
Freeman Chapel.....	444.50
Friendship.....	371.47
Grace - Arnold.....	1,163.00
Grant Avenue.....	932.75
Hannibal.....	268.00
Hannon.....	693.28
Harmony - Parkville.....	493.00
Hartville.....	971.00
Hopewell.....	196.00
Houston 1st.....	367.14
Hurryville.....	475.82
Jackson.....	142.66
Joplin 1st.....	558.42
Kirkville 1st.....	12.00
Koshkonong.....	232.00
Lead Hill.....	181.19
Lebanon.....	339.51
Lebanon 1st.....	794.25
Lone Star.....	56.50
Macedonia.....	93.53

Merls Chapel.....	134.60
Mill Creek.....	421.26
Mine La Motte.....	70.63
Monett 1st.....	375.92
Monett 1st.....	502.83
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	1,340.49
Myrtle.....	213.84
Mt. Pisgah.....	336.00
Myrtle.....	214.34
Neosho 1st.....	190.00
New Hope - Fredericktown.....	70.00
New Rock Springs.....	140.00
North Five.....	99.10
Number One.....	76.31
Oak Grove - Mtn. Grove.....	172.25
O'Fallon 1st.....	716.00
Overland.....	120.00
Ozark 1st.....	1,165.05
Park Hills 1st.....	833.89
Parkview.....	465.83
Pleasant Hill - Thayer.....	236.73
Pleasant Home.....	652.81
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana.....	66.00
Potosi 1st.....	169.30
Republic.....	100.00
Richwoods 1st.....	638.00
Rock Chapel.....	347.98
Rolla 1st.....	294.00
Royal Oak.....	97.00
Seymour.....	290.00
Smyrna.....	71.00
Springfield.....	195.00
Springfield 1st.....	985.07
Stockton.....	137.75
Terrill Road.....	507.00
Thayer.....	741.40
Trinity - Bridgeton.....	1,112.00
Twin Oak.....	1,150.78
Union Grove.....	394.00
Union Light.....	126.50
United.....	1,214.07
Unity.....	400.00
Verdella.....	680.24
Verdella.....	498.58
Viburnum.....	288.00
Victory - Alton.....	388.20
Waynesville 1st.....	339.63
West Plains 1st.....	764.00
West Plains 1st.....	717.00
Wilderness.....	1,649.60
Willow Springs.....	264.07
Wolf Creek.....	388.87
TOTAL.....	\$50,907.52

SHOW-ME PLAN

Aulsbury Chapel.....	\$150.00
Aulsbury Chapel.....	150.00
Beacon.....	175.00
Beacon.....	1,000.00
Belton.....	150.00
Berean.....	30.00
Berry, R.....	15.00
Bethel - El Dorado Springs.....	163.62
Bethel - Festus.....	45.00
Big Creek.....	55.00
Bishop, B.J.....	15.00
Black Oak.....	30.00
Bowers, C.....	100.00
Briley, Jack.....	10.00
Buxton, G.....	30.00
Cabool.....	240.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo.....	105.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo.....	105.00
Central.....	345.00
Chism, B.....	5.00
Chrisman, M.....	30.00
Columbia.....	50.00
Columbia.....	50.00
Copper Mines.....	150.00
Copper Mines - Hi Teen, Teen, Jr. Cl.....	30.00
Copper Mines - Young Adult Class.....	15.00
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove.....	333.00
Cuba.....	243.97
Darnell, W.....	15.00
DeSoto 1st.....	460.00
DeSoto 1st - Auditorium Class.....	15.00
DeSoto Young - Adult S.S. Class.....	45.00
Faith - Oak Grove.....	150.00
Faith - St. Louis.....	20.00
Faith - St. Louis.....	20.00
Faith & Hope - W.S.....	60.00
Farmington 1st.....	1,495.00
Fellowship.....	675.13
Fordland.....	160.00
Fourth.....	210.00
Fredericktown 1st.....	150.00

