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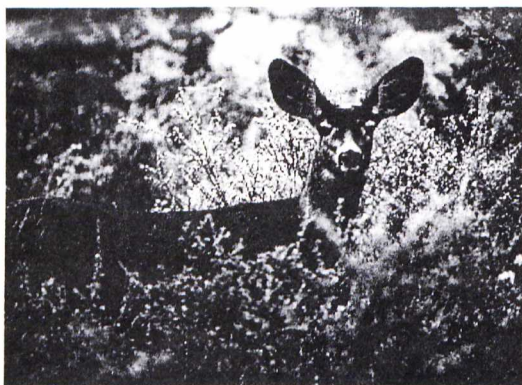
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Lessons From Nature

By Garry Matthews

Who says God doesn't have a sense of humor? This fall has convinced me that He does! Most mornings as I go out the door to go bow hunting, there is at least one deer between the door and my pick-up truck. My pick-up is parked in a turn-around just 15 yards from my garage door. Why? Because my wife's new car and my son's new truck are in the garage—and my old truck gets to sit outside? Between the garage and the turn-around is a grafted flowering crab tree that has gone back to a plain apple tree (they taste like Granny Smith's), and the deer love them. Thank goodness it was a good year for apples, or I wouldn't have any apple pies!

In the middle of the day it is nothing to walk out of the house and have deer standing less than 30 yards away eating apples, flowers, blackberries, acorns, or grass. Scattered down around my lagoon are seven 3-D turkey, deer, and coyote targets that Chad and I use for bow practice. During the season this fall I would go down in the late afternoons for a little target practice, and often deer would come walking through the range while I was practicing. One evening I walked up within 20 yards of a 4 pt. buck that was following a doe through my target range, and he didn't even know I was anywhere around! Some of my buck targets got scratched up—I think at night they lost fights with real deer! One night there were 15 deer in our yard, and most nights after dark there are 4-6 deer bedded or eating within 30 yards of the house.

One evening just at dark I returned home after a particularly frustrating afternoon in the woods. It was during the rut, but it was so warm, deer didn't seem to be moving. I pulled into the turn-around and 15 feet away at the apple tree stood a large doe. She ran off about 25 yards and joined another doe. They both turned and looked toward the lagoon. Up walked a big, beautiful 8 pt. buck. He began chasing the does around the yard as I stood there with my bow in hand—just watching! Yes, I think God has a sense of humor!

The other night (in December) Joyce and I pulled into the drive. "Is that a deer on the patio?", I asked. "I don't hardly think so," she replied. At that exact instant, a doe

jumped over the patio rail into the yard—go figure! She had been up by the TV tower eating the new blooms off our little purple irises (yes, they bloomed in December).

Joyce is always telling me I need to stop driving several miles from home to bow hunt, and start killing our deer before they destroy our flower beds, garden, shrubs, and ornamentals. I keep telling her that these are not "real" deer, they are toys. They don't act like "real" deer—we can't even run them out of the yard if we run at them. Joyce has tried to chase them out of her flower beds, and they won't leave until she gets within 10 yards or less! How many "real" deer are going to let you get within even 50 yards? There would be little challenge to "hunting" or rather killing these deer. They're just not "real" deer!

I think we Christians often have this same attitude toward lost people. We get excited about sending missionaries overseas, and we need to be! We rejoice to hear reports of souls being saved in the Ivory Coast, Panama, Japan, or unreached peoples—but what about here at home? What about those right around our church, our neighbors, our co-workers, even our family members? Are they not "real" souls? Are they somehow "less lost" than those overseas? Have we become so used to seeing them that we take them for granted? My "toy" deer are still hams, steaks, and hamburger, but I don't consider them as such. Yes, suburban deer are not as exotic or wild as deep woods or farmland deer—but deer are deer—and SOULS ARE SOULS!

I'm afraid that we may have lost our vision. Many of our churches have no outreach ministry of any kind. We become so wrapped up in our little groups, so introverted that we forget our purpose. Jesus said in Acts 1:8:

"... and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Just having services, just keeping the church doors open, does not fulfill Acts 1:8. It's all about meeting the needs of people—both inside and outside the church doors—and people's biggest need is a personal relationship with Christ. It is only then that people can have new life, new purpose, and new hope for a new millennium!

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DeSoto First Free Will Baptist Ladies Sponsor Missions Conference

By Mary White, President

For 20 years plus, the ladies of the First Free Will Baptist Church in DeSoto, Missouri have been involved in a ministry that serves not only our church family, but our community and even outside our community in many ways. This group has been known as the "Joy Makers."

When we realized that our group could be recognized as an auxiliary, we established in July of 1998.

Our ladies worked very hard this past summer, and with the help of our pastor, Brother Bob Thebeau and our church family, we sponsored a week-end missions conference in October. The conference targeted the James Munsey family and their work in Mexico. We conducted penny marches, filled quarter cards, and sold crafts. We also pledged one Sunday morning's offering and were thrilled when we tallied our efforts and came up with the total of \$5,017.18. Praise the Lord for His blessings!

Pictured here in the front row is the Munsey family, and holding the check, from left to right, is Mary White, DeSoto Auxiliary President, Shirley Jackson, State President, and Judy Hoggard, DeSoto Vice-President, along with the rest of the Joy Makers behind. We feel our ministry will only be enhanced for joining forces across the land to see what women can accomplish for Christ.

The Cates Family Prepares for Ministry

Jeff and Sondra Cates are from south central Missouri. They both came to Christ in their early childhood and were raised serving the Lord. Married in 1982, the Cates' have two daughters, Whitney and Alyssa. Jeff accepted the "call to ministry" in 1995 and was ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister. He will graduate from Free Will Baptist Bible College in May, 2000. Jeff and Sondra have felt lead to minister among the Hispanic people, especially in Mexico. In order to effectively spread the truth of God's word to Spanish speaking people, they will need to learn the language. They will be moving to south Texas and attending Rio Grande Bible Institute and Missionary Language School. Please pray for them as they follow the Lord's direction and prepare for the ministry that God has for them. Any gifts for the Cates' language training account may be mailed to Berea Ministries, 359 Panther Springs Rd., Morristown, TN 37814.

Speakers Announced For FWBBC Bible Conference

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—Free Will Baptist Bible College's spring Bible Conference, March 5-9 will feature Dr. Hershael York, Rev. Rue Dell Smith, and Dr. Garnett Reid as speakers. The conference will also host an alumni homecoming, with special attention being given to the classes of 1950 and 1975.

Dr. York serves as Associate Professor of Preaching at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He received his B.A. and M.A. at the University of Kentucky and his M.Div. and Ph.D. at Mid-American Baptist Theological Seminary. He has also served as chancellor and chairman of the board for Lexington (Kentucky) Baptist College.

Rev. Smith has preached more than 400 revivals and participated in numerous Bible conferences in his rich pastoral ministry. He is a native of Oklahoma and currently pastors a Home Missions work in Monroe, Louisiana. His other pastorates include churches in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Kansas.

Dr. Reid is Old Testament professor at FWBBC and Program Coordinator of the Biblical Ministries Division. He is a 1977 FWBBC graduate and earned his M.A. and Ph.D. at Bob Jones University. In addition to his classroom duties and busy preaching schedule, he writes the Green Tree Bible Studies column for Contact.

Members of the honored classes will also share on the program in message and testimony. The Music Department of the college will play a major role in the services by providing specials by students and student groups.

All are invited to attend the conference.



Memorandum ! ! ! ! !



TO: Missouri Pastors, Free Will Baptist Colleges and all Woman's Auxiliary Officers and Members

FROM: Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Scholarship Committee

RE: Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Scholarship Applications

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention has established a scholarship fund to assist young Christian women who attend Free Will Baptist colleges. Listed below is the criteria for qualification.

1. The applicant must be a female student.
2. The applicant must enroll as a "full-time" student.
3. The applicant must be a resident of Missouri and a member of a Missouri Free Will Baptist church.
4. The applicant must have already made application to a Free Will Baptist college.
5. The application should be forwarded to the president of the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary.
6. The scholarship Committee will evaluate the applications and award the scholarship.
7. Scholarship funds will be placed in the student's name at the Free Will Baptist college specified by the student who is selected.
8. Students who are awarded the scholarship will be eligible the second year for approximately one-half of the first year's award. Students must reapply for second year.
9. Deadline for receiving the application for consideration is May 15.

If there are young ladies in your congregation who would qualify for this scholarship, please share this information with them, and make a copy of the application on the adjoining page for them.

Thank you for helping us assist deserving young women who wish to receive their education at one of our Free Will Baptist colleges.

Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary President,

Shirley Jackson

Please mail applications to:

Shirley Jackson

428 Kimberly Ln.

Saint Peters, MO 63376

Home Missions, Bible College Join Hands To Plant Churches

The National Home Missions Department and Free Will Baptist Bible College are joining forces to establish a new Free Will Baptist church in Nashville that will serve as a training site for student preachers to go out and plant more new churches, and to provide academic and practical preparation for the church planters.

Rev. Clifford Donoho, a Free Will Baptist home missionary who has established two churches, will pastor the new work. Rev. Terry Forrest, who established a new church and served for some 15 years as chairman of the Arkansas State Home Missions Board, will

coordinate the Bible College's side of the program. Rev. Forrest is the college's Director of Lifetime Learning.

The college will add courses to its present curriculum for pastors that will further prepare them to plant churches. It will also direct pastoral trainees in an internship program with Rev. Donoho to help them gain valuable hands-on experience.

"Our goal is to reach new people for Christ and to train students as church planters," says Trymon Messer, General Director of the National Home Missions Department.

Check it Out!

Shahn Hogan and Ben Durbin, members of the Mine La Motte Free Will Baptist Church, have a web site that Pastor Lloyd Durbin recommends. The site features some of the young preachers of the area and devotions written by Ben Durbin. The address is www.secretmotive.com

Be humble or you will stumble.