Freeman Chapel.....	540.00
Gospel Light.....	735.00
Grace.....	294.00
Grant Avenue.....	300.00
Hannibal - WNAC.....	15.00
Hannon.....	843.28
Harmony - Parkville.....	14.00
Harris, F.....	45.00
Hartville.....	195.00
Houston 1st.....	303.40
Hurryville.....	360.00
Hurryville.....	360.00
Jackson.....	30.00
Joplin 1st.....	75.00
Leadington.....	195.00
Lebanon 1st.....	150.00
Lebanon F.W.B.....	30.00
Macedonia Auxillary.....	7,000.00
Maggart, D.....	45.00
Merl's Chapel.....	200.00
Mill Creek.....	90.00
Mill Creek Young Adult S.S. Class.....	15.00
Mine La Motte.....	45.00
Missouri State Woman's Aux.....	860.00
Monett 1st.....	270.00
Monett 1st.....	270.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	400.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	75.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer.....	30.00
Myrtle.....	75.00
Myrtle.....	75.00
Neosho 1st.....	360.00
New Home - Hartville.....	150.00
New Hope - Fredericktown.....	105.00
New Testament.....	30.00
Noel, D.....	15.00
Oak Grove - Houston.....	15.00
O'Fallon 1st.....	133.00
Ozark 1st.....	10.00
Park Hills 1st.....	275.17
Parkview - Desloge.....	356.00
Parson, O.....	15.00
Pinkerton, J.....	45.00
Pleasant Hill.....	30.00
Pleasant Home.....	165.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana.....	50.00
Purdy.....	510.00
Reagan, Jimmie.....	300.00
Rehkop, Lon.....	30.00
Richardson, O.....	15.00
Richwoods.....	52.50
Rock Chapel.....	240.00
Rogers, B.....	15.00
Royal Oak.....	120.00
Ruble, N.....	45.00
Southeast MO Assoc.....	90.00
Springfield 1st.....	550.00
Thayer.....	212.75
Trinity.....	585.00
Union Light.....	120.00
United - West Plains.....	300.00
Unity.....	75.00
Verdella.....	1,150.24
Verdella.....	888.58
Walker, H. Jr.....	15.00
Waynesville 1st.....	454.35
West Plains 1st.....	10.00
West Plains 1st Auxillary.....	30.00
White, R.....	15.00
Wilderness.....	99.90
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove.....	85.00
Willow Springs 1st.....	150.00
Young, Tom.....	300.00
TOTAL.....	\$29,442.89

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Beacon.....	\$204.00
Bridges, E.....	10.00
Cape Girardeau.....	135.04
Central.....	20.00
Chapman, A.....	20.00
Cuba.....	40.66
Dahl, J.....	10.00
Farmington 1st.....	25.00
Fourth.....	50.00
Gospel Light.....	60.00
Grant Ave.....	56.00
Harmony Fellowship (Colorado).....	178.00
Harmony Fellowship (Colorado).....	150.00
Houston 1st.....	45.00
Joplin 1st.....	10.00
Kirksville 1st.....	51.00
Lewis, D.....	10.00
Minor, K.....	10.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	30.00
Neosho 1st.....	30.00

New Testament.....	140.00
Thayer.....	85.00
Trinity.....	311.60
Union Light.....	10.00
United - West Plains.....	40.00
TOTAL.....	\$1,731.30

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Beacon.....	\$ 3.00
Belton.....	38.00
Central.....	40.00
Cuba.....	40.66
DeSoto 1st.....	90.00
DeSoto Children's Church.....	20.00
Farmington.....	135.00
Fellowship.....	110.00
Gospel Light.....	60.00
Grace - Arnold.....	55.00
Larry Wormington.....	30.00
Lebanon Bible & Book Store.....	315.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	25.00
New Home - Hartville.....	10.00
O'Fallon 1st.....	58.50
Ozark 1st.....	10.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana.....	20.00
Richard White.....	10.00
Southeast MO Dist. Assoc.....	90.00
Thayer.....	57.75
United.....	25.00
TOTAL.....	\$1,242.91

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Alan Chapman.....	\$10.00
Arle Hopper.....	10.00
Beacon.....	60.00
Belton.....	38.00
Bill Chandler.....	50.00
Bob Thebeau.....	35.00
Bud Rogers.....	40.00
Carthage.....	70.00
Central.....	30.00
Central.....	600.00
Chuck Degonia.....	20.00
David Boyd.....	40.00
DeSoto 1st.....	330.00
DeSoto 1st Auditorium S.S. Class.....	10.00
Donna Lewis.....	25.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora.....	55.95
Faith & Hope - Aurora.....	64.65
Farmington 1st.....	204.00
Fordland.....	25.00
Gospel Light.....	60.00
Grace - Arnold.....	132.00
Grant Avenue.....	95.27
Hannon.....	415.97
Harmony Fellowship.....	239.00
Harmony Fellowship (Colorado).....	196.00
Hartville.....	100.00
Houston 1st.....	85.00
Jerry Rader.....	20.00
John Elders.....	4.00
Judy Hoggard.....	80.00
Kerri Crossland.....	5.00
Lester Gale.....	20.00
Macedonia Auxillary.....	511.50
Mae Nossor.....	10.00
Maggie Kenuam.....	10.00
Marlon Crossland.....	15.00
Merls Chapel.....	45.00
Monett 1st.....	122.00
Monett 1st.....	271.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	95.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	25.00
Myrtle.....	40.00
Myrtle.....	40.00
Neosho 1st.....	100.00
New Home - Hartville.....	10.00
New Testament.....	300.00
O'Fallon 1st.....	58.50
Park Hills 1st.....	452.33
Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove.....	167.21
Richard White.....	30.00
Richwoods 1st.....	59.00
Rob Fortner.....	15.00
Rock Chapel.....	65.40
Thayer.....	466.10
Tom Young.....	300.00
Trinity.....	40.00
Union Light.....	96.00
United.....	170.00
Unity.....	50.00
Verdella.....	30.00
Verdella.....	30.00
Warren Woodfen.....	5.00
Waynesville 1st.....	50.00
West Plains 1st.....	80.00
Wolf Creek.....	75.00

TOTAL..... \$7,003.88

MISSOURI FWB YOUTH CAMP

Verdella.....	\$20.00
Hartville.....	10.00
New Life - Monett.....	137.03
Trinity - Bridgeton.....	14.00
Hannon.....	15.00
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool.....	10.00
New Home - Hartville.....	10.00
Cabool.....	20.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	10.00
Willow Springs.....	10.00
Lebanon Bible & Book Store.....	195.00
Thayer.....	50.00
DeSoto 1st.....	55.00
Ozark 1st.....	10.00
Park Hills 1st.....	32.87
TOTAL.....	\$598.90

FWB BIBLE COLLEGE

Verdella.....	\$235.75
Farmington 1st.....	132.00
Beacon.....	6.00
Nathan Ruble.....	15.00
Thayer.....	50.00
DeSoto 1st.....	40.00
TOTAL.....	\$478.75

HILLSDALE FWB COLLEGE

Hannon.....	\$50.00
Farmington 1st.....	90.00
Thayer.....	55.00
Joplin 1st.....	75.00
Grant Avenue.....	8.00
Neosho 1st.....	110.00
TOTAL.....	\$388.00

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington 1st.....	\$78.00
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CAMP DEVELOPMENT FUND

Willow Springs.....	\$ 5.00
Houston 1st.....	100.00
Harmony - Parkville.....	10.00
TOTAL.....	\$115.00

STEVE SMITH

Farmington 1st.....	\$50.00
DeSoto 1st.....	55.00
TOTAL.....	\$105.00

TRULA CRONK HOME FOR CHILDREN

Myrtle.....	\$ 6.00
New Life - Monett.....	137.03
New Hope - Fredericktown.....	30.00
Hannon.....	100.00
Farmington 1st.....	15.00
Belton.....	100.00
Unity - Lebanon.....	190.00
DeSoto 1st.....	105.00
TOTAL.....	\$683.03