-Dwight L. Moody

Missouri State Women Active For Christ
**** Scholarship Application**

Personal And Academic Information:

Name _____

First

Address _____

City

Zip

Telephone () _____ Social Security Number _____

Parents' Name _____

High School _____ Date of Graduation _____

Church Membership _____ How Long? _____

Pastor's Name	Address
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Date of Birth	Birthplace

Probable College Major or Academic Interests _____

High School Grade Point Average _____ ACT _____ SAT _____

Class Rank	In a Class of	Students
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Other Colleges Attended _____

Activities and Awards: List all awards, activities and any leadership positions held in high school and church community. Use another attachment if necessary:

References: Please identify three references that will be submitting letters of recommendation. These should include your church pastor, a member of the Woman's Auxiliary or another church member, and one person familiar with you outside of church activities (School Principal, Teacher, etc.):

Name	Position
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Address _____ Phone _____

Name	Position
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Address _____ Phone _____

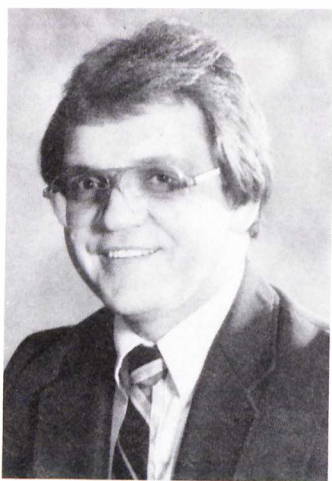
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Address _____ Phone _____

** Along with this application, please include:

1. An official transcript of work completed at least through the first semester of the Senior year in high school and any transcripts from colleges attended.
2. A typed essay explaining your interest in this college, your spiritual commitment, your plans for the future and the contributions you anticipate you can make in your college and church communities.
3. A recent photograph of yourself.

Today's Date _____ Applicant's Signature _____



Often Asked Questions

By Pastor R. E. Dablemont

WHY PRAY?

"Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up." Luke 18:1 (NIV)

Jesus spoke frequently about the importance of a personal, private prayer life. Jesus so consistently modeled his teaching upon prayer that upon one occasion "... one of his disciples said to him Lord, teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1). Several years ago, one of my friends (in all seriousness) asked me, "If God already knows everything past, present and future, why should I pray?" My answer went something like this:

Prayer Does Something For God.

It demonstrates to God that you are serious about your relationship with Him. It allows you to touch God. "Reach out and touch someone!" Communication is necessary for a relationship to be started and maintained. God has already communicated to you through His Word and Spirit; he has left you a message and is waiting for you to return his call. Simply speaking, prayer is your response to God's initiative. We talk to those we love.

Prayer Does Something For You.

It reminds you daily of your dependence upon God. It demonstrates to you that you can't make it without God's help. Prayer is the best tool in God's hands for keeping His children humble. You are asking God for his advice and direction for your daily decisions when you pray. Those who try to live without God's help are simply saying to God, "I'm so proud of myself, I don't need your help." Simply put, a prayerless life is a prideful life. Do not be ashamed to depend upon God rather than yourself. Prayer demonstrates to God that you are trusting and depending upon Him.

Prayer Does Something For Others.

Your prayers demonstrate to God and to others that you care about someone other than yourself. God is moved by your prayers on behalf of other people. It is no mystery why God chose to make us responsible for the spiritual and physical welfare of others. His greatest commandments require that we love Him and that we love our neighbors (Matthew 22:36-39, NIV). God is pleased when you pray for people and in marvelous, mysterious ways God answers those prayers.

Got a question you would like answered about practical theology (putting into practice the teachings of God's Word)? Please send it to me and I will try (notice I said try) to address the question in this monthly column.

Mailing Address: R. E. Dablemont, 651 Oakdale Circle, Cuba, MO 65453

E-mail Address: apologistrick@yahoo.com

The Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

The following article was written by Joyce Minor, the Assistant Director of Development and Alumni Relations at the University of Alabama School of Law. When I saw this article, I wanted all the readers to be able to see her points. Many readers will remember exactly the days she is speaking of while others, as my column's title indicates, are much younger but will recognize the falling away we are seeing in today's society. Enjoy the article and examine what you feel has changed... and most of all, what we — as Christians — are going to do about it.

I grew up in rural America in the '50s and '60s. On any given day, you could walk through the high school parking lot and observe that half the vehicles parked there were trucks with windows rolled down and doors unlocked. Most of them carried, as standard equipment, an FFA sticker (Future Farmers of America, for you city folks) and a gun rack with at least one gun, usually loaded. You could make the same observation at any of the four high school campuses in our county. Amazingly, I do not recall reading or hearing about mass shootings in any of those high schools. What has changed in America is not the accountability of guns, but the character of man.

On the wall in my parents' home is a plaque awarded to my father in recognition of service for 27 years on the local school board. He told me that for years, a standard requirement on every teacher's contract was membership in a local church. I remember starting every school day with a pledge and a prayer. I remember when girls who got pregnant in high school were ashamed, when abortions were illegal, when the divorce rate was not 50% because couples stayed together for the kids' sakes, when there were no X-rated

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Greetings and “Happy New Year” From Abidjan

Please allow us to share some of the many, wonderful ways the Lord has worked here this past year.

Abidjan now has its own full-time African Pastor, Yao Kouassi Silas N'Guettia—see why we just call him Pastor Silas? He's married to a beautiful, talented, Godly, lady named Francoise. They have one daughter, Love, who will be four next month.

The church is still meeting in the small, rented room. We're hoping to be forced into having a couple of Sunday services soon . . . but then everyone will want to attend both!

The youth meet every two weeks. They have many outreach programs, keep the church clean, and are quite active in the overall church program. The women organized a few weeks back. We've also got enough plans and projects to keep everyone busy.

The NOGS (Neighborhood Outreach Groups) have been in failing health due to a variety of problems, but we have faith that this is changing. New contacts have been made and we hope for more new NOGS, plus the reviving of the old ones. Pray with us about this, ok?

Thank you for your recent gift to our mission account. Actually this work here is just another extension of your church there . . . and that's why we wanted to send you this photo of the group. It was taken after the first church service of 2000. Because of the overthrow of the government during Christmas, all were home-bound. Even the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services were cancelled all over town. It wasn't until things calmed down that people were allowed to travel. Many from our group went upcountry to visit family during New Year's, so were not

present for this photo. If you look real hard, you may be able to see Jerry in the far back—but you won't see me because I was behind the camera. Pastor Silas is on the front row, far right. Francoise, his wife is on the front row in the center (white neck on dress), and Love is in front of her mom.

Thanks for your faithful prayers, love, and financial support. Maybe Jesus will return today. May we continue to stay busy in being occupied about our Father's business.

Jerry and Carol Pinkerton

Youth Look

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movies, when milk cartons didn't have missing kids' faces on them, and I didn't know anyone who personally used drugs. I remember when kids were taught respect and accountability to God. I hear people say that the good old days weren't always so good but please don't tell me you think these are better.

Last night I attended a high school football game that was covered by the local and national news. The news coverage was not about the football teams, but about the defiance of a court order by one brave little Texas town to preserve the right to pray before a football game. The more this country struggles to free itself from religion, the more we become entangled in the consequences.

If people are taught that they come from slime, the obvious questions and consequences must follow; what is the

purpose of my existence (hopelessness), why are your rules good and mine bad (relativism), what does it matter how I live if I came from slime and return to slime (immorality and inhumanity)? I realize that in any given poll, the vast majority of Americans claim to believe in God. I claim to believe that running is good for me but that does not make me a runner. Putting on my running shoes does not make me a runner.

The climbing abortion rate, murder rate, divorce rate, alcoholism and drug abuse rate, child and spousal abuse rate contradict that claim and prove that actions speak louder than words. It is an observable truth that the best time you will ever make on any American city freeway is on Sunday morning because there are no traffic jams getting to church.

For those who believe that separation of church and state is not enough, that the world would be better off with no church at all, ask yourself this question. How many hospitals, universities, orphanages, homeless and abuse shelters have been founded by the ACLU or American Atheist Society? It is the inclusion of the word Catholic, Baptist, Presbyterian, Christian, etc. in the name of so many of these institutions that proves by actions, not just words, who really cares for the suffering of mankind and desires to make the world better.

The question that people should be asking is not “Why does God allow tragedies?” but “When will we realize that no nation, in the history of the world, has ever separated itself from God and evolved to a better society?”

Of course, to answer, you would have to know history. Most people, it would seem, prefer PEOPLE magazine.

**If you think your're
getting too much
government these
days, just be happy
that you're not getting
all you are paying for.**



Missouri State CTS Competition May 5-6, 2000 Southwest Baptist University Bolivar, MO

The Wise Solomon said, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Eccl 3:1. We, the Youth Camp Board, believe this is the season of building our Youth Camp Tabernacle. The time has come to get earnest and serious about supporting the renovation of our Youth Camp. The purpose is clear. The Apostle John, writing to the Church of his day said, "I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one." Jn 2:14. If we are going to make our Churches strong, we have to minister to our young people in the years of their "young strength." The MO State FWB Youth Camp is specifically designed for this purpose, to help young people find the calling of God and His purpose for their lives.

Without doubt, this is a critical time in the history of America. We are at the crossroads of redefining ourselves as a people. The battle lines between good and evil have been drawn. We shall either be a "godless society" or a "God honoring" nation very soon. The direction we take as a nation will be determined, I believe, in the pulpit and the pew. A striking parallel to our situation occurred in Germany, although more extreme, when the Nazi Party was sweeping Germany. A few brave pastors stood in opposition to Hitler's Reich Church. Hitler attempted to take over the churches by offering a cheap imitation of his god. Dietrich Bonhoeffer spoke to the Church of his day, "We Lutherans have gathered like eagles around the carcass of cheap grace, and there we have drunk the poison which has killed the life of following Christ.....Cheap grace is the deadly enemy of our church. We are fighting today for costly grace. Cheap grace means grace sold on the market like cheapjack wares. The sacraments, the forgiveness of sin and the consolations of religion are thrown away at cut prices. In such a Church the world finds a cheap covering for its sins: no contrition is required, still less any real desire to be delivered from sin.....Cheap grace means the justification of sin without the justification of the sinner.....it is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate."

In light of all that's happening in our nation today, such as abortion and homosexuality, I believe we cannot afford "cheap grace". The investment we are making in our youth is well worth our sacrifices.