REV. JOHN MCCLURE

Gospel Light.....	\$80.00
Trinity - Bridgeton.....	10.00
Carthage.....	81.77
Farmington 1st.....	5.00
Monett 1st.....	70.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	42.50
Thayer.....	10.00
Harmony - Parkville.....	10.00
Grace - Arnold.....	15.00
TOTAL.....	\$324.27

YOUTH MINISTRIES BOARD

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

Lebanon Bible & Book Store.....	\$105.00
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Lebanon Bible & Book Store.....	\$105.00
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MISSOURI RETIREMENT PROGRAM

Lebanon Bible & Book Store.....	\$142.50
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STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Lebanon Bible & Book Store.....	\$225.00
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2004 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Mission Association.....	\$940.00
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MISSOURI STATE WAFC

Belton.....	\$15.00
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MELANIE WALKER

Verdella.....	\$40.00
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to spotlight their local churches. The commission also provides radio spots and camera-ready ad slicks for the print media.

SAID GOODBYE . . . to Waldo Young who served 30 years as clerk of the National Association. The 66-year-old minister has pastored more than 40 years in Oklahoma. Elected as clerk in 1969, he served with distinction for three decades. During the convention, he was presented with a plaque of appreciation and a watch. Many know Brother Young as the man who sings first tenor with the Minister's Quartet.

OPENED . . . their hearts to Marjorie Workman who gave her first report as WNAC's executive secretary. She came to the office after 20 years as dean of women at Free Will Baptist Bible College and four years in a similar position at Hillsdale FWB College.

ADJOURNED . . . at 10:15 Thursday morning to meet in Anaheim, California, at the Anaheim Convention Center for the July 16-20, 2000, session.

GIVE YOUR PASTOR A PAT ON THE BACK!

Everyone likes a pat on the back now and again. Fact of the matter is, everyone needs a pat on the back now and again. This includes pastors! The pastors I know will continue to preach the Word, visit the sick, comfort the grieving, and witness to the lost even if they don't receive that much needed pat on the back. However, when the church takes the time to say, "Preacher, we appreciate you," he will do all of the above with a gladder heart. The Scriptures say, "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine." (1 Tim. 5:17)

Surprise your pastor with a special day. Make it a time for the church to express their appreciation for his ministry. Not only honor him with verbal expressions of appreciation, but give him a tangible expression of your appreciation. Each year I have pastors share with me how their churches have blessed them with everything from a love offering to a trip to the holy land. Whatever your church can do, I would encourage you to do it. You will be surprised with the results.

Sunday School Averages February 1999 - July 1999

CHURCHES	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
Belton	36	35	34	32	37	37
Calvary Chapel	142	143	134	121	119	130
Cape Girardeau	58	56	52	47	50	55
Copper Mines	51	51	50	55	53	52
Cuba	102	101	110	113	113	112
Columbia	25	28	29	23	25	28
DeSoto	160	158	161	146	151	154
Farmington	384	577		326		322
Hannon	122	109	116	116	127	103
Hartville	111	106	101	105	106	97
Hazel Creek			62	58		59
Hopewell	29	30	29	30	26	35
Houston	54	46	46	43	44	46
Lebanon 1st	111	114	109	109		
Lebanon FWB	57	50	54	52	47	47
Mill Creek	59	62	66	63	60	61
Monett	56	56	62	51	51	46
Myrtle	35	41	43	37	34	35
O'Fallon 1st	79	73	76	61	65	
Oskaloosa	15	14	14	14		
Ozark	119	120	108	104	111	108
Park Hills	115		146	114	112	106
Purdy	52	46				
Richwoods	33					
Rolla 1st	27	35	32	30	26	28
Southside	32	32	34	31		
Springfield 1st	124	131	129	115	118	116
Thayer	147			141	147	143
Trinity		76	72	67	69	60
United	302	304		316	321	305
Willow Springs	55	54	57	55	50	52

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