We invite all of you to come and look at the progress we have made in building our new tabernacle. None of it is possible without the support of our Missouri Free Will Baptists. Let's all join hand in hand and give so that we can provide to our young people the knowledge of the "costly" Grace that God gives to undergird strong families, strong churches, and strong nations.

The **2000 Missouri State Competition** is just around the corner. **Southwest Baptist University** in Bolivar will be the site for this year's competition. We're expecting the largest number of entries ever.

Remember these rules: Individual contestants may enter no more than three (3) categories and divisions, excluding Bible Competition entries. Any church having four (4) or more entries in Music and Arts Categories 1-9, **must have at least one Bible Competition entry** at the lowest level of competition.

Coaches and Sponsors need to be thoroughly familiar with the **NYC Guidelines**. Copies of the *Guidelines* can be obtained from the Lebanon Bible and Book Store (417) 532-9516.

Entry Fees for the competition shall be:
 \$15.00 per single entry category
 \$25.00 per group entry (2-8 people)
 \$50.00 per group entry (9+ people)

The **entry deadline is April 10, 2000. Please use a separate form for each entry.** Send entry forms and appropriate fees to:

Missouri Youth Ministries Board
 c/o Curt Gwartney
 P. O. Box 444
 Park Hills, MO 63601
 (573) 431-3235 or 431-5115

MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CTS COMPETITION

Motel accommodations will be through the Super 8 Motel at Junction 13 and T Highway in Bolivar - Phone (417) 777-8888. Room rates are as follows:

1 -2 persons per room	\$48.49
3 persons per room	\$52.09
4 persons per room	\$56.59

If you call for accommodations, it is important to inform the hotel clerk that you are registering with the Free Will Baptist CTS group.

National Youth Conference Competition Registration Form

District-State-National

COMPETITION CODES

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

AGE GROUP...

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

BIBLE DIVISIONS...

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

MUSIC & ARTS...

Vocal Solo

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

Vocal Ensemble

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

Instrumental Solo (non-keyboard)

- 3.1 Strings
- 3.2 Wind
- 3.3 Percussion

Instrumental Ensemble

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

Keyboard

- 5.1 Manual/Electronic Solo
- 5.2 Keyboard Ensemble

Communication Arts

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

Creative Writing

- 7.0 Creative Writing

Electronic Media

- 8.0 Electronic Media

Creative Arts

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

COMPETITION FEES

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

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Year

Record code numbers from left column here →

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

Name of Church

City

State

Pastor's Name

Pastor's phone number

- -

Name of director (or coach)

Director's phone number

- -

Name of Association

Total Fee for this entry

\$. 00

Complete the following information for each participant in this entry:

1. Name

Address

City St. Zip

Phone Birthday Grade just completed

2. Name

Address

City St. Zip

Phone Birthday Grade just completed

3. Name

Address

City St. Zip

Phone Birthday Grade just completed

4. Name

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14. Name

Address

City St. Zip

Phone Birthday Grade just completed

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

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

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

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE
FORM FOR EACH ENTRY!

Signature of Participant or Director (Coach)

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

Where Is O'Hair?

In late 1995 atheist leader, Madalyn Murray O'Hair, together with her atheist son, Jon Garth Murray and granddaughter, Robin Murray-O'Hair (estranged daughter of her other son, evangelist William J. Murray), disappeared from their home in Austin, Texas. While the local police never solved the mystery of their disappearance, an FBI investigation has now revealed that they were kidnapped and presumably murdered. Bill Murray has been besieged by media calls about his mother's disappearance, but declined the FBI's kind offer of a counselor. Murray told the FBI he already had a counselor—"the Great Counselor, Jesus Christ."

Do You Study Your Bible?

Why are there so many of our young people not interested in Bible study? Here are eight reasons:

1. They have not been taught to do so.
2. They do not know how to study the Bible.
3. They have not seen their parents love (or study) it.
4. They are wrapped up in things of the world.
5. They have been turned off by hypocritical Christians.
6. They are turned off by poorly taught Bible classes.
7. They do not feel any pressing need for it.
8. They do not consider it the final answer to anything.

Sunset Lifeline

Worship Attendance

January - June 2000

<u>Churches:</u>	<u>Jan</u>
Buffalo 1st	75
Calvary Chapel	241
Calvary Fellowship	287
Cape Girardeau	58
Cuba	166
Columbia	30
Hannon	132
Hartville	* 102
Hopewell	37
Houston	* 50
Hurryville	105
Lebanon FWB	70
Mill Creek	79
Myrtle	32
New Life - Licking	73
O'Fallon 1st	114
Purdy 1st	76
Rock Chapel	*40
Rolla 1st	*28
United	541

The above is only a partial listing - there are 184 FWB churches in Missouri. Each church is encouraged to send in their **WORSHIP SERVICE** average for each month.

*(S.S. Average)

Financial Report



Cooperative Disbursements

January 2000

18.50% MO Home Miss.	\$10,234.48
17.50% Executive Office	9,681.26
3.00% General Fund	1,659.65
.50% Show-Me Plan	276.61
8.50% Youth Camp Board	4,702.33
3.50% Y. C. Restricted	1,936.25
2.00% Youth Ministries Bd	1,106.43
2.00% Christian Ed. Bd	1,106.43
2.00% Sen. Adult Min. Bd	1,106.43
9.00% MO Retirement	4,978.93
30.50%	16,873.06
National Ministries, Hillsdale and	
California Christian College	
Foreign Missions Board	
National Home Missions Board	
Same Allocation	
Free Will Baptist Bible College	
Hillsdale FWB College	
Executive Department	
Layman's Board	
Radio & TV Commission	
Theological Commission	
Historical Commission	
Board of Retirement & Insurance	
1.00% CCC	168.73
3.00% Missouri State Conference	
Center Fund	1,659.65
Total	\$55,321.51

Co-op

Alton	\$200.00
Amity	\$355.10
Aulsbury Chapel	\$232.68
Aulsbury Chapel	\$324.38
Bailey	\$179.00
Bailey Chapel	\$225.00
Beacon	\$750.00
Belton	\$443.87
Berean	\$40.00
Bethel - El Dorado Spgs	\$51.40
Bethel - Northview	\$220.00
Bethel - Northview	\$179.00
Black Oak	\$291.80
Bourbon	\$197.41
Buffalo 1st	\$100.00
Buffalo 1st	\$100.00
Byrd	\$57.65
Cabool 1st	\$314.55
Calvary Chapel	\$609.88
Cape Girardeau 1st	\$306.68
Christ Chapel	\$209.99
Clifton	\$49.95
Columbia	\$154.81
Copper Mines	\$453.07
Cornerstone - Mt. Gr	\$540.70
Crossroads - Lebanon	\$1,272.00
Crossroads - Wentzville	\$845.00
Cuba	\$593.00
DeSoto 1st	\$1,193.00
Emmanuel	\$212.98
F & H - Aurora	\$49.19
Faith & Hope - Will Spgs	\$128.78
Farmington 1st	\$3,138.20
Farmington 1st	\$2,606.46
Fellowship - Park Hills	\$800.00
Fordland	\$1,691.07
Fredericktown 1st	\$258.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$335.00
Freeman Chapel	\$339.17
Friendship	\$320.15

Grace - Arnold	\$1,158.00
Grant Avenue	\$987.59
Greenfield	\$240.00
Hannibal	\$220.00
Hannon	\$790.18
Harmony - Parkville	\$468.00
Harmony - Parkville	\$500.00
Hartville	\$692.00
Hickory Grove	\$194.00
Hopewell	\$189.00
Houston 1st	\$341.36
Hurryville	\$450.01
Jackson	\$165.78
Jones Chapel	\$709.20
Joplin 1st	\$734.76
Koshkonong	\$119.00
Lead Hill	\$281.45
Lebanon	\$308.72
Lebanon 1st	\$986.01
Liberty	\$775.00
Lone Star	\$46.70
Macedonia	\$69.82
Macedonia - Purdy	\$500.00
Merls Chapel	\$127.00
Mill Creek	\$405.58
Mine La Motte	\$89.81
Monett 1st	\$432.40
Mountain Grove 1st	\$1,557.06
Mt. Pisgah	\$428.00
Myrtle	\$214.95
Neosho 1st	\$95.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	\$70.00
New Life - Licking	\$462.34
Niangua	\$160.00
Number One	\$109.05
Oak Grove - Mtn. Grove	\$212.05
O'Fallon 1st	\$841.00
Olivet	\$360.00
Overland	\$110.00
Ozark 1st	\$1,523.16
Park Hills 1st	\$714.50
Parkview - Desloge	\$438.53
Pleasant Hill	\$256.83
Pleasant Home	\$280.05
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	\$85.00
Potosi 1st	\$111.90
Republic	\$100.00
Richwoods 1st	\$656.00
Rock Chapel	\$307.53
Rolla 1st	\$506.00
Royal Oak	\$97.00
Seymour	\$298.00
Smyrna	\$168.00
South Fremont	\$600.00
Springfield	\$201.00
Springfield 1st	\$1,004.48
Stockton	\$169.83
Terrill Road	\$225.00
Thayer	\$750.00
Trinity - Bridgeton	\$1,062.29
Twin Oak	\$1,012.65
Union Grove	\$396.00
Union Light	\$143.00
United	\$1,631.76
Unity	\$400.00
Verdella	\$434.58
Viburnum	\$315.00
Victory - Alton	\$302.03
Victory - K.C.	\$1,482.80
Waynesville 1st	\$320.89
West Plains 1st	\$581.00
Wilderness	\$792.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Gr	\$213.27

Wolf Creek	\$345.56
Wolf Creek	\$426.13
Total	\$55,321.51

Show-Me Plan

Aulsbury Chapel	\$150.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$150.00
Barker, Rev. J.	\$15.00
Beacon	\$405.00
Belton	\$165.00
Berean	\$30.00
Berry, R.	\$15.00
Bethel - El Dorado	\$1.54
Bethel - Festus	\$45.00
Big Creek	\$55.00
Bishop, B. J.	\$15.00
Black Oak	\$30.00
Boothel District Assoc	\$180.00
Bourbon	\$45.00
Buffalo 1st	\$60.00
Buffalo 1st	\$60.00
Buxton, G.	\$30.00
Cabool	\$135.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo	\$105.00
Cartee, J.	\$15.00
Chism, B.	\$10.00
Chrisman, M.	\$30.00
Copper Mines	\$150.00
Copper Mines - Teens	\$30.00
Copper Mines - Yg. Adult Cl	\$15.00
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove	\$342.26
Cross Roads - Lebanon	\$210.00
Cuba	\$158.57
Darnell, W.	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st	\$520.00
Faith & Hope - W.S.	\$60.00
Farmington 1st	\$820.00
Farmington 1st	\$705.00
Fellowship	\$1,034.65
Fordland	\$140.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$150.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$150.00
Freeman Chapel	\$540.00
Garrison, R.	\$180.00
Gentry, D.	\$180.00
Gospel Light	\$735.00
Grace	\$276.00
Graham, S.	\$15.00
Grant Ave.	\$315.00
Greenfield	\$360.00
Hannon	\$2,090.18
Happy Hill	\$30.00
Harmony - Parkville	\$188.50
Harmony - Parkville	\$82.74
Harris, F.	\$45.00
Hartville	\$210.00
Houston 1st	\$353.75
Hurryville	\$300.00
Hurryville Sr. Adult S.S. Cl	\$15.00
Jackson	\$30.00
Jones Chapel	\$120.00
Jones Chapel	\$390.00
Joplin 1st	\$115.00
Kirk, G.	\$75.00
Kirk, G.	\$75.00
Leadington	\$180.00
Lebanon 1st	\$150.00
Macedonia Aux.	\$1,000.00
Maggart, D.	\$45.00
Maggart, D.	\$45.00
Matthews, C.	\$55.00
Matthews, C.	\$51.00
Matthews, C.	\$57.00
Matthews, G.	\$350.00
Merl's Chapel	\$200.00
Mill Creek	\$105.00
Mill Creek Young Ad.	\$15.00
Mine La Motte	\$45.00
MO St Womans Aux.	\$1,146.88
Monett 1st	\$240.00

Mountain Grove 1st	\$570.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer	\$30.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
Neosho 1st	\$150.00
New Home - Hartville	\$150.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	\$105.00
New Life - Licking	\$116.55
New Testament	\$15.00
Noel, D.	\$15.00
Oak Grove - Houston	\$15.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$178.00
Ozark 1st	\$40.00
Park Hills 1st	\$244.35
Parkview - Desloge	\$292.60
Parson, O.	\$15.00
Pinkerton, J.	\$45.00
Pleasant Home	\$75.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	\$50.00
Purdy	\$285.00
Richardson, O.	\$15.00
Richwoods	\$67.50
Rock Chapel	\$340.00
Royal Oak	\$120.00
Ruble N.	\$45.00
South Fremont	\$160.00
Springfield 1st	\$515.00
Thayer	\$205.00
Thomas, E.	\$40.00
Trinity	\$585.00
Union Light	\$120.00
United - West Plains	\$587.92
Unity	\$75.00
Verdella	\$1,039.58
Viburnum	\$60.00
Viburnum	\$85.00
Victory - Alton	\$302.03
Victory - K.C.	\$510.00
Waynesville 1st	\$328.78
Wilderness	\$207.01
Willow Springs - Mtn. Gr	\$85.00
Willow Springs 1st	\$150.00
Wolf Creek	\$360.00
Total	\$25,197.39

Foreign Missions

Beacon	\$164.00
Cape Girardeau	\$122.67
Cuba	\$26.43
DeSoto 1st	\$40.00
Farmington 1st	\$40.00
Fordland	\$10.00
Gospel Light	\$60.00
Grant Ave.	\$66.00
Harmony Fellowship (CO)	\$494.00
Hickory Grove	\$50.70
Houston 1st	\$50.00
Joplin 1st	\$10.00
Matthews, G.	\$150.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$5.00
New Testament	\$70.00
Reiter, Karl	\$931.50
Rock Chapel	\$15.00
Thayer	\$15.00
Trinity	\$284.26
Union Light	\$10.00
Victory - K.C.	\$70.00
Total	\$2,684.56

National Home Missions

Beacon	\$190.00
Belton	\$60.50
DeSoto 1st	\$647.00
F & H - Aurora	\$49.19
Farmington 1st	\$270.00
Farmington 1st	\$200.00
Fordland	\$55.00
Gospel Light	\$60.00
Grace - Arnold	\$635.00
Grant Avenue	\$145.76

Grant Avenue	\$159.64
Hannon	\$474.11
Harmony Fellowship (CO)	\$606.00
Hartville	\$100.00
Houston 1st	\$80.00
Jackson	\$70.00
Jerry Rader	\$20.00
Macedonia Auxiliary	\$100.00
Merls Chapel	\$50.00
Monett 1st	\$226.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$65.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$25.00
Myrtle	\$40.00
Neosho 1st	\$30.00
New Home - Hartville	\$10.00
New Testament	\$200.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$53.50
Ozark 1st	\$55.00
Park Hills 1st	\$291.45
Pleasant Home	\$90.13
Richwoods 1st	\$99.00
Rock Chapel	\$94.70
South Fremont	\$60.00
Thayer	\$275.00
Trinity - Bridgeton	\$618.29
Union Light	\$96.00
United	\$150.00
United Youth Group	\$170.00
Unity	\$50.00
Verdella	\$10.00
Viburnum	\$61.00
Viburnum	\$121.00
Victory - K.C.	\$124.00
West Plains 1st	\$140.00
Wolf Creek	\$75.00
Wolf Creek	\$75.00
Total	\$7,277.27

State Home Missions

Belton	\$50.00
Berean	\$15.00
Copper Mines	\$60.00
Cuba	\$26.43
DeSoto 1st	\$100.00
DeSoto 1st Children's Ch	\$20.00
Farmington 1st	\$135.00
Fellowship - Park Hills	\$110.00
Gospel Light	\$60.00
Grace - Arnold	\$55.00
Larry Wormington	\$30.00
Lebanon Bible & Bookstore	\$288.75
Mountain Grove 1st	\$25.00
New Home - Hartville	\$10.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$53.50
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Park Hills 1st	\$75.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	\$20.00
South Fremont	\$40.00
Thayer	\$50.00
Trinity - Bridgeton	\$608.29
United	\$25.00
Waynesville 1st	\$50.00
Total	\$1,916.97

Youth Camp

Hartville	10.00
Trinity	14.00
Mt. Pisgah	115.00
New Home - Hartville	10.00
Lebanon Bible & Book	157.50
Cornerstone - Mt. Grove	25.00
Cabool 1st	10.00
Buffalo 1st	100.00
Thayer	50.00
Niangua	20.00
Hannon	15.00
Verdella	10.00
Willow Springs - Mt. Grove	10.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
Park Hills 1st	42.16

DeSoto 1st	55.00
Berean	15.00
Total	\$668.66

Camp Development Fund

Myrtle	\$46.00
Harmony - Parkville	48.00
Wolf Creek	149.33
Belton	374.25
Willow Springs - Mt. Grove	5.00
West Plains 1st	197.00
Houston 1st	100.00
Total	\$919.58

C. E. Board

Lebanon Bible & Book	\$113.75
Total	\$113.75

Senior Adult Ministries

Lebanon Bible & Book St	\$113.75
Total	\$113.75

Youth Ministries Board

Lebanon Bible & Book St	113.75
Total	\$113.75

Free Will Baptist Bible College

Myrtle (Ketteman Offering) ..	\$112.00
Garry Matthews (Re-location) ..	400.00
Beacon	6.00
Farmington 1st	285.00
Thayer	50.00
Nathan Ruble	15.00
Verdella	86.91
DeSoto 1st	40.00
Total	\$994.91

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Victory - K.C.	119.14
Farmington 1st	226.00
Joplin 1st	75.00
Thayer	50.00
Hannon	50.00
Verdella	200.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Neosho 1st	60.00
Total	\$788.14

California Christian College

Farmington 1st	114.00
Total	\$114.00

Trula Cronk Home for Children

Farmington 1st	65.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	30.00
Hannon	100.00
Belton	100.00
Unity	10.00
Waynesville 1st	40.10
DeSoto 1st	80.00
Garry Matthews	150.00
Total	\$575.10

Rev. John McClure

Monett 1st	35.00
Gospel Light	80.00
Thayer	5.00
Mountain Grove 1st	42.50
Grace	15.00
Total	\$177.50

Steve Smith

Farmington 1st	25.00
DeSoto 1st	55.00
Total	\$80.00

Cornerstone FWB Church

Merls Chapel	50.00
New Testament	10.00
Total	\$60.00

Randall House News Releases

Scholarship Fund Established

Randall House Publications has established a Dr. Roger C. Reeds Scholarship Fund which will be a part of the Heritage Scholarship Fund at Free Will Baptist Bible College. This fund is an endowment fund which can be contributed to by any of his friends.

Dr. Alton E. Loveless says, "Dr. Reeds gave over 32 years to Randall House Publications. A scholarship in his name is the least we could do. It is my hope that many friends of Dr. Reeds will send an offering to the Dr. Roger C. Reeds Scholarship Fund in care of Mrs. Peggy Hampton, Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3606 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37205."

Randall Minister's Fund Established

Dr. Alton E. Loveless, president of Randall House Publications and the National Sunday School Department, announces the establishment of a Minister's Trust that would enable Randall House to raise funds so the company can raise enough to print and give free of charge at least one book a year to our preachers. He said, "It has been my burden to print and mail a book on our doctrine or Sunday school and church growth to every preacher in our denomination each year. Since we do not have the funds to do this alone, I am asking churches, ministers, and individuals to contribute to this project. Many of our ministers have small libraries and would welcome our assistance. We need to keep our doctrine pure, increasing our convictions as set forth in our treatise."

Please send your offering to Randall Minister's Fund, Free Will Baptist Foundation, P. O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002.

"It is my desire that this fund be well established and self-perpetuating from the interest enabling its purpose," concluded Dr. Loveless.

